SDG indicator metadata

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0. Indicator information

0.a. Goal

Goal 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

0.b. Target

Target 9.2: Promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and, by 2030, significantly raise industry's share of employment and gross domestic product, in line with national circumstances, and double its share in least developed countries

0.c. Indicator

Indicator 9.2.1: Manufacturing value added as a proportion of GDP and per capita

0.d. Series

Manufacturing value added as a proportion of GDP (in constant 2015 USD)

Manufacturing value added as a proportion of GDP (in current USD)

Manufacturing value added per capita

0.e. Metadata update

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0.f. Related indicators

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

United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

1. Data reporter

1.a. Organisation

United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

2. Definition, concepts, and classifications

2.a. Definition and concepts

Definitions:

Manufacturing value added (MVA) as a proportion of gross domestic product (GDP) is a ratio between MVA and GDP, both reported in constant 2015 USD.

MVA per capita is calculated by dividing MVA in constant 2015 USD by population of a country or area.

Concepts:

The gross value added measures the contribution to the economy of each individual producer, industry or sector in a country. The gross value added generated by any unit engaged in production activity can be calculated as the residual of the units’ total output less intermediate consumption, goods and services used up in the process of producing the output, or as the sum of the factor incomes generated by the production process (System of National Accounts 2008). Manufacturing refers to industries belonging to the sector C defined by International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) Revision 4, or D defined by ISIC Revision 3.

GDP represents the sum of gross value added from all institutional units resident in the economy. For the purpose on comparability over time and across countries MVA and GDP are estimated in terms of constant prices in USD. The current series are given at constant prices of 2015.

2.b. Unit of measure

MVA as a proportion of GDP is measure in percentages, MVA per capita in constant 2015 USD.

2.c. Classifications

[System of National Accounts 2008](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/nationalaccount/docs/SNA2008.pdf)

[International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC) Revision 4](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/publication/seriesm/seriesm_4rev4e.pdf)

[International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC) Revision 3](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/publication/seriesm/seriesm_4rev3_1e.pdf)

3. Data source type and data collection method

3.a. Data sources

UNIDO maintains the MVA database. Figures for updates are obtained from national account estimates produced by UN Statistics Division (UNSD) and from official publications.

3.b. Data collection method

The MVA and GDP country data are collected through a national accounts questionnaire (NAQ) sent by UNSD. More information on the methodology is available on

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/snaama/methodology.pdf>.

Missing or inconsistent values are verified with national sources and World Development Indicators (WDI). The preference is given to the data from national sources.

Population data are obtained from UN DESA Population Division. More information on the methodology is available on

<https://population.un.org/wpp/Publications/Files/WPP2019_Methodology.pdf>.

3.c. Data collection calendar

Data collection is carried out by receiving data electronically throughout the year.

3.d. Data release calendar

UNIDO MVA database is updated between March and April every year.

3.e. Data providers

United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and official publications

UNSD from national statistical offices (NSOs)

3.f. Data compilers

United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

3.g. Institutional mandate

UNIDO, as the specialized UN agency on industrial development, has the international mandate for collecting, producing and disseminating internationally comparable industrial statistics. UNIDO’s mandate covers (i) the maintenance and updating of international industrial statistics databases; (ii) methodological and analytical products based on statistical research and experience of maintaining internationally comparable statistics; (iii) contributions to the development and implementation of international statistical standards and methodology; and (iv) technical cooperation services to countries in the field of industrial statistics. With the repositioning of UNIDO as the focal agency for inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID), its statistical mandate was expanded to cover all dimensions of industrial development, including its inclusiveness and environmental sustainability.

4. Other methodological considerations

4.a. Rationale

MVA is a well-recognized and widely used indicator by researchers and policy makers to assess the level of industrialization of a country. The share of MVA in GDP reflects the role of manufacturing in the economy and a country’s national development in general. MVA per capita is the basic indicator of a country’s level of industrialization adjusted for the size of the economy. One of the statistical uses of MVA per capita is classifying country groups according to the stage of industrial development.

4.b. Comment and limitations

Differences may appear due to different versions of System of National Accounts (SNA) or ISIC revisions used by countries.

4.c. Method of computation

4.d. Validation

UNIDO engages with countries in regular consultations during the data collection process to ensure the data quality and international comparability.

4.e. Adjustments

UNSD collects national accounts data through a regular consultation with countries and areas by sending the UN NAQ to obtain important information about differences in concept, scope, coverage and classification used. The final estimates are provided to facilitate international comparability. More detailed information on estimation methods is available here:

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/snaama/assets/pdf/methodology.pdf>

The MVA data are nowcasted by UNIDO to enhance a timely analysis of manufacturing trends.

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

• At country level

[Methodology for the National Accounts Main Aggregates Database](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/snaama/assets/pdf/methodology.pdf)

Boudt, Todorov, Upadhyaya (2009): Nowcasting manufacturing value added for cross-country comparison; Statistical Journal of IAOS

• At regional and global levels

No imputation used.

4.g. Regional aggregations

Regional, global aggregation of direct summation of country values within the country groups.

4.h. Methods and guidance available to countries for the compilation of the data at the national level

International Recommendations for Industrial Statistics (IRIS) 2008

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/publication/seriesM/seriesm_90e.pdf>

System of National Accounts 2008

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/publication/seriesf/SeriesF_2Rev5e.pdf>

International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC)

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/classifications/Econ/isic>

4.i. Quality management

4.j Quality assurance

The UNIDO quality assurance framework is followed to check data quality and consistency before the data dissemination.

UNIDO (2009), UNIDO Data Quality: A quality assurance framework for UNIDO statistical activities <https://open.unido.org/api/documents/4814740/download/UNIDO-Publication-2009-4814740>

4.k Quality assessment

5. Data availability and disaggregation

Data availability:

For more than 200 economies

Time series:

Data for this indicator are available as of 2000 in the UN Global SDG Database, but longer time series are available in the UNIDO MVA database.

Disaggregation:

No disaggregation available.

6. Comparability / deviation from international standards

Sources of discrepancies: Minor differences may arise due to 1) exchange rates for conversion to USD 2) different base years used for constant price data 3) methods for recent period estimation and 4) different versions of SNA and ISIC revisions used by countries.

7. References and Documentation

**URL:**

[www.unido.org/statistics](http://www.unido.org/statistics)

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/snaama/methodology.pdf>  
<https://esa.un.org/unpd/wpp/Publications/Files/WPP2015_Methodology.pdf>

**References:**

International Recommendations for Industrial Statistics 2008

International Yearbook of Industrial Statistics; UNIDO

International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities 2008

System of National Accounts 2008