Statistics for the SDGs – indicators for national priorities

Name of the indicator	**3.2.a Number of physicians per 10 thous. population**
Sustainable Development Goal	Goal 3. Good health and well-being
Priority	Inequality reduction in access to healthcare
Definition	Number of physicians (employed persons in the main place of work) per 10 thousand population.
Unit	persons
Available dimentions	total
Methodological explanations	Pursuant to the Act of 5 December 1996 on the Profession of Doctor and Dentist (unified text Journal of Laws 2005 No 226, item 1943), a **doctor** is a person having required qualifications, confirmed with appropriate documents to perform the profession of a doctor, i.e. who provides health services, and in particular examines health state, diagnoses diseases and prevents them, leads treatment and rehabilitation of patients, provides consultations, as well as issues medical statements and opinions. Pursuant to Act of 5 December 1996 on the Profession of Doctor and Dentist, the profession of doctor can be practised according to various legal forms. Dentists are not included as doctors. **Employed persons in the main place of work** - persons working full-time, overtime as well as part-time in relation to work time defined in the obligatory regulations for a given type of work. These persons, regardless of working time are counted once, according to the primary workplace. Data concern working directly with a patient, i.e. excluding persons for whom the primary workplace is the National Health Fund, units of state or local self-government administration and higher education institutions. Data do not cover persons working in the Ministry of National Defence and the Ministry of Interior (until 2011, the Ministry of Interior and Administration).
Data source	Statistics Poland
Data availability	Annual data; since 2010
Notes	

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