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# THE STATE OF SOCIAL RIGHTS IN CUBA

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## SOCIAL RIGHTS OBSERVATORY-CUBA

The Social Rights Observatory (ODS-CUBA) is an OCDH initiative that has been working since 2009 on the documentation, registration, and research of the violation of human rights in Cuba. The ODS-CUBA was created due to the need to have updated information on the situation of the Cuban population in terms of health, work, living, education, food, etc. which is verified and corroborated. To find this information, there is research and monitoring conducted and a systemic dissemination of information related to the state of social rights on the island.

### ACTIONS

#### QUARTERLY REPORTS

These will be developed by the ODS-CUBA team and its collaborators on the island. They will include studies of citizen perception towards the state and its support of social rights.

#### COMPLAINT DATABASE

This will contain verified complaints from Cuban citizens collected by the observer network.

#### DATA BANK

Reports and research from external sources (international organizations, academia) related to social rights in Cuba.

#### NEWS LIBRARY

A registry of news related to social rights in Cuba shared through various means of communication.

### THEMATIC AREAS

1 RIGHT TO A JOB AND A FAIR SALARY.

2 RIGHT TO SOCIAL PROTECTION (social security, work leave, unemployment, retirement, etc.).

3 RIGHT TO HOUSING.

4 RIGHT TO QUALITY FREE EDUCATION.

5 RIGHT TO HEALTH.

6 RIGHT TO A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT.

7 RIGHT TO FOOD AND FOOD SECURITY.

For their part, states have the obligation to take progressive steps with all of their available resources to support social rights. They have the following obligations:

**RESPECTING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS** (abstaining from violating them).

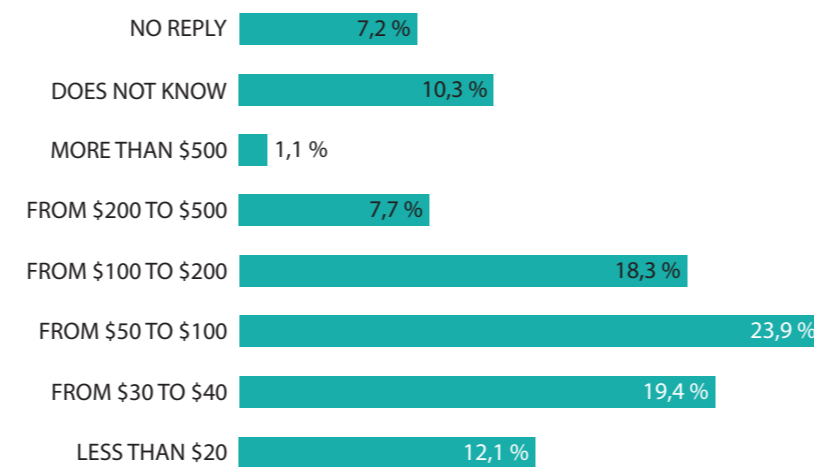
**PROTECTING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS** (preventing others from violating them).

**PROVIDING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS** (taking the measures necessary to make them effective such as approving legislation and including them in budgets and the administrative process).

**SEEK AND PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE SUPPORT OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS.**

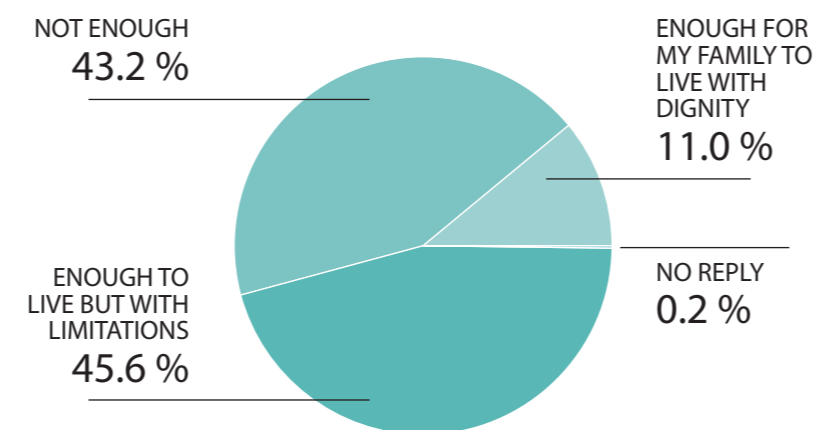
### INCOME BY HOME

Select the monthly income that your home receives



The study indicates that **55.4%** of the homes in Cuba receive less than 100 dollars a month. According to this data, more than half of the families in Cuba live under the poverty line. The minimum wage in Cuba is 16 dollars a month.

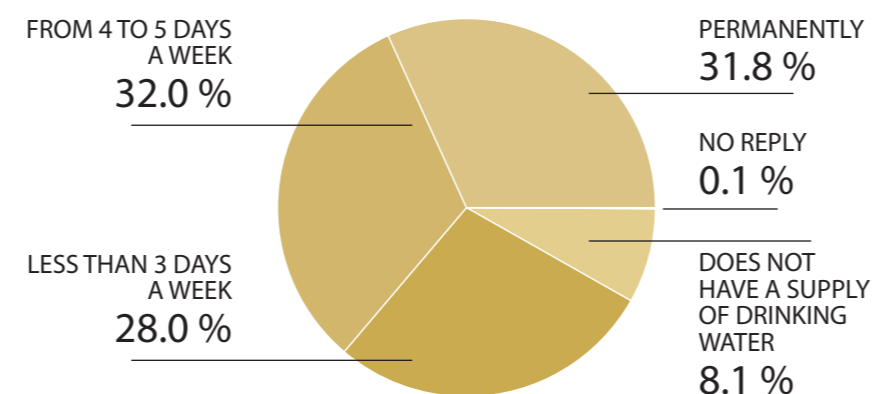
### YOU CONSIDER THAT THE INCOMES YOUR HOME CURRENTLY RECEIVE ARE...



Only **11%** of those surveyed consider that the income their family receives is enough to live with dignity.

### WATER SUPPLY

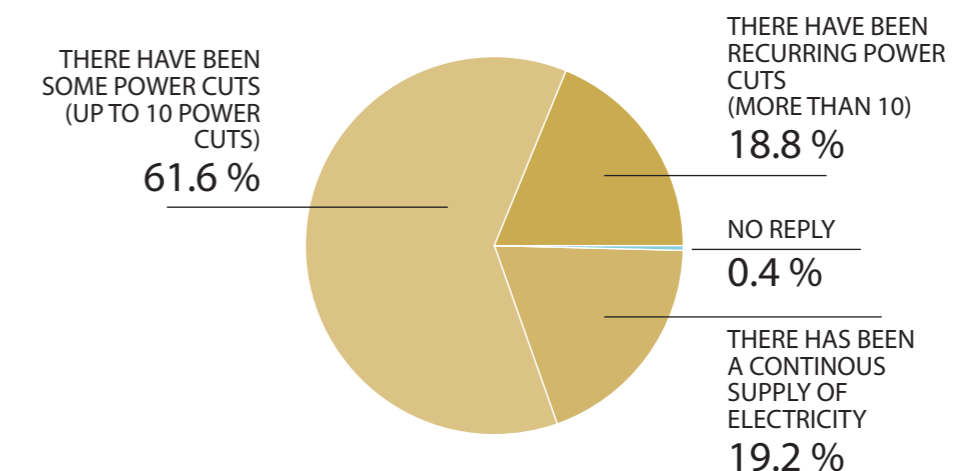
How much water supply do you receive at home?



Almost **70%** of Cubans do not have a permanent supply of water. 32 percent have water between four and five days a week and 28 percent have it less than three days a week. 8.1 percent do not have a supply of drinking water.

### ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

Regarding electricity supply in your home



**80%** of the population does not have a continuous supply of electricity. More than half of the population has registered up to 10 power cuts in the last months.

### NUTRITION

**1/3**

of the population eats two times or less a day. 22 percent state that their food is deficient in nutrients and 38.4 percent state that it is repetitive. The Cuban diet is based on rice, bread, and beans with meat and fish being the least consumed food items.

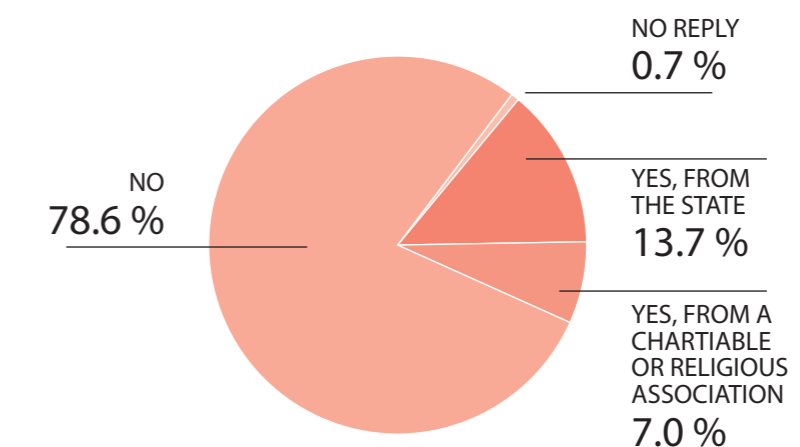
### HEALTH

**41.27%**

of the people that needed medicine could not get it and only 18.6 percent could find medicine in pharmacies run by the Cuban Health System.

### SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Do you receive any social assistance or support?



The majority of Cubans, around **78.6%** state that they do not receive any type of social assistance or support from the state.