# Target 8.2: Diversify, innovate, and upgrade for economic productivity

UN definition: Achieve higher levels of economic productivity through diversification, technological upgrading and innovation, including through a focus on high value added and labor-intensive sectors.

SDG INDICATOR 8.2.1

GDP per capita growth rate per employed person

Definition: Indicator 8.2.1 is annual growth rate of real GDP per employed person.

This is measured as the annual change in real gross domestic product (GDP) per employed person. It provides an overall measure of the change in productivity of a country's labor force and use of resources.

Goal: Achieve higher levels of economic productivity through diversification, technological upgrading and innovation, including through a focus on high-value added and labor-intensive sectors by 2030.

More research: Further data and research on this topic can be found at the Our World in Data entry on Economic Growth.

Additional charts:

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita

Growth rate of real GDP per employed person, 2019

Annual change in real gross domestic product (GDP) per employed person. Real

GDP is adjusted for price changes and inflation.

Sources

8.2.1 - ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF REAL GDP PER EMPLOYED PERSON (%) - SL\_EMP\_PCAP

Variable time span 2000 – 2019

Data published by United Nations Statistics Division

Data publisher's source International Labor Organization (ILO)

Link https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/indicators/database/

Variable description: Annual growth rate of real GDP per employed person (%)

Variable code: SL\_EMP\_PCAP

Metadata available at: https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/files/Metadata-08-02-01.pdf

Detailed sources: ILO modelled estimates, November 2020, available in ILOSTAT (https://ilostat.ilo.org/). For the specific sources by country and the estimation methodology refer to ILOSTAT directly.