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| 03.04.2017.  **Poverty and Social Inequality, 2016**  **The Survey on Income and Living Conditions (SILC)** was conducted for the fourth time on the territory of the Republic of Serbia in the period from May until July 2016. Out of total number of households envisaged for the survey in the third wave (6.366 households), a total of 5,554 households were surveyed (87.2%), i.e. 15.057 persons aged 16 and over. The Survey was carried out using the direct interview method (face to face) with household members and it was anonymous.  The goal of the Survey is to collect data in order to calculate the indicators of poverty, social exclusion and living conditions. Conducting of the survey is of particular importance, knowing that it is based on the standardized methodology applied in all EU member states, thus ensuring comparability of the data. The Survey is conducted once a year.  **Main findings of the survey**  Moreover, **the at-risk-of-poverty rate** is 25.5%. These persons are not necessarily poor, but they are at the higher risk of poverty than the others. The at-risk-of-poverty or social exclusion rate in 2016 amounts to 38.7%.  Individuals aged 18 – 24 are the most exposed to the poverty risk (32.7%), as well as the persons up to 18 (30.2%), while the lowest at-risk-of-poverty rate is found in the group of persons aged 65 and over (19.1%).  The highest at-risk-of-poverty rate have individuals in households composed of two adults with three or more dependent children, 49.8%, followed by individuals below 65, living in single-person households, 40.1%.  According to the **activity status** for persons aged 18 and over, the most exposed to the at-risk-of-poverty are unemployed persons (48.0%), while the lowest at-risk-of-poverty rate have employees working for employers (9.0%). In case of self-employed persons, this rate amounts to 32.4%. The at-risk-of-poverty rate for pensioners is 15.4%.  More detailed information related to poverty, material deprivation, inequality, and work intensity are available in the Statistical Release of the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia “*Poverty and Social Inequality”.*  Starting from 1999 the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia has not at disposal and may not provide available certain data relative to AP Kosovo and Metohia and therefore these data are not included in the coverage for the Republic of Serbia (total). |
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