

Citizens' satisfaction with their living conditions

Year 2012

In 2013, after a sharp decline in 2012, the citizens' satisfaction with life in general shows a substantial stability. Instead, the satisfaction with specific aspects of life as family, friends, health, leisure, coves. Also worsens the satisfaction with the economic situation both at family and personal level. These are the main results of the survey Multiscopo "Aspects of daily life" that took place in March 2013 and which noted the various aspects of citizens' satisfaction.

To the question "Currently, how satisfied are you of your life as a whole?" (with a score from 0 to 10, where 0 means "not at all satisfied" and 10 "very satisfied"), the average rating given by the population aged 14 and over is equal to 6.8. Compared to the past the level of subjective well-being slightly decreases in the territorial contexts where it was higher.

The share of those who attribute a satisfaction score between 8 and 10 to life is stable at 35.0%, after having fallen by 8 percentage points between 2010 and 2012. Doubled during the same period, those who express a negative judgment (0-3) from 2.3% to 4.5%.

In 2013, people who say they are satisfied with their family relationships are 90.2%. A lower percentage, 81.8% , is satisfied with their friendships. A decrease in the levels of satisfaction has concerned the relational aspects of life: in 2013, 33.4% is very satisfied with family relationships against 36.8% in 2012, as well as those who are very pleased with their friends relationships decreased from 26.6 % to the current 23.7%.

80,3% of the population expresses a positive opinion ("very or fairly satisfied") about their health status, while 13.5% is not very satisfied, and 4.5% is not at all satisfied. In this area are recorded, however, lower levels of satisfaction compared to 2012 (down from 18.5% to 16.5%, the proportion of very satisfied). To declare themselves very or fairly satisfied with leisure time is 63.0% of the population, a portion much lower than for the other aspects of daily life already considered.

Grows from 55.8% to 58.6% the proportion of households declaring a deterioration of their financial situation compared with the previous year. The decline was widespread in all the Country, but higher in the North area.

Also the satisfaction with personal economic situation decreases with similar intensity: 58.0% of people declares themselves dissatisfied with their economic situation instead of 55.7% observed last year. As households, the decline is more evident in the Centre-North area.

In 2013, 73.2% of employed are satisfied with their work, since a slight decrease compared to 2012. Women say they are slightly more satisfied than men (72.4% versus 74.3%). Individuals no or little satisfied amounted to 23.5%.

To the question "Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you need to be very careful in dealing with people?", The majority of respondents answered with a cautious attitude toward others : 77.3% of people think that "we must be very careful "towards others, while only 20.9% is directed to an attitude of trust. The same shares in 2012 were, respectively, 78.1% and 20.0% ?

The problems related to their residential surroundings mostly felt by the families are: traffic (38.1%), parking difficulties (37.2%), air pollution (36.7%), noise (32.4%), difficulties in connection with public transport (31.2%), risk of crime (31.0%), not trust to drink water from the tap (29.2%) and the dirt in roads (28.1%), while the irregular supply of water is considered a problem by the 9.9% of households, but this emerges significantly in Calabria (30.7%) and Sicily (25.2%).

The perceived risk of crime increases. This is indicated by 26.4% of households in 2012 and from 31.0% in 2013. Also the declaration of difficulties in connection with public transport grows from 28.8% to 31.2%.

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