

## CAUCASUS BAROMETER 2017

### Short Description of the Survey

The “Caucasus Barometer” (CB) is a cross-country survey running in the three countries of the South Caucasus: Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. 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<sup>1</sup>. The 2015 and 2017 waves of the survey were 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 includes over 100 questions ranging from socio-demographics to economic behavior both on an individual and household level.

While the core questionnaire remains unchanged across years, new country specific questions are applied to capture the recent socio-political and economic developments in the respective Republics. For instance, in 2017, several questions were included on the inflow of Syrian Armenians, 2016 April war, “Sasna Tsrer” and on other issues.

### Survey Methodology

As in previous years, Caucasus Barometer 2017 also applies multistage cluster sampling of the adult population of Armenia and Georgia, dividing them into several macro-strata: capital, urban and rural. During the first stage of sampling, voting precincts are randomly sampled within each stratum, with selection probability proportional to the size of the precincts. In the second stage, to sample the targeted households within selected precincts a random starting point is applied. Finally, the respondents within the households are identified during the third stage of sampling using the Kish table. In 2017, a total of 4,027 respondents were interviewed face-to-face (1,648 in Armenia and 2,379 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<sup>2</sup> and the CRRC-Armenia<sup>3</sup> websites.

*CRRC-Armenia is a research institution established in 2003 as part of CRRC network operating in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. Developed with strong support provided throughout the past ten years by The Carnegie Corporation, Yerevan State University and the Eurasia Partnership Foundation, in 2013 CRRC-Armenia registered as an independent local Foundation in Armenia. The goal of CRRC-Armenia continues to be strengthening social science research and public policy analysis.*

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

<sup>2</sup> <http://caucasusbarometer.org/en/>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.crrc.am/caucasusbarometer/documentation?lang=en>