

***The State Statistical Council of the Republic of Armenia addresses:***

***To all well-off Armenians,***

*We ask you to be generous and not refuse to participate in future sample surveys of households as was common during the last years.*

*Your refusal to participate in such surveys has an impact on the quality of information we collect and analyze. The results of the analysis based on the data are useful for all as they intended to “bring to light” key directions for further programs and policies. Moreover, when a household refuses to be included in the sample, another household must be added, resulting in additional work and use of resources.*

*We guarantee that all the initial information provided for statistical purposes will be kept secret in accordance with the fundamental principles of official statistics approved by the UN Economic Commission for Europe and UN Statistical Commission and the RA Law on State Statistics that was based on these principles (Article 14).*

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The first part of the Report presents the demographic snapshot and describes briefly the economic developments in Armenia during the reporting period, the poverty profile, child poverty, labour market. Income and expenditures and access to social services are analyzed in the second part. The third part of the Report presents the access of the population to social services, housing conditions. The closing fourth part of the report presents the subjective estimates of poverty. Poverty measurement methodology is described in the part on “Methodological Clarifications.” Statistical tables presented in Annex.

***When using data from this publication it is required to provide a reference.***

## **Abbreviations and Acronyms**

CPI	Consumer Price Index
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
HH	Household
IMF	International Monetary Fund
ILO	International Labor Organization
ILCS	Integrated Living Conditions Survey
LFS	Labor Force Survey
PHG	Primary Healthcare Group
WHO	World Health Organization
MCC-Armenia	Millennium Challenge Account- Armenia SNCO
MCC	US Government’s Millennium Challenge Corporation
MLSI	Ministry of Labor and Social Issues of Armenia
NSS RA	National Statistical Service of Republic of Armenia
FB	Family Benefit
WB	World Bank
RA	Republic of Armenia
UN	United Nations
USA	United States of America