

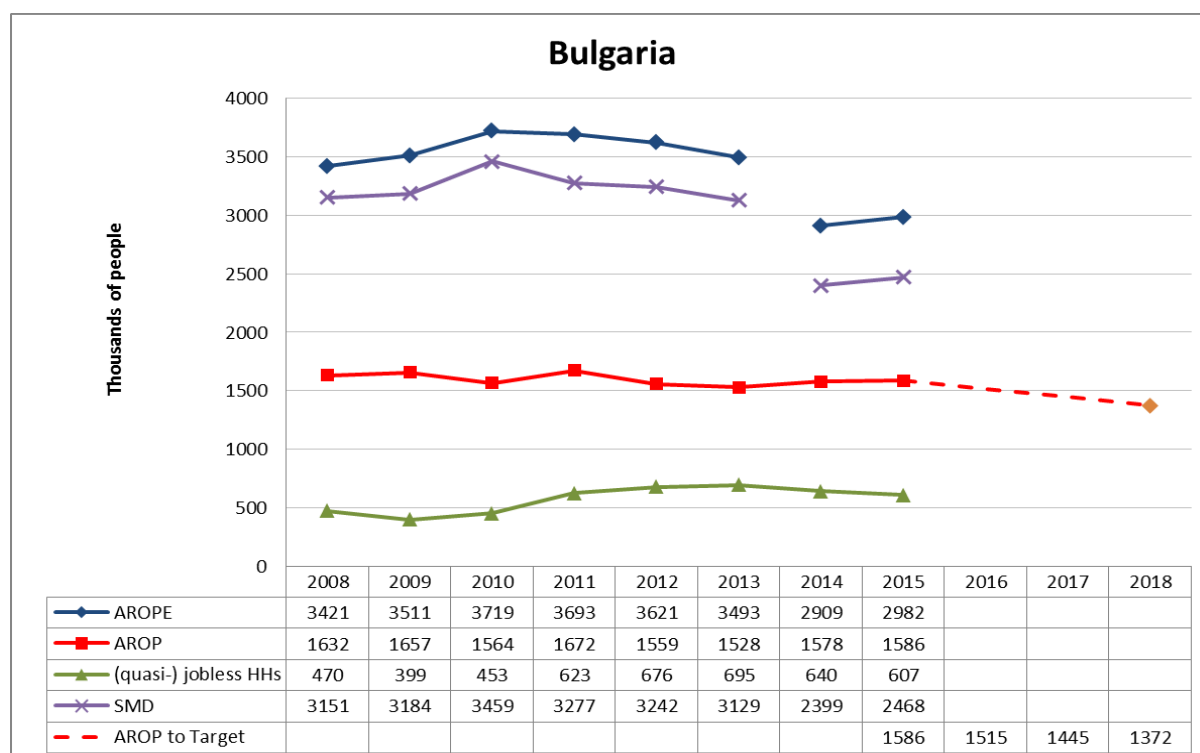
# BULGARIA<sup>1</sup>

## NATIONAL 2020 TARGET FOR THE REDUCTION OF POVERTY AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION

Reduce the number of people living in monetary poverty by 260,000 people by 2020 (EU-SILC 2018), compared to the base value from EU-SILC 2008.

Source: National Reform Programme (2015)

## PROGRESS TOWARDS THE 2020 NATIONAL TARGET FOR THE REDUCTION OF POVERTY AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION

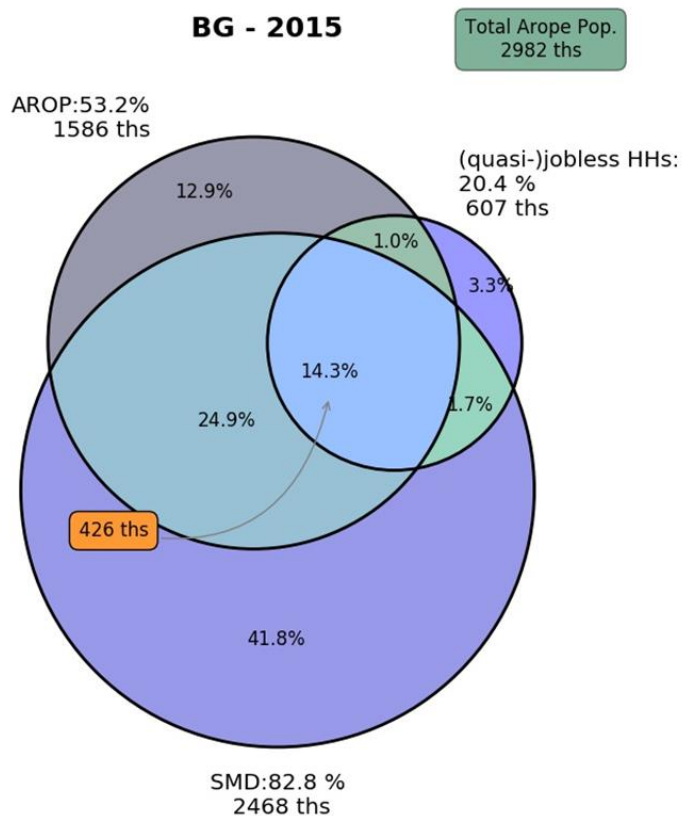


Source: Eurostat (EU-SILC)

Note: i) Progress on the target is monitored on the basis of the EU SILC data with a base year 2008 and target data year 2018; ii) AROPE - at-risk-of-poverty or social exclusion rate; AROP - at-risk-of-poverty rate; (quasi-)jobless HHs - share of population living in (quasi-)jobless households, i.e. very low work intensity (VLWI) households; SMD - severe material deprivation rate; iii) For the at-risk-of poverty rate (AROP), the income reference year is the calendar year prior to the survey year except for the United Kingdom (survey year) and Ireland (12 months preceding the survey). Similarly, the share of (quasi-) jobless households or the very low work intensity rate (VLWI) refers to the reference year prior to the survey while for the severe material deprivation rate (SMD), the reference is the current year. iii) For BG there is a major break in 2014 in the time series for the EU-SILC based material deprivation variables, and consequently major breaks in SMD and AROPE in 2014;

<sup>1</sup> Figures in this profile for data obtained from the Eurostat website are based on data extracted around 5 July 2016, unless otherwise stated.

## COMPOSITION OF THE POPULATION AT RISK OF POVERTY OR SOCIAL EXCLUSION (2015)



Source: Eurostat (EU-SILC)

BG												EU28	
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Latest year change	Change 2008 to latest year	2013	2014
AROP	% of total AROPE	47.7	47.2	42.1	45.3	43.1	43.7	54.2	53.2	-1.1 pp	5.5 pp	67.9	70.6
	1000 persons	1632	1657	1564	1672	1559	1528	1578	1586	0.5 %	-2.8 %	83433	86196
(quasi-) jobless HHs	% of total AROPE	13.7	11.4	12.2	16.9	18.7	19.9	22.0	20.4	-1.6 pp	6.6 pp	33.3	34.2
	1000 persons	470	399	453	623	676	695	640	607	-5.2 %	29.1 %	40910	41810
SMD	% of total AROPE	92.1	90.7	93.0	88.7	89.5	89.6	82.5	82.8	0.3 pp	n.a.	39.2	36.4
	1000 persons	3151	3184	3459	3277	3242	3129	2399	2468	2.9 %	n.a.	48145	44516
AROP and (quasi-) jobless HHs but not SMD	% of total AROPE	0.7	0.8	0.6	1.0	1.6	1.3	1.9	1.0	-0.9 pp	n.a.	11.2	11.9
	1000 persons	23	29	21	36	58	45	56	31	-44.6 %	n.a.	13718	14482
SMD and AROP but not (quasi-) jobless HHs	% of total AROPE	30.8	31.1	27.5	23.9	22.5	22.3	26.8	24.9	-1.9 pp	n.a.	11.0	10.5
	1000 persons	1055	1091	1024	882	813	780	780	743	-4.7 %	n.a.	13485	12794
AROP and SMD and (quasi-) jobless HHs	% of total AROPE	10.0	8.1	8.7	11.8	11.8	13.0	13.1	14.3	1.2 pp	n.a.	7.6	8.1
	1000 persons	343	285	325	435	426	455	380	426	12.1 %	n.a.	9285	9836
SMD and (quasi-) jobless HHs but not AROP	% of total AROPE	2.0	1.1	1.7	2.4	3.7	3.5	3.9	1.7	-2.2 pp	n.a.	3.1	2.8
	1000 persons	69	39	63	90	134	122	114	51	-55.3 %	n.a.	3821	3399

Source: Eurostat (EU-SILC)

For BG there is a major break in 2014 in the time series for the EU-SILC based material deprivation items, so changes in the components of the AROPE population involving SMD are reported as not available for the period 2008-2015.

## MACRO-ECONOMIC AND LABOUR MARKET CONTEXT

BG									EU28	
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2014	2015
Real GDP growth (y-o-y % change)	5.6	-4.2	0.1	1.6	0.2	1.3	1.5	3.0	1.4	2.0
Employment growth (y-o-y % change)	2.4	-1.7	-3.9	-2.2	-2.5	-0.4	0.4	0.4	1.0	1.1
Unemployment rate (% of labour force)	5.6	6.8	10.3	11.3	12.3	12.9	11.4	9.1	10.2	9.4
Long-term unemployment rate (% of labour force)	2.9	3.0	4.7	6.3	6.8	7.4	6.9	5.6	5.0	4.5
Social Protection expenditure (% of GDP)	14.2	15.6	16.8	16.1	16.1	17.0				

Source: Eurostat (National Accounts, LFS, ESSPROS). Data as at 5 July 2016.

## SOCIAL PROTECTION EXPENDITURE

BG								EU28	
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2012	2013
Social protection expenditure (in % of GDP)	Total	14.2	15.6	16.8	16.1	16.1	17.0	27.5	
	Sickness/Health	4.2	3.7	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.4	8.0	
	Disability	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.4	2.0	
	Old age	6.4	7.3	7.8	7.3	7.2	7.6	11.0	
	Survivors	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.6	
	Family/Children	1.2	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.8	2.3	
	Unemployment	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	1.5	
	Housing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	
	Social Exclusion n.e.c.	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	
	<b>Means-tested</b>								
	Total	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	3.1	
	Sickness/Health	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	
	Disability	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	
	Old age	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	
	Survivors	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	
	Family/Children	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	
	Unemployment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	
	Housing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	
	Social Exclusion n.e.c.	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.4	
	<b>Non-means tested</b>								
	Total	13.5	14.9	16.0	15.4	15.4	16.3	24.4	
	Sickness/Health	4.2	3.7	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.4	7.9	
	Disability	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.5	
	Old age	6.4	7.3	7.8	7.3	7.2	7.6	10.4	
	Survivors	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.5	
	Family/Children	0.8	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.8	
	Unemployment	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	1.2	
	Housing	0.0	0.0						
	Social Exclusion n.e.c.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	

Source: Eurostat (ESSPROS). Data as at 5 July 2016.

Note: The total figures of social expenditure include all benefits excluding administrative costs.

## MAIN SOCIAL INDICATORS

### INCOME AND LIVING CONDITIONS

BG	%											EU28	
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Latest year change	Change 2008 to latest year	2013	2014
Total population	At-risk-of-poverty or social exclusion rate	44.8	46.2	49.2	49.1	49.3	48.0	40.1	41.3	1.2 pp	n.a.	24.6	24.4
	At-risk-of-poverty rate	21.4	21.8	20.7	22.2	21.2	21.0	21.8	22.0	0.2 pp	0.6 pp	16.7	17.2
	Value of threshold (single HH) - in PPS	2859	3436	3531	3499	3418	3540	4052	4129	1.7 %	40.5 %		
	Value of threshold (2 adults + 2 children younger than 14 years) - in PPS	6004	7215	7415	7347	7179	7434	8510	8671	1.7 %	40.5 %		
	Severe material deprivation rate	41.2	41.9	45.7	43.6	44.1	43.0	33.1	34.2	1.1 pp	n.a.	9.6	8.9
	Share of people aged 0-59 living in (quasi-) jobless households	8.1	6.9	8.0	11.0	12.5	13.0	12.1	11.6	-0.5 pp	3.5 pp	10.9	11.2
	Persistent at-risk-of-poverty rate		10.7	16.4	16.9	12.9	13.4	16.5	16.2	-0.3 pp		10.1	10.4
	At risk-of-poverty gap	27.0	27.4	29.6	29.4	31.4	30.9	33.2	30.3	-2.9 pp	3.3 pp	23.8	24.6
	Anchored at-risk-of-poverty rate (ref-2008)	21.4	16.1	14.8	17.7	18.6	18.5	15.8	14.5	-1.3 pp	-6.9 pp	19	19.4
	Impact of social transfers on poverty reduction (excl. pensions)	21.0	17.4	23.6	19.0	18.2	21.4	20.2	22.5	2.4 pp	1.5 pp	35.8	34.1
	S80/S20	6.5	5.9	5.9	6.5	6.1	6.6	6.8	7.1	4.4 %	9.2 %	5	5.2
	Overcrowding rate	48.1	47.0	47.4	47.4	44.5	44.2	43.3	41.4	-1.9 pp	-6.7 pp	17.2	16.9
	Housing cost overburden rate	13.3	7.0	5.9	8.7	14.5	14.3	12.9	14.8	1.9 pp	1.5 pp	11	11.4
	Real change in gross household disposable income	14.6	0.0	-1.5	3.3	-1.2	5.9					0.0	0.6

Note: For the poverty threshold values, levels are shown in PPS but changes are shown as changes in national currency terms and accounting for inflation. There is a major break in 2014 in the time series for the EU-SILC based material deprivation items, so changes in AROPE and SMD indicators are reported as not available for the period 2008-2015.

BG	%											EU28	
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Latest year change	Change 2008 to latest year	2013	2014
Children (0-17)	At-risk-of-poverty or social exclusion rate	44.2	47.3	49.8	51.8	52.3	51.5	45.2	43.7	-1.5 pp	n.a.	27.7	27.8
	At-risk-of-poverty rate	25.5	24.9	26.7	28.4	28.2	28.4	31.7	25.4	-6.3 pp	-0.1 pp	20.3	21.1
	Severe material deprivation rate	40.8	43.6	46.5	45.6	46.6	46.3	38.4	37.3	-1.1 pp	n.a.	11.0	10.4
	Share of people aged 0-17 living in (quasi-) jobless households	9.4	7.5	10.3	14.0	16.6	18.2	15.2	13.9	-1.3 pp	4.5 pp	9.5	9.7
	At risk-of-poverty gap	40.3	33.2	36.5	37.0	41.9	41.7	43.4	37.8	-5.6 pp	-2.5 pp	25.2	26.2
	Impact of social transfers on poverty reduction (excl. pensions)	18.0	17.3	21.7	19.3	21.5	25.5	18.5	32.1	13.6 pp	14.1 pp	41.5	39.0
	Overcrowding rate	65.5	63.1	63.2	63.1	61.2	62.8	63.3	61.8	-1.5 pp	-3.7 pp	23.1	22.7
BG	%											EU28	
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Latest year change	Change 2008 to latest year	2013	2014
Youth (18-24)	At-risk-of-poverty or social exclusion rate	38.6	42.7	48.5	49.2	49.7	47.4	39.7	44.1	4.4 pp	n.a.	31.9	31.9
	At-risk-of-poverty rate	20.5	18.3	18.1	22.3	20.1	19.3	25.1	25.1	0.0 pp	4.6 pp	22.6	23.7
	Severe material deprivation rate	34.4	39.1	45.4	43.4	44.6	43.2	30.3	35.2	4.9 pp	n.a.	12.0	11.0
	Share of people aged 18-24 living in (quasi-) jobless households	7.6	6.6	7.0	10.6	10.6	13.7	12.7	14.1	1.4 pp	6.5 pp	11.0	11.7
	In-work at-risk-of poverty rate	10.7	7.8	7.5	10.5	11.3	6.5	9.6	10.5	0.9 pp	-0.2 pp	11.3	12.7
	Youth unemployment ratio (15-24)	3.8	4.8	6.8	7.4	8.5	8.4	6.5	5.6	-0.9 pp	1.8 pp	9.9	9.2
	NEET rate	21.6	24.0	26.0	26.3	26.0	25.9	24.5	23.5	-1.0 pp	1.9 pp	17.1	16.5
	Housing cost overburden rate	12.0	5.7	4.6	8.0	11.2	9.5	12.4	14.9	2.5 pp	2.9 pp	13.2	14.3

BG	%											EU28	
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Latest year change	Change 2008 to latest year	2013	2014
Working age (18-64)	At-risk-of-poverty or social exclusion rate	39.5	40.6	45.0	45.2	45.6	44.3	36.4	37.4	1.0 pp	n.a.	25.4	25.4
	At-risk-of-poverty rate	17.0	16.4	16.0	18.2	17.4	17.1	18.9	18.0	-0.9 pp	1.0 pp	16.4	17.1
	Severe material deprivation rate	36.2	37.1	42.2	40.3	40.8	39.9	29.5	31.3	1.8 pp	n.a.	10.0	9.2
	Share of people aged 18-59 living in (quasi-) jobless households	7.7	6.7	7.3	10.1	11.2	11.6	11.2	10.9	-0.3 pp	3.2 pp	11.3	11.6
	At risk-of-poverty gap	29.6	29.9	29.6	31.6	34.9	34.4	35.8	34.1	-1.7 pp	4.5 pp	25.8	26.9
	In-work at-risk-of poverty rate	7.6	7.5	7.7	8.2	7.4	7.2	9.3	7.8	-1.5 pp	0.2 pp	9.0	9.6
	Impact of social transfers on poverty reduction (excl. pensions)	24.1	21.2	28.9	21.9	21.3	24.7	22.2	26.2	4.0 pp	2.1 pp	36.7	34.5
	Overcrowding rate	49.7	49.0	49.5	49.7	46.8	46.4	45.3	43.5	-1.8 pp	-6.2 pp	18.4	18.1
	Housing cost overburden rate	12.2	5.7	4.8	7.5	12.0	11.5	11.1	12.5	1.4 pp	0.3 pp	11.4	11.9
BG	%											EU28	
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Latest year change	Change 2008 to latest year	2013	2014
Elderly (65+)	At-risk-of-poverty or social exclusion rate	65.5	66.0	63.9	61.1	59.1	57.6	47.8	51.8	4.0 pp	n.a.	18.2	17.8
	At-risk-of-poverty rate	33.8	39.3	32.2	31.2	28.2	27.9	22.6	31.7	9.1 pp	-2.1 pp	13.8	13.8
	Severe material deprivation rate	61.0	58.4	58.1	53.7	53.2	50.7	40.3	40.9	0.6 pp	n.a.	6.9	6.2
	Relative median income of elderly	0.66	0.63	0.74	0.72	0.74	0.76	0.82	0.71	-13.4 %	7.6 %	0.93	0.94
	Aggregate replacement ratio	0.34	0.34	0.43	0.41	0.42	0.39	0.44	0.41	-6.8 %	20.6 %	0.56	0.56
	Overcrowding rate	24.8	24.2	24.4	24.0	21.7	21.3	19.9	17.8	-2.1 pp	-7.0 pp	6.7	6.7
	Housing cost overburden rate	16.7	12.5	10.2	13.3	21.6	24.3	16.4	24.4	8.0 pp	7.7 pp	10.4	10.6

Source: Eurostat (EU-SILC, LFS)

## INVESTING IN CHILDREN

BG	%											EU28	
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Latest year change	Change 2008 to latest year	2013	2014
<b>Overall objective of combating child poverty and social exclusion and promoting child well-being</b>	At-risk-of-poverty or social exclusion (0-17)	44.2	47.3	49.8	51.8	52.3	51.5	45.2	43.7	-1.5 pp	n.a.	27.7	27.8
	At-risk-of-poverty rate (0-17)	25.5	24.9	26.7	28.4	28.2	28.4	31.7	25.4	-6.3 pp	-0.1 pp	20.3	21.1
	Severe Material Deprivation (0-17)	40.8	43.6	46.5	45.6	46.6	46.3	38.4	37.3	-1.1 pp	n.a.	11.0	10.4
	Share of people living in (quasi-) jobless households (% of 0-17 population)	9.4	7.5	10.3	14.0	16.6	18.2	15.2	13.9	-1.3 pp	4.4 pp	9.5	9.7
	Persistent at-risk-of-poverty (0-17)		15.8	21.8	22.9	13.9	19.8	25.3	21.9	-3.4 pp		12.3	13.3
<b>Access to adequate resources</b>	in-work poverty rate of people living in households with dependent children	9.7	10.2	10.4	11.1	9.8	9.7	12.9	9.9	-3.0 pp	0.2 pp	10.6	11.1
	At-risk-of-poverty rate for children (0-17) living in (quasi-) jobless households	93.4	90.3	89.1	84.5	81.1	80.6	81.6	86.1	4.5 pp	-7.3 pp	64.2	67.2
	At-risk-of-poverty rate for children (0-17) living in households at work	18.2	19.3	19.3	19.0	17.0	16.6	22.5	15.3	-7.2 pp	-2.9 pp	15.5	16.0
	Childcare 1-29 hours per week (% 0-3 years children)	2.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0		1.0 pp	-1.0 pp	13.0	14.0
	Childcare more than 30 hours per week (% 0-3 years children)	9.0	7.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	11.0	10.0		-1.0 pp	1.0 pp	14.0	14.0
	Childcare 1-29 hours per week (% 3 years to mandatory school age children)	6.0	7.0	4.0	3.0	5.0	6.0	5.0		-1.0 pp	-1.0 pp	35.0	34.0
	Childcare more than 30 hours per week (% 3 years to mandatory school age children)	61.0	48.0	50.0	59.0	84.0	72.0	66.0		-6.0 pp	5.0 pp	47.0	49.0
	Relative median at-risk-of-poverty gap (0-17)	40.3	33.2	36.5	37.0	41.9	41.7	43.4	37.8	-5.6 pp	-2.5 pp	25.2	26.2
	Part time due to care responsibilities (total)											22.3	21.7
	Part time due to care responsibilities (male)											4.0	4.2
	Part time due to care responsibilities (female)											27.8	27.1
	Impact of social transfers (excl. pensions) in reducing child poverty	18.0	17.3	21.7	19.3	21.5	25.5	18.5	32.1	13.6 pp	14.1 pp	41.5	39.0
	Housing cost overburden rate (0-17)	14.0	6.5	5.8	8.7	16.2	13.9	15.7	12.1	-3.6 pp	-1.9 pp	10.5	10.7
<b>Access to quality services</b>	NEET rate (15-19)	13.7	14.8	15.0	15.0	15.4	15.2	14.1	13.3	-0.8 pp	-0.4 pp	6.7	6.5
	Early leavers from education and training (18-24)	14.8	14.7	12.6	11.8	12.5	12.5	12.9	13.4	0.5 pp	-1.4 pp	11.9	11.2
	Self reported unmet need for medical care (16-24)	9.6	5.1	5.8	5.0	3.7	3.7	2.3		-1.4 pp	-7.3 pp	1.5	1.5
	Infant mortality rate	8.6	9.0	9.4	8.5	7.8	7.3	7.6		0.3 pp	-1.0 pp		3.7
	Severe housing deprivation (0-17)	35.0	27.8	23.8	23.5	23.2	25.2	24.0	21.0	-3.0 pp	-14.0 pp	7.5	7.5
	Overcrowding rate (0-17)	65.5	63.1	63.2	63.1	61.2	62.8	63.3	61.8	-1.5 pp	-3.7 pp	23.1	22.7

Source: Eurostat (EU-SILC, LFS, Mortality data).

Note: Major break in 2014 in the time series for EU-SILC based material deprivation items, so changes in AROPE and SMD indicators are reported as not available for the latest year period and for 2008-2015.



# LONG-TERM ADEQUACY OF PENSIONS: THEORETICAL REPLACEMENT RATES (2013-2053)

TRR case		Net				Gross			
		2013		2053		2013		2053	
		Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
Average Earnings	Base case I: 40 years up to age 65	62.3	69.3	83.3	90.8	48.5	54.3	62.5	68.1
	Base case II: 40 years up to the SPA	57.3		83.3	78.7	44.9		62.5	59.9
	Increased SPA: from age 25 to SPA	55.3	51.1	83.3	75.7	43.4	40.0	62.5	56.7
	AWG career length case	59.2	57.8	85.7	75.7	46.4	45.3	64.3	56.7
	Longer career I: from age 25 to 67			96.9	106.2			72.7	79.7
	Shorter career I: from age 25 to 63			n.a.	73.8			n.a.	55.3
	Longer career I: from age 25 to SPA+2			96.9	78.7			72.7	59.0
	Shorter career I: from age 25 to SPA-2			n.a.				n.a.	
	Career break – unemployment: 1 year			83.3	73.8			62.5	55.3
	Career break – unemployment: 2 years			77.4	71.7			59.6	55.2
	Career break – unemployment: 3 years			73.4	67.8			57.9	53.7
	Career break due to child care: 0 year								
	Career break due to child care: 1 year								
	Career break due to child care: 2 years								
	Career break due to child care: 3 years								
	Short career (30 year career)			38.0	33.6			38.0	34.1
	Early retirement due to unemployment			n.a.				n.a.	
	Early retirement due to disability			80.8	75.3			60.6	56.4
	Indexation: 10 years after retirement			71.8	63.8			56.3	50.0
Low Earnings (66%)	Base case I: 40 years up to age 65	62.9	70.0	83.3	90.8	49.3	54.9	62.5	68.1
	Base case II: 40 years up to the SPA	57.9		83.3	78.7	45.4		62.5	59.9
	Increased SPA: from age 25 to SPA	55.9	50.6	83.3	75.7	43.8	40.4	62.5	56.7
	AWG career length case	59.8	58.4	85.7	75.7	46.9	45.8	64.3	56.7
	Longer career I: from age 25 to 67			96.9	106.2			72.7	79.7
	Shorter career I: from age 25 to 63			n.a.	73.8			n.a.	55.3
	Longer career I: from age 25 to SPA+2			96.9	78.7			72.7	59.0
	Shorter career I: from age 25 to SPA-2			n.a.				n.a.	
	Career break – unemployment: 1 year			83.3	73.8			62.5	55.3
	Career break – unemployment: 2 years			77.4	71.7			59.6	55.2
	Career break – unemployment: 3 years			73.4	67.8			57.9	53.7
	Career break due to child care: 0 year								
	Career break due to child care: 1 year								
	Career break due to child care: 2 years								
	Career break due to child care: 3 years								
	Short career (30 year career)	43.4		38.0	33.6	34.0		38.0	34.1
	Early retirement due to unemployment			n.a.				n.a.	
	Early retirement due to disability			80.8	75.3			60.6	56.4
	Pension rights of surviving spouses								
High	Base case I: 40 years up to age 65	54.0	61.3	38.1	37.1	43.2	48.0	38.2	37.2
	Base case II: 40 years up to the SPA	50.6		38.1	36.2	39.7	39.7	38.2	36.3

Source: Joint SPC/EC 2015 report on Pension Adequacy in the European Union (2013-2053)



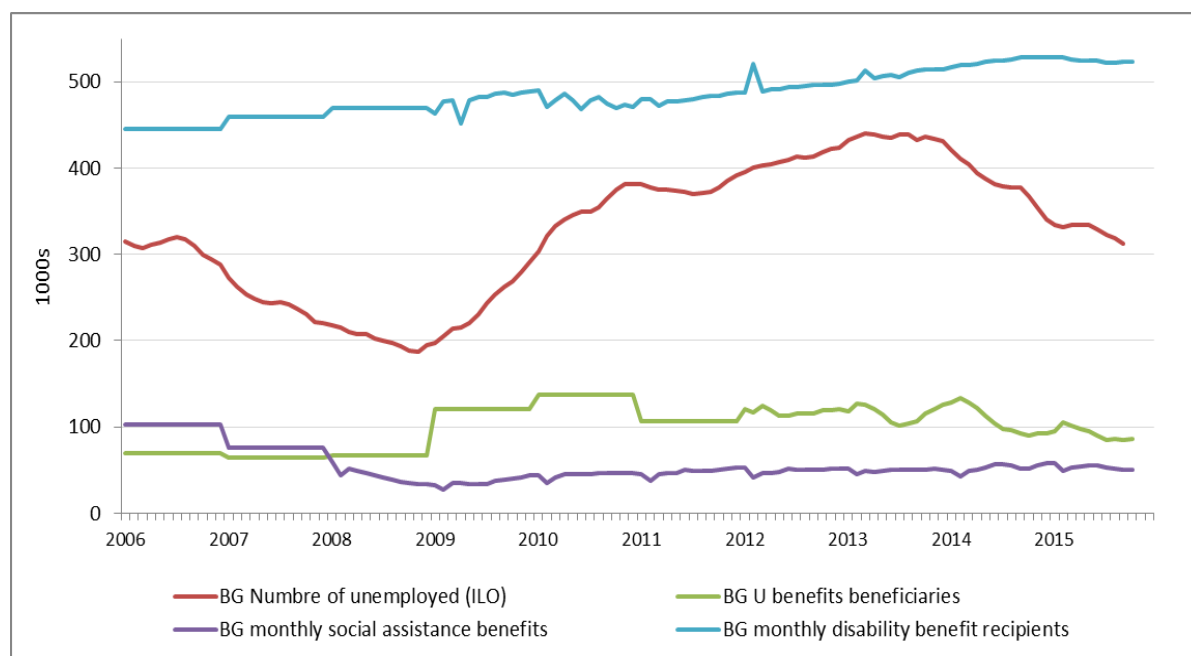
## HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS

BG								EU28	
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2013	2014
Healthy life years at birth (years) - male	62.1	62.1	63.0	62.1	62.1	62.4	62.0	61.4	61.4
Healthy life years at birth (years) - female	65.7	65.9	67.1	65.9	65.7	66.6	66.1	61.5	61.8
Healthy life years at 65 (years) - male	8.8	8.5	8.9	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.5	8.6
Healthy life years at 65 (years) - female	9.4	9.3	9.9	9.7	9.5	9.9	9.6	8.6	8.6
Life expectancy at birth (years) - male	69.8	70.1	70.3	70.7	70.9	71.3	71.1	77.8	78.1
Life expectancy at birth (years) - female	77.0	77.4	77.4	77.8	77.9	78.6	78.0	83.3	83.6
Life expectancy at 65 (years) - male	13.6	13.8	13.8	14.0	13.9	14.2	14.1	17.9	18.2
Life expectancy at 65 (years) - female	16.8	17.0	17.1	17.3	17.3	17.9	17.6	21.3	21.6
Self reported unmet need for medical examination or treatment	15.3	10.3	10.5	9.8	8.2	8.9	5.6	3.6	3.6
Self-perceived health (%)	62.2	65.2	67.2	67.1	66.6	66.3	65.7	67.2	67.4
Total health care expenditure per capita (PPS)	754.8	749.5	835.1	927.8					
Total health care expenditure (% of GDP)	7.0	7.2	7.6	7.7					

Source: Eurostat (EU-SILC, Mortality data, SHA)

Note: Self-perceived health refers to the percentage of the population reporting either good or very good health.

## TRENDS IN TAKE-UP OF SELECTED BENEFITS<sup>2</sup>



<sup>2</sup> These data have been collected by the SPC in the context of monitoring the social impact of the crisis. It includes only a selection of benefits which have been considered most reactive to the crisis. The number of unemployed (standard definition by the ILO) are given as a background.

	Unemployment
<b>definition</b>	Unemployment according to ILO definition - Total
<b>unit</b>	Thousands of persons - seasonally adjusted
<b>source</b>	Eurostat
	Unemployment benefit
<b>definition</b>	U benefits beneficiaries
<b>unit</b>	thousands of beneficiaries
<b>source</b>	National Social Security Institute
<b>comment</b>	The number of the unemployed benefits beneficiaries increased due to the economic crisis and the higher unemployment rate.
	Social assistance benefit
<b>definition</b>	Monthly social assistance benefit recipients
<b>unit</b>	thousands of recipients
<b>source</b>	Social assistance Agency
<b>comment</b>	There are not big differences in the number of the monthly social assistance benefit recipients.
	Disability benefit
<b>definition</b>	Monthly disability benefit recipients
<b>unit</b>	thousands of recipients
<b>source</b>	Social Assistance Agency
<b>comment</b>	There is a little increase in the number of the monthly disability benefit recipients

## SUMMARY TABLE OF MAIN SOCIAL TRENDS

		BG											EU27		
Group	Indicator	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	change 2013-2014 (2014- 2015 for LFS-based figures)	change 2008- 2014 (2008- 2015 for LFS-based figures)		2014 (2015 for LFS- based figures)	latest year change	change 2008 to latest year
Europe 2020	At risk of poverty or social exclusion (in %)	44.8	46.2	49.2	49.1	49.3	48.0	40.1		n.a.	3.2 pp		24.4	-0.1 pp	0.7 pp
	At-risk-of-poverty rate (in %)	21.4	21.8	20.7	22.2	21.2	21.0	21.8		0.8 pp	0.4 pp		17.2	0.5 pp	0.7 pp
	At-risk-of-poverty threshold for a single person household (levels in pps, changes as real change in national currency in %)	2859	3436	3531	3499	3418	3540	4052		15.1 %	38.1 %		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Severe material deprivation rate (in %)	41.2	41.9	45.7	43.6	44.1	43.0	33.1		n.a.	1.8 pp		8.9	-0.7 pp	0.4 pp
	Population living in (quasi-) jobless households (in %)	8.1	6.9	8.0	11.0	12.5	13.0	12.1		-0.9 pp	4.0 pp		11.1	0.3 pp	1.9 pp
Intensity of poverty risk	Relative median at-risk-of-poverty gap (in %)	27.0	27.4	29.6	29.4	31.4	30.9	33.2		2.3 pp	6.2 pp		24.6	0.8 pp	2.7 pp
Persistence of poverty risk	Persistent at-risk-of-poverty rate (in %)	n.a.	10.7	16.4	16.9	12.9	13.4	16.5		3.1 pp	n.a.		10.3	0.3 pp	1.7 pp
Income inequalities	Income quintile ratio (S80/S20)	6.5	5.9	5.9	6.5	6.1	6.6	6.8		3.0 %	4.6 %		5.2	4.0 %	4.0 %
Child poverty and social exclusion	At-risk-of poverty or social exclusion rate of children (% of people aged 0-17)	44.2	47.3	49.8	51.8	52.3	51.5	45.2		n.a.	7.3 pp		27.7	0.0 pp	1.3 pp
Effectiveness of social protection system	Impact of social transfers (excl. pensions) on poverty reduction (%)	21.0	17.4	23.6	19.0	18.1	21.4	20.1		-1.2 pp	-0.9 pp		34.1	-1.4 pp	-0.7 pp
	Impact of social transfers (incl. pensions) on poverty reduction (%)	46.5	43.8	49.3	46.8	49.3	49.8	52.8		3.1 pp	6.3 pp		61.44	-1.0 pp	0.8 pp
	At-risk-of-poverty rate for the population living in (quasi-) jobless households	77.8	78.8	76.2	75.7	71.5	72.0	67.7		-4.3 pp	-10.1 pp		58.1	2.0 pp	2.4 pp
Social consequences of labour market	In-work at-risk-of poverty rate (in %)	7.6	7.5	7.7	8.2	7.4	7.2	9.3		2.1 pp	1.7 pp		9.6	0.6 pp	1.1 pp
	Long-term unemployment rate (in %)	2.9	3.0	4.7	6.3	6.8	7.4	6.9	5.6	-1.3 pp	2.7 pp		4.5	-0.5 pp	2.0 pp
Youth exclusion	Early school leavers (in %)	14.8	14.7	12.6	11.8	12.5	12.5	12.9	13.4	0.5 pp	-1.4 pp		11	-0.3 pp	-3.8 pp
	Youth unemployment ratio (15-24)	3.8	4.8	6.8	7.4	8.5	8.4	6.5	5.6	-0.9 pp	1.8 pp		8.4	-0.8 pp	1.5 pp
	NEETs (15-24)	17.4	19.5	21.0	21.8	21.5	21.6	20.2	19.3	-0.9 pp	1.9 pp		12	-0.5 pp	1.1 pp
Active ageing	Employment rate of older workers (55-64) in %	46.0	46.1	44.9	44.6	45.8	47.4	50.0	53.0	3.0 pp	7.0 pp		53.4	1.5 pp	7.9 pp
Pension adequacy	At risk of poverty or social exclusion for the elderly (65+) in %	65.5	66.0	63.9	61.1	59.1	57.6	47.8		n.a.	-7.9 pp		17.7	-0.4 pp	-5.6 pp
	Median relative income of elderly people	0.66	0.63	0.74	0.72	0.74	0.76	0.82		7.9 %	24.2 %		0.94	1.1 %	10.6 %
	Aggregate replacement ratio	0.34	0.34	0.43	0.41	0.42	0.39	0.44		12.8 %	29.4 %		0.56	0.0 %	14.3 %
Health	Self reported unmet need for medical care	15.3	10.3	10.5	9.8	8.2	8.9	5.6		-3.3 pp	-9.7 pp		3.6	0.0 pp	0.5 pp
	Healthy life years at 65 - males	8.8	8.5	8.9	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.7		0.0 %	-1.1 %		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	Healthy life years at 65 - females	9.4	9.3	9.9	9.7	9.5	9.9	9.6		-3.0 %	2.1 %		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Access to decent housing	Housing cost overburden rate	13.3	7.0	5.9	8.7	14.5	14.3	12.9		-1.4 pp	-0.4 pp		11.4	0.3 pp	0.9 pp
Evolution in real household disposable income	Real change in gross household disposable income (in %)	14.6	0.0	-1.5	3.3	-1.2	5.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	6.5 %		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

Note: For the poverty threshold values, levels are shown in PPS but changes are shown as changes in national currency terms and accounting for inflation. For consistency with the main SPPM dashboard latest changes refer to 2013-2014 for EU-SILC based indicators and 2014-2015 for LFS-based indicators, while changes since 2008 refer to 2008-2014 and 2008-2015 respectively. Major break in time series for EU-SILC based material deprivation items, so SMD and AROPE are reported as not available for the latest year period, and the change 2008-2013 is used for the longer period compared to 2008.

## KEY SOCIAL CHALLENGES AND GOOD SOCIAL OUTCOMES, BULGARIA

Social policy area	Key social challenge	Good social outcome
1. Preventing poverty and social exclusion through inclusive labour markets, adequate and sustainable social protection and high quality services	<p>Rate of poverty and social exclusion is significantly above the EU average, notably for severe material deprivation.</p> <p>Inequality (S80/S20), poverty gap and persistent poverty are significantly above the EU average.</p> <p><i>Poverty and social exclusion among Roma population and in rural areas is much higher.</i></p>	
2. Breaking the intergenerational transmission of poverty – tackling child poverty	<p>Child poverty and social exclusion is significantly higher than the EU average.</p>	
3. Active inclusion – tackling poverty in working age	<p>Impact of social transfers on reducing working age poverty is below the EU average but shows some positive developments.</p> <p><i>Coverage and adequacy of the minimum income scheme are limited.</i></p> <p><i>Cooperation between social and employment services remains underdeveloped.</i></p>	<p>Impact of social transfers (pensions included) in reducing working age poverty shows significant positive developments.</p>
4. Elderly poverty/adequate income and living conditions of the elderly	<p>AROPE and especially material deprivation are far higher than the rest of the EU; this is also due to a low replacement ratio.</p>	<p>Poverty gap is average but improving.</p>
5. Health	<p>Life expectancy displays significantly worse than average results, and is among the lowest in the EU.</p> <p>Amenable mortality and potential years of life lost are significantly worse than the EU average.</p> <p><i>Access and cost-effectiveness of the health system are limited.</i></p>	
6. Other key issues	<p><i>The risk of poverty and social exclusion for persons with disabilities is the highest in the EU and there is a much higher than average gap between the risk of poverty and social exclusion for persons with and without disabilities.</i></p>	