

***Standard error estimation and related sampling issues***

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***Abstract***

The paper presents the current state of progress of the Net-SILC2 work package dealing with standard error estimation and other related sampling issues in EU-SILC. The aim of this work package is to develop a handbook with a concrete set of recommendations both for data providers and data users with regard to standard error estimation. The increased complexity of EU-SILC, the widening of the user community and the increased reliance on EU-SILC for policy targeting and evaluation have enhanced the need for comparable, accurate as well as workable solutions for the estimation of standard errors and confidence intervals. After presenting the variance estimation methodology which has been recommended, the paper shows numerical results obtained for some of the EU-SILC key indicators.

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