

Food Insecurity Experience Scale 2022

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Identification

SURVEY ID NUMBER

BEL_2022_FIES_v01_M_v01_A_OCS

TITLE

Food Insecurity Experience Scale 2022

COUNTRY

Name	Country code
Belgium	BEL

STUDY TYPE

Socio-Economic/Monitoring Survey [hh/sems]

ABSTRACT

Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target 2.1 commits countries to end hunger, ensure access by all people to safe, nutritious and sufficient food all year around. Indicator 2.1.2, "Prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity based on the Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES)", provides internationally-comparable estimates of the proportion of the population facing difficulties in accessing food. More detailed background information is available at <http://www.fao.org/in-action/voices-of-the-hungry/fies/en/>.

The FIES-based indicators are compiled using the FIES survey module, containing 8 questions. Two indicators can be computed:

1. The proportion of the population experiencing moderate or severe food insecurity (SDG indicator 2.1.2),
2. The proportion of the population experiencing severe food insecurity.

These data were collected by FAO through the Gallup World Poll. General information on the methodology can be found here: <https://www.gallup.com/178667/gallup-world-poll-work.aspx>. National institutions can also collect FIES data by including the FIES survey module in nationally representative surveys.

Microdata can be used to calculate the indicator 2.1.2 at national level. Instructions for computing this indicator are described in the methodological document available in the documentations tab. Disaggregating results at sub-national level is not encouraged because estimates will suffer from substantial sampling and measurement error.

KIND OF DATA

Sample survey data [ssd]

UNIT OF ANALYSIS

Individuals

Scope

NOTES

This dataset contains demographic variables related to number of adults and children in the household, age, education, area (urban/rural), gender, and income. Also, the FIES survey module includes the following questions to compute the FIES-based indicators: During the last 12 months, was there a time when, because of lack of money or other resources:

1. You were worried you would not have enough food to eat?
2. You were unable to eat healthy and nutritious food?
3. You ate only a few kinds of foods?
4. You had to skip a meal?
5. You ate less than you thought you should?
6. Your household ran out of food?
7. You were hungry but did not eat?
8. You went without eating for a whole day?

TOPICS

Topic
SDGs
Food Access

KEYWORDS

Keyword
Food Insecurity
SDG

Coverage

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

National coverage

UNIVERSE

Individuals of 15 years or older with access to landline and/or mobile phones.

Producers and sponsors

PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS

Name	Affiliation
FAO Statistics Division	FAO

Sampling

SAMPLING PROCEDURE

NA

Exclusions: NA

Design effect: 1.25

WEIGHTING

The sample data was weighted to minimize bias in survey-based estimates. The weighting procedure was formulated based on the sample design and was carried out in multiple stages. A probability weight factor (base weight) was constructed to account for selection of telephone numbers from the respective frames and correct for unequal selection probabilities as a result of selecting one adult in landline households and for dual-users coming from both the landline and mobile frame. At the next step, the base weights were post-stratified to adjust for non-response and to match the weighted sample totals to known target population totals obtained from country level census data.

data_collection

DATES OF DATA COLLECTION

Start	End
2022-04-22	2022-06-11

DATA COLLECTION MODE

Computer-Assisted Telephone Interviewing [CATI]

data_processing

DATA EDITING

Statistical validation assesses the quality of the FIES data collected by testing their consistency with the assumptions of the Rasch model. This analysis involves the interpretation of several statistics that reveal 1) items that do not perform well in a given context, 2) cases with highly erratic response patterns, 3) pairs of items that may be redundant, and 4) the proportion of total variance in the population that is accounted for by the measurement model.

data_appraisal

ESTIMATES OF SAMPLING ERROR

The margin of error is estimated as 3.5. This is calculated around a proportion at the 95% confidence level. The maximum margin of error was calculated assuming a reported percentage of 50% and takes into account the design effect.

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DDI DOCUMENT ID

DDI_BEL_2022_FIES_v01_M_v01_A_OCS

PRODUCERS

Name	Abbreviation	Affiliation	Role
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Office of the Chief Statistician	OCS	FAO	Metadata producer
Development Economics Data Group	DECDG	The World Bank	Metadata adapted for World Bank Microdata Library

DDI DOCUMENT VERSION

This metadata was downloaded from the FAO catalog (<https://microdata.fao.org/index.php/catalog>) and it is identical to FAO version (BEL_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS). The following two metadata fields were edited - Document ID and Survey ID.

data_dictionary

Data file	Cases	variables
BEL_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS This dataset contains the variables used to calculate the FIES-based indicator, demographic variables and some derived variables calculated by FAO from the survey.	1000	24

Data file: BEL_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

This dataset contains the variables used to calculate the FIES-based indicator, demographic variables and some derived variables calculated by FAO from the survey.

Cases: 1000

variables: 24

variables

ID	Name	Label	Question
53	Random_ID	Unique respondent identifier	
54	WORRIED	Worried you would not have enough food to eat because of a lack of money or other resources	
55	HEALTHY	Unable to eat healthy and nutritious food because of a lack of money or other resources	
56	FEWFOOD	Ate only a few kinds of foods because of a lack of money or other resources	
57	SKIPPED	Skipped a meal because there was not enough money or other resources to get food	
58	ATELESS	Ate less than you thought you should because of a lack of money or other resources	
59	RUNOUT	Household ran out of food because of a lack of money or other resources	
60	HUNGRY	Hungry but did not eat because there was not enough money or other resources for food?	
61	WHLDAY	Went without eating for a whole day because of a lack of money or other resources?	
62	wt	Post-stratification sampling weights	
63	year	Year when the study was administered in the country	
64	N_adults	Number of adults 15 years of age and above in household	
65	N_child	Number of children under 15 years of age in household	
66	Raw_score	Sum of Affirmative responses to FIES questions	
67	Raw_score_par	Estimated person parameters using the Rasch model	
68	Raw_score_par_error	Estimated person parameter errors using the Rasch model	
69	Prob_Mod_Sev	Probability of being moderately or severely food insecure	
70	Prob_sev	Probability of being severely food insecure	
71	Age	Age of the respondent	
72	Education	Education of the respondent	
73	Area	Area	
74	Gender	Gender of the respondent	
75	Income	Income quintile	
76	DEGURBA	Degree of Urbanisation	

total: 24

RANDOM_ID: Unique respondent identifier**Data file:** BEL_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS**Overview**

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: NA - NA Format:

WORRIED: Worried you would not have enough food to eat because of a lack of money or other resources**Data file:** BEL_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS**Overview**

Valid: 998 Invalid: 2
 Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 1 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	No	912	91.4%
1	Yes	86	8.6%
Sysmiss		2	

HEALTHY: Unable to eat healthy and nutritious food because of a lack of money or other resources**Data file:** BEL_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS**Overview**

Valid: 998 Invalid: 2
 Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 1 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	No	928	93%
1	Yes	70	7%
Sysmiss		2	

FEWFOOD: Ate only a few kinds of foods because of a lack of money or other resources**Data file:** BEL_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 999 Invalid: 1
 Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 1 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	No	912	91.3%
1	Yes	87	8.7%
Sysmiss		1	

SKIPPED: Skipped a meal because there was not enough money or other resources to get food

Data file: BEL_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 1 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	No	958	95.8%
1	Yes	42	4.2%
Sysmiss		0	

ATELESS: Ate less than you thought you should because of a lack of money or other resources

Data file: BEL_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 999 Invalid: 1
 Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 1 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	No	942	94.3%

1	Yes	57	5.7%
Sysmiss		1	

RUNOUT: Household ran out of food because of a lack of money or other resources

Data file: BEL_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 998 Invalid: 2
Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 1 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	No	966	96.8%
1	Yes	32	3.2%
Sysmiss		2	

HUNGRY: Hungry but did not eat because there was not enough money or other resources for food?

Data file: BEL_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 999 Invalid: 1
Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 1 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	No	966	96.7%
1	Yes	33	3.3%
Sysmiss		1	

WHLDAY: Went without eating for a whole day because of a lack of money or other resources?

Data file: BEL_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0
Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 1 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	No	983	98.3%
1	Yes	17	1.7%
Sysmiss		0	

WT: Post-stratification sampling weights

Data file: BEL_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 0.272 Maximum: 2.399 Mean: 1 Standard deviation: 0.497
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 0.271557977631176 - 2.39917384605363 Format: Numeric
 Weighted: yes

YEAR: Year when the study was administered in the country

Data file: BEL_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 12 Range: 1 - 1 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	2022	1000	100%
Sysmiss		0	

N_ADULTS: Number of adults 15 years of age and above in household

Data file: BEL_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 995 Invalid: 5
 Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 1 - 8 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
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01	01	324	32.6%
02	02	409	41.1%
03	03	118	11.9%
04	04	102	10.3%
05	05	25	2.5%
06	06	9	0.9%
07	07	3	0.3%
08	08	4	0.4%
10	10+	1	0.1%
Sysmiss		5	

N_CHILD: Number of children under 15 years of age in household

Data file: BEL_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 995 Invalid: 5

Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 5 Format: character

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
00	00	783	78.7%
01	01	98	9.8%
02	02	96	9.6%
03	03	13	1.3%
04	04	4	0.4%
05	05	1	0.1%
Sysmiss		5	

RAW_SCORE: Sum of Affirmative responses to FIES questions

Data file: BEL_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 8 Mean: 0.424 Standard deviation: 1.327

Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 0 - 8 Format: Numeric

RAW_SCORE_PAR: Estimated person parameters using the Rasch model

Data file: BEL_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0 Minimum: -2.583 Maximum: 2.867 Mean: -2.304 Standard deviation: 0.871
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: -2.58265181657151 - 2.86683721118247 Format: Numeric

RAW_SCORE_PAR_ERROR: Estimated person parameter errors using the Rasch model

Data file: BEL_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 0.649 Maximum: 1.187 Mean: 1.132 Standard deviation: 0.146
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 0.648600642518915 - 1.18698165535299 Format: Numeric

PROB_MOD_SEV: Probability of being moderately or severely food insecure

Data file: BEL_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 0.996 Mean: 0.051 Standard deviation: 0.188
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 0 - 0.996295909757341 Format: Numeric

PROB_SEV: Probability of being severely food insecure

Data file: BEL_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 0 Maximum: 0.798 Mean: 0.012 Standard deviation: 0.089
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 0 - 0.7981819914248 Format: Numeric

AGE: Age of the respondent

Data file: BEL_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 15 Maximum: 100 Mean: 51.251 Standard deviation: 19.054
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 15 - 100 Format: Numeric

EDUCATION: Education of the respondent

Data file: BEL_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0
 Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 12 Range: 1 - 5 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Elementary_or_less	18	1.8%
2	Secondary	503	50.3%
3	College	463	46.3%
4	Dont_know	10	1%
5	Refused	6	0.6%
Sysmiss		0	

AREA: Area

Data file: BEL_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 12 Range: 1 - 4 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Urban/Suburbs	391	39.1%
2	Towns/Rural	604	60.4%
3	Dont_know	1	0.1%
4	Refused	4	0.4%
Sysmiss		0	

GENDER: Gender of the respondent

Data file: BEL_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS

Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 12 Range: 1 - 2 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Male	495	49.5%
2	Female	505	50.5%
Sysmiss		0	

INCOME: Income quintile**Data file:** BEL_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS**Overview**

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 12 Range: 1 - 5 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Poorest_20%	159	15.9%
2	Second_20%	189	18.9%
3	Middle_20%	208	20.8%
4	Fourth_20%	221	22.1%
5	Richest_20%	223	22.3%
Sysmiss		0	

DEGURBA: Degree of Urbanisation**Data file:** BEL_2022_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_OCS**Overview**

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 12 Range: 1 - 4 Format: Numeric

Questions and instructions

CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Rural areas	83	8.3%
2	Cities	366	36.6%
3	Towns and semi-dense areas	455	45.5%
4	Not available	96	9.6%
Sysmiss		0	

study_resources

questionnaires

Food Insecurity Experience Scale: Questionnaire

title Food Insecurity Experience Scale: Questionnaire
 country Belgium
 language English
 description This document contains the 8 FIES questions as they were asked during the survey
 filename FIES_Questions.pdf

technical_documents

Computed variables at respondent level

title Computed variables at respondent level
 country Belgium
 language English
 description This document contains the methodology of the derived variables and the computation of the indicator 2.1.2.
 filename Derived_variables_and_Computation_indicator.pdf

Degree of Urbanisation: Harmonized Variable for Cross-country Survey Research

title Degree of Urbanisation: Harmonized Variable for Cross-country Survey Research
 country Belgium
 language English
 filename World_Poll_Degree_of_Urbanisation.pdf
