

Economic security of Ukraine in the regional dimension

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Research methodology. To generalize the essence of regional economic security, we used the methods of empirical and theoretical knowledge, and methods of system approach. For the analysis of the dynamics of the major indicators that describe the status of the economic security of the regions - the economic methods of the analysis of the dynamic series, methods of descriptive statistics were used. For a grouping of regions by the level of economic security a graphical method and the method of correlative analysis were used.

The results. The essence of regional dimension of economic security was analyzed and the main representative indicators that characterize the status of protection of regions from internal and external threats by 2000-2014 were assessed. The author proposed the methodology for the grouping of regions by the level of economic security.

Novelty. Methodological approaches to grouping regions by the level of economic security taking into account their development in 2000-2014 were suggested. The role of financial decentralization in strengthening the economic security of the regions was generalized and substantiated.

The practical significance. It lies primarily in using proposed method of evaluating the economic security at the regional level by the local authorities to group the regions of Ukraine for the level of economic security and developing the measures to strengthen it.