

Population without an ID by reason

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Description

Definition

The percentage of adult respondents without an ID who report the reasons why they do not own an ID. The following options are available: i) Have another form of identification issued by the government, ii) don't need an ID for any purpose, iii) it is too expensive, iv) don't have the necessary documents, v) need to travel too far to apply, vi) do not feel comfortable giving your personal information. If the minimum age for obtaining an ID is above 15, observations below the minimum age are excluded.

Development relevance

An official proof of identity is essential for participation in economic, social, and political life and for the fulfillment of rights. Without an ID, people can find it difficult or impossible to access social assistance,

healthcare, education, open a bank account, activate a SIM card, or participate in the digital economies. Countries with (large) gaps in ID ownership will also face added challenges in effectively designing and delivering public services. Providing “legal identity to all, including birth registration” is a target (16.9) under the Sustainable Development Goals.

Measurement unit

Percentage of respondents in the same subgroup

Dimensions

Label	Description
Geographic area	Country/economy, Region
Driver	

Periodicity

Triennial

Quality

Limitations

In some economies, surveys may not have been able to reach certain areas due to remoteness or conflict. However, in most cases, the samples are nationally representative and weighted against select demographics.

Concepts and methods

Methodology

Values calculated based on surveys conducted on representative samples of the non-institutionalized civilian population over age 15 that are eligible for the countries foundational IDs. Data points reflect weighted averages. The data is collected in collaboration between the ID4D Initiative and Global Findex, and carried out by Gallup, Inc., as part of its Gallup World Poll. The survey asks respondents whether they personally own the economy’s foundational or online digital ID (if available), using the actual term in the local language. Identification systems are primarily created to manage identity information for the general population and provide credentials that serve as proof of identity for a wide variety of public and private sector transactions and services. For additional details on the survey methodology, see <https://thedocs.worldbank.org/en/doc/f3ee545aac6879c27f8acb61abc4b6f8-0050062022/original/Findex-2021-Methodology.pdf>.

Geographic and time coverage

Time coverage

Start	End
2024	2024

Economies

Name	Code
Jordan	JOR
Lao PDR	LAO
Lesotho	LSO

Malawi	MWI
Mali	MLI
Mozambique	MOZ
Nepal	NPL
Niger	NER
Nigeria	NGA
Philippines	PHL
Senegal	SEN
Sierra Leone	SLE
South Africa	ZAF
Tajikistan	TJK
Bangladesh	BGD
Benin	BEN
Cameroon	CMR
Comoros	COM
Congo, Dem. Rep.	COD
Congo, Rep.	COG
Cote d'Ivoire	CIV
Eswatini	SWZ
Gabon	GAB
Gambia, The	GMB
Ghana	GHA
Guinea	GIN
Tanzania	TZA
Togo	TGO
Uganda	UGA
Zambia	ZMB

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