

SDG Goal 5

Gender equality

SDG Target 5.3

Eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation

SDG Indicator 5.3.1

Proportion of women aged 20-24 years who were married or in a union before age 15 and before age 18

Time series

Married girls

1. General information on the time series

- Date of national metadata: 16 June 2021
- National data: <http://sdg-indikatoren.de/en/5-3-1/>
- Definition: The time series show the present number and/or proportion of married girls under the age of 15 or 18 years on December 31 of the year, respectively.
With the law on combating child marriage of July 17, 2017, the age of marriage was set at 18 years. Since then, marriages have only been possible if both persons willing to marry are of legal age (18 years). According to the law, marriages are automatically invalid if one of the spouses had not yet reached the age of 16 at the time of the marriage. A marriage between the ages of 16 and 18 can be annulled by a court decision (except in particular cases of hardship). These principles also apply if the marriages were under foreign law.
- Disaggregation: age group; sex

2. Comparison with global metadata

- Date of global metadata: February 2021
- Global metadata: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/files/Metadata-05-03-01.pdf>
- The time series is not compliant with the global metadata, but provides additional information. It measures married girls under the age of 15 or 18 years instead of the women aged 20 to 24 years who were married before the age of 15 or 18 years. In addition, girls who live in informal unions are not included.

3. Data description

- The data on married girls are taken from the intercensal population updates of the Federal Statistical Office. The annual data reflect the population as at 31 December each year and provide a breakdown by sex, citizenship, age, marital status and, as an annual average, by age and year of birth.

4. Accessibility of source data

- Intercensal population updates – GENESIS online 12411-0008:
<https://www-genesis.destatis.de/genesis//online?operation=table&code=12411-0008&bypass=true&language=en>

5. Metadata on source data

- Intercensal population updates:
<https://www.destatis.de/EN/Methods/Quality/QualityReports/Population/intercensal-population.htm>

6. Timeliness and frequency

- Timeliness: t + 9 months
- Frequency: Annual

7. Calculation method

- Unit of measurement: Number; %
- Calculation method:

$$\text{Married girls}_i = \frac{\text{Married girls}_i [\text{number}]}{\text{Female population}_i [\text{number}]} \cdot 100 [\%]$$

i = 0 to 14 years; 0 to 17 years