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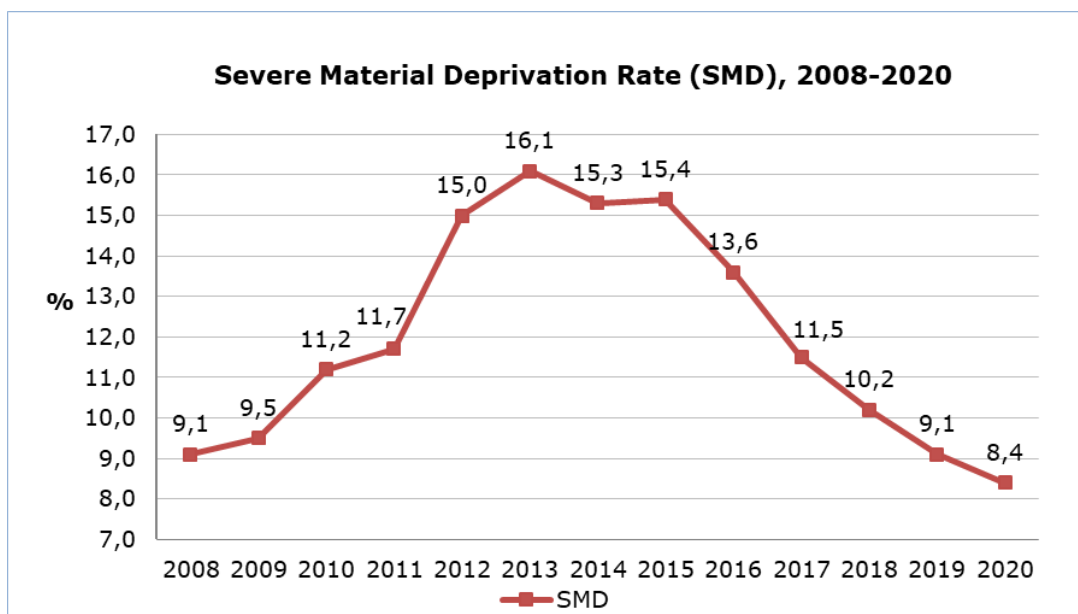
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## PRESS RELEASE

### SEVERE MATERIAL DEPRIVATION: 2020 (provisional)

#### **Severe Material Deprivation Indicator (SMD) 8,4%**

According to the results of the survey on Income and Living Conditions of the Households (SILC), 2020, the provisional percentage of the population that were severely materially deprived decreased to 8,4% in comparison to 9,1% and 10,2% that was in 2019 and 2018, respectively.



In 2020, the indicator seems to preserve its downward trend of the recent years after 2013, where it had reached its peak with a percentage of 16,1%.

## **METHODOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

### **Survey identity**

The survey on Income and Living Conditions of the Households (EU-SILC) is conducted in accordance to Regulation (EC) No. 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council and is used by the European Statistical Service (EUROSTAT) as the main source of comparable information among the member states of the European Union (EU) on matters related to poverty and social exclusion.

The main objective of the survey is the study of various socio-economic indicators, which affect the living conditions of the population, the compilation of systematic statistics in relation to the income inequalities, the inequalities in living conditions of the households, poverty and social exclusion, as well as the compilation of structural social cohesion indicators.

### **Coverage and data collection**

The survey conducted in 2020, with income reference period the year 2019, covered a sample of 4.192 households in all districts of Cyprus, in both urban and rural areas.

The survey is carried out since 2005 on an annual basis with a rotational sample and consists of two components, the cross-sectional and the longitudinal one. The cross-sectional refers to a point in time or period, whereas the longitudinal refers to the changes that arise on a personal level during a period of three to four years.

The data collection was carried out with personal and telephone interviews at the households using electronic questionnaires.

### **Definitions**

**Severe material deprivation (SMD):** Severely materially deprived is the population living in conditions severely constrained by a lack of resources. They experience at least 4 out of 9 of the following deprivation items:

They cannot afford

1. to pay rent or utility bills or loans
2. keep home adequately warm,
3. face unexpected expenses,
4. eat meat, fish or a protein equivalent every second day,
5. a week holiday away from home,
6. a car,
7. a washing machine,
8. a colour TV, or
9. a telephone.

### **For more information:**

Statistical Service (CYSTAT) Website, subtheme [Living Conditions and Social Protection](#)

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