

SDG Goal 16

Peace, justice and strong institutions

SDG Target 16.5

Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms

SDG Indicator 16.5.1

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

Time series

Population 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: 31 March 2022
- National data: <http://sdg-indikatoren.de/en/16-5-1/>
- Definition: The time series measures the share of population who 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 respondents of the Life Situation Survey that agree with the following statement regarding their interaction with a government agency during the last two years “In the context of my request I had the impression that the personnel of the [government agency] are corruptible.”
The given rating scale ranges from fully agree, rather agree, partly agree, rather disagree to fully disagree.
- Disaggregation: sex

2. Comparison with global metadata

- Date of global metadata: July 2016
- Global metadata: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/files/Metadata-16-05-01.pdf>
- The time series is not compliant with the global metadata, but provides additional information. It is based on the impression of persons that public officials are corruptible 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

- The data is based on a special evaluation from the Life Situation Survey, which is commissioned by the Federal Government and carried out by the Federal Statistical Office. In 2021 around 6,000 citizens and more than 2,700 business were interviewed.
Data is only available from 2015 onwards.

4. Accessibility of source data

- Not available.

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: C
- Frequency: Every 2 years

7. Calculation method

- Unit of measurement: Percentage
- Calculation method:

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

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Time series	Private persons (donors) suspected in the context of corruption offences

1. General information on the time series

- Date of national metadata: 31 March 2022
- National data: <http://sdg-indikatoren.de/en/16-5-1/>
- Definition: The time series measures the number of private persons suspected in the context of corruption offences as donors that is to say providers of a bribe.
- Disaggregation: Not available.

2. Comparison with global metadata

- Date of global metadata: July 2016
- Global metadata: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/files/Metadata-16-05-01.pdf>
- The time series is not compliant with the global metadata, but provides additional information. It enumerates the number of private persons suspected as donors in the context of corruption offences.

3. Data description

- The data is derived from the “Federal Situation Survey Corruption”, which is a statistic of the Germany's Federal Criminal Police Office on corruption. The data is based on the criminal investigation offices of the Länder.
The differentiation of private persons as donors is available till 2015.

4. Accessibility of source data

- Federal Situation Report on Corruption (only available in German):
https://www.bka.de/DE/AktuelleInformationen/StatistikenLagebilder/Lagebilder/Korruption/korruption_node.html

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6. Timeliness and frequency

- Timeliness: t + 9 months
- Frequency: Annual

7. Calculation method

- Unit of measurement: Number
- Calculation method:

Not applicable.