

SDG Goal 10

Reduced inequalities

SDG Target 10.c

By 2030, reduce to less than 3 per cent the transaction costs of migrant remittances and eliminate remittance corridors with costs higher than 5 per cent

SDG Indicator 10.c.1

Remittance costs as a proportion of the amount remitted

Time series

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1. General information on the time series

- Date of national metadata: 2 August 2023
- National data: <http://sdg-indicators.de/10-c-1/>
- Definition: The time series measures the average cost of transferring an amount equivalent to US\$ 200 abroad.
- Disaggregation: Not available.

2. Comparability with the UN metadata

- Date of UN metadata: March 2022
- UN metadata: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/files/Metadata-10-0C-01.pdf>
- The time series is compliant with the UN metadata.

3. Data description

- The data is derived from the Remittance Prices Worldwide database, funded by the World Bank. The database contains the average remittance costs for a total of 367 "country corridors". These comprise 48 remittance source countries and 105 remittance recipient countries. For the corridors in which Germany is the source country, 24 recipient countries are considered. Firms Data is collected for the major service providers in each corridor, including both the primary Money Transfer Operator (MTO) and Banks active in the market, as well as the Post Office when available. Surveyed firms are selected aiming to provide a representative sample of the market in each corridor. Companies surveyed within each corridor are selected to cover the maximum remittance market share possible, aiming at a minimum aggregated market share of 80 percent.

International remittances of relatively small amounts of money are often sent by migrant workers working in Germany, who remit part of their earnings to their home countries. According to World Bank estimates, remittances worldwide totaled \$575 billion in 2016, of which \$429 billion went to developing countries, affecting about 232 million migrants.

4. Access to data source

- Remittance Prices Worldwide:
<https://remittanceprices.worldbank.org/resources>

5. Metadata on source data

- Remittance Prices Worldwide - Methodology:
<https://remittanceprices.worldbank.org/methodology>

6. Timeliness and frequency

- Timeliness: t + 3 months
- Frequency: Quarterly

7. Calculation method

- Unit of measurement: Percentage
- Calculation:

$$\text{Remittance costs} = \frac{\sum_i \frac{\text{Cost of transferring 200 US dollars from Germany to } i \text{ at financial institution } j \text{ [USD]}}{200 \text{ [USD]}} \cdot 100 \text{ [\%]}}{\frac{\text{Number of considered financial institutions}}{\text{Number of considered country corridors}}}$$