

Poverty in Italy 2016

Absolute poverty

In 2016, the incidence of absolute poverty was 6.3% in terms of residing households (1 million and 619 thousands households, that is 4 million 742 people) and 7.9% in terms of individuals. In 2015 the former was equal to 6.1%, the latter was 7.6%.

The incidence of absolute poverty at the household level was broadly stable compared to 2015, despite its increase among households with at least one non-national member in the North area (from 13.9% in 2015 to 22.9%), and among households with 3 or more minor children (from 18.3% to 26.8%). In 2016 the incidence of poverty among individuals was higher in the South area (9,3%); it counted over 2 million people.

The share of poor households among those with all non-national members compared to households with national members only, was almost six times higher (25.7% vs. 4.4%).

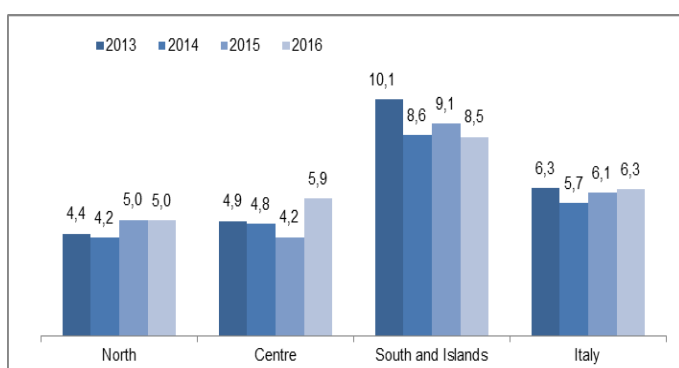
Households residing in small municipalities (less than 50,000 inhabitant) of the Centre area showed worsening signals (from 3.3% in 2015 to 6.4%) as well as households with all national members in the same area (from 2.4% in 2015 to 3.5%).

Relative poverty

In 2016, the proportion of poor households in relative terms remained stable (10.6%, it was 10.4% in 2015), whereas the relative poverty intensity increased (from 23.1% to 24.3%), especially in the North and Centre areas (respectively from 19.9 % to 24.7% and from 18.8% to 23.7%). Households in relative poverty were 2 million and 734 thousands and in terms of individuals were 8 million 465 thousands (equal to 14.0%).

The relative poverty incidence was higher among households with 4 components or 5 components (respectively 17.1% and 30.9%) and among households with reference person age under 35 (14.6%).

Graph 1 Absolute poverty incidence (households) by geographical area. Years 2013-2016 (percentage values)



Graph 2. Relative poverty (households) by geographical area. Years 2013-2016 (percentage values)

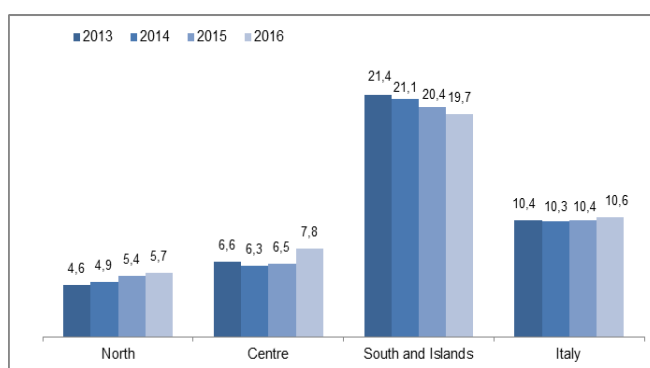


Table 1. Absolute poverty indicators by geographical area. Years 2015-2016 (in thousands and percentage values)

	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
Absolute values in thousands								
Poor households	613	609	225	311	744	699	1,582	1,619
Resident households	12,301	12,306	5,302	5,299	8,185	8,192	25,789	25,797
Poor individuals	1,843	1,832	671	871	2,084	2,038	4,598	4,742
Resident individuals	27,600	27,562	12,014	12,001	20,827	20,763	60,441	60,326
Percentage composition								
Poor households	38.8	37.6	14.2	19.2	47.0	43.2	100.0	100.0
Resident households	47.7	47.7	20.6	20.5	31.7	31.8	100.0	100.0
Poor individuals	40.1	38.6	14.6	18.4	45.3	43.0	100.0	100.0
Resident individuals	45.7	45.7	19.9	19.9	34.5	34.4	100.0	100.0
Poverty incidence (%)								
Households	5.0	5.0	4.2	5.9	9.1	8.5	6.1	6.3
Individuals	6.7	6.7	5.6	7.3	10.0	9.8	7.6	7.9
Poverty intensity (%)								
Households	19.6	21.8	13.2	18.6	19.9	20.5	18.7	20.7

Table 2. Absolute poverty incidence by individuals by sex and age class. Years 2015-2016 (percentage values)

	2015	2016
Sex		
Male	7.9	7.8
Female	7.3	7.9
Age class		
Until 17 years	10.9	12.5
18 - 34 years	9.9	10.0
35 - 64 years	7.2	7.3
65 years and over	4.1	3.8

Table 3. Absolute poverty incidence by household size, household typology, number of minor children and elderly in the household. Years 2015-2016 (percentage values)

	2015	2016
Household size		
1	5.2	4.9
2	3.8	4.2
3	5.3	6.4
4	9.5	9.1
5 and over	17.2	17.2
Household typology		
Single member under 65	6.0	5.7
Single member 65 and over	4.5	4.2
Couple with r.p. (a) under 65	4.6	5.4
Couple with r.p. (a) 65 and over	2.7	2.7
Couple with one child	4.9	5.5
Couple with 2 children	8.6	8.9
Couple with 3 or more children	13.3	14.7
Single parent	6.5	7.9
Other typologies	13.6	10.9
Household by presence of minor children		
1 minor child	6.5	7.2
2 minor children	11.2	10.0
3 or more minor children	18.3	26.8
at least 1 minor child	9.3	9.9
Households by presence of elderly		
1 elderly	4.7	4.2
2 elderly or more	3.4	3.5
at least 1 elderly	4.3	3.9

(a) r. p. =reference person.

Table 4. Absolute poverty incidence by reference person age class. Years 2015-2016
(percentage values)

	2015	2016
Age class		
Until 34 years	10.2	10.4
35 - 44 years	8.1	8.9
45 - 54 years	7.5	7.6
55 - 64 years	5.1	5.2
65 years and over	4.0	3.9

Table 5. Absolute poverty incidence by highest level of education attained and professional condition of reference person household. Years 2015-2016 (percentage values)

	2015	2016
Educational level		
Primary school certificate, no educational degree	8.5	8.2
Lower secondary school certificate	8.7	8.9
Upper secondary school certificate and higher	3.5	4.0
Professional condition (a)		
EMPLOYED	6.1	6.4
-EMPLOYEE	6.7	6.9
--Executive, Middle Management And White Collar	1.9	1.5
-- Worker	11.7	12.6
- SELF-EMPLOYED	4.3	5.1
-- Entrepreneur and freelance	*	*
-- Other self-employed	5.4	6.7
NOT EMPLOYED	6.2	6.1
- Seeking for job	19.8	23.2
- Retired	3.8	3.7
-Other condition (different from retired)	10.3	9.1

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

Table 6. Absolute poverty incidence by municipality demographic size and geographical area. Years 2015-2016 (percentage values)

	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
Municipality demographic size								
Metropolitan area - centre	9.8	5.5	3.4	3.7	8.4	5.8	7.2	4.9
Metropolitan area suburbs and municipalities with 50,001 inhab. and over	3.2	4.2	6.4	7.4	9.8	11.1	6.0	7.1
Other municipalities until 50,000 inhab. (different from metropolitan area suburbs)	4.7	5.2	3.3	6.4	8.8	7.8	5.9	6.3

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Table 7. Absolute poverty incidence by household members, citizenship and geographical area. Years 2015-2016
(percentage values)

	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
Household members' citizenship								
All national members	2.4	2.6	2.4	3.5	8.3	7.5	4.4	4.4
National and non national members	13.9	22.9	13.9	*	15.2	*	14.1	27.4
All non national members	32.1	27.9	20.3	20.0	28.1	29.7	28.3	25.7

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Table 8. Monthly absolute poverty thresholds for selected household typologies, geographical area and municipality type.
Year 2016 (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	817.56	778.36	733.09	786.73	745.92	698.78	611.24	590.37	554.03
1 comp. 60-74	786.24	747.04	701.77	760.20	719.39	672.25	584.97	564.10	527.76
1 comp. 75+	745.39	706.19	660.92	723.58	682.77	635.63	548.73	527.86	491.52
2 comp. 18-59	1,129.57	1,082.27	1,028.63	1,073.39	1,024.14	968.29	870.68	846.28	804.28
2 comp. 60-74	1,067.50	1,020.20	966.56	1,020.41	971.16	915.31	818.28	793.88	751.88
2 comp. 75+	995.29	947.99	894.35	955.62	906.37	850.52	754.11	729.71	687.71
1 comp. 60-74 and 1 comp. 75+	1,031.12	983.82	930.18	987.76	938.51	882.66	785.94	761.54	719.54
1 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 75+	1,060.56	1,013.26	959.62	1,012.85	963.60	907.75	810.74	786.34	744.34
1 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 60-74	1,097.88	1,050.58	996.94	1,046.32	997.07	941.22	843.90	819.50	777.50
1 comp. 11-17 and 1 comp. 18-59	1,144.31	1,097.01	1,043.37	1,086.48	1,037.23	981.38	884.09	859.69	817.69
1 comp. 4-10 and 1 comp. 18-59	1,087.85	1,040.55	986.91	1,037.73	988.48	932.63	835.63	811.23	769.23
1 comp. 18-59 and 2 comp. 75+	1,272.28	1,217.69	1,156.66	1,209.95	1,153.11	1,089.56	984.37	956.93	910.15
1 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 60-74 and 1 comp. 75+	1,307.22	1,252.63	1,191.60	1,241.29	1,184.45	1,120.90	1,015.44	988.00	941.22
1 comp. 18-59 and 2 comp. 60-74	1,342.70	1,288.11	1,227.08	1,273.16	1,216.32	1,152.77	1,047.02	1,019.58	972.80
2 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 75+	1,338.60	1,284.01	1,222.98	1,268.22	1,211.38	1,147.83	1,042.07	1,014.63	967.85
2 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 60-74	1,375.06	1,320.47	1,259.44	1,300.94	1,244.10	1,180.55	1,074.51	1,047.07	1,000.29
3 comp. 18-59	1,408.88	1,354.29	1,293.26	1,330.01	1,273.17	1,209.62	1,103.27	1,075.83	1,029.05
1 comp. 11-17 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,422.32	1,367.73	1,306.70	1,341.93	1,285.09	1,221.54	1,115.46	1,088.02	1,041.24
1 comp. 4-10 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,372.21	1,317.62	1,256.59	1,298.70	1,241.86	1,178.31	1,072.50	1,045.06	998.28
1 comp. 0-3 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,272.78	1,218.19	1,157.16	1,208.41	1,151.57	1,088.02	982.45	955.01	908.23
2 comp. 18-59 and 2 comp. 60-74	1,625.46	1,557.98	1,484.11	1,536.29	1,466.02	1,389.12	1,269.91	1,237.38	1,182.73
3 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 60-74	1,660.38	1,592.90	1,519.03	1,566.43	1,496.16	1,419.26	1,299.73	1,267.20	1,212.55
4 comp. 18-59	1,696.91	1,629.43	1,555.56	1,597.99	1,527.72	1,450.82	1,330.99	1,298.46	1,243.81
1 comp. 11-17 and 3 comp. 18-59	1,709.58	1,642.10	1,568.23	1,609.21	1,538.94	1,462.04	1,342.45	1,309.92	1,255.27
2 comp. 11-17 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,722.27	1,654.79	1,580.92	1,620.46	1,550.19	1,473.29	1,353.94	1,321.41	1,266.76
1 comp. 4-10 and 1 comp. 11-17 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,676.54	1,609.06	1,535.19	1,581.05	1,510.78	1,433.88	1,314.78	1,282.25	1,227.60
2 comp. 4-10 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,630.37	1,562.89	1,489.02	1,541.25	1,470.98	1,394.08	1,275.22	1,242.69	1,188.04
1 comp. 0-3 and 1 comp. 4-10 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,533.00	1,465.52	1,391.65	1,452.84	1,382.57	1,305.67	1,187.00	1,154.47	1,099.82
1 comp. 4-10 and 3 comp. 18-59	1,663.80	1,596.32	1,522.45	1,569.77	1,499.50	1,422.60	1,303.23	1,270.70	1,216.05
2 comp. 0-3 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,438.09	1,370.61	1,296.74	1,366.63	1,296.36	1,219.46	1,101.01	1,068.48	1,013.83
3 comp. 18-59 and 1 comp. 75+	1,623.83	1,556.35	1,482.48	1,533.62	1,463.35	1,386.45	1,267.19	1,234.66	1,180.01
1 comp. 0-3 and 1 comp. 11-17 and 3 comp. 18-59	1,579.08	1,511.60	1,437.73	1,492.56	1,422.29	1,345.39	1,226.49	1,193.96	1,139.31
5 comp. 18-59	1,957.30	1,879.58	1,795.74	1,838.67	1,757.75	1,670.46	1,540.00	1,503.66	1,443.26
1 comp. 11-17 and 4 comp. 18-59	1,969.47	1,891.75	1,807.91	1,849.43	1,768.51	1,681.22	1,551.01	1,514.67	1,454.27
1 comp. 4-10 and 2 comp. 11-17 and 3 comp. 18-59	1,951.50	1,873.78	1,789.94	1,834.57	1,753.65	1,666.36	1,536.82	1,500.48	1,440.08
2 comp. 11-17 and 3 comp. 18-59	1,981.66	1,903.94	1,820.10	1,860.23	1,779.31	1,692.02	1,562.03	1,525.69	1,465.29
1 comp. 4-10 and 1 comp. 11-17 and 3 comp. 18-59	1,939.26	1,861.54	1,777.70	1,823.72	1,742.80	1,655.51	1,525.73	1,489.39	1,428.99
2 comp. 4-10 and 1 comp. 11-17 and 2 comp. 18-59	1,908.75	1,831.03	1,747.19	1,797.75	1,716.83	1,629.54	1,500.22	1,463.88	1,403.48

Table 9. Relative poverty indicators by geographical area. Years 2015-2016 (in thousands and percentage values)

	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
Absolute values in thousands								
Poor households	667	701	346	415	1,666	1,618	2,678	2,734
Resident households	12,301	12,306	5,302	5,299	8,185	8,192	25,789	25,797
Poor individuals	2,261	2,303	1,160	1,280	4,885	4,882	8,307	8,465
Resident individuals	27,600	27,562	12,014	12,001	20,827	20,763	60,441	60,326
Percentage composition								
Poor households	24.9	25.6	12.9	15.2	62.2	59.2	100.0	100.0
Resident households	47.7	47.7	20.6	20.5	31.7	31.8	100.0	100.0
Poor individuals	27.2	27.2	14.0	15.1	58.8	57.7	100.0	100.0
Resident individuals	45.7	45.7	19.9	19.9	34.5	34.4	100.0	100.0
Poverty incidence (%)								
Households	5.4	5.7	6.5	7.8	20.4	19.7	10.4	10.6
Individuals	8.2	8.4	9.7	10.7	23.5	23.5	13.7	14.0
Poverty intensity (%)								
Households	19.9	24.7	18.8	23.7	25.2	24.3	23.1	24.3

Table 10. Relative poverty incidence by individuals by sex and age class. Years 2015-2016 (percentage values)

	2015	2016
Sex		
Male	14.2	14.1
Female	13.3	14.0
Age class		
Until 17 years	20.2	22.3
18 - 34 years	16.6	16.8
35 - 64 years	12.7	12.7
65 years and over	8.6	8.2

Table 11. Relative poverty incidence by household size, household typology, number of minor children and elderly in the household by geographical area. Years 2015-2016 (percentage values)

	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
Household size								
1	2.9	2.2	*	2.5	13.2	12.9	5.4	5.3
2	2.6	4.0	4.5	6.7	18.6	17.5	7.6	8.4
3	5.9	6.1	9.4	10.2	23.8	21.2	12.5	12.2
4	10.7	12.2	13.7	16.1	23.5	23.4	16.6	17.1
5 and over	27.7	23.8	23.9	20.3	37.4	39.7	31.1	30.9
Household typology								
Single member under 65	2.6	2.0	*	*	12.4	14.6	4.7	5.3
Single member 65 and over	3.2	2.3	*	*	13.9	11.5	6.2	5.2
Couple with r.p. (a) under 65	*	3.3	*	*	15.9	16.4	6.2	7.5
Couple with r.p. (a) 65 and over	2.7	3.2	*	6.2	17.6	17.0	7.4	7.9
Couple with one child	5.3	5.3	8.6	8.9	21.7	19.7	11.3	10.9
Couple with 2 children	9.4	12.0	14.0	16.5	22.7	22.4	15.8	16.8
Couple with 3 or more children	20.8	22.3	*	*	36.4	34.8	28.0	28.1
Single parent	*	6.7	*	11.1	27.9	26.7	12.1	13.9
Other typologies	22.2	15.3	14.1	11.1	31.2	30.5	23.4	19.9
Household by presence of minor children								
1 minor child	7.1	8.4	8.1	11.7	21.4	20.8	12.2	13.2
2 minor children	14.0	14.4	17.9	20.5	28.3	26.8	20.2	20.1
3 or more minor children	27.8	32.7	*	*	43.7	59.9	34.7	42.0
at least 1 minor child	11.4	12.8	14.0	15.5	26.1	26.9	17.2	18.2
Households by presence of elderly								
1 elderly	4.0	3.0	2.6	3.3	16.9	14.9	8.1	7.1
2 elderly or more	3.0	4.2	4.5	6.0	21.5	19.2	9.2	9.2
at least 1 elderly	3.7	3.4	3.3	4.3	18.4	16.3	8.5	7.8

(a) r.p.=reference person;

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Table 12. Relative poverty incidence by reference person age class and geographical area. Years 2015-2016
(percentage values)

	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
Age class								
Until 34 years	8.3	10.7	*	*	23.3	23.2	12.8	14.6
35 - 44 years	8.2	9.3	12.5	12.3	22.4	24.4	13.5	14.6
45 - 54 years	6.4	6.6	6.8	9.9	23.1	21.1	11.9	11.6
55 - 64 years	4.6	3.6	5.5	6.9	18.4	19.2	9.0	9.4
65 years and over	3.1	3.3	3.0	4.2	18.2	16.5	8.0	7.9

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Table 13. Relative poverty incidence by highest level of education attained and professional condition. Years 2015-2016
(percentage values)

	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy			
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016		
Educational level										
Primary school certificate, no educational degree			7.3	8.3	6.6	8.9	28.6	24.6	15.9	15.0
Lower secondary school certificate			7.6	8.3	10.1	10.2	25.5	27.0	13.8	15.0
Upper secondary school certificate and higher			3.4	3.4	4.7	6.5	11.2	11.6	5.8	6.3
Professional condition (a)										
EMPLOYED			6.1	6.2	7.8	8.6	18.5	18.4	10.0	10.2
-EMPLOYEE			6.7	6.9	8.8	9.4	19.9	18.3	10.9	10.7
-- Executive, Middle Management And White			1.7	*	*	2.5	9.8	8.5	4.0	3.1
-- Worker			12.1	13.9	16.2	17.3	29.2	27.6	18.1	18.7
- SELF-EMPLOYED			4.4	4.0	*	6.1	14.7	18.5	7.6	9.0
-- Entrepreneur and freelance			*	*	*	*	6.7		3.3	4.2
-- Other self-employed			5.3	5.6	*	*	17.5	21.3	9.2	11.0
NOT EMPLOYED			4.6	5.1	5.1	7.0	22.0	21.0	10.8	11.0
- Seeking for job			20.8	19.6	*	33.4	38.2	40.1	29.0	31.0
- Retired			2.7	3.0	3.3	4.9	18.3	18.0	7.7	8.0
-Other condition (different from retired)			8.5	10.9	*	*	25.8	22.7	15.6	15.3

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

Table 14. Relative poverty incidence by municipality demographic size and geographical area. Years 2015-2016 (percentage values)

	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
Municipality demographic size								
Metropolitan area - centre	7.4	3.9	4.8	4.8	15.0	10.3	8.2	5.7
Metropolitan area suburbs and municipalities with 50,001 inhab. and over	4.1	4.7	8.1	8.7	20.1	22.2	10.2	11.2
Other municipalities until 50,000 inhab. (different from metropolitan area suburbs)	5.6	6.7	6.6	9.4	21.6	20.4	11.2	11.8

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Table 15. Relative poverty incidence by household members' citizenship and geographical area. Years 2015-2016
(percentage values)

	North		Centre		South and Islands		Italy	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
Household members' citizenship								
All national members	3.0	2.9	4.2	5.2	19.2	18.3	8.6	8.5
National and non-national members	17.9	27.1	*	*	40.3	58.8	23.4	36.1
All non-national members	29.2	32.4	25.5	22.5	44.9	47.1	30.8	31.5

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Table 16. Relative poverty incidence, sampling error and confidence interval by region and geographical area. Years 2015-2016 (percentage values)

	2015				2016			
	Incidence	Error	Confidence interval		Incidence	Error	Confidence interval	
	(%)	(%)	Lower limit	Upper limit	(%)	(%)	Lower limit	Upper limit
Italy	10.4	3.0	9.8	11.0	10.6	3.0	10.0	11.2
Piemonte	6.6	12.9	4.9	8.2	6.0	11.4	4.6	7.3
Valle d'Aosta/Valleè d'Aoste	7.2	19.4	4.4	9.9	4.8	21.8	2.8	6.9
Liguria	8.5	13.4	6.3	10.7	11.1	12.9	8.3	14.0
Lombardia	4.6	11.7	3.5	5.7	5.0	11.7	3.8	6.1
Trentino Alto Adige/Südtirol	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Bolzano-Bozen</i>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Trento</i>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Veneto	4.9	13.1	3.7	6.2	5.5	12.7	4.2	6.9
Friuli Venezia Giulia	8.7	13.4	6.4	10.9	10.4	14.6	7.4	13.3
Emilia Romagna	4.8	15.1	3.3	6.2	4.5	16.0	3.1	5.9
North	5.4	5.6	4.8	6.0	5.7	5.5	5.1	6.3
Toscana	5.0	17.0	3.3	6.6	3.6	21.9	2.0	5.1
Umbria	*	*	*	*	11.8	13.4	8.7	14.9
Marche	7.6	10.1	6.1	9.1	8.9	17.4	5.8	11.9
Lazio	6.9	14.2	5.0	8.9	9.7	12.7	7.3	12.1
Centre	6.5	8.8	5.4	7.6	7.8	8.9	6.5	9.2
Abruzzo	11.2	16.4	7.6	14.8	9.9	14.8	7.0	12.8
Molise	21.5	13.9	15.6	27.3	18.2	18.2	11.7	24.6
Campania	17.6	10.6	14.0	21.3	19.5	9.7	15.8	23.2
Puglia	18.7	7.1	16.1	21.3	14.5	10.1	11.6	17.4
Basilicata	25.0	14.8	17.7	32.2	21.2	13.4	15.7	26.8
Calabria	28.2	7.7	24.0	32.5	34.9	6.0	30.8	39.1
Sicilia	25.3	6.8	21.9	28.7	22.8	6.9	19.7	25.9
Sardegna	14.9	12.4	11.3	18.5	14.0	18.5	8.9	19.1
South and Islands	20.4	3.8	18.8	21.9	19.7	4.1	18.2	21.3

* The value is statistically unreliable given the small sample size.

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

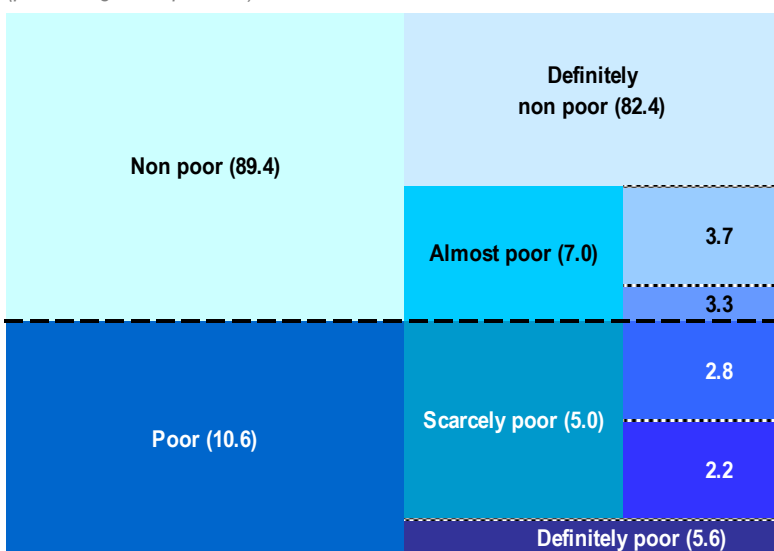
variation it is necessary to take into account both aspects. In 2016, the relative poverty line was 1,061.95 Euros (around 11 Euros more than the 2015 line). The 2015 poverty line re-evaluated in accordance with the national inflation rate (-0.1%)

is 1,049.90 Euros; the poverty incidence, with this line, is 10.3% (2 million and 645 thousand poor households) and is not statistically different from the incidence obtained by the 2015 standard poverty line

Table 17. Relative poverty indicators by the 2015 poverty line, the re-evaluated 2015 poverty line and the 2016 poverty line (in the thousands and percentage values)

	2015 poverty line		Re-evaluated 2015 poverty line		2016 poverty line	
	Households	Incidence (%)	Households	Incidence (%)	Households	Incidence (%)
	1,050.95 Euros		1,049.90Euros		1,061.95Euros	
North	667	5.4	682	5.6	701	5.7
Centre	346	6.5	398	7.5	415	7.8
South and Islands	1,666	20.4	1,564	19.1	1,618	19.7
Italy	2,678	10.4	2,645	10.3	2,734	10.6

Graph 3. Poor and non-poor households by different poverty lines. Year 2016 (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 [://www.istat.it/en/archive/202098](http://www.istat.it/en/archive/202098), 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 summarise 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.