

COUNTRY FACT SHEET ON RBs: SLOVENIA

SLOVENIA				
	1977	1993	1997	2009
Name	Living costs in Slovenia	A method for assessment of minimum costs of living	Minimum costs of living	Minimum costs of living
Year of first construction	1977	1994	1998	2009
State of use	Not in use	Not in use	In use (as revised in 2009)	In use
Key moments	<p>1977: Assessment of living costs by household types.</p> <p>1978: Research project "Living costs in Slovenia" that should have provided a method for estimating living costs on a continuous basis.</p> <p>1982: Method further developed.</p> <p>1984: Living costs in 1983 and 1984 were calculated.</p> <p>1986: Method simplified.</p> <p>Calculations updated.</p> <p>1990: Method simplified.</p> <p>2000: Abandoning the method since non-realistic estimations.</p>	<p>1994: Research project on the method for assessment of minimum costs of living. Minimum costs of living were estimated for seven household types using the Orshansky (1965) method.</p>	<p>1997–1998: Project in the framework of the Phare Technical Assistance Programme building on the 1994 method for assessment of minimum costs of living.</p> <p>2001: The method and calculations resulted in the amount of minimum income and the equivalence scale included into the 2001 amendments to the Social Assistance Act.</p>	<p>2008: The Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Affairs wants an update of the minimum income level.</p> <p>2009: A study on the minimum costs of living building on the 1998 method.</p> <p>2010: The Minimum Wage Act set the net minimum wage at the level of minimum costs of living for single adult.</p> <p>2010: The Social Assistance Benefits Act set the minimum income at a considerably lower level than estimated by the study.</p> <p>2017: A new study updated the calculations.</p> <p>2018: Social Assistance Benefits Act revised: a new level of minimum income and a new equivalence scale.</p>
Geographical focus	Entire country	Entire country	Entire country	Entire country

Data used	- Household Expenditure Survey data - Expert knowledge	- Household Expenditure Survey data - Expert knowledge	- Household Expenditure Survey data - Expert knowledge	- Household Expenditure Survey data - Expert knowledge
Household types	Costs of living were calculated for individuals (individual consumption) and households (joint consumption). 1977: 8 types of households by number of members + 12 types of individuals by sex and three main sources of income (farming, mixed, non-farming). The 1980s: 7 types of households by number of members + 13 types of individuals by sex and 3 types of housing. Costs of living could be calculated for any household type.	Various household types based on four consumer types (child aged 1-6, child aged 11-14, woman aged 18-59 and men aged 18-59) for which food baskets were constructed. Minimum costs of living could be calculated for any household type by using equivalence scales.	Various household types based on nine consumer types (child below age 1, child aged 1-6, child aged 7-10, child aged 11-14, female child aged 15-18, male child aged 15-18, woman aged 19-59, men aged 19-59 and person older than 59) for which food baskets were constructed and minimum costs of living calculated. Minimum costs of living could be calculated for any household type by using an equivalence scale.	Food baskets and minimum costs of living for two consumer types (child aged 10-14 and men aged 19-65). Minimum costs of living can be calculated for any household type by using an equivalence scale.
Institutions involved	Institute for Economic Research; Health Insurance Institute of Slovenia; Central Institute for Household Progress; Health Protection Institute of the Republic of Slovenia	Institute for Economic Research; Institute of Social Sciences; Health Protection Institute of the Republic of Slovenia; Medical Centre Ljubljana	Institute for Economic Research; Health Protection Institute of the Republic of Slovenia	Institute for Economic Research; National Institute of Public Health
Key publications	See below	See below	See below	See below
Updates	1978; 1982; 1986			Calculations at least every 6 years (legal obligation).
Last update	1990	Revision in 1998	Revision in 2009	2017

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