

## Statistics for the SDGs - global indicators



<b>Name of the indicator</b>	<b>5.3.1 Number of concluded marriages in which the woman on her wedding day was below 18 years</b>
<b>Sustainable Development Goal</b>	Goal 5. Gender equality
<b>Target</b>	5.3 Eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation
<b>Definition</b>	The number of concluded marriages in which the woman on her wedding day was 16 or 17 years of age.
<b>Unit</b>	persons
<b>Available dimensions</b>	total, age
<b>Methodological explanations</b>	<p>The provisions governing marriage in Poland were included in the Act of February 25, 1964 - <b>the Family and Guardianship Code</b> (Journal of Laws of 2012, item 788).</p> <p>A marriage is concluded when a man and woman, both present at the same time, make a declaration of marriage before the Head of a Public Registry Office. A marriage is also concluded when a man and woman entering into a marriage, subject to the internal regulations of a church or other denominational association, in the presence of a priest, at the same time state their will to get married subject to Polish law. The Head of the Public Registry Office will afterwards draw up a marriage certificate.</p> <p>According to art. 10 1 of the Family and Guardianship Code, marriage cannot be concluded by a person who <b>has not reached 18 years of age</b>. However, for important reasons, the Court of guardians may authorize the marriage a woman who is over sixteen, and of the circumstances appears that the marriage will be in accordance with the best interests of the established families.</p>
<b>Data source</b>	Statistics Poland
<b>Data availability</b>	Annual data since 2010
<b>Notes</b>	