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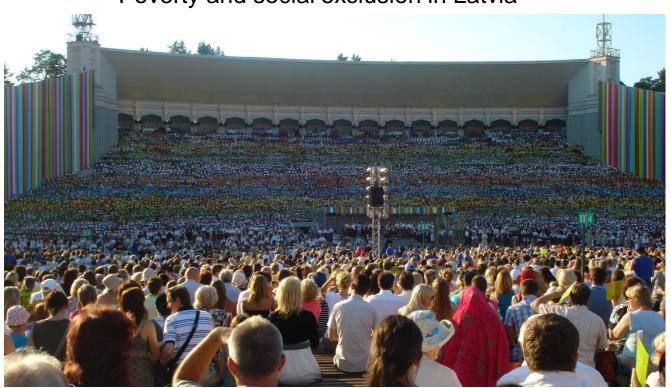
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Poverty and social exclusion in Latvia



X Latvian School Youth Song and Dance Festival, July, 2010

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Poverty and social exclusion

When thinking about monthly income of your household, can you make your ends meet?

EU -27	Easy 30%	Medium Difficult Don't know		
		56%	12%	2%
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LATVIA	12%	56%	30%	2%
ESTONIA	20%	65%	13%	2%
LITHUANIA	20%	60%	18%	2%

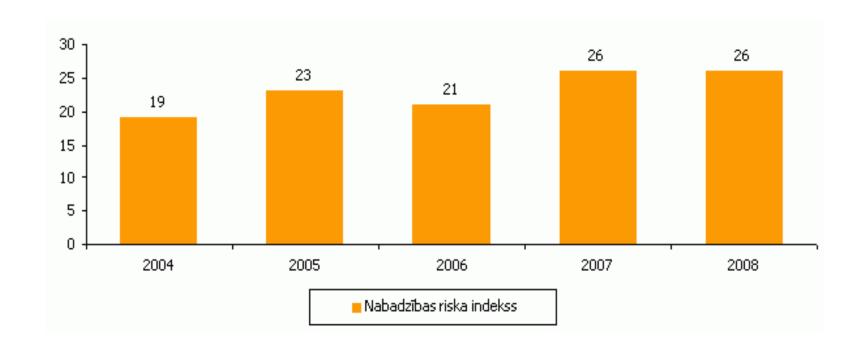
Source: Eurobarometer, Survey on Poverty and Social exclusion, October, 2009

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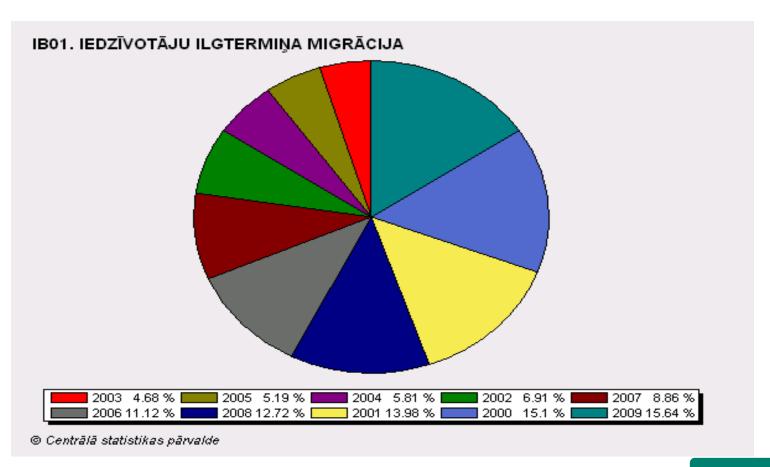


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Migration from Latvia in 2003-2009



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Migration from Latvia - the current trends

In 2009 from all the country 2855 children of schooling age and 61 pre-schoolers left the country.

Children voices:

"I had a shock, I could not concentrate as I realised that I will have almost no mom anymore. Now I am used to it, and I do not feel anything, but I want her home. School life has gone down, marks, behaviour, all quite bad in comparison what I had when mom was in Latvia."

Children voices 2:

" Dad said nothing before, just three days prior to departure he told that he is leaving! I was shocked as I was only 7 years old. It was hard to live with it, it has and effect on me (I am worried always). For a half of the year at home I was wearing dad's shirt and it took me a year to get along with the fact that dad has gone. In many cases I have a feeling that I wish dad would be here to protect me.."

Children voices 3:

"I have a feeling that we do not have a family anymore, I have physical and psychological difficulties, because I an alone, and all affairs in Latvia are on my shoulders."

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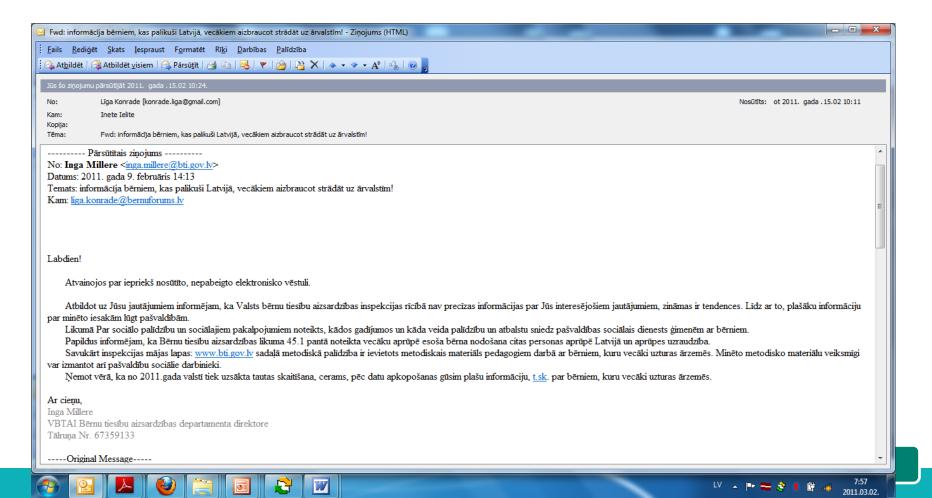
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Responses. The state

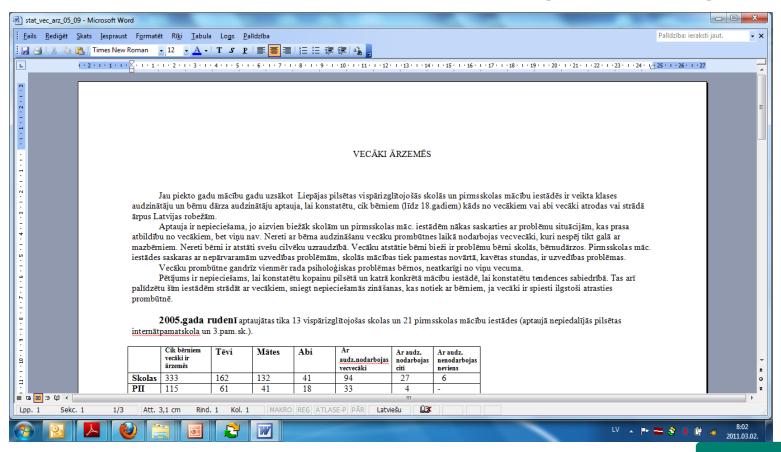


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Responses. Municipalities - monitoring and assisting



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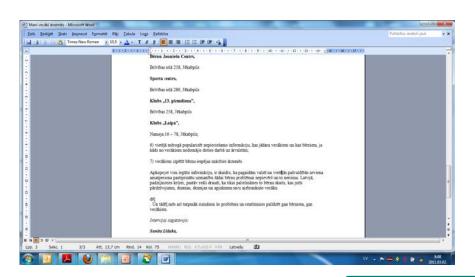


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Responses. Non – governmental organizations

- Interviewing children, providing information on available support
- Making statements;
- Preparing information materials;
- Developing services and tools;
- Creating networks..





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What to do? To address/revise/introduce/link/establish

Policies, legislation, stakeholders and funding in order to influence the causes:

Poverty and exclusion (dealing with the change; responding to evolution of family structures; addressing migration; developing solidarity forms)

Each individual child's case (getting the legal guardians; solving psychological problems, behavioural disorders, etc.)

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Thank you!

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