

Survey of Income and Living Conditions (SILC) Guidelines

Survey Background

The Survey on Income and Living Conditions (SILC) is a collection of information on the income and living conditions of different household types in Ireland, in order to derive indicators on poverty, deprivation and social exclusion.

The statistical population is all private households and their current members residing in the state at the time of data collection from 2004-present with a survey size of 5,029 households (12,612 individuals). The principal variables are data on household and individual income as well as a number of key national poverty indicators. For example, the At Risk of Poverty Rate, Deprivation Rate and Consistent Poverty Rate

Checking of outputs by SILC

The SILC section will not be peer reviewing the outputs of researchers, i.e. the SILC section will not be verifying the correctness or otherwise of derived estimates by researchers. This will be the responsibility of researchers and they should ensure that their work is of a high quality and they understand what the variable represents prior to publication. Instead, the SILC Section will be checking for the risk of statistical disclosure through any given cell. To do this, researchers will be required to provide the SILC section with the following when seeking approval for the release of outputs from the RDP:

A completed Output Request Template must accompany all requests for outputs to be approved. This template is available from the project Outputs folder.

1. Email SILC at iwc@csso.ie with a completed output request template make sure to include the name(s) of files for approval and their exact location on the RDP, for example [\\VDI\Research Projects\ Projects\SILC 001 2018 Project\output](#)
2. All tabular outputs must show both weighted and un-weighted data. The thresholds listed above must be applied to the weighted tabular data with data suppressed as necessary. Failure to do so will result in delays in approval of researcher outputs.
3. The SILC section will then check the un-weighted tabular data to ensure that the thresholds have been applied correctly.
4. Once approved for release, the SILC section will then send the output files to the researcher.
5. All research project outputs must be accompanied by the following footnote:

“Results are based on analysis of strictly controlled Research Microdata Files provided by the Central Statistics Office (CSO). The CSO does not take any responsibility for the views expressed or the outputs generated from this research.”

The SILC section should be sent a copy of all releases/publications using SILC data prior to publication.