

## Statistics for the SDGs - global indicators



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| <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>                        |   |

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