

## Update of the minimum consumption basket for a decent living

Friedrich Ebert Foundation Romania and Syndex Romania updated the value of the minimum consumption basket for a decent living in Romania for the year 2023 .

The value of the minimum consumption basket for a decent living for a family of two adults and two children is 9978 lei per month. The value of the basket for a family of two adults and one child is 8205 lei per month, for a family of two adults without children it is 6162 lei per month, and for a single adult it is 3807 lei per month.

The recalculation of the value of the basket was based on the price indexes communicated by the National Institute of Statistics for September 2023, compared to September 2022.

The increase in the total value of the consumption basket is due to the strong increase in costs for all items except housing (water, electricity, gas and heat).

### Consumption basket for a decent living for the reference family (two adults and two children), as updated in September 2023

Expenditure item	Sept. 2022	Sept. 2023	annual variation
	monthly cost (lei)		
(1) Food	1898	2090	+10.1%
(2) Clothing and footwear	853	949	+11.2%
(3) Housing	2273	2894	+27.4%
(4) Home equipment	246	263	+7.0%
(5) Housing expenses	739	764	+3.3%
(6) Household and personal hygiene products	274	316	+15.4%
(7) Services	563	604	+7.4%
(8) Education and culture	641	722	+12.6%
(9) Health care	132	154	+16.8%
(10) Leisure and holidays	253	315	+24.6%
(11) Family Savings Fund	787	907	+15.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8659</b>	<b>9978</b>	<b>+15.2%</b>

The idea of a minimum consumption basket for a decent living involves compiling a set of periodic expenditures necessary to meet basic needs for a given family structure. Besides the immediate needs for survival - shelter, food - the minimum basket for a decent living covers a comprehensive set of current needs such as clothing, personal hygiene, education, health care, transport, communications, recreation, as well as possible unexpected expenses. For details on the structure and how the value of the minimum consumption basket for a decent living is updated, see the original study:

Ștefan Guga, Adina Mihăilescu and Marcel Spatari, "Minimum monthly consumption basket for a decent living for the population of Romania", Bucharest, 2018, Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung (in Romanian), available online at: <http://library.fes.de/pdf-files/bueros/bukarest/14759.pdf> .