

SDG Goal 16

Peace, justice and strong institutions

SDG Target 16.9

By 2030, provide legal identity for all, including birth registration

SDG Indicator 16.9.1

Proportion of children under 5 years of age whose births have been registered with a civil authority, by age

Time series

Children under 5 years of age whose births have been registered with a civil authority

1. General information on the time series

- Date of national metadata: 21 October 2021
- National data: <http://sdg-indikatoren.de/en/16-9-1/>
- Definition: Proportion of children under 5 years of age whose births have been registered with a civil authority.
- Disaggregation: age group

2. Comparison with global metadata

- Date of global metadata: March 2021
- Global metadata: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/files/Metadata-16-09-01.pdf>
- The time series is compliant with the global metadata.

3. Data description

- Registering children at birth is the first step in securing their recognition before the law, safeguarding their rights, and ensuring that any violation of these rights does not go unnoticed. Children without official identification documents may be denied health care or education. Later in life, the lack of such documentation can mean that a child may enter into marriage or the labour market, or be conscripted into the armed forces, before the legal age. In adulthood, birth certificates may be required to obtain social assistance or a job in the formal sector, to buy or prove the right to inherit property, to vote and to obtain a passport. Children's right to a name and nationality is enshrined in the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) under Article 7.

4. Accessibility of source data

- Civil Status Act (PStG) as amended (only available in German):
<https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/pstg/>

5. Metadata on source data

- Quality Report - Microcensus 2020 (only available in German):
<https://www.destatis.de/DE/Methoden/Qualitaet/Qualitaetsberichte/Bevoelkerung/mikrozensus-2020.pdf>

6. Timeliness and frequency

- Timeliness: Not applicable.
- Frequency: Annual

7. Calculation method

- Unit of measurement: Percentage
- Calculation method:

$$\text{Birth registration} = \frac{\text{Registered births}_i[\text{number}]}{\text{Births}_i[\text{number}]} \cdot 100 [\%]$$

i = 0 – 4 years