At-risk-of-poverty threshold 2004-2014

	One person household		Two adults and two children	
	Amount	**CI, +/-**	**Amount**	**CI, +/-**
2004	96,900	1,500	203,500	3,200
2005	103,200	1,600	216,700	3,400
2006	111,300	1,700	233,800	3,600
2007	126,300	2,300	265,200	4,900
2008	141,100	2,800	296,300	5,900
2009	160,800	3,600	337,700	7,500
2010	158,200	3,000	332,100	6,300
2011	153,600	2,700	322,500	5,600
2012	156,300	3,400	328,200	7,200
2013	170,600	3,100	358,400	6,500
2014	182,600	3,200	383,400	6,700

According to Eurostat procedures the years of the table refer to the survey year, the year the survey was implemented. The income reference period is the previous tax year.

At-risk-of-poverty rate is the rate of individuals that fall under the at-risk-of-poverty threshold. The at-risk-of-poverty threshold is defined as 60% of the median equivalised disposable income. Equivalised disposable income depends on the disposable income of the household and how many people are living from that income. For instance, two adults with two children need 2.1 times more disposable income than a person who lives alone in order to have comparable disposable income. The at-risk-of-poverty rate in Iceland was for instance 9.8% in 2010.

The EU-SILC is a sample survey which must be taken into account when looking at the results. In order to evaluate the uncertainty due to sampling error confidence interval is calculated (CI). The interval reaches equally far below and above the number it applies to and is added to and subtracted from the number. If evaluated at-risk-of-poverty rate is 10% and the confidence interval is +/- 1.2 the lower limit is 8.8 and the upper limit is 11.2 given 95% confidence level and therefore it can be stated that in 95% of samples of equal size the result would fall within the given interval. When comparing two numbers in order to see if the difference between them is large enough to be statistically significant one needs to look a the confidence interval of both numbers and see if they cross each other.

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Unit: Amount