

## COUNTRY FACT SHEET ON RBs: LITHUANIA

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	1990	2004	2015	2018
Name	Minimum Standard of Living (MSL)	Pensioners' consumer price index (PCPI)	Reference budgets for social participation (EC-Pilot project)	The value of a basic consumption basket ( <i>Minimalių vartojimo poreikių dydis – LIT</i> )
Year of first construction	1990	2004	2015	2017
State of use	Not in use	Not in use	In use for cross-national research	In use since 2019
Key moments	1990: request from National Government to develop Lithuanian RBs	2004: for retirement pensions indexation; however it was never applied	<p>12/2013: start of European Reference Budgets Network <a href="#">project</a> (run by CSB &amp; Applica, Belgium)</p> <p>4/2014: <a href="#">review</a> of current state of play on reference budgets practices in Europe</p> <p>4/2015: proposal for a <a href="#">method</a> for the construction of comparable reference budgets in Europe</p> <p>10/2015: <a href="#">final report</a> with three cross-nationally comparable baskets (health care, personal care, housing) for the capital region in eight EU countries and a food basket for the capital region in 26 EU countries</p> <p>6/ 2015: concluding <a href="#">seminar</a></p>	<p>6/03/2006 Minister of Health has approved the minimum foodstuffs set</p> <p>22/12/2017</p> <p>5/12/2017 The Parliament has approved the Law amendment on “The value of a basic consumption basket”.</p> <p>22/12/2017 The Minister of Social Security and Labour has proved the Methodology of “The value of a basic consumption basket”<sup>1*</sup></p> <p>01/01/2019 Start of Social Assistance benefit indexation on the basis of The value of a basic consumption basket</p>

<sup>1</sup> The value of a basic consumption basket is calculated on the basis:

- 1) the minimum foodstuffs set approved by the Ministry of Health;
- 2) the relative weight of food and non-alcoholic beverages (Engel coefficient) in actual weight in the structure of monetary consumption expenditure of Lithuanian residents, calculated on the basis of the newest available household budget surveys of the Department of Statistics;
- 3) average retail food prices published by the Lithuanian Department of Statistics

For 2018, the value of a basic consumption basket is: EUR 238 for single person, EUR 500 for two adult and two children under 14

Geographical focus	Entire country	Entire country	Vilnius	Entire country
Data used	Household budget data	Household budget data	- (inter)national or regional guidelines - scientific and expert knowledge - data from focus group discussions - survey data	Household budget data
Household types	Single adult	Single adult	single man; single woman; woman+2 children; man&woman+2 children	Single adult and family two adult and two children under 14
Institutions involved	Ministry of Social Security and Labour & Department of Statistics	Department of Statistics	54 institutions involved, run by <a href="#">CSB</a> and <a href="#">Applica</a>	Ministry of Social Security and Labour & Department of Statistics
Key publications			Goedemé et al. (2015a); Carrillo et al. (2016b)	1. Asmens (šeimos) minimalių poreikių dydžio apskaičiavimo metodika, šio dydžio apskaičiavimas 2017 m. ir rekomendacijos dėl valstybės remiamų pajamų ir bazinės socialinės išmokos dydžių susiejimo su minimalių poreikių dydžiu (2016) <a href="https://socmin.lrv.lt/uploads/socmin/documents/files/pdf/12359_ataskaita_mpd_151216f.pdf">https://socmin.lrv.lt/uploads/socmin/documents/files/pdf/12359_ataskaita_mpd_151216f.pdf</a> 2. Absoliutaus skurdo rodikliai (2018) <a href="https://osp.stat.gov.lt/naujienos?articleId=5857026">https://osp.stat.gov.lt/naujienos?articleId=5857026</a>
Updates	n/a	n/a		2018
Last update	2008	2011	n/a	2018

Reference: EU Platform on Reference Budgets (2018). Country fact sheet on reference budgets in Lithuania, October, 2018, Antwerp: EPRB.

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