

SDG Goal 16

Peace, justice and strong institutions

SDG Target 16.5

Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms

SDG Indicator 16.5.2

Proportion of businesses that had at least one contact with a public official and that paid a bribe to a public official, or were asked for a bribe by those public officials during the previous 12 months

Time series

Businesses who had the impression that public officials are corruptible during their interactions with public agencies in the previous two years

1. General information on the time series

- Date of national metadata: 01 September 2021
- National data: <http://sdg-indikatoren.de/en/16-5-2/>
- Definition: The time series measures the share of business, which had the impression that public officials are corruptible during their interactions with public agencies in the previous two years. The time series measures the share of business responses to the Life Situation Survey that agree with the following statement regarding their interaction with a government agency during the last two years "I have the impression that enterprises in my line of business have bribed personnel of the [government agency]."
"The given rating scale ranges from fully agree, rather agree, partly agree, rather disagree to fully disagree.
- Disaggregation: Not available.

2. Comparison with global metadata

- Date of global metadata: July 2017
- Global metadata: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/files/Metadata-16-05-02.pdf>
- The time series is not compliant with the global metadata, but provides additional information. It is based on the impression of persons that enterprises in their line of business have bribed public officials rather than if they actually paid a bribe or were asked for one. It furthermore covers the last two years instead of one.

3. Data description

- Data are derived from the Life Situation Survey which is commissioned by the Federal Government and carried out by the Federal Statistical Office. In 2017 around 6,000 citizens and more than 2,000 business were interviewed.
The 2017 survey includes data on more government agencies than the 2015 survey.

4. Accessibility of source data

- The time series is based on special evaluation of the Life Situation Survey. General information on the Life Situation Survey (only available in German):
https://www.amtlich-einfach.de/DE/Ergebnisse/Wirtschaft/Ergebnisse_node.html

5. Metadata on source data

- General information on the Life Situation Survey (only available in German):
https://www.amtlich-einfach.de/DE/Hintergrund/Zufriedenheitsbefragung/Zufriedenheitsbefragung_node.html

6. Timeliness and frequency

- Timeliness: t + 1 year
- Frequency: Every 2 years

7. Calculation method

- Unit of measurement: %
- Calculation method:

$$\text{Impression that public officials are corruptible} = \frac{\text{Respondents that fully agree, rather agree and partly agree to the statement [number]}}{\text{All respondents [number]}} \cdot 100 [\%]$$