

CAUCASUS BAROMETER 2019-2020

Short Description of the Survey

The “Caucasus Barometer” (CB) is a cross-country survey running in the three countries of the South Caucasus: Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan. The survey aims at studying the public opinion of the social, political and economic developments in the region. The first wave of the survey was administered in the capital cities of the three republics in 2004. In 2006, the scope of the survey was extended and since then, the CRRC centers have started to carry out countrywide surveys representative of the whole population ¹. Since 2015 the survey has been conducted in Armenia and Georgia only.

Survey Tools

The questionnaire used for the survey was developed by a qualified team of researchers representing the three countries of the South Caucasus.

The core questionnaire contains over 100 questions about democratic, social, political and economic developments in the South Caucasus both on the individual and household levels. While the core questionnaire remains unchanged, new questions are added annually to understand new social, political and economic developments in the countries. For instance, in 2019, questions about the “Velvet Revolution” and events and transformations following it were added in the questionnaire for Armenia.

Survey Methodology

As in the previous years, CB 2019 also applied multistage cluster sampling of the adult population of Armenia and Georgia. Capital, urban and rural micro-strata were separated for each country, with each micro-stratum being divided into north-eastern, north-western, south-eastern and south-western geographic regions.

In the first stage of sampling, voting precincts were randomly sampled within each stratum, with selection probability proportional to the size of the precincts. In the second stage, a random starting point was applied to sample the targeted households within selected precincts. Finally, the respondents within the households were identified during the third stage of sampling using the Kish table. In 2019, a total of 3808 respondents were interviewed face-to-face (1491 in Armenia and 2317 in Georgia).

Data Availability

The survey tools – the questionnaire, show cards, the detailed sampling methodology, the databases (in SPSS and STATA formats) and main findings – can be found on the Caucasus Barometer ² and CRRC-Armenia ³ websites.

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¹ The survey was not carried out in Nagorno Karabakh, Nakhichevan, Abkhazia and South Ossetia.

² www.caucasusbarometer.org

³ <https://www.crcc.am/barometer/>