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1. First of all, we would like to ask you how satisfied or dissatisfied you are with some facts. On scale 0 to 10, where 0 means very dissatisfied and 10 means very satisfied, how satisfied are you? Use other numbers on the scale to express how much you are satisfied.

Very dissatisfied – 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 – very satisfied
99 = don't know, did not respond

- A. How satisfied are you with your current life as such?
- B. Generally speaking, how satisfied are you with the life of your family?
- C. How satisfied are you with the current economic situation in the Slovakia?
- D. How satisfied are you with way government of the Slovak Republic fulfils its tasks?
- E. How satisfied are you with the development of democracy in the Slovak Republic?

2. How much do you trust the following institutions? In scale 0 to 10, where 0 means that you don't trust at all and 10 fully trust. Use other numbers on the scale to express how much you trust.

Do not trust at all – 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 – fully trust
99 = don't know, did not answer

- A. Church
- B. Media and press
- C. Trade unions
- D. Municipal government (corporation)
- E. Government of the higher territorial unit
- F. National Council of the Slovak Republic

3. I am going to read you a list of voluntary associations. Please, state whether you belong or participate on activities of each association!

- 1 = I belong
- 2 = I belonged
- 3 = I neither belong nor participate
- 4 = I do not belong, but help as a volunteer
- 5 = I do not belong, but support the association financially
- 6 = I do not belong, but participate on the activities of the association

- A. Political party
- B. Trade union
- C. Church or religious organisation, society, group
- D. Sports, cultural or other interest group
- E. Professional or vocational association, chamber
- F. Organisation for humanitarian aid, for protection of human rights, environment and animals
- G. Gardeners Union, Fishermen's Union, Hunters' Union or Beekeepers Union
- H. other (FILL IN!)

4. There are many ways how to express one's views, make improvements in your country or town, possibly to prevent the situation from worsening in our surroundings. Have you been engaged in the following activities in the last 2-3 years?

- 1 = yes
- 2 = no
- 9 = don't know

- A. Did you take part in the elections to the National Council in 2002?
- B. Did you take part in the elections to the self-governments of the higher territorial units in 2001?
- C. Did you take part in the elections to the municipal government in 2002?
- D. Did you personally stand in one of the last elections in the municipal government (town, district government or to the National Council of the Slovak Republic)?
- E. Have you approached a politician, government official or representative of the self-government in the last 2-3 years?
- F. Have you been present on a public citizens' assembly or on a municipal meeting in the last 2-3 years?

5. I am going to read you some forms of political activities that people participate in. Have you ever participated in this activity, would you be able to participate or you would not participate at all?

- 1 = I have already participated and I am willing to participate in the future, too
- 2 = I have participated, but will not participate in the future
- 3 = I have not participated yet, but I would be willing to participate
- 4 = I have not participated yet and I do not intend to participate
- 9 = don't know

- A. Sign petition campaigns or other civil initiatives (e.g. public comments on a draft law)
- B. Symbolic forms of protest (e.g. wearing a badge, sticker, symbol of a campaign, intentional buying or on the contrary refusing to buy certain products from political, ethical or ecological reasons)
- C. Participation on permitted demonstrations
- D. Participation on strikes
- E. Occupation of premises, building or factory

6. Why are there people in this country who live in need? Here are four possible reasons. Which one reason do you consider to be most important? Code one under (a) below

And which reason do you consider to be the second most important?

- 1 = because they are unlucky
- 2 = because of laziness and lack of willpower
- 3 = because of injustice in our society
- 4 = it's an inevitable part of modern progress
- 5 = none of these
- 9 = don't know

7. Do you think that people with high income should pay higher, equal or lower taxes than people with low income? They should pay:

- 1 = much higher taxes
- 2 = higher taxes
- 3 = equal taxes
- 4 = lower taxes
- 5 = much lower taxes
- 9 = don't know

8. We would like to know your view on several problems in the society. I am going to read you pairs of statements and you decide which of them is closer to your point of view. Place your view on the scale, the more you agree with the statement on the left the smaller number you choose and vice versa – the more you agree with the statement on the right the bigger number you choose!

Agree with the statement on the left – 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 – agree with the statement on the right
 99 = don't know, didn't answer

A. Individuals should take over more responsibility for their affairs.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	State should take over more responsibility for the prosperity of everybody so that everybody can do well.
B. The unemployed should be obliged to accept any kind of work, or to lose their unemployment benefits.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	The unemployed should have the right to reject work that does not correspond with their qualification and experience.
C. state should give more freedom to companies and enterprises	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	State should control companies and enterprises more efficiently

9. How much do agree or disagree with following statements?

- 1 = agree
- 2 = rather agree
- 3 = equally agree and disagree
- 4 = rather disagree
- 5 = disagree
- 9 = don't know

A. Social security is too expensive for the society. Government should spend less on socially weaker ones

B. I would be willing to pay higher taxes if the money is used on the improvement of the socially dependent.

C. Government should secure work for everyone willing to work.

10. It is very often discussed which aims are ahead of the Slovak Republic in the next 10 – 15 years. There are some long-term aims that are considered as primary by different people. Which of these do you consider the most important?

And which of these aims do you consider the second most important

- 1 = maintain order in the state
- 2 = people should be given more voice to important governmental decisions
- 3 = fight against the increase in prices
- 4 = protect the freedom of speech
- 9 = don't know

11. How hard or easy is it in the Slovakia: ...?

Evaluate using scale from 0 to 10 where 0 means very hard and 10 means very easy. Using other numbers you can define the level more precisely.

Very hard – 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 – very easy
99 = don't know, didn't answer

- A. How hard or easy is it in the Slovakia – for the unemployed to find a work?
- B. How hard or easy is it in the Slovakia – for an employee to find a similar or better work at a different employer if he would like to?
- C. How hard or easy is it in the Slovakia – to start one's own business?

12. Now, we would like to ask you a few questions that concern you and your family. Could you please tell me your age, how old are you?

_____ years

13. What is your denomination?

- 1 = without denomination
- 2 = I do not profess any religion
- 3 = Roman Catholic Church
- 4 = Greek Catholic Church
- 5 = Evangelical Church
- 6 = Reformed Christian Church
- 7 = Orthodox Church
- 8 = Church of Brethren
- 10 = Jehova's Witnesses
- 11 = Jewish religious community
- 12 = other (fill in?):

14. If you do not take special occasions such as wedding, funeral, christening into account, how often do you take part on the church services?

- 1 = once a week or more often
- 2 = two – three times a month
- 3 = once a month
- 4 = few times a year
- 5 = less often
- 6 = never
- 9 = don't know

15. What nationality are you?

- 1 = Slovak
- 2 = Hungarian
- 3 = Romany
- 4 = Czech (Moravian, Silesian)
- 5 = Ruthenian
- 6 = Ukrainian
- 7 = German
- 8 = Polish
- 10 = Russian
- 11 = other

16. What is your current marital status? Are you:

- 1 = single (have never been married)
- 2 = married
- 3 = divorced
- 4 = widower/widow

17. Without regard to your current marital status: do you share common household with a partner?

- 1 = yes, with husband/wife
- 2 = yes, with a partner
- 3 = no

18. Household is created by people living in the same house/flat that simultaneously manage money together. How many members are there in your current household? Include yourself, too!

- 1 = I live alone
- 2 = two-member household
- 3 = three-member household
- 4 = four member household
- 5 = five-member household
- 6 = six-member household
- 7 = more than six members in our household

19. What is the age-composition of your household: how many adults are there and how many children?

Write a figure!

- A. adults (over 18 years) _____
- B. children (under 18 years) _____

20. Do you share your household with your parents or one of the parents?

- 1 = yes
- 2 = no

21. Is any member of your family currently signed on at the labour office? If you are currently unemployed include yourself, too!

- 0 = nobody is unemployed in our household
- 1 = there is one unemployed (signed on) in our household
- 2 = there are two unemployed (signed on) in our household
- 3 = there are three unemployed (signed on) in our household
- 4 = there are four unemployed (signed on) in our household
- 5 = there are more than four unemployed (signed on) in our household
- 8 = doesn't concern, nobody in the household is economically active (students, pensioner, invalids...)

22. How many members of your family commute to work outside your village/town for longer than one week? There is/are:

- 0 = none member of our household
- 1 = one member of our household
- 2 = two members of our household
- 3 = three members of our household
- 4 = four members of our household
- 5 = more than four members of our household

23. What is your highest acquired education?

- 1 = incomplete primary education

- 2 = primary education
- 3 = secondary without school-leaving exams
- 4 = secondary with school-leaving exams
- 5 = higher professional education (extended course...)
- 6 = university, bachelor
- 7 = university, MA (engineer, doctor)
- 8 = doctorate (postgraduate) or higher

24. At the moment, do you study at a secondary school or at a university?

- 1 = yes, I study at a secondary school
- 2 = yes, I study at a university
- 3 = yes, I study at a different school at the moment
- 4 = no, I do not study at the moment

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25. Besides the mentioned schools have you taken any other form of professional training, such as schooling, courses, retraining, educational trip and the like? If yes, who has supported you financially!

- 0 = I did not take any form of professional training
- 1 = I took a training, my employer covered the costs
- 2 = I took a training, labour office covered the costs
- 3 = I took a training, I covered the costs myself
- 4 = I took a training, somebody else covered the costs
- 5 = I took a training, costs were covered from different sources

26. Is your current employment (or own business) part of the field that you had studied? If you don't work at the moment, was your last employment part of the field that you had studied?

- 1 = yes
- 2 = rather yes
- 3 = rather no
- 4 = no
- 5 = doesn't concern, have no professional education
- 6 = doesn't concern, still studying
- 7 = doesn't concern, have never been employed

27. What is the highest education your parents (father and mother) and your husband/wife (partner) have acquired?

A. Father – highest acquired education

- 1 = incomplete primary education
- 2 = primary education
- 3 = secondary without school-leaving exams
- 4 = secondary with school-leaving exams
- 5 = higher professional education (extended course...)
- 6 = university, bachelor
- 7 = university, MA (engineer, doctor)
- 8 = doctorate (postgraduate) or higher
- 10 = I didn't know my father
- 99 = don't know, didn't answer

B. Mother – highest acquired education

- 1 = incomplete primary education
- 2 = primary education

- 3 = secondary without school-leaving exams
- 4 = secondary with school-leaving exams
- 5 = higher professional education (extended course...)
- 6 = university, bachelor
- 7 = university, MA (engineer, doctor)
- 8 = doctorate (postgraduate) or higher
- 10 = I didn't know my mother
- 99 = don't know, didn't answer

C. Husband/wife (partner) – highest acquired education

- 1 = incomplete primary education
- 2 = primary education
- 3 = secondary without school-leaving exams
- 4 = secondary with school-leaving exams
- 5 = higher professional education (extended course...)
- 6 = university, bachelor
- 7 = university, MA (engineer, doctor)
- 8 = doctorate (postgraduate) or higher
- 10 = I have no husband/wife or partner
- 99 = don't know, didn't answer

28. Do you have command of any foreign language in its written and spoken form? If yes, what is it/are they? Choose two languages at most, that you command the best!

- 0 = I haven't got command of any foreign language
- 1 = English
- 2 = German
- 3 = French
- 4 = Spanish
- 5 = Russian
- 6 = other (fill in?):

29. Recently, computer technology has been influencing us more and more. How is it with you: do you use personal computer (PC), for example at work, at study, for pleasure or in a different way? If yes, how often do you use personal computer?

- 1 = I use PC every day or almost every day
- 2 = at least once a week
- 3 = two-three times a month
- 4 = only occasionally, less frequently
- 5 = I do not use PC, although I have a possibility to use it
- 6 = I do not use PC, I have no possibility to use it

30. In recent years a new means of communication and searching for information has spread – the Internet. Have you already heard about the Internet? Do you have any experience with the Internet?

- 1 = I hear about the Internet for the first time, I don't know what it is
- 2 = I have heard or read about the Internet, but have not yet access to it
- 3 = I used the Internet in the past, but I have no access to it at the moment
- 4 = I have access to the Internet, but do not use it at all
- 5 = I use the Internet at least from time to time
- 6 = I use the Internet regularly

31. What is your current working activity, what can characterize best your working position?

- A.** Current working activity of the respondent:

- 1 = I have paid employment on a full-time basis
- 2 = I have paid employment on a part-time basis
- 3 = I am a private farmer
- 4 = I am an entrepreneur with employees
- 5 = I am entrepreneur without employees
- 6 = combined: employment as well as private business
- 7 = I am a member of cooperative society
- 8 = I help in the family business
- 10 = I am a working pensioner
- 11 = I am a working invalid
- 12 = I am a student
- 13 = I am on civilian or military service
- 14 = I am a long-term unemployed
- 15 = I have been unemployed for less than a year
- 16 = I am a pensioner without work
- 17 = I am a invalid without work
- 18 = I am a parent on maternity leave
- 19 = I am in the household
- 20 = other (Fill in!):

B. Current working activity of husband/wife (partner):

- 1 = has paid employment full-time
- 2 = has paid employment on a part-time basis
- 3 = is a private farmer
- 4 = an entrepreneur with employees
- 5 = an entrepreneur without employees
- 6 = combined: employment as well as private business
- 7 = member of cooperative society
- 8 = helps in the family business
- 10 = working pensioner
- 11 = working invalid
- 12 = student
- 13 = on civilian or military service
- 14 = long-term unemployed
- 15 = unemployed for less than a year
- 16 = a pensioner without work
- 17 = an invalid without work
- 18 = parent on maternity leave
- 19 = in the household
- 20 = other (Fill in!):
- 0 = I have no husband/wife (partner)

Put the following question only those respondents who are neither employed nor have their own business (they answered 12 to 19 in the previous question)!

32. If you are without working activity at the moment, can you tell, what was the last working activity that you had performed?

- 1 = I had a paid employment on a full-time
- 2 = I had a paid employment on a part-time basis
- 3 = I was a private farmer
- 4 = I was an entrepreneur with employees
- 5 = I was an entrepreneur without employees
- 6 = combined: employment and private enterprise at the same time
- 7 = I was a member of cooperative society
- 8 = I helped in the family business
- *0 = I have never worked

***If the respondent has never worked, go to question No 51!**

Put the following four questions (33- 36) to respondents, who are employed at the moment (including those who simultaneously have their own business) as well as to respondents who do not work, but were employed before! The following four questions do not concern respondents with their own business!

33. What is your employment contract (was your employment contract in your last employment)? It is (It was):

- 1 = full-time employment contract for an indefinite period of time
- 2 = full-time employment contract for a definite period of time
- 3 = part-time job or casual, temporary or seasonal work
- 9 = don't know

34. In which sector are you employed, in which sector does your employer belong? If you are currently out of work, write your last employment!

- 1 = public or state institution (school, hospital, police)
- 2 = municipal government (municipality)
- 3 = state-owned enterprise
- 4 = enterprise with mixed ownership (state and private)
- 5 = cooperative (cooperative society or agricultural cooperative)
- 6 = denationalized privately-owned enterprise (firm)
- 7 = newly established (after 1989) private enterprise (firm)
- 8 = enterprise (firm) with foreign ownership
- 10 = other form (Fill in!):
- 99 = don't know, didn't answer

35. Have you got any subordinates at work, are you on a managerial post? If you are not employed at the moment, describe your last employment!

- 0 = I have no subordinates
- 1 = I am in charge of 1 – 3 employees
- 2 = I am in charge of 4 – 9 employees
- 3 = I am in charge of 10 – 19 employees
- 4 = I am in charge of 20 – 49 employees
- 5 = I am in charge of 50 or more employees
- 9 = don't know, didn't answer

36. Do you suppose any changes in your employment in the course of the following 5 years?

- 1 = I will keep my current employment without any changes
- 2 = I will improve my working position in the current employment
- 3 = I will lose my current employment
- 4 = I will change my employment of my own free will
- 5 = I will start my own business along with my employment
- 6 = I will finish my employment and start my own business
- 9 = don't know
- 0 = does not concern, is not employed at the moment

Put the following three questions (37-39) to respondents who conduct their own business (including those who are employed at the same time) as well as to respondents who are not active, but conducted their own business before!

37. Have you in your enterprise (firm) got any permanent employees? How many? If you do not run your own business at the moment, describe your enterprise in the past!

- 0 = I have no employees
- 1 = I have 1 – 3 employees
- 2 = I have 4 – 9 employees
- 3 = I have 10 – 19 employees
- 4 = I have 20 – 49 employees

- 5 = I have 50 – 249 employees
 6 = I have 250 or more employees

38. Do you employ any casual workers in your firm (enterprise), e.g. on performance contract and such like? If you do not run your own business at the moment, describe your enterprise in the past!

- 1 = I have casual workers
 2 = I have no casual workers

39. What development of your firm (enterprise) do you expect in the course of the following 5 years?

- 1 = I expect preservation of the current standard
 2 = I expect expanding of the company
 3 = I am afraid I won't be able to maintain the company
 9 = don't know
 0 = does not concern, does not conduct his/her own business any more

Put the following two questions (40-41) to respondents that are either employed or run their own business!

40. Average gross monthly wage was on the level of 14 365 Slovak crowns in 2003 (after taxation and compulsory payments it is approximately 11 417 Slovak crowns net wage). What is your gross monthly income (wage or business gain) in comparison to this average?

- 1 = noticeably over the average
 2 = slightly over the average
 3 = approximately on the level of this average
 4 = slightly below the average
 5 = noticeably below the average
 9 = don't know, didn't answer

41. Do you think, that your income is fair? We don't ask you how much you earn or would like to earn, but on your feeling when you take your abilities, qualification and work effort into account.

Do you consider your income (wage or business gain):

- 1 = much lower than fair
 2 = slightly lower than fair
 3 = fair
 4 = slightly higher than fair
 5 = much higher than fair
 9 = don't know

Ask all the respondents again!

42. How many hours do you usually work a week? If you do not work or run your own business at the moment, describe your last employment or enterprise! Write the amount of hours!

_____ hours

43. How long does it take you to get to work? If you do not work or run your own business at the moment, describe your last employment or enterprise!

- 1 = I work at home
 2 = less than 10 minutes
 3 = 10 – 15 minutes
 4 = 16 – 30 minutes

- 5 = 31 – 60 minutes
- 6 = more than one hour
- 7 = I don't go to work every day
- 9 = don't know, didn't answer

44. In which economic sector does your enterprise/firm where you work belong? If you do not work or run your own business at the moment, describe your last employment or enterprise!

- 1 = agriculture, forestry, fish farming
- 2 = mining and quarrying
- 3 = manufacturing (foods, clothing, cellulose, chemicals, metals, machinery and equipment and the like)
- 4 = production and distribution of electricity, gas or water
- 5 = building industry
- 6 = wholesale trade or retail trade, repairs of motor vehicles or consumer goods repairs
- 7 = hotels and restaurants
- 8 = transport, warehousing, post or telecommunications
- 10 = finance and insurance
- 11 = real estate, business services, research and development
- 12 = public administration, defence and social security
- 13 = education
- 14 = health service or social service
- 15 = other public or social service
- 16 = other
- 99 = don't know, didn't answer

45. What can characterize best your current employment or enterprise? How would you classify yourself in the following categories? If you do not work or run your own business at the moment, describe your last employment or enterprise!

- 1 = leading and ruling employees of state administration or big enterprises, organizations
- 2 = heads and directors who rule a small enterprise, plant or organization
- 3 = science and professional intellectual employees
- 4 = technician, medical or pedagogical employees
- 5 = administrative employees
- 6 = operating employees in services or trade
- 7 = qualified workers in agriculture or forestry
- 8 = craft and qualified manual workers
- 10 = machine, equipment and vehicle operators
- 11 = unqualified manual assistants
- 12 = army members, professional soldiers
- 13 = other

46. Now could you describe the work, profession, function or trade that you perform as precisely as possible? If you do not work or run your own business at the moment, describe your last employment or enterprise! (*Major occupational group according to ISCO88*)

- 1 = legislators, senior officials and managers
- 2 = science professionals
- 3 = technicians and health and teaching associate professionals
- 4 = clerks
- 5 = service workers and shop and market sales workers
- 6 = skilled agricultural and fishery workers
- 7 = craft and related trades workers
- 8 = plant and machine operator and assemblers
- 9 = elementary occupations
- 10 = armed forces (professional soldiers)
- 96 = never worked yet
- 99 = without answer

Put the following four questions 947-50) those respondents who are employed or run their own business at the moment. Do not ask those who do not work at the moment!

47. Have you in the course of the previous 5 years changed your employment (work, profession)? If yes, how many times?

- 1 = yes, once
- 2 = yes, two times
- 3 = yes, three times
- 4 = yes, more than three times
- 5 = no
- 9 = don't know, I don't remember

48. If you have not changed your employment in the course of the previous 5 years, can you tell why? Choose 2 main reasons at most!

- 0 = doesn't concern, changed his/her employment (work, profession)
- 1 = you are satisfied with your current employment (work, profession)
- 2 = you see no chance to find a better work
- 3 = you tried to find a different work, but without success
- 4 = you don't like changing works
- 5 = you don't have appropriate abilities, qualification for a better work
- 6 = you would have to move
- 7 = other reason (Fill in!):
- 9 = don't know

49. If you have changed your employment (work, profession) in the course of the previous 5 years, are the abilities necessary for your new job similar or different from those you had needed in the previous job?

- 0 = doesn't concern, did not change his/her employment (work, profession)
- 1 = very similar
- 2 = rather similar
- 3 = rather different
- 4 = very different
- 9 = don't know

50. Which of the following reasons caused changing your previous employment (work, profession)? Choose 2 main reasons at most!

- 0 = doesn't concern, did not change his/her employment (work, profession)
- 1 = higher wage
- 2 = higher social status
- 3 = better working conditions (environment, working time...)
- 4 = higher personal satisfaction at new employment
- 5 = better application of your abilities and qualification
- 6 = quicker to get to work
- 7 = move, change of place
- 8 = former employer terminated employment
- 10 = former employer (enterprise, firm) ceased
- 11 = other reason (Fill in!):
- 99 = don't know

Ask all the respondents again!

51. Now, allow me to put you a few questions regarding your father. What was your father when you were 15 years old?

- 1 = employer
- 2 = enterpriser
- 3 = private farmer
- 4 = had never worked
- 5 = had not lived
- 9 = don't know
- 0 = I didn't know my father

52. In which economic sector did the enterprise/firm belong where your father was working or running his own business when you were 15 years old?

- 1 = agriculture, forestry, fish farming
- 2 = mining and quarrying
- 3 = manufacturing (foods, clothing, cellulose, chemicals, metals, machinery and equipment and the like)
- 4 = production and distribution of electricity, gas or water
- 5 = building industry
- 6 = wholesale trade or retail trade, repairs of motor vehicles or consumer goods repairs
- 7 = hotels and restaurants
- 8 = transport, warehousing, post or telecommunication
- 10 = finance and insurance
- 11 = real estate, business service, research and development
- 12 = public administration, defence and social security
- 13 = education
- 14 = health service or social service
- 15 = other public or social service
- 16 = other

17 = didn't work
18 = didn't live any longer
99 = don't know, didn't answer
0 = I didn't know my father

53. When you were 15 years old, did your father have any employees or subordinates at his work? If yes, how many?

0 = he had no employees (no subordinates)
1 = had 1 – 3 employees (was in charge of 1-3 subordinates)
2 = had 4 – 9 employees (was in charge of 4 – 9 subordinates)
3 = had 10 or more employees (was in charge of 10 or more subordinates)
4 = didn't work
5 = didn't live
9 = don't know
10 = I didn't know my father

54. Now, please describe as the work, profession, function or trade that your father performed when you were 15 years old precisely as possible? (*Major occupational groups according to ISCO88*)

1 = legislators, senior official and managers
2 = professionals
3 = technicians and health and teaching associate professionals
4 = clerks
5 = service workers and shop and market sales workers
6 = skilled agricultural and fishery workers
7 = craft and related trades workers
8 = plant and machine operators and assemblers
9 = elementary occupations
10 = armed forces
97 = father didn't live, didn't know his/her own father
99 = don't know, didn't answer

Now, we would like to give a few questions regarding your financial income and your financial housekeeping.

55. Overall financial income of a person can be created by more financial sources. These are for example, business gains, social benefits in a form of a pension and state benefits. Please, choose one form of an income from the list that best characterizes your current main source of financial security!

- 1 = wage from the employer
- 2 = business profit
- 3 = old age pension
- 4 = invalidity pension
- 5 = parental benefit
- 6 = unemployment benefit
- 7 = benefit in material need
- 8 = other form of social welfare
- 10 = income from property, investment or savings
- 11 = financial support from family, relative and similar
- 12 = income from other sources
- 99 = don't know
- 0 = I have no financial income

56. Could you please estimate the overall amount of your net monthly income? Include income from employment (enterprise) as well as possible other incomes – children's allowance, guardian reward, income from sideline and the like. If you do not work, include social benefits – old age or invalidity pension, unemployment benefit, benefit in material need, parental benefit, housing benefit etc.

My overall net monthly income is: _____ Slovak crowns

57. Average net monthly income of a four-member household (2 adults, 2 children) is ca 20 000 Slovak crowns. If you count net incomes of all members of your household, is it in average monthly more, equal or less than the mentioned average?

Overall net monthly income of our household is:

- 1 = noticeably over the average
- 2 = slightly over the average
- 3 = approximately on the level of the average
- 4 = slightly below the average
- 5 = noticeably below the average
- 9 = don't know

58. Could you estimate how much higher or lower is the overall net monthly income of your household in comparison to the mentioned average of 20 000 Slovak crowns?

Overall net monthly income of our household is in comparison to the average of 20 000 Slovak crowns higher/ lower by:

_____ Slovak crowns

59. How would you characterize the financial situation of your household? Which of the possibilities on this card renders it the most?

- 1 = income suffices for everything
- 2 = income suffices for everything, but we manage money sparingly
- 3 = we have to economize very much in order to buy more expensive things
- 4 = we have enough money only to buy the cheapest things
- 5 = money suffices only for the cheapest food
- 6 = we haven't got enough money to buy even the cheapest food
- 9 = don't know

60. Have your household had any problems with paying the following items in the last 12 months? Evaluate each item separately!

- 1 = yes, we had
- 2 = no, we had not
- 3 = doesn't concern us
- 9 = don't know, didn't answer

- A. rent
- B. encashment (electricity, water, gas, TV, radio)
- C. instalments on credit
- D. work travel expenses
- E. expenses connected with child's /children's studies

61. When you compare your current financial situation with the one 5 years ago, what change is there? Our financial situation has:

- 1 = noticeably improved
- 2 = slightly improved
- 3 = stayed approximately the same
- 4 = slightly worsened
- 5 = noticeably worsened
- 9 = don't know

62. Now, let's slightly change the topic: disposes your household of a garden or a farming land?

- 1 = yes, we do
- 2 = no, we do not

Put the following 5 questions (63-67) only those respondents, who have a garden or a farming land!

63. Where is this garden (land) situated and how big is it?

- 1 = garden (land) is in our place of abode and is smaller than 400 m² (4 Ares)
- 2 = garden (land) is in our place of abode and is bigger than 400 m² (4 Ares)
- 3 = garden (land) is in another village (e.g. by the cottage) and is smaller than 400 m² (4 Ares)
- 4 = garden (land) is in another village (e.g. by the cottage) and is bigger than 400 m² (4 Ares)

64. Can you tell how you make use of your garden (land)? I use garden (farming land):

- 1 = only for recreation and rest
- 2 = mainly for rest and I grow something on a small scale
- 3 = mainly for growing (of fruit, vegetables, grapevine...) or for keeping (poultry, pigs, fur animals...)
- 4 = I rent it
- 5 = I don't use it

65. If you use your garden (land) for growing or breeding, how many members of your family help you with it?

- 0 = doesn't concern, doesn't use garden (land) for growing (breeding) purposes
- 1 = nobody helps me, I do it alone
- 2 = 1 member of your household also helps me
- 3 = 2 members of your household also help me
- 4 = 3 members of your household also help me
- 5 = 4 members of your household also help me
- 6 = more than 4 members of our household help me

66. Do you keep any domestic livestock? If yes, which? (more options possible)

0 = doesn't concern, we do not keep any animals

1 = we keep poultry or hares

2 = we keep pigs, sheeps or goats

3 = we keep bigger farm animals (cows, bulls, horses and similar)

67. If you have grown/bred any agricultural products (vegetable or animal), how did you use them?

0 = doesn't concern, we had no agricultural products

1 = we used everything ourselves (family and closest relatives)

2 = we distributed the gluts to relatives, friends and acquaintances

3 = we sold the gluts

Ask all the respondents again!**68. Can you tell whether your household possesses the following things?**

1 = yes, we possess

2 = no, we don't possess

9 = don't know

A. telephone or cellular phone

B. computer

C. internet connection

D. car

E. cottage

F. flat

G. family house

H. bank savings or commercial instruments (shares, bonds, participation certificate and similar)

69. Did you buy any food or other farming products from private farmers in the previous year?

1 = yes

2 = no

9 = don't know

70. Were you given any gluts by relatives, neighbours or acquaintances from their own farm in the previous year?

1 = yes

2 = no

9 = don't know

71. Is or is not your flat (house, dwelling) equipped with the following devices/networks?

1 = yes, it is

2 = no, it is not

A. running water

B. flush toilet

C. bathroom or shower

D. gas connection

E. sewerage

72. Sometimes, people tend to talk about differences in social position or in social stratification. Into which of the mentioned categories would you classify yourself?

- 1 = upper class
- 2 = upper middle class
- 3 = middle class
- 4 = upper working class/ lower middle class
- 5 = working class
- 6 = lower class
- 7 = none of the mentioned
- 9 = don't know

73. Where did your family belong when you were 15 years old?

- 1 = upper class
- 2 = upper middle class
- 3 = middle class
- 4 = upper working class/ lower middle class
- 5 = working class
- 6 = lower class
- 7 = none of the mentioned
- 9 = don't know

74. How would you generally characterize your state of health?

- 1 = very good
- 2 = good
- 3 = can do
- 4 = bad
- 5 = very bad
- 9 = don't know

75. Does any long-term illness or disability restrict you in everyday life in any way?

- 1 = no
- 2 = yes, to certain extent
- 3 = yes, very much
- 9 = don't know

The following questions will refer to your village/town, district and region where you live (place of permanent address)!

76. How do you evaluate the overall level of development of your village/town, district and region! Evaluate each of the territorial units separately!

A. Generally, I judge our **village/town** as:

- 1 = noticeably developed
- 2 = developed
- 3 = averaged developed
- 4 = underdeveloped
- 5 = noticeably underdeveloped
- 9 = can't judge

B. Generally, I judge our **district** as:

- 1 = noticeably developed
- 2 = developed
- 3 = averaged developed
- 4 = underdeveloped
- 5 = noticeably underdeveloped
- 9 = can't judge

C. Generally, I judge our **region** as:

- 1 = noticeably developed
- 2 = developed
- 3 = averaged developed
- 4 = underdeveloped
- 5 = noticeably underdeveloped
- 9 = can't judge

77. Now, you will be given cards with factors that may influence the level of development of your village (town), district or region. Please, choose one (most important) factor for each of these three residential units that you think most influences the current status of your village/town, district and region!

- 1 = geographical position of the region
- 2 = human potential (age and educational composition of its inhabitants)
- 3 = interest or possibly lack of interest of domestic entrepreneurs for the region
- 4 = interest possibly lack of interest of foreign capital to invest in the region
- 5 = economic situation of the region (presence of enterprises)
- 6 = access to employment opportunities (employment, possibly unemployment)
- 7 = condition of transport infrastructure (transport network, accessibility, connection)
- 8 = level of agricultural development
- 10 = level of municipal government of the region (character of the administration of the village, district, region)
- 11 = condition of civil infrastructure (shops, schools, services, and health care institutions)
- 12 = state of technical and information infrastructure (buried services – duct, sewerage, gas connections..., but accessibility to the Internet as well)
- 13 = involvement of people to help at the development of the territorial unit
- 14 = nature and recreational environment of the region
- 15 = cultural and historical monuments
- 16 = presence of problem groups of inhabitants
- 17 = other (fill in!):
- 99 = don't know

A. Level of development of a **village/town** is mostly influenced by:

B. Level of development of a **district** is mostly influenced by:

C. Level of development of a **region** is mostly influenced by:

78. What do you think how will the situation develop in your village (town), district and region in the next 5-10 years? Judge each of the territorial units separately!

- 1 = situation will be noticeably improving
- 2 = situation will rather be improving
- 3 = in some of the areas the situation will improve, in some it will worsen
- 4 = situation will be rather worsening
- 5 = situation will be noticeably worsening
- 9 = don't know

- A.** In the next 5-10 years the situation in our village/ town:
- B.** In the next 5-10 years the situation in our district:
- C.** In the next 5-10 years the situation in our region:

79. We would also like to know how satisfied you are with living conditions in the village/town and district. Judge each of the mentioned territorial units separately!

- 1 = I am very satisfied
- 2 = I am rather satisfied
- 3 = I am satisfied with some of the things and dissatisfied with other
- 4 = I am rather dissatisfied
- 5 = I am very dissatisfied
- 9 = don't know

- A.** living conditions in village/ town:
- B.** living conditions in district:

80. From your point of view, is it more advantageous to live in the city or in the countryside these days?

- 1 = it is more advantageous to live in the city
- 2 = it is more advantageous to live in the village (town up to 5 000 inhabitants)
- 3 = there is no noticeable difference between living in the city and in the countryside
- 9 = can't judge

81. I am going to read you a few features typical for living in village/town. Please, evaluate each of them by marks from 1 to 5 according to the degree you consider them as troublesome in your village/town. Mark 1 means the lowest degree of troubles and mark 5 the largest.

- Small troubles – 1 2 3 4 5 – big troubles
- 9 = don't know, didn't answer

From the view of the following features, our **village/ town** has:

- A.** employment
- B.** technical infrastructure (duct, gas, sewerage...)
- C.** traffic accessibility
- D.** availability of health care
- E.** opportunities for education
- F.** availability of shops and services
- G.** quality of the environment
- H.** opportunity to provide for an appropriate living
- I.** opportunities for enterprising
- J.** quality of human relations
- K.** possibilities of social and cultural life
- L.** public safety
- M.** functioning of local municipality
- N.** activities of citizens directed at the development of the village

82. How do you evaluate the troublousness of the individual features in your district? Please, evaluate each of them by marks from 1 to 5 according to the degree you consider them as troublesome in your village/town. Mark 1 means the lowest degree of troubles and mark 5 the largest.

Small troubles – 1 2 3 4 5 – big troubles
9 = don't know, didn't answer

Our district has from the view:

- A. employment
- B. technical infrastructure (duct, gas, sewerage...)
- C. traffic accessibility of centres
- D. availability of health care
- E. possibilities for education
- F. availability of shops and services
- G. quality of the environment
- H. possibility to provide for an appropriate living
- I. opportunities for enterprising
- J. possibilities of social and cultural life
- K. public safety
- L. functioning of regional self-government
- M. activities of citizens directed at the development of the district

83. What is your relationship to the village/town and district of your domicile? Evaluate each of the territorial units separately!

- 1 = very positive
- 2 = rather positive
- 3 = indifferent – neither positive nor negative
- 4 = rather negative
- 5 = very negative
- 9 = don't know

- A. relationship to the **village/town**, where I live:
- B. relationship to the **district**, where I live:

84. Is the village/town, where you presently live your birthplace or did you move here?

- 1 = I was born here and I have lived here ever since my birth
- 2 = I was born here, but I had already lived in a different village/town
- 3 = I was born somewhere else and I moved here

85. How many years have you been living in this village/town?

I have been living in this village/town for: _____ years.

86. How many times in your life have you changed your permanent address by moving into another village/town? Do not take moving within the same village/town into account!

I have moved: _____ times from one village/town into another.

Put the following two questions (87-88) only those respondents, who have moved from one village/town into another at least once in their lives!

87. Now, I would like to know some circumstances of your moving between different villages/towns. Please, try to remember your last move: did you move from a town or from a village? Please, give the also the district, where you had lived before!

If you have moved between different villages/towns more times, give information about penultimate and antepenultimate moves as well!

A. my last move was from:

- 1 = town into village
- 2 = village to town
- 3 = town to town
- 4 = village to village
- 9 = don't know

Village/town, from where I moved belonged to the district (fill in!): _____

B. My penultimate move was from:

- 0 = doesn't concern, moved from settlement to settlement only once in his/her life
- 1 = town into village
- 2 = village to town
- 3 = town to town
- 4 = village to village
- 9 = don't know

Village/town, from where I had moved belonged to the district (fill in!): _____

C. My antepenultimate move was from:

- 0 = doesn't concern, moved from settlement to settlement only two times in his/her life
- 1 = town into village
- 2 = village to town
- 3 = town to town
- 4 = village to village
- 9 = don't know

Village/town, from where I had moved belonged to the district (fill in!): _____

88. What is the reason why you had moved to the village/town of your current permanent address? Which of the following reasons was your main reason?

I moved to this village/town mainly because of:

- 1 = vacancy offer
- 2 = quality environment
- 3 = I wanted to live in a village
- 4 = I wanted to live in a town
- 5 = abundance of social life opportunities
- 6 = family and friends who had been living here
- 7 = safe environment, low criminality
- 8 = opportunities to study, education
- 10 = accessibility to surrounding villages
- 11 = good civic amenities (shops, services...)
- 12 = good infrastructure (duct, gas, sewerage...)
- 13 = opportunities to provided for an appropriate living
- 14 = I followed my life partner or parents

15 = other reason (fill in)
99 = don't know

Ask all the respondents again!

89. What are your plans for the future: do you plan to move from the village/town of your current permanent address in the following five years?

1 = yes, I have decided to move from the village/town and the district, too
2 = I would like to move from the village/town, but not from the district
3 = I consider moving, but have not decided yet
4 = no, I don't want to move
9 = don't know

Put the following two questions (90-91) only those respondents who would like to move or consider moving (answer 1, 2, or 3 in the previous question)!

90. What is the reason why you would like to move from the village/town of your current permanent address or why do you consider doing it? Choose two main reasons at most from the list.

I would like to move (consider moving) from this village/town mainly because of:

1st main reason:

2nd main reason:

1 = lack of employment opportunities
2 = bad environment
3 = bad human relations
4 = lack of social life opportunities
5 = I have no friends or acquaintances here
6 = dangerous environment, high criminality
7 = lack of opportunities to study, education
8 = lack of anonymity – we all know each other here
10 = unknown environment – anonymity
11 = insufficient accessibility to surrounding villages
12 = low civic amenities (shops, services...)
13 = insufficient infrastructure (duct, gas, sewerage...)
14 = lack of opportunities to provide for an appropriate living
15 = follow my partner or family
16 = negative impact of the environment on the health of the family members
17 = other (fill in)
99 = don't know

91. What type of village/town you would move to, if you had the opportunity? Choose only one option!

If I had the opportunity, I'd prefer to move to:

1 = small village (up to 1 000 inhabitants)
2 = to larger village (above 1 000 inhabitants)
3 = to a village close to a town
4 = to smaller town (up to 20 000 inhabitants)
5 = to larger town (above 20 000 inhabitants)
6 = to Bratislava
7 = to Košice
8 = type of the village is not important
10 = abroad
99 = don't know

Ask all the respondents again!

92. Is the village/town of your permanent address identical with village (town) of your place of work?

1 = yes, I work in the place of my permanent address

2 = no, my place of work is in another village/town than the place of my permanent address

3 = I have no specific village/town as my place of work (I travel to clients...)

4 = doesn't concern (without economic activity – pensioner, student, unemployed...)

Put the following two questions (93-94) only those respondents, whose place of work is in different village/town than the place of their permanent address (answer 2 in the previous question)!

93. Where is place of your work situated? Please, give village/town as well as district! If your work abroad, what state is it?

My current place of work is in:

A. village/town: _____

B. district: _____

C. state: _____

94. How often do you come back to the place of your permanent address?

1 = daily

2 = few times a week

3 = I work the all weekdays and return for the weekend

4 = I return every 2-3 weeks

5 = I return after a month

6 = I return after several months

7 = I return irregularly throughout the whole year

Ask all the respondents again!

95. Taking the future of towns and villages in the Slovakia into account, what would you recommend the young generation: to live in the town or in the country?

I would recommend the young generation to live in:

- 1 = a small village (up to 1 000 inhabitants)
- 2 = in a bigger village (above 1 000 inhabitants)
- 3 = a village near town
- 4 = smaller town (up to 20 000 inhabitants)
- 5 = bigger town (above 20 000 inhabitants)
- 6 = a city (Bratislava, Košice)
- 7 = type of the community isn't important
- 9 = don't know

96. Small villages below 1000 inhabitants form substantial part of all Slovak villages. From your point of view, how will they develop in the future?

Small villages below 1000 will:

- 1 = develop and grow
- 2 = become attractive for living for certain groups of inhabitants (mainly close to towns)
- 3 = change into cottage dwellers centres hand in hand with gradual decrease in inhabitants
- 4 = deteriorate as far as the living conditions are concerned and as settlement they will become troublesome
- 5 = become refuge for socially troublesome groups
- 6 = cease to exist sooner or later
- 7 = other (fill in!):
- 9 = don't know

97. In politics, people often talk about "the left", "political centre" and "the right". Where would you rank yourself on the scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means unequivocal left and 10 unequivocal right?

Unequivocal left – 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 – unequivocal right

99 = don't know, didn't answer

98. If the elections to the National Council were held this weekend, which party would you vote?

- 1 = The Alliance of the New Citizen
- 2 = Democratic Party
- 3 = Movement for Democracy
- 4 = Communist Party of Slovakia
- 5 = Christian Democratic Movement
- 6 = Leftist Block
- 7 = People's Party - Movement for a Democratic Slovakia
- 8 = The Free Forum
- 10 = Slovak Democratic and Christian Union
- 11 = Slovak National Party
- 12 = Smer – Social Democracy
- 13 = Social Democratic Alternative
- 14 = Social Democratic Party of the Slovakia
- 15 = Party of the Democratic Left
- 16 = Hungarian Coalition Party
- 17 = Green Party of Slovakia
- 18 = other (fill in?):
- 99 = don't know, undecided
- 0 = I would not take part in the elections

99. How sure are you that you would vote the party you selected in the previous question in the real elections as well?

- 1 = I am absolutely sure that I would vote the same party
- 2 = I am fairly sure, that I would vote the same party
- 3 = party is rather agreeable, but I would certainly consider voting it
- 4 = I am not completely sure that I would vote the party, although it is more agreeable than other parties
- 5 = I am not sure at all that I would vote it
- 9 = don't know
- 0 = doesn't concern, I would not vote

100. Which social group should the political party that you would be willing to vote to the National Council primarily represent and advocate? Choose only one group!

- 1 = employees
- 2 = entrepreneurs
- 3 = middle class
- 4 = young families
- 5 = pensioners
- 6 = Christians
- 7 = Slovaks
- 8 = Hungarians
- 10 = socially weak
- 11 = other (fill in!):
- 99 = don't know, didn't answer

101. Regardless of your current preferences, which party did you support in the last parliamentary elections in 2002?

- 1 = People's Party - Movement for a Democratic Slovakia
- 2 = Slovak Democratic and Christian Union
- 3 = Smer – Social Democracy
- 4 = Party of Hungarian Coalition
- 5 = Christian Democratic Movement
- 6 = The Alliance of the New Citizen
- 7 = Communist Party of Slovakia
- 8 = The Real Slovak National Party
- 10 = Slovak National Party
- 11 = Movement for Democracy
- 12 = Social Democratic Alternative
- 13 = Party of the Democratic Left
- 14 = Green Party of Slovakia
- 15 = other
- 99 = don't know, don't remember
- 0 = I didn't take part in the elections

102. Gender

- 1 = male
- 2 = female