

# Food Insecurity Experience Scale 2023

**FAO Statistics Division**

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## Identification

### SURVEY ID NUMBER

ROU\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS

### TITLE

Food Insecurity Experience Scale 2023

### ABBREVIATION OR ACRONYM

FIES 2023

### COUNTRY

Name	Country code
Romania	ROU

### 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 downloads 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, income and degree of urbanization. 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?

The dataset also includes derived variables computed by FAO described in the documentation.

#### TOPICS

Topic
SDGs
Food Access

#### KEYWORDS

Keyword
Food Insecurity
FIES
SDG

## Coverage

#### GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

National

#### 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

With some exceptions, all samples are probability based and nationally representative of the resident adult population. The coverage area is the entire country including rural areas, and the sampling frame represents the entire civilian, non-institutionalized, aged 15 and older population.

For more details on the overall sampling and data collection methodology, see the World poll methodology attached as a resource in the downloads tab. Specific sampling details for each country are also attached as technical documents in the downloads tab.

Exclusions: NA

Design effect: 1.43

#### 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
2023-09-10	2023-12-10

### DATA COLLECTION MODE

Face-to-Face [f2f]

## 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.

### METHODOLOGY NOTES

As part of the statistical disclosure control process, values for number of children and number of adults that were 10 or above, were recoded as "10+" and categories for area were combined into "urban/suburbs" and "towns/rural".

## data\_appraisal

### ESTIMATES OF SAMPLING ERROR

The margin of error is estimated as 3.7. 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.

### DATA APPRAISAL

The variable WORRIED was not considered in the computation of the published FAO food insecurity indicator based on FIES due to the results of the validation process.

## Access policy

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## Metadata production

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### DDI DOCUMENT ID

DDI\_ROU\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS\_FAO

### PRODUCERS

Name	Abbreviation	Affiliation	Role
Data Dissemination Unit, ESS		Food and Agriculture Organization	Metadata producer
Development Economics Data Group	DECDG	The World Bank	Metadata adapted for World Bank Microdata Library

### DDI DOCUMENT VERSION

Identical to a metadata (ROU\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS) published on FAO microdata repository (<https://microdata.fao.org/index.php/catalog>). Some of the metadata fields have been edited.

**data\_dictionary**

Data file	Cases	variables
<b>ROU_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS</b> 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	23



**Data file: ROU\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS**

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: 23

**variables**

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

total: 23





**RANDOM\_ID: Unique respondent identifier****Data file:** ROU\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS**Overview**

Valid: 1000   Invalid: 0   Minimum: 111120842   Maximum: 210923503   Mean: 161936806.296   Standard deviation: 29461180.888  
 Type: Continuous   Decimal: 0   Width: 10   Range: 111120842 - 210923503   Format: Numeric

**HEALTHY: Unable to eat healthy and nutritious food because of a lack of money or other resources****Data file:** ROU\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS**Overview**

Valid: 996   Invalid: 4  
 Type: Discrete   Width: 12   Range: 0 - 1   Format: character

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	No	788	79.1%
1	Yes	208	20.9%
Sysmiss		4	

**FEWFOOD: Ate only a few kinds of foods because of a lack of money or other resources****Data file:** ROU\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS**Overview**

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

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	No	758	75.8%
1	Yes	242	24.2%
Sysmiss		0	

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

**food****Data file: ROU\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS****Overview**

Valid: 996 Invalid: 4

Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 1 Format: character

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	No	855	85.8%
1	Yes	141	14.2%
Sysmiss		4	

**ATELESS: Ate less than you thought you should because of a lack of money or other resources****Data file: ROU\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS****Overview**

Valid: 996 Invalid: 4

Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 1 Format: character

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	No	836	83.9%
1	Yes	160	16.1%
Sysmiss		4	

**RUNOUT: Household ran out of food because of a lack of money or other resources****Data file: ROU\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS****Overview**

Valid: 995 Invalid: 5

Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 1 Format: character

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
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0	No	878	88.2%
1	Yes	117	11.8%
Sysmiss		5	

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

Data file: ROU\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS

#### **Overview**

Valid: 996 Invalid: 4

Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 1 Format: character

#### **Questions and instructions**

##### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	No	906	91%
1	Yes	90	9%
Sysmiss		4	

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

Data file: ROU\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS

#### **Overview**

Valid: 995 Invalid: 5

Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 1 Format: character

#### **Questions and instructions**

##### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
0	No	937	94.2%
1	Yes	58	5.8%
Sysmiss		5	

### **WT: Post-stratification sampling weights**

Data file: ROU\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS

## Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 0.205 Maximum: 3.462 Mean: 1 Standard deviation: 0.655  
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 0.20505147612939 - 3.46241947610283 Format: Numeric  
 Weighted: yes

## YEAR: Year when the GWP was administered in the country

Data file: ROU\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS

## Overview

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

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	2023	1000	100%
Sysmiss		0	

## N\_ADULTS: Number of adults 15 years of age and above in household

Data file: ROU\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS

## Overview

Valid: 998 Invalid: 2  
 Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 1 - 7 Format: character

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
01	01	458	45.9%
02	02	403	40.4%
03	03	96	9.6%
04	04	30	3%
05	05	8	0.8%
06	06	2	0.2%
07	07	1	0.1%
Sysmiss		2	

**N\_CHILD: Number of children under 15 years of age in household****Data file:** ROU\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS**Overview**

Valid: 1000   Invalid: 0  
 Type: Discrete   Width: 12   Range: 0 - 7   Format: character

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
00	00	767	76.7%
01	01	124	12.4%
02	02	78	7.8%
03	03	20	2%
04	04	5	0.5%
05	05	2	0.2%
06	06	1	0.1%
07	07	1	0.1%
10	10+	2	0.2%
Sysmiss		0	

**RAW\_SCORE: Sum of Affirmative responses to FIES questions****Data file:** ROU\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS**Overview**

Valid: 982   Invalid: 18   Minimum: 0   Maximum: 7   Mean: 0.999   Standard deviation: 1.975  
 Type: Continuous   Decimal: 0   Width: 10   Range: 0 - 7   Format: Numeric

**RAW\_SCORE\_PAR: Estimated person parameters using the Rasch model****Data file:** ROU\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS**Overview**

Valid: 982   Invalid: 18   Minimum: -2.102   Maximum: 2.685   Mean: -1.428   Standard deviation: 1.342  
 Type: Continuous   Decimal: 0   Width: 10   Range: -2.10212583025317 - 2.68523678348909   Format: Numeric

**RAW\_SCORE\_PAR\_ERROR: Estimated person parameter errors using the Rasch model****Data file:** ROU\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS**Overview**

Valid: 982   Invalid: 18   Minimum: 0.658   Maximum: 1.107   Mean: 1.023   Standard deviation: 0.154

Type: Continuous    Decimal: 0    Width: 10    Range: 0.657979128564636 - 1.10698937512772    Format: Numeric

### PROB\_MOD\_SEV: Probability of being moderately or severely food insecure

Data file: ROU\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS

#### Overview

Valid: 982    Invalid: 18    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 0.997    Mean: 0.164    Standard deviation: 0.334  
 Type: Continuous    Decimal: 0    Width: 10    Range: 0 - 0.99660913199476    Format: Numeric

### PROB\_SEV: Probability of being severely food insecure

Data file: ROU\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS

#### Overview

Valid: 982    Invalid: 18    Minimum: 0    Maximum: 0.768    Mean: 0.056    Standard deviation: 0.183  
 Type: Continuous    Decimal: 0    Width: 10    Range: 0 - 0.767746207019923    Format: Numeric

### AGE: Age of the respondent

Data file: ROU\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS

#### Overview

Valid: 1000    Invalid: 0    Minimum: 16    Maximum: 92    Mean: 53.398    Standard deviation: 18.251  
 Type: Continuous    Decimal: 0    Width: 10    Range: 16 - 92    Format: Numeric

### EDUCATION: Education of the respondent

Data file: ROU\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS

#### Overview

Valid: 996    Invalid: 4  
 Type: Discrete    Decimal: 0    Width: 12    Range: 1 - 3    Format: Numeric

#### Questions and instructions

#### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Elementary_or_less	258	25.9%
2	Secondary	598	60%
3	College	140	14.1%
4	Dont_know	0	0%
5	Refused	0	0%
Sysmiss		4	

**AREA: Area****Data file:** ROU\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS**Overview**

Valid: 1000    Invalid: 0

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

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Urban/Suburbs	337	33.7%
2	Towns/Rural	663	66.3%
3	Dont_know	0	0%
4	Refused	0	0%
Sysmiss		0	

**GENDER: Gender of the respondent****Data file:** ROU\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS**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	430	43%
2	Female	570	57%
Sysmiss		0	

**INCOME: Income quintile****Data file:** ROU\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS**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%	158	15.8%
2	Second_20%	186	18.6%
3	Middle_20%	197	19.7%
4	Fourth_20%	226	22.6%
5	Richest_20%	233	23.3%
Sysmiss		0	

### DEGURBA: Degree of Urbanisation

Data file: ROU\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS

#### Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0

Type: Discrete Decimal: 0 Width: 12 Range: 1 - 3 Format: Numeric

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

Value	Category	Cases	
1	Rural areas	480	48%
2	Towns and semi-dense areas	272	27.2%
3	Cities	248	24.8%
4	Not available	0	0%
Sysmiss		0	

# study\_resources

## questionnaires

### FIES questions

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title FIES questions  
 description This document contains the 8 FIES questions as they were asked during the survey  
 filename FIES\_Questions.pdf

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## technical\_documents

### Derived variables and methodology to compute indicator 2.1.2

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### Degree of Urbanisation Variable

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### World Poll Methodology

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