

Global financial crisis 2007 – 2009 and its social effects in Poland

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(THESIS ABSTRACT)

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The main purpose of this thesis is to examine what impact on Polish society has world financial crisis from 2007 – 2009. In the main part of dissertation you will find examination of household standard of living that is conducted in years 2006 – 2011. The period has been selected to contain 2 years before the crisis and 2 years after it. The examination was divided into two parts. In the first part only households from Poland are taken into consideration. In examination, you will find results concerning urban and rural households provided separately. Finally, standard of living measurement that will combine all results into one value will be provided. The results of this measurement will allow to verify how standard of living was changing during the crisis. The second stage of examination will try to verify Polish households situation in comparison to households standards from other European Union countries. In this case there will be no division to urban and rural households.

The results of this examination indicated that financial crisis did not decrease standard of living of Polish households. The households did not change consumers preferences. Moreover, households have decrease distance between them and households from the main European Union countries. Crisis only affected on speed growth of standard of living and decreased it.

Together with the main examination discussed in dissertation you also can find there information about all actions that have been taken by the main Polish institutions and government to prevent occurrence and impact of world crisis 2007 – 2009 in our country. In the thesis author has additionally tried to evaluate the effectiveness of those actions.