

## COUNTRY FACT SHEET ON RBs: GREECE

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	2009	2012	2014	2019
Name	Empirical estimate of absolute poverty	Cheapest basket of goods consistent with dignified living	Reference budget for social participation	Adequate Living Expenses (ALE) Threshold
Year of first construction	2009	2012	In process, finished 2014	2014
State of use	In use	In use	Under construction	
Key moments	2008: start of project 2009: preliminary results 2010: main publication	2012: Definition of items and quantities in RB1 (by type of household). Collection of prices in three localities: in Athens, in the city of Patras, and in a village in Western Greece. Computation of extreme poverty line equal to the cost of RB1 by type of household and by locality. Estimation of extreme poverty rate in 2012. 2013: Estimation of extreme poverty rate in 2013 and in 2009.	2012: Start of the project. 2012 - 2014: Compiling the baskets October 2013: Collecting the prices for food budget January 2014: Test focus group February - March 2014: Focus group discussions April 2014: Collecting the prices for clothing, food, health and personal hygiene. Summer 2014: Collecting the prices for other baskets Autumn 2014: Calculating the full budget Winter 2015: Calculating the poverty line based on the reference budget	2014: the ALE threshold was first introduced in 2014 by the Greek authorities as a benchmark mainly for protecting overindebted mortgage holders from foreclosure of the primary residence. 2017: alternative methodological approaches and specifications considered to estimate this threshold
Geographical focus	- Greater Athens (including Piraeus and the suburbs)	- Entire country	- Athens	- Entire country

Data used	- Survey data - Expert knowledge	- Expert knowledge - Focus group decisions	- Expert knowledge - Other survey data - Focus group decisions - (Inter)national or regional guidelines	- Greek Household Budget Survey - monthly sub-indices, sub-groups and items of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) published by ELSTAT (Hellenic Statistical Office) - European Union Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC)
Household types				- single household - household with two adults - number of additional adults in hh >2 - number of dependent children in hh
Institutions involved				
Key publications				
Updates				
Last update	2010	2013	2013	2019

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