

Poverty in Italy

2015

Absolute poverty

In 2015, the incidence of absolute poverty was 6.1% in terms of residing households and 7.6% in terms of individuals. In 2014 the former was equal to 5.7%, the latter was 6.8%.

The incidence of absolute poverty at the household level was broadly stable compared to 2014, despite its increase among households with all non-national members (from 23.4% in 2014 to 28.3%), especially in the North area (from 24.0% in 2014 to 32.1%), and among households with 4 members (from 6.7% to 9.5%), in particular couples with 2 children (from 5.9% in 2014 to 8.6%). These were the main reasons why in 2015 the incidence of poverty increased among individuals (from 6.8% in 2014 to 7.6%).

The share of poor households among those with all non-national members compared to households with national members only, was almost seven times higher (28.3% vs. 4.4%).

Households residing in metropolitan area centers showed worsening signals (from 5.3% in 2014 to 7.2%) as well as households with reference person aged between 45 and 54 years (from 6.0% in 2014 to 7.5%).

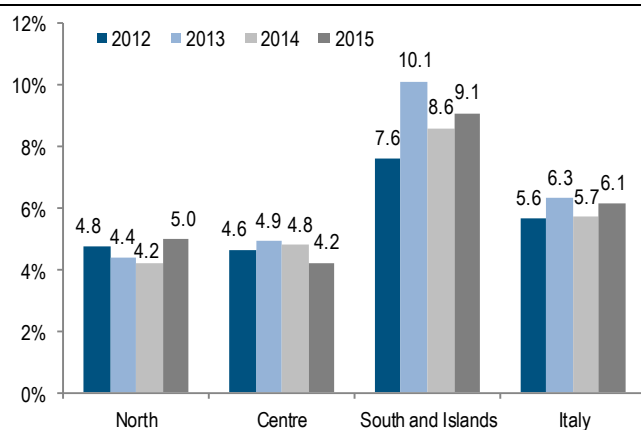
Relative poverty

In 2015, the proportion of poor households in relative terms remained stable (10.4%, it was 10.3% in 2014), whereas the relative poverty intensity increased (from 22.1% to 23.1%), especially in the South and Islands area (from 22.8% to 25.2%).

From 2014 to 2015 the relative poverty incidence decreased among households with elderly, passing from 9.6% to 8.5%. These were households with reference person aged 65 and over (from 9.3% to 8.0%), retired from work (from 9.2% to 7.7%), mainly couples without children (from 9.1% to 7.4%). In the South and Islands area the poverty incidence decreased among households with reference person aged 65 or more (from 21.5% to 18.2%), retired from work (from 21.9% to 18.3%), with at least a upper secondary school certificate (from 13.2% to 11.2%).

Compared to 2014, in 2015 the relative poverty incidence increased among households with four members (from 14.9% to 16.6%) or five members and more (from 28.0% to 31.1%).

GRAPH 1. ABSOLUTE POVERTY INCIDENCE (FOR HOUSEHOLDS) BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA. Years 2012-2015, percentage values



GRAPH 2. RELATIVE POVERTY INCIDENCE (FOR HOUSEHOLDS) BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA. Years 2012-2015, percentage values

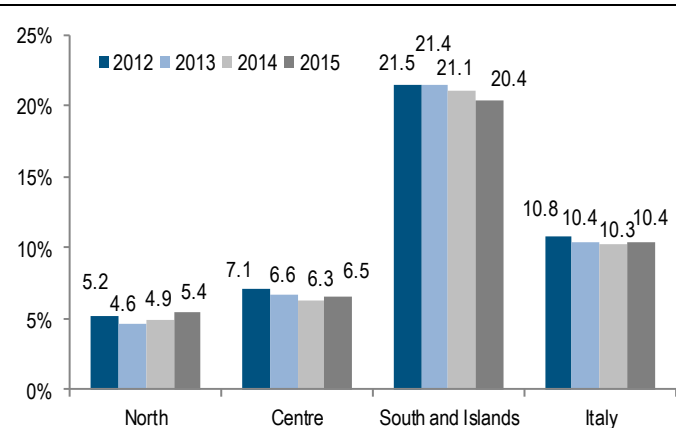


TABLE 1. ABSOLUTE POVERTY INDICATORS BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA. Years 2014-2015, in thousands and percentage values

	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Absolute values in thousands								
Poor households	515	613	251	225	704	744	1,470	1,582
Resident households	12,292	12,301	5,292	5,302	8,184	8,185	25,768	25,789
Poor individuals	1,578	1,843	658	671	1,866	2,084	4,102	4,598
Resident individuals	27,595	27,600	11,997	12,014	20,855	20,827	60,448	60,441
Percentage composition								
Poor households	35.0	38.8	17.1	14.2	47.9	47.0	100.0	100.0
Resident households	47.7	47.7	20.5	20.6	31.8	31.7	100.0	100.0
Poor individuals	38.5	40.1	16.0	14.6	45.5	45.3	100.0	100.0
Resident individuals	45.7	45.7	19.9	19.9	34.5	34.5	100.0	100.0
Poverty incidence (%)								
Households	4.2	5.0	4.8	4.2	8.6	9.1	5.7	6.1
Individuals	5.7	6.7	5.5	5.6	9.0	10.0	6.8	7.6
Poverty intensity (%)								
Households	19.3	19.6	16.3	13.2	20.0	19.9	19.1	18.7

TABLE 2. ABSOLUTE POVERTY INCIDENCE (FOR INDIVIDUALS) BY SEX AND AGE CLASS. Years 2014-2015, percentage values

	2014	2015
Sex		
Male	7.0	7.9
Female	6.6	7.3
Age class		
Until 17 years	10.0	10.9
18 - 34 years	8.1	9.9
35 - 64 years	6.1	7.2
65 years and over	4.5	4.1

TABLE 3. ABSOLUTE POVERTY INCIDENCE (FOR HOUSEHOLDS), BY HOUSEHOLDS SIZE, HOUSEHOLD TYPOLOGY, PRESENCE OF MINOR CHILDREN AND ELDERLY. Years 2014-2015, percentage values

	2014	2015
Household size		
1	4.9	5.2
2	4.3	3.8
3	5.6	5.3
4	6.7	9.5
5 and over	16.4	17.2
Household typology		
Single member under 65	4.9	6.0
Single member 65 and over	4.9	4.5
Couple with r.p. (a) under 65	3.8	4.6
Couple with r.p. (a) 65 and over	3.5	2.7
Couple with one child	5.0	4.9
Couple with 2 children	5.9	8.6
Couple with 3 or more children	16.0	13.3
Single parent	7.4	6.5
Other typologies	11.5	13.6
Households by presence of minor children		
1 minor child	6.4	6.5
2 minor children	9.0	11.2
3 or more minor children	18.6	18.3
at least 1 minor child	8.4	9.3
Households by presence of elderly		
1 elderly	5.1	4.7
2 elderly or more	4.0	3.4
at least 1 elderly	4.7	4.3

(a) r. p. =reference person.

TABLE 4. ABSOLUTE POVERTY INCIDENCE (FOR HOUSEHOLDS) BY REFERENCE PERSON'S AGE CLASS. Years 2014-2015, percentage values

	2014	2015
Age class		
18 - 34 years	8.3	10.2
35 - 44 years	7.2	8.1
45 - 54 years	6.0	7.5
55 - 64 years	4.5	5.1
65 years and over	4.7	4.0

TABLE 5. ABSOLUTE POVERTY INCIDENCE (FOR HOUSEHOLDS) BY REFERENCE PERSON'S HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION ATTAINED AND PROFESSIONAL CONDITION. Years 2014-2015, percentage values

	2014	2015
Educational level attained		
Primary school certificate, no educational degree	8.4	8.5
Lower secondary school certificate	7.8	8.7
Upper secondary school certificate and higher	3.2	3.5
Professional condition (a)		
EMPLOYED	5.2	6.1
-EMPLOYEE	5.6	6.7
--Executive, Middle Management And White Collar	1.6	1.9
-- Worker	9.7	11.7
- SELF-EMPLOYED	4.3	4.3
-- Entrepreneur and freelance	*	*
-- Other self-employed	5.5	5.4
NOT EMPLOYED	6.2	6.2
- Seeking for job	16.2	19.8
- Retired	4.4	3.8
-Other condition (different from retired)	9.1	10.3

* The value is statistically unreliable given the small sample size

(a) Employed and seeking for job are defined according to the ILO international standard.

TABLE 6. ABSOLUTE POVERTY INCIDENCE (FOR HOUSEHOLDS) BY MUNICIPALITY DEMOGRAPHIC SIZE AND GEOGRAPHICAL AREA. Years 2014-2015, percentage values

	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Municipality demographic size								
Metropolitan area - centre	7.4	9.8	*	3.4	5.8	8.4	5.3	7.2
Metropolitan area suburbs and municipalities with 50,001 inhab. and over	3.2	3.2	6.2	6.4	8.6	9.8	5.6	6.0
Other municipalities until 50,000 inhab. (different from metropolitan area suburbs)	3.9	4.7	5.3	3.3	9.2	8.8	5.9	5.9

* The value is statistically unreliable given the small sample size

TABLE 7. ABSOLUTE POVERTY INCIDENCE (FOR HOUSEHOLDS) BY HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS' CITIZENSHIP AND GEOGRAPHICAL AREA. Years 2014-2015, percentage values

	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Household members' citizenship								
All national members	2.3	2.4	3.2	2.4	7.9	8.3	4.3	4.4
National and non national members	*	13.9	*	13.9	*	15.2	12.9	14.1
All non national members	24.0	32.1	19.9	20.3	27.1	28.1	23.4	28.3

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TABLE 8. MONTHLY ABSOLUTE POVERTY THRESHOLDS FOR SELECTED HOUSEHOLD TYPOLOGIES, GEOGRAPHICAL AREA AND MUNICIPALITY TYPE. Year 2015, euros

Household typology	North			Centre			South and Islands		
	Metropolitan area - centre	Metropolitan area suburbs and municipalities with 50,001 inhab. and over	Other municipalities until 50,000 inhab. (different from metropolitan area suburbs)	Metropolitan area - centre	Metropolitan area suburbs and municipalities with 50,001 inhab. and over	Other municipalities until 50,000 inhab. (different from metropolitan area suburbs)	Metropolitan area - centre	Metropolitan area suburbs and municipalities with 50,001 inhab. and over	Other municipalities until 50,000 inhab. (different from metropolitan area suburbs)
1 comp. 18-59	819.13	779.97	734.74	787.10	746.44	699.49	609.28	588.52	552.39
1 comp. 60-74	788.13	748.97	703.74	760.80	720.14	673.19	583.23	562.47	526.34
1 comp. 75+	747.34	708.18	662.95	724.22	683.56	636.61	547.03	526.27	490.14
2 comp. 18-59	1,130.93	1,083.67	1,030.08	1,073.67	1,024.61	968.97	868.56	844.29	802.53
2 comp. 60-74	1,069.49	1,022.23	968.64	1,021.20	972.14	916.50	816.61	792.34	750.58
2 comp. 75+	997.38	950.12	896.53	956.44	907.38	851.74	752.49	728.22	686.46
1 comp. 60-74 and 1 comp. 75+	1,033.17	985.91	932.32	988.57	939.51	883.87	784.30	760.03	718.27
1 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 75+	1,062.30	1,015.04	961.45	1,013.40	964.34	908.70	808.88	784.61	742.85
1 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 60-74	1,099.55	1,052.29	998.70	1,046.86	997.80	942.16	842.00	817.73	775.97
1 comp. 11-17 and 1 comp. 18-59	1,145.51	1,098.25	1,044.66	1,086.62	1,037.56	981.92	881.84	857.57	815.81
1 comp. 4-10 and 1 comp. 18-59	1,089.17	1,041.91	988.32	1,037.94	988.88	933.24	849.76	809.21	767.45
1 comp. 18-59 and 2 comp. 75+	1,274.31	1,219.77	1,158.79	1,210.81	1,154.19	1,090.88	982.68	955.39	908.87
1 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 60-74 and 1 comp. 75+	1,309.18	1,254.64	1,193.66	1,242.14	1,185.52	1,122.21	1,013.74	986.45	939.93
1 comp. 18-59 and 2 comp. 60-74	1,344.61	1,290.07	1,229.09	1,273.98	1,217.36	1,154.05	1,045.28	1,017.99	971.47
2 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 75+	1,340.26	1,285.72	1,224.74	1,268.81	1,212.19	1,148.88	1,040.13	1,012.84	966.32
2 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 60-74	1,376.65	1,322.11	1,261.13	1,301.50	1,244.88	1,181.57	1,072.53	1,045.24	998.72
3 comp. 18-59	1,410.14	1,355.60	1,294.62	1,330.30	1,273.68	1,210.37	1,101.06	1,073.77	1,027.25
1 comp. 11-17 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,423.42	1,368.88	1,307.90	1,342.10	1,285.48	1,222.17	1,113.15	1,085.86	1,039.34
1 comp. 4-10 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,373.42	1,318.88	1,257.90	1,298.92	1,242.30	1,178.99	1,070.25	1,042.96	996.44
1 comp. 0-3 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,274.06	1,219.52	1,158.54	1,208.61	1,151.99	1,088.68	1,004.46	952.93	906.41
2 comp. 18-59 and 2 comp. 60-74	1,627.44	1,560.03	1,486.23	1,537.18	1,467.19	1,390.57	1,268.20	1,235.85	1,181.51
3 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 60-74	1,662.02	1,594.61	1,520.81	1,567.06	1,497.07	1,420.45	1,297.79	1,265.44	1,211.10
4 comp. 18-59	1,698.22	1,630.81	1,557.01	1,598.34	1,528.35	1,451.73	1,328.79	1,296.44	1,242.10
1 comp. 11-17 and 3 comp. 18-59	1,710.74	1,643.33	1,569.53	1,609.44	1,539.45	1,462.83	1,340.15	1,307.80	1,253.46
2 comp. 11-17 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,723.27	1,655.86	1,582.06	1,620.55	1,550.56	1,473.94	1,351.53	1,319.18	1,264.84
1 comp. 4-10 and 1 comp. 11-17 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,677.63	1,610.22	1,536.42	1,581.19	1,511.20	1,434.58	1,312.44	1,280.09	1,225.75
2 comp. 4-10 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,631.56	1,564.15	1,490.35	1,541.44	1,471.45	1,394.83	1,272.95	1,240.60	1,186.26
1 comp. 0-3 and 1 comp. 4-10 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,534.26	1,466.85	1,393.05	1,452.99	1,383.00	1,306.38	1,184.74	1,152.39	1,098.05
1 comp. 4-10 and 3 comp. 18-59	1,665.05	1,597.64	1,523.84	1,570.03	1,500.04	1,423.42	1,301.00	1,268.65	1,214.31
2 comp. 0-3 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,439.39	1,371.98	1,298.18	1,366.74	1,296.75	1,220.13	1,098.74	1,066.39	1,012.05
3 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 75+	1,625.55	1,558.14	1,484.34	1,534.27	1,464.28	1,387.66	1,265.28	1,232.93	1,178.59
1 comp. 0-3 and 1 comp. 11-17 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,580.24	1,512.83	1,439.03	1,492.67	1,422.68	1,346.06	1,224.16	1,191.81	1,137.47
5 comp. 18-59	1,958.66	1,881.01	1,797.26	1,839.13	1,758.52	1,671.56	1,537.82	1,501.69	1,441.63
1 comp. 11-17 and 4 comp. 18-59	1,970.68	1,893.03	1,809.28	1,849.76	1,769.15	1,682.19	1,548.72	1,512.59	1,452.53
1 comp. 4-10 and 2 comp. 11-17 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,952.52	1,874.87	1,791.12	1,834.68	1,754.07	1,667.11	1,534.38	1,498.25	1,438.19
2 comp. 11-17 and 3 comp. 18-59	1,982.72	1,905.07	1,821.32	1,860.43	1,779.82	1,692.86	1,559.64	1,523.51	1,463.45
1 comp. 4-10 and 1 comp. 11-17 and 3 comp. 18-59	1,940.41	1,862.76	1,779.01	1,823.95	1,743.34	1,656.38	1,523.40	1,487.27	1,427.21
2 comp. 4-10 and 1 comp. 11-17 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,909.83	1,832.18	1,748.43	1,797.90	1,717.29	1,630.33	1,497.84	1,461.71	1,401.65

TABLE 9. RELATIVE POVERTY INDICATORS BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA. Years 2014-2015 (in thousands and percentage values)

	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Absolute values in thousands								
Poor households	597	667	331	346	1,726	1,666	2,654	2,678
Resident households	12,292	12,301	5,292	5,302	8,184	8,185	25,768	25,789
Poor individuals	1,882	2,261	1,006	1,160	4,928	4,885	7,815	8,307
Resident individuals	27,595	27,600	11,997	12,014	20,855	20,827	60,448	60,441
Percentage composition								
Poor households	22.5	24.9	12.5	12.9	65.0	62.2	100.0	100.0
Resident households	47.7	47.7	20.5	20.6	31.8	31.7	100.0	100.0
Poor individuals	24.1	27.2	12.9	14.0	63.1	58.8	100.0	100.0
Resident individuals	45.7	45.7	19.9	19.9	34.5	34.5	100.0	100.0
Poverty incidence (%)								
Households	4.9	5.4	6.3	6.5	21.1	20.4	10.3	10.4
Individuals	6.8	8.2	8.4	9.7	23.6	23.5	12.9	13.7
Poverty intensity (%)								
Households	21.5	19.9	19.8	18.8	22.8	25.2	22.1	23.1

TABLE 10. RELATIVE POVERTY INCIDENCE (FOR INDIVIDUALS) BY SEX AND AGE CLASS. Years 2014-2015, percentage values

	2014	2015
Sex		
Male	13.4	14.2
Female	12.5	13.3
Age class		
Until 17 years	19.0	20.2
18 - 34 years	14.7	16.6
35 - 64 years	11.4	12.7
65 years and over	9.8	8.6

ECONOMIC CYCLE AND POVERTY LINE

The relative poverty line depends year by year on variations both of consumer prices and of the mean of consumption expenditure. On analysing the relative poverty

variation it is necessary to take into account both aspects. In 2015, the relative poverty line was 1,050.95 Euros (around 9 Euros lower than the 2014 line). The 2014 poverty line re-evaluated in accordance with the national inflation rate (+0.1%) is 1,042.95 Euros; the poverty

incidence, with this line, is 10.2% (2 million and 634 thousand poor households) and is not statistically different from the incidence obtained by the 2015 standard poverty line.

Table 11. Relative poverty indicators by the 2014 poverty line, the re-evaluated 2014 poverty line and the 2015 poverty line. In the thousands and percentage values

	2014 poverty line		Re-evaluated 2014 poverty line		2015 poverty line	
	1,041.91 Euros		1,042.95 Euros		1,050.95 Euros	
	Households	Incidence (%)	Households	Incidence (%)	Households	Incidence (%)
North	597	4.9	645	5.3	667	5.4
Centre	331	6.3	344	6.5	346	6.5
South and Islands	1,726	21.1	1,644	20.1	1,666	20.4
Italy	2,654	10.3	2,634	10.2	2,678	10.4

TABLE 12. RELATIVE POVERTY INCIDENCE, SAMPLING ERRORS AND CONFIDENCE INTERVALS BY REGION AND GEOGRAPHICAL AREA. Years 2014-2015, percentage values

	2014				2015			
	Incidence	Error	Confidence interval		Incidence	Error	Confidence interval	
	(%)	(%)	Lower limit	Upper limit	(%)	(%)	Lower limit	Upper limit
Italy	10.3	2.6	9.8	10.8	10.4	3.0	9.8	11.0
Piemonte	6.0	13.9	4.4	7.6	6.6	12.9	4.9	8.2
Valle d'Aosta/Valleè d'Aoste	6.4	20.8	3.8	9.0	7.2	19.4	4.4	9.9
Liguria	7.8	12.8	5.8	9.7	8.5	13.4	6.3	10.7
Lombardia	4.0	12.6	3.0	5.0	4.6	11.7	3.5	5.7
Trentino Alto-Adige/Südtirol	3.8	26.5	1.8	5.8	*	*	*	*
<i>Bolzano-Bozen</i>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Trento</i>	6.5	22.4	3.6	9.3	*	*	*	*
Veneto	4.5	12.8	3.4	5.6	4.9	13.1	3.7	6.2
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	7.9	14.3	5.7	10.1	8.7	13.4	6.4	10.9
Emilia Romagna	4.2	15.0	2.9	5.4	4.8	15.1	3.3	6.2
North	4.9	5.7	4.3	5.4	5.4	5.6	4.8	6.0
Toscana	5.1	17.9	3.3	6.9	5.0	17.0	3.3	6.6
Umbria	8.0	20.7	4.7	11.2	*	*	*	*
Marche	9.9	13.2	7.4	12.5	7.6	10.1	6.1	9.1
Lazio	5.8	14.2	4.2	7.5	6.9	14.2	5.0	8.9
Centre	6.3	8.4	5.2	7.3	6.5	8.8	5.4	7.6
Abruzzo	12.7	10.2	10.2	15.2	11.2	16.4	7.6	14.8
Molise	19.3	11.8	14.8	23.7	21.5	13.9	15.6	27.3
Campania	19.4	5.8	17.2	21.5	17.6	10.6	14.0	21.3
Puglia	20.5	6.8	17.7	23.2	18.7	7.1	16.1	21.3
Basilicata	25.5	11.9	19.5	31.5	25.0	14.8	17.7	32.2
Calabria	26.9	7.3	23.1	30.8	28.2	7.7	24.0	32.5
Sicilia	25.2	6.5	21.9	28.4	25.3	6.8	21.9	28.7
Sardegna	15.1	13.8	11.0	19.2	14.9	12.4	11.3	18.5
South and Islands	21.1	3.0	19.8	22.3	20.4	3.8	18.8	21.9

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TABLE 13. RELATIVE POVERTY INCIDENCE (FOR HOUSEHOLDS) BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE, HOUSEHOLD TYPOLOGY, PRESENCE OF MINOR CHILDREN AND ELDERLY BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA. Years 2014-2015, percentage values

	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Household size								
1	1.8	2.9	3.1	*	15.8	13.2	5.9	5.4
2	3.9	2.6	4.0	4.5	20.3	18.6	8.8	7.6
3	5.4	5.9	10.1	9.4	21.6	23.8	11.6	12.5
4	9.6	10.7	9.4	13.7	23.3	23.5	14.9	16.6
5 and over	19.8	27.7	20.1	23.9	36.8	37.4	28.0	31.1
Household typology								
Single member under 65	1.8	2.6	*	*	10.8	12.4	4.4	4.7
Single member 65 and over	1.9	3.2	*	*	19.8	13.9	7.4	6.2
Couple with r.p. (a) under 65	3.3	*	*	*	15.0	15.9	6.5	6.2
Couple with r.p. (a) 65 and over	2.7	2.7	*	*	21.5	17.6	9.1	7.4
Couple with one child	5.4	5.3	9.4	8.6	20.5	21.7	11.0	11.3
Couple with 2 children	8.6	9.4	7.8	14.0	22.7	22.7	14.0	15.8
Couple with 3 or more children	20.2	20.8	*	*	35.5	36.4	27.7	28.0
Single parent	7.1	*	*	*	26.3	27.9	12.8	12.1
Other typologies	11.6	22.2	18.0	14.1	31.0	31.2	19.2	23.4
Households by presence of minor children								
1 minor child	6.8	7.1	12.2	8.1	21.7	21.4	13.1	12.2
2 minor children	11.7	14.0	13.6	17.9	29.0	28.3	18.5	20.2
3 or more minor children	25.3	27.8	*	*	42.9	43.7	31.2	34.7
at least 1 minor child	10.1	11.4	12.8	14.0	26.7	26.1	16.7	17.2
Households by presence of elderly								
1 elderly	2.9	4.0	3.7	2.6	21.5	16.9	9.0	8.1
2 elderly or more	4.4	3.0	6.1	4.5	22.7	21.5	10.6	9.2
at least 1 elderly	3.5	3.7	4.4	3.3	21.9	18.4	9.6	8.5

(a) r.p.=reference person;

*The value is statistically unreliable given the small sample size

TABLE 14. RELATIVE POVERTY INCIDENCE (FOR HOUSEHOLDS) BY REFERENCE PERSON'S AGE CLASS AND GEOGRAPHICAL AREA. Years 2014-2015 percentage values

	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Age class								
18 - 34 years	8.4	8.3	14.7	*	24.8	23.3	14.3	12.8
35 - 44 years	7.7	8.2	8.4	12.5	22.4	22.4	12.4	13.5
45 - 54 years	4.7	6.4	6.0	6.8	20.7	23.1	10.2	11.9
55 - 64 years	3.2	4.6	4.4	5.5	17.6	18.4	8.0	9.0
65 years and over	3.3	3.1	4.1	3.0	21.5	18.2	9.3	8.0

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TABLE 15. RELATIVE POVERTY INCIDENCE (FOR HOUSEHOLDS) BY REFERENCE PERSON'S HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION ATTAINED AND PROFESSIONAL CONDITION. Years 2014-2015, percentage values

	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Educational level attained								
Primary school certificate, no educational degree	5.9	7.3	7.5	6.6	30.0	28.6	15.4	15.9
Lower secondary school certificate	7.3	7.6	9.3	10.1	24.8	25.5	13.2	13.8
Upper secondary school certificate and higher	2.9	3.4	4.3	4.7	13.2	11.2	6.2	5.8
Professional condition (a)								
EMPLOYED	4.9	6.1	6.8	7.8	18.5	18.5	9.2	10.0
-EMPLOYEE	5.2	6.7	*	8.8	19.1	19.9	9.6	10.9
--Executive, Middle Management And White Collar	*	1.7	*	*	10.6	9.8	3.7	4.0
-- Worker	9.5	12.1	13.9	16.2	27.2	29.2	15.5	18.1
- SELF-EMPLOYED	3.9	4.4	*	*	16.9	14.7	8.1	7.6
-- Entrepreneur and freelance	*	*	*	*	*	6.7	3.7	3.3
-- Other self-employed	*	5.3	*	*	20.5	17.5	9.9	9.2
NOT EMPLOYED	4.8	4.6	5.6	5.1	23.3	22.0	11.5	10.8
- Seeking for job	22.1	20.8	*	*	29.5	38.2	23.9	29.0
- Retired	3.2	2.7	4.3	3.3	21.9	18.3	9.2	7.7
- Other condition (different from retired)	7.5	8.5	*	*	24.6	25.8	15.2	15.6

* The value is statistically unreliable given the small sample size

(a) Employed and seeking for job are defined according to the ILO international standard.

TABLE 16. RELATIVE POVERTY INCIDENCE (FOR HOUSEHOLDS) BY MUNICIPALITY DEMOGRAPHIC SIZE AND GEOGRAPHICAL AREA. Years 2014-2015, percentage values

	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Municipality demographic size								
Metropolitan area - centre	7.6	7.4	*	4.8	12.3	15.0	6.9	8.2
Metropolitan area suburbs and municipalities with 50,001 inhab. and over	3.5	4.1	7.5	8.1	19.8	20.1	9.6	10.2
Other municipalities until 50,000 inhab. (different from metropolitan area suburbs)	4.9	5.6	7.8	6.6	23.7	21.6	11.7	11.2

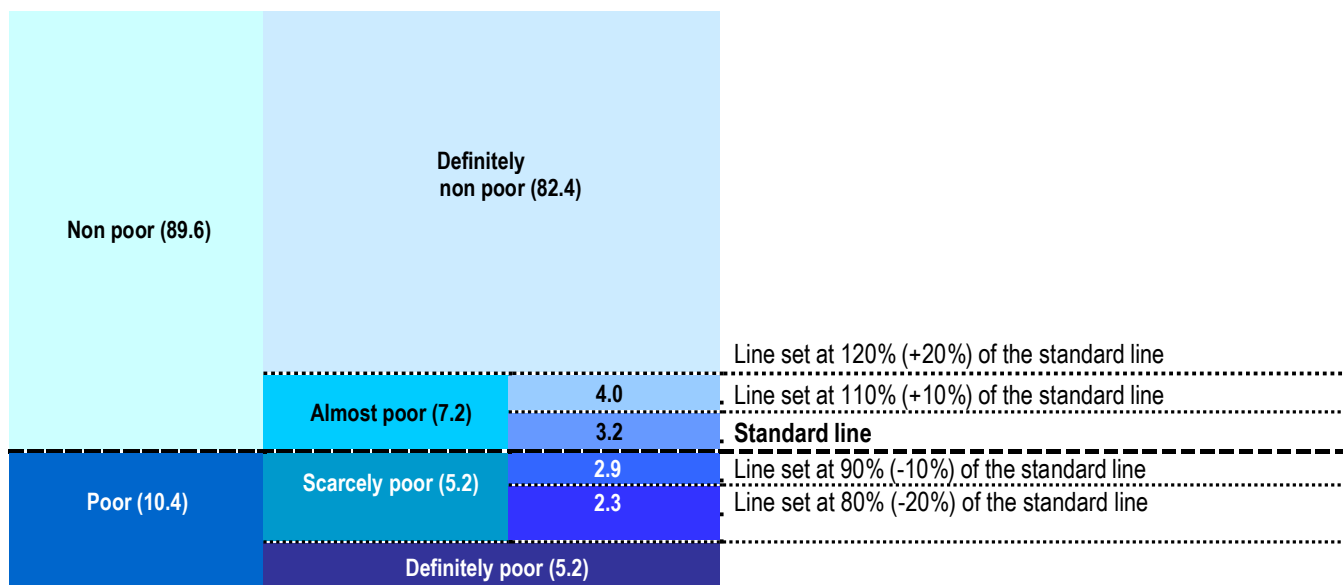
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TABLE 17. RELATIVE POVERTY INCIDENCE (FOR HOUSEHOLDS) BY HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS' CITIZENSHIP AND GEOGRAPHICAL AREA. Years 2014-2015, percentage values

	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Household members' citizenship								
All national members	2.9	3.0	4.2	4.2	20.1	19.2	8.9	8.6
National and non-national members	*	17.9	*	*	37.8	40.3	19.1	23.4
All non-national members	25.3	29.2	25.8	25.5	46.7	44.9	28.6	30.8

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GRAPH 3. POOR AND NON-POOR HOUSEHOLDS BY DIFFERENT POVERTY LINES. Year 2015, percentage composition



For more details please refer to the Italian version

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Methodological Note

This Report disseminates estimates based on the renewed Household Budget Survey, that is designed to measure and analyze expenditure behaviors of households residing in Italy according to their main social, economic and territorial characteristics (for further details please see <http://www.istat.it/en/archive/188856>, Household consumption expenditure).

The estimate of the absolute poverty defines as poor a household with a consumption expenditure lower or equal to the monetary value of a basket of goods and services considered as essential to avoid severe forms of social exclusion.

Essential requirements are identified in adequate nutrition, availability of a dwelling and minimum necessary to dress, communicate, learn, move, recreate and be in good health.

The monetary value of the basket of absolute poverty varies according to household member socio-demographic characteristics (number; age), geographical area of residence and municipality demographic size, so that there are many absolute poverty thresholds, not a single one.

The values of monthly absolute poverty thresholds, for selected household typologies (detailed by number and age of components), by geographical area and municipality type, can be calculated at: <http://www.istat.it/it/prodotti/contenuti-interattivi/calcolatori/soglia-di-poverta>.

Last, the monetary value of the basket is reviewed every year in the light of trend in prices and compared to the levels of spending on household consumption.

The estimate of the relative poverty is based on a poverty line (International Standard of Poverty Line - ISPL) defining as poor a household of two components with a consumption expenditure level lower or equal to the mean per-capita consumption expenditure.

To define the relative poverty line for different household sizes an equivalence scale is used (Carbonaro equivalence scale) to take into account different needs and economies/diseconomies of scale that can be achieved in bigger/smaller households.

For Italy, the Carbonaro equivalence scale is used, that assigns a unitary weight to a two-member household.

CARBONARO EQUIVALENCE SCALE

Household size	Equivalence scale coefficients
1	0.60
2	1.00
3	1.33
4	1.63
5	1.9
6	2.15
7 or more	2.40

For both poverty measures (absolute and relative), the assumption is that household resources are equally shared among all the household members, so that individuals in a poor family are all equally poor.

To summarize information on different poverty aspects (spread, gravity) two indices are calculated.

The first is the proportion of poors (incidence), that is the ratio between the number of households (individuals) in poverty and the number of resident households (individuals).

The second is the mean poverty gap (intensity), measuring 'how poors are the poors', that is, in percentage terms, the difference between the mean consumption expenditures of poor households and the monetary value of the basket of absolute poverty/the poverty line.