

Features of the Current Household's Profile

BBSS Gallup International, Branch Office Prishtina, conducted in February this year a survey of public opinion in Kosova. The survey was conducted with a representative for the Albanian citizens sample of 1000 adult respondents, while the selection procedure was based on the stratified random principles. It should be noted, however, that presented findings, come as result from questions which do not measure respondents' personal opinions, views or evaluations, but rather deal with the factual "state" of their household's profile.

Processes, which took place in the Kosovar society last year, affected directly the life within the households, quite often bringing about sensible changes in the household's membership, its permanent dwelling, main field of economic activity, properties and well-being, occupation of different members, their life style, etc.

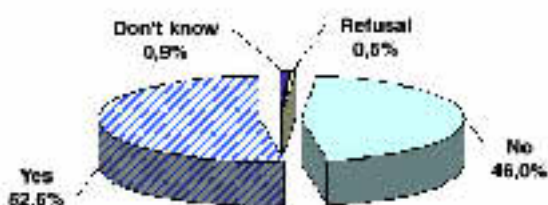
In the time being, the phenomena of changing the settlement and the evident migration of rural population into urban areas respectively rendered overall structure of the Kosova population quite fragile and unsettled. This should be underscored especially as the following results are cross-tabulated with the type of residence (rural-urban).

As regards your family, could you tell me please...

- a) do you posses an arable land?
- b) (if YES) did you till the land last autumn?
- c) do you have family business other than farming?
- d) is there any pregnant woman currently in the household?
- e) is there any seriously ill or handicapped person among members of the household?
- f) is there any member(s) of the family living outside Kosova?

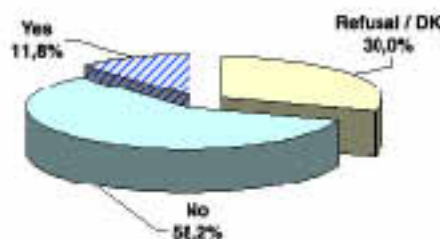
As far as we are dealing with questions on actual data about certain matters regarding households, and not with personal opinions of respondents, findings will be presented with geographical distribution of the sample based on the type of residence (rural-urban), in order to highlight the differences between rural and urban households.

Do you possess an arable land?



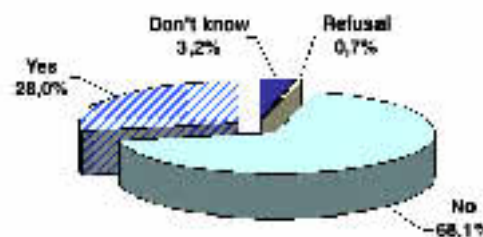
Answers to the question does your family have an arable land, show that 52.6% of respondents posses an arable land, and 46.0% do not. 1.4% of the respondents don't know or refuse to give an answer. From the households that say that they have an arable land, 59.5% are in rural areas, and 40.5% in urban areas. From those that do not possess an arable land, 15.4% are rural households and 84.6% urban.

(IF YES) Did you till the land last autumn?



In question did you till the land last autumn (for those who answer that they possess an arable land), 11.8% say that they had tilled the land last autumn, 58.2% answer with "No", while 30% of respondents refuse to give an answer or don't know. Respondents who had tended the land last autumn, are 70.9% from rural and 29.1% from urban settlements. And from those that had not planted the land, 35.0% are from rural settlements and 65.0% from urban ones.

Do you have family business other than farming?



In the third question does your family have any family business other than farming, 28.0% say that their families have a family business and 68.1% do not have one; 3.9% refuse or don't know. If we look through the cross tabulations with the type of settlement, we see that from households that possess a family business other than farming, 34.3% are from rural settlements and 65.7% from urban ones.

In the question is there any pregnant woman in your family, 20.3% of the interviewed answer with "Yes" and 76.7% answer with "No". If this is viewed again within the rural-urban distribution, we see that from the families that have a pregnant woman, 45.3% live in rural areas, and 54.7% in urban areas.

Answers to the question do you have an ill or handicapped person in your family, show that 15.7% of interviewed have such a person in their family while 82.4% have been spared of such grave concern. Out of the positive responses, 44.6% have been recorded in rural settlements and 55.4% in urban ones.

Question do you have any member of you family living outside of Kosova, reveals that at the time of the survey 43.6% of respondents ascertain having someone of the family abroad, 55.3% answer with No, while 1.1% of respondents don't know or refuse to give an answer. From those who have family members living outside Kosova, 45.4% are from rural areas and 54.6% from urban areas.