Statistics for the SDGs – global indicators

Name of the indicator	**16.3.2 The share of pretrial detainees in the total number of persons in prisons and remand prisons**
Sustainable Development Goal	'Goal 16. Peace, justice and strong institutions'
Target	16.3 Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all
Definition	The share of pretrial detainees in the total number of persons in prisons and remand prisons.
Unit	percent [%]
Available dimensions	total
Methodological explanations	**Temporary arrest** is the only **custodial preventive measure**. **Preventive measures** are used to safeguard the correct course of conduct, and exceptionally also to prevent a new serious crime from being committed by the accused. They can only be used if the evidence gathered indicates a high probability that the defendant committed a crime. Apart from temporary arrest, the remaining preventive measures are non-custodial and include: guarantee, supervision, suspend in official or occupation, ban from leaving the country and stop driving licence. **Temporary arrest** can only be made by a court order and is a final measure only if another preventive measure is insufficient. **Temporary arrest** is carried out in remand prisons. **Remand prisons** may be created as independent remand prisons or as **separate prisons.** Detention centers are subject to the Minister of Justice.
Data source	Statistics Poland / Ministry of Justice
Data availability	Annual data; since 2010.
Notes	The presented indicator (16.3.2 The share of pretrial detainees in the total number of persons in prisons and remand prisons) is a proxy indicator to the one adopted in the official list of indicators of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The replacement of the original indicator (16.3.2 Unsentenced detainees as a proportion of overall prison population) is due to the inability to obtain data for it. The proxy indicator has been selected so as to most fully reflect the essence of the observed phenomenon.
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