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Summary:
The paper outlines approaches to measuring subjective poverty in the Republic of Belarus.

Poverty is an issue of national importance for any country. But the study of this phenomenon should not be limited to measuring the proportion of people whose income is below the country’s poverty threshold (absolute or relative). Today, official statistics also make it possible to estimate the level of subjective poverty along with assessing the level of absolute or relative poverty.

The main source of information on subjective poverty in the country is the Sample Household Living Standards Survey.

Poverty estimates based on subjective approaches can differ significantly from absolute figures calculated on the basis of income and can determine the degree of social tensions in a society. Consequently, the problem of poverty should be addressed through both economic and social support measures.

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