

# Food Insecurity Experience Scale 2023

**FAO Statistics Division**

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## Identification

### SURVEY ID NUMBER

SLV\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS

### TITLE

Food Insecurity Experience Scale 2023

### ABBREVIATION OR ACRONYM

FIES 2023

### COUNTRY

| Name        | Country code |
|-------------|--------------|
| El Salvador | SLV          |

### 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: 1.86

#### 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        |
|------------|------------|
| 2023-10-04 | 2023-12-22 |

### 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 4.2. 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.

## Access policy

### CONTACTS

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|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
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## Metadata production

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### DDI DOCUMENT ID

DDI\_SLV\_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 (SLV\_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>SLV_2023_FIES_v01_EN_M_v01_A_ESS</b><br>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: SLV\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS**

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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 GWP 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:** SLV\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS**Overview**

Valid: 1000   Invalid: 0   Minimum: 111123007   Maximum: 210952878   Mean: 160514445.332   Standard deviation: 29175563.481  
 Type: Continuous   Decimal: 0   Width: 10   Range: 111123007 - 210952878   Format: Numeric

**WORRIED: Worried you would not have enough food to eat because of a lack of money or other resources****Data file:** SLV\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS**Overview**

Valid: 994   Invalid: 6  
 Type: Discrete   Width: 12   Range: 0 - 1   Format: character

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

| Value   | Category | Cases |       |
|---------|----------|-------|-------|
| 0       | No       | 383   | 38.5% |
| 1       | Yes      | 611   | 61.5% |
| Sysmiss |          | 6     |       |

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

Valid: 997   Invalid: 3  
 Type: Discrete   Width: 12   Range: 0 - 1   Format: character

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

| Value   | Category | Cases |       |
|---------|----------|-------|-------|
| 0       | No       | 495   | 49.6% |
| 1       | Yes      | 502   | 50.4% |
| Sysmiss |          | 3     |       |

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

Valid: 997 Invalid: 3

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

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

| Value   | Category | Cases |       |
|---------|----------|-------|-------|
| 0       | No       | 452   | 45.3% |
| 1       | Yes      | 545   | 54.7% |
| Sysmiss |          | 3     |       |

**SKIPPED: Skipped a meal because there was not enough money or other resources to get food****Data file: SLV\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS****Overview**

Valid: 998 Invalid: 2

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

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

| Value   | Category | Cases |       |
|---------|----------|-------|-------|
| 0       | No       | 655   | 65.6% |
| 1       | Yes      | 343   | 34.4% |
| Sysmiss |          | 2     |       |

**ATELESS: Ate less than you thought you should because of a lack of money or other resources****Data file: SLV\_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       | 543   | 54.5% |
| 1       | Yes      | 453   | 45.5% |
| Sysmiss |          | 4     |       |

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

Data file: SLV\_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       | 597   | 60% |
| 1       | Yes      | 398   | 40% |
| Sysmiss |          | 5     |     |

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

Data file: SLV\_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       | 632   | 63.5% |
| 1       | Yes      | 364   | 36.5% |
| Sysmiss |          | 4     |       |

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

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

## Overview

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

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

| Value   | Category | Cases |     |
|---------|----------|-------|-----|
| 0       | No       | 819   | 82% |
| 1       | Yes      | 180   | 18% |
| Sysmiss |          | 1     |     |

## WT: Post-stratification sampling weights

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

## Overview

Valid: 1000 Invalid: 0 Minimum: 0.205 Maximum: 4.108 Mean: 1 Standard deviation: 0.927  
 Type: Continuous Decimal: 0 Width: 10 Range: 0.205384724774392 - 4.10769449548784 Format: Numeric  
 Weighted: yes

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

Data file: SLV\_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: SLV\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS

## Overview

Valid: 998 Invalid: 2  
 Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 1 - 8 Format: character

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

| Value   | Category | Cases |       |
|---------|----------|-------|-------|
| 01      | 01       | 220   | 22%   |
| 02      | 02       | 373   | 37.4% |
| 03      | 03       | 233   | 23.3% |
| 04      | 04       | 108   | 10.8% |
| 05      | 05       | 38    | 3.8%  |
| 06      | 06       | 20    | 2%    |
| 07      | 07       | 2     | 0.2%  |
| 08      | 08       | 3     | 0.3%  |
| 10      | 10+      | 1     | 0.1%  |
| Sysmiss |          | 2     |       |

## **N\_CHILD: Number of children under 15 years of age in household**

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

### Overview

Valid: 999 Invalid: 1

Type: Discrete Width: 12 Range: 0 - 6 Format: character

## Questions and instructions

### CATEGORIES

| Value   | Category | Cases |       |
|---------|----------|-------|-------|
| 00      | 00       | 451   | 45.1% |
| 01      | 01       | 285   | 28.5% |
| 02      | 02       | 181   | 18.1% |
| 03      | 03       | 54    | 5.4%  |
| 04      | 04       | 17    | 1.7%  |
| 05      | 05       | 7     | 0.7%  |
| 06      | 06       | 4     | 0.4%  |
| Sysmiss |          | 1     |       |

## **RAW\_SCORE: Sum of Affirmative responses to FIES questions**

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

**Overview**

Valid: 984   Invalid: 16   Minimum: 0   Maximum: 8   Mean: 3.416   Standard deviation: 3.059  
 Type: Continuous   Decimal: 0   Width: 10   Range: 0 - 8   Format: Numeric

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**RAW\_SCORE\_PAR: Estimated person parameters using the Rasch model**

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

**Overview**

Valid: 984   Invalid: 16   Minimum: -2.18   Maximum: 2.472   Mean: -0.363   Standard deviation: 1.678  
 Type: Continuous   Decimal: 0   Width: 10   Range: -2.17972784153918 - 2.47159327487202   Format: Numeric

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**RAW\_SCORE\_PAR\_ERROR: Estimated person parameter errors using the Rasch model**

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

**Overview**

Valid: 984   Invalid: 16   Minimum: 0.489   Maximum: 0.88   Mean: 0.724   Standard deviation: 0.158  
 Type: Continuous   Decimal: 0   Width: 10   Range: 0.48875278336269 - 0.87993490158597   Format: Numeric

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

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

**Overview**

Valid: 984   Invalid: 16   Minimum: 0   Maximum: 0.999   Mean: 0.445   Standard deviation: 0.445  
 Type: Continuous   Decimal: 0   Width: 10   Range: 0 - 0.999219723060299   Format: Numeric

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

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

**Overview**

Valid: 984   Invalid: 16   Minimum: 0   Maximum: 0.751   Mean: 0.141   Standard deviation: 0.256  
 Type: Continuous   Decimal: 0   Width: 10   Range: 0 - 0.750920322692314   Format: Numeric

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**AGE: Age of the respondent**

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

**Overview**

Valid: 1000   Invalid: 0   Minimum: 15   Maximum: 93   Mean: 45.124   Standard deviation: 18.85  
 Type: Continuous   Decimal: 0   Width: 10   Range: 15 - 93   Format: Numeric

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**EDUCATION: Education of the respondent****Data file: SLV\_2023\_FIES\_v01\_EN\_M\_v01\_A\_ESS****Overview**

Valid: 982    Invalid: 18

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

**Questions and instructions**

## CATEGORIES

| Value   | Category           | Cases |       |
|---------|--------------------|-------|-------|
| 1       | Elementary_or_less | 480   | 48.9% |
| 2       | Secondary          | 435   | 44.3% |
| 3       | College            | 67    | 6.8%  |
| 4       | Dont_know          | 0     | 0%    |
| 5       | Refused            | 0     | 0%    |
| Sysmiss |                    | 18    |       |

**AREA: Area****Data file: SLV\_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 | 491   | 49.1% |
| 2       | Towns/Rural   | 509   | 50.9% |
| 3       | Dont_know     | 0     | 0%    |
| 4       | Refused       | 0     | 0%    |
| Sysmiss |               | 0     |       |

**GENDER: Gender of the respondent****Data file: SLV\_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     | 271   | 27.1% |
| 2       | Female   | 729   | 72.9% |
| Sysmiss |          | 0     |       |

## INCOME: Income quintile

Data file: SLV\_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% | 193   | 19.3% |
| 2       | Second_20%  | 157   | 15.7% |
| 3       | Middle_20%  | 170   | 17%   |
| 4       | Fourth_20%  | 195   | 19.5% |
| 5       | Richest_20% | 285   | 28.5% |
| Sysmiss |             | 0     |       |

## DEGURBA: Degree of Urbanisation

Data file: SLV\_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                | 310   | 31% |
| 2     | Towns and semi-dense areas | 310   | 31% |
| 3     | Cities                     | 380   | 38% |

|         |               |   |    |
|---------|---------------|---|----|
| 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  
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## technical\_documents

### Derived variables and methodology to compute indicator 2.1.2

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 description This document contains the methodology of the derived variables and the computation of the indicator 2.1.2.  
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### Degree of Urbanisation Variable

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 country El Salvador  
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