

# SDG indicator metadata

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## 0. Indicator information (SDG\_INDICATOR\_INFO)

### 0.a. Goal (SDG\_GOAL)

Goal 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development

### 0.b. Target (SDG\_TARGET)

Target 17.18: By 2020, enhance capacity-building support to developing countries, including for least developed countries and small island developing States, to increase significantly the availability of high-quality, timely and reliable data disaggregated by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts

### 0.c. Indicator (SDG\_INDICATOR)

Indicator 17.18.2: Number of countries that have national statistical legislation that complies with the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics

### 0.d. Series (SDG\_SERIES\_DESCR)

SG\_STT\_FPOS - Countries with national statistical legislation exists that complies with the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics (1 = YES; 0 = NO) [17.18.2]

### 0.e. Metadata update (META\_LAST\_UPDATE)

2024-12-20

### 0.f. Related indicators (SDG\_RELATED\_INDICATORS)

Not applicable

### 0.g. International organisations(s) responsible for global monitoring

(SDG\_CUSTODIAN\_AGENCIES)

Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21)

## 1. Data reporter (CONTACT)

### 1.a. Organisation (CONTACT\_ORGANISATION)

Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21)

## 2. Definition, concepts, and classifications (IND\_DEF\_CON\_CLASS)

### 2.a. Definition and concepts (STAT\_CONC\_DEF)

#### Definition:

The indicator refers to the number of countries that have national statistical legislation that complies with the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics. This refers to the number of countries that have a statistical legislation which respects the principles of United Nations Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics (UNFPOS).

#### Concepts:

National statistical legislation: The statistics law defines rules, regulation, measures with regard to the

organization, management, monitoring and inspection of the statistical activities in a systematic way, strength, effectiveness and efficiency to assure the full coverage, accuracy and consistency with facts in order to provide reference for policy direction, socio economic planning, and contribute to the country's development to achieve wealth, culture, well-being and equity.

#### UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics

The Fundamental Principles for Official Statistics adopted by the United Nations Statistical Commission, in its Special Session of 11-15 April 1994 are:

Principle 1. Official statistics provide an indispensable element in the information system of a society, serving the government, the economy and the public with data about the economic, demographic, social and environmental situation. To this end, official statistics that meet the test of practical utility are to be compiled and made available on an impartial basis by official statistical agencies to honour citizens' entitlement to public information.

Principle 2. To retain trust in official statistics, the statistical agencies need to decide according to strictly professional considerations, including scientific principles and professional ethics, on the methods and procedures for the collection, processing, storage and presentation of statistical data.

Principle 3. To facilitate a correct interpretation of the data, the statistical agencies are to present information according to scientific standards on the sources, methods and procedures of the statistics.

Principle 4. The statistical agencies are entitled to comment on erroneous interpretation and misuse of statistics.

Principle 5. Data for statistical purposes may be drawn from all types of sources, be they statistical surveys or administrative records. Statistical agencies are to choose the source with regard to quality, timeliness, costs and the burden on respondents.

Principle 6. Individual data collected by statistical agencies for statistical compilation, whether they refer to natural or legal persons, are to be strictly confidential and used exclusively for statistical purposes.

Principle 7. The laws, regulations and measures under which the statistical systems operate are to be made public.

Principle 8. Coordination among statistical agencies within countries is essential to achieve consistency and efficiency in the statistical system.

Principle 9. The use by statistical agencies in each country of international concepts, classifications and methods promotes the consistency and efficiency of statistical systems at all official levels.

Principle 10. Bilateral and multilateral cooperation in statistics contributes to the improvement of systems of official statistics in all countries.

#### 2.b. Unit of measure (UNIT\_MEASURE)

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Number

## 2.c. Classifications (CLASS\_SYSTEM)

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## 3. Data source type and data collection method (SRC\_TYPE\_COLL\_METHOD)

### 3.a. Data sources (SOURCE\_TYPE)

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Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21) SDG Survey (Send questionnaire(s) to country)

Obtain data directly from country database/website

Joint survey/compilation with national agency and international entity

Coverage: All countries

### 3.b. Data collection method (COLL\_METHOD)

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Online survey

### 3.c. Data collection calendar (FREQ\_COLL)

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First quarter of calendar year

### 3.d. Data release calendar (REL\_CAL\_POLICY)

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Second quarter of calendar year

### 3.e. Data providers (DATA\_SOURCE)

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National Statistics Offices (NSO) of countries

### 3.f. Data compilers (COMPILING\_ORG)

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Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21)

### 3.g. Institutional mandate (INST\_MANDATE)

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## 4. Other methodological considerations (OTHER\_METHOD)

### 4.a. Rationale (RATIONALE)

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A country's statistics law will be considered compliant with the UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics if the law has provisions relating to all ten Principles.

### 4.b. Comment and limitations (REC\_USE\_LIM)

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Not applicable

### 4.c. Method of computation (DATA\_COMP)

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Indicator 17.18.2 =  $\sum$  countries of which the law has provisions relating to all the ten Principles

#### 4.d. Validation (DATA\_VALIDATION)

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#### 4.e. Adjustments (ADJUSTMENT)

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Not applicable

#### 4.f. Treatment of missing values (i) at country level and (ii) at regional level (IMPUTATION)

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- **At country level**

No treatment of missing values at country level.

- **At regional and global levels**

No treatment of missing values at regional and global levels.

#### 4.g. Regional aggregations (REG\_AGG)

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No treatment of missing values at regional and global levels.

#### 4.h. Methods and guidance available to countries for the compilation of the data at the national level (DOC\_METHOD)

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- Methodology used for the compilation of data at national level

PARIS21 SDG Survey through online form.

- International recommendations and guidelines available to countries

PARIS21 pre-filled the survey for countries compliant with the European Statistics Code of Practice. The European Statistics Code of Practice is coherent with the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics. Therefore, compliance with the ESS Code of Practice equates with compliance with all 10 principles.

#### 4.i. Quality management (QUALITY\_MGMNT)

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#### 4.j Quality assurance (QUALITY\_ASSURE)

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- Practices and guidelines for quality assurance followed at the compiling agency.

Consultation with countries to check information available online.

- Consultation process with countries on the national data submitted to the SDGs Indicators Database.

Consultation through phone calls and emails.

#### 4.k Quality assessment (QUALITY\_ASSMNT)

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## 5. Data availability and disaggregation (COVERAGE)

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**Data availability:**

All countries and territories on the M49 list (<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/m49/>) with SDG focal points were surveyed. Data are available for 189 countries and territories in 2023.

**Time series:**

Available from 2019.

**Disaggregation:**

The indicator can be disaggregated by geographical area.

## 6. Comparability / deviation from international standards (COMPARABILITY)

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**Sources of discrepancies:**

Not applicable

## 7. References and Documentation (OTHER\_DOC)

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**URL:** <https://unstats.un.org/unsd/dnss/gp/FP-New-E.pdf>

**References:** The Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics