

SDG Goal 16	Peace, justice and strong institutions
SDG Target 16.2	End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children
SDG Indicator 16.2.1	Proportion of children aged 1–17 years who experienced any physical punishment and/ or psychological aggression by caregivers in the past month
Time series	Children at acute risk of harm with signs of abuse

1. General information on the time series

- Date of national metadata: 30 September 2021
- National data: <http://sdg-indikatoren.de/en/16-2-1/>
- Definition: The time series is defined as the proportion of children aged 1 to under 18 years, relative to the average population of the same age, who were at acute risk of harm with signs of abuse in the previous 12 months.
- Disaggregation: sex; form of abuse

2. Comparison with global metadata

- Date of global metadata: March 2021
- Global metadata: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/files/Metadata-16-02-01.pdf>
- The time series is not compliant with the global metadata, but provides additional information. It measures the number of interventions due to acute physical and/or psychological abuse against children in the previous 12 months and not in the past month, as defined in the global metadata. The time series also does not explicitly capture if the violator was the caregiver.

3. Data description

- Data on children at acute risk of harm with signs of abuse are derived from the statistics of child and youth welfare conducted by the Federal Statistical Office. The statistics gather data from the youth welfare offices about the incidences of acute risk of harm of the child (complete survey). Acute risk of harm of a child is defined in § 8a passage 1, Code of Social Law VIII. It is the case when the situation for a child/adolescent is such that a considerable damage of the physical or psychological health of the individual has occurred or is to be expected to happen with a high certainty and the caregiver does not or cannot prevent this damage to happen. The assessment is done in cooperation by employees of the youth welfare offices in situ with qualified experts. The statistics include all cases of acute risk of harm reported in the country and distinguishes between neglect, physical, psychological and/or sexual abuse. For the time series it is possible to focus on physical and/or psychological abuse. Data are available for 1-year-age-groups up to 18.

Data on population are the results of the latest population census (currently: 2011 Census) rolled forward in a breakdown by sex, age, marital status and citizenship, using both statistics of population change (migration, births, deaths, entering into marriages or registered same-sex partnerships) and information on changes in citizenship and the dissolution of marriages or registered same-sex partnerships.

4. Accessibility of source data

- Public children and youth welfare:

https://www.destatis.de/EN/Themes/Society-Environment/Social-Statistics/Public-Children-Youth-Welfare/_node.html

- Hazard assessment of the child's welfare:

https://www.gbe-bund.de/gbe/abrechnung.prc_abr_test_logon?p_uid=gasta&p_aid=0&p_sprache=E&p_knoten=NE3211

- Average population: sex, age – GENESIS online 12411-0041:

<https://www-genesis.destatis.de/genesis//online?operation=table&code=12411-0041&bypass=true&language=en>

5. Metadata on source data

- Quality Report - Statistics on the Protection Mandate in the Event of a Risk to the Well-being of a Child (only available in German):

<https://www.destatis.de/DE/Methoden/Qualitaet/Qualitaetsberichte/Soziales/schutzauftrag-kindeswohlgefaehrderung.pdf>

6. Timeliness and frequency

- Timeliness: t + 10 months
- Frequency: Annual

7. Calculation method

- Unit of measurement: %
- Calculation method:

$$\text{Children at acute risk of harm with signs of abuse} = \frac{\text{Children (1-17 years old) at acute risk of harm}_i [\text{number}]}{\text{Population (1-17 years old) } [\text{number}]} \cdot 100,000$$

$i \in \{\text{physical abuse; psychological abuse; physical or psychological abuse}\}$