# Estimation and Preliminary Results of Poverty Mapping for Latvia

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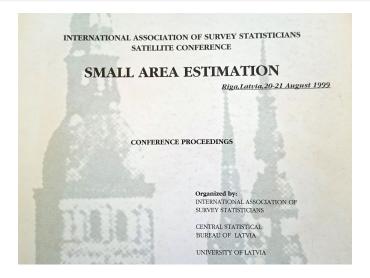
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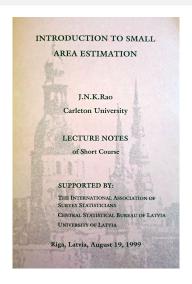
Preliminary estimates and results

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# History of SAE in Statistics Latvia

1999 ... 2011 ... 2015+





# 2000-2010

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- Small area estimation Training on the job
- ▶ Riga, CSB, 12–15 September 2011
- Stefano Falorsi, Fabrizio Solari (ISTAT)
- ESSnet project on Small Area Estimation

# 2012-2014

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- ► The need for more detailed statistics is growing
- Mārtiņš Miglinieks "Small Area Estimation for the Analyses of Poverty Risk" (bachelor thesis in mathematics)
- Budget for position in Mathematical Support Division devoted to SAE development
- Estimation of poverty by administrative territories

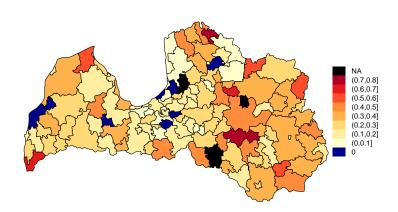
- ► The World Bank project starts in August 2016
- Preliminary SAE results (poverty):
  - presented at SAE 2016 conference (Maastricht)

#### Aim

- At-risk-of-poverty rate
- ▶ by administrative territories (LAU2)
- ▶ 2011 (population census year)

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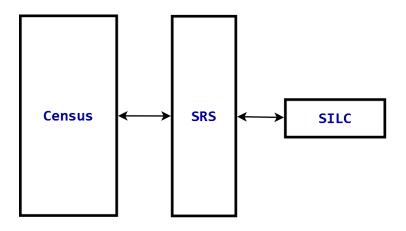
#### Direct estimates



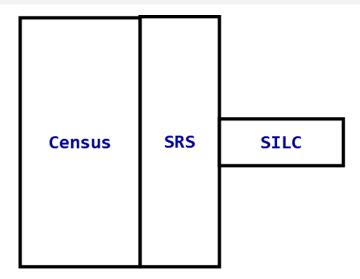
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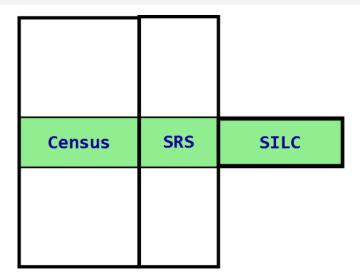
- ► EU-SILC
- ▶ Population Census 2011
- Income data from the State Revenue Service
- \* reference period for all data is 2011

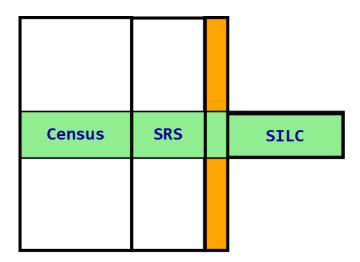
# Data



- At-risk-of-poverty rate is a proportion of persons under the poverty line
- ► Model for (EU-SILC) equalised income
- Prediction of income for all individuals in the population
- Computation of At-risk-of-poverty rate by territories







# EB method

Empirical best/Bayes (EB) method by Molina and Rao is used.

$$Y_{dj} = \mathbf{x}'_{dj}\boldsymbol{\beta} + u_d + e_{dj},$$

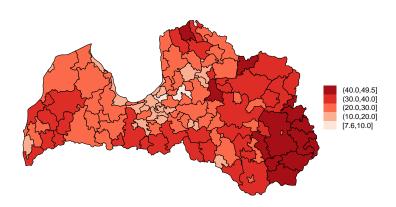
$$u_d \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma_u^2),$$

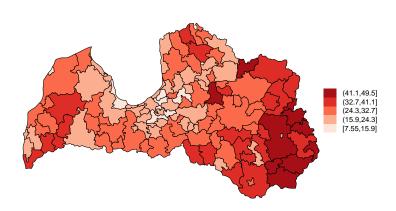
$$e_{dj} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma_e^2)$$

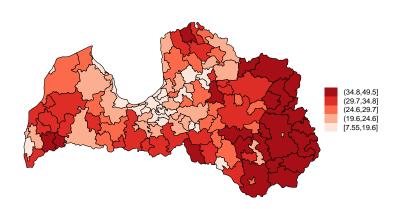
# Some of explanatory variables

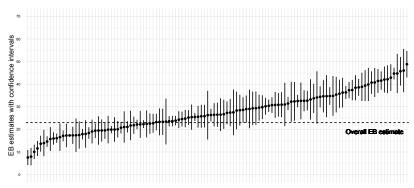
Age	SRS income (transformed)
Sex	SRS benefit (transformed)
Country of birth	SRS pension (transformed)
Have lived abroad	Economic activity status
Language used at home	Employment status
Legal marital status	House built year
Education Level	Indoor flushing toilet
Attends school	Heating type of dwelling
Nationality	Dwelling is rented
In which country is the main work	Dwellings living area

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Area (sorted by increasing EB estimate value)

#### **Conclusions**

- ▶ Work in progress since 2015
- ▶ The first SAE results are available
- Dissemination of the results:
  - Mapping of the results
  - Ranking of areas by SAE results