

Name of the indicator	3.8.1 The number of consultations provided within the scope of out-patient health care per capita
Sustainable Development Goal	Goal 3. Good health and well-being
Target	3.8 Achieve universal health coverage, including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health-care services and access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all
Definition	The number of consultations provided within the scope of out-patient health care in a given year per capita.
Unit	units
Available dimensions	total
Methodological explanations	<p>Consultation provided – service provided in out-patient conditions including services provided at patient's home by doctor, dentist or psychiatrist.</p> <p>Out-patient health care consist in providing healthcare services to persons who do not require treatment in 24 hour or daytime regime. Guaranteed benefits within the scope of specialized out-patient health care are carried out in specialized clinics in cases resulting from patient's health condition (also at patient's home) by a doctor with appropriate qualifications or by other person entitled to provide specialized healthcare services.</p> <p>Guaranteed benefits concern diagnostic and medical activities (including examination of collected biological material) in the scope necessary to provide a benefit in accordance with state of the art medical knowledge.</p> <p>Guaranteed benefits are provided in case of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • specialized consultations, • diagnostic examinations, • out-patient treatment procedures, • services in chemotherapy, • other out-patient services. <p>Patient, in the scope necessary to deliver a guaranteed benefit, is provided free of charge with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • diagnostic examinations, • medicines and medical products. <p>Out-patient specialized health care services are provided on the basis of referral from health insurance doctor. Referral is not required in case of services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • of a gynaecologist and an obstetrician • of a dentist • of a venerologist • of an oncologist • of a psychiatrist • for persons sick with tuberculosis • for persons infected with HIV • for disabled war and military veterans, repressed persons and combatants • for civilian, blind victims of war

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for persons addicted to alcohol, intoxicants and psychotropic substances, within the scope of antiaddiction treatment • for authorised soldiers or workers, within the scope of treatment of injuries or illness affected during executing their tasks outside the borders of the state.
Source of data	Statistics Poland
Data availability	Annual data; Since 2010.
Notes	<p>Proxy indicator, available within the Polish public statistics.</p> <p>An original indicator, adopted by the UN for monitoring target 3.8 of the 2030 Agenda is 3.8.1 Coverage of essential health services (defined as the average coverage of essential services based on tracer interventions that include reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health, infectious diseases, noncommunicable diseases and service capacity and access, among the general and the most disadvantaged population)</p>