**Food Security in Venezuela During Chavismo (1999–2017)**

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**Abstract**

Policies designed to achieve access, availability, [*nutritional adequacy*](https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/agricultural-and-biological-sciences/nutritional-adequacy) and self-sufficiency of Food Security in Venezuela, highlighting the period known as “El Chavismo” (1999–2017), are evaluated. After a brief description of previous[food policies](https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/agricultural-and-biological-sciences/food-policy), a triangulation of diverse data is articulated in order to compensate the instability of the measurements as well as a persistent and growing statistical opacity.

Food Security clearly increases from 1999 to 2012. From 2012 to 2017 all indicators strongly fail down. Macroeconomical factors, inciding into the *self-sufficiency* decrease, explain this fail, which is afterward deepened by the decrease of oil prices.

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