

Statistics for the SDGs - global indicators



Name of the indicator	12.5.1 National recycling rate
Sustainable Development Goal	Goal 12. Responsible consumption and production
Target	12.5 By 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse
Definition	The indicator specifies the ratio of the amount of waste recycled to total amount of launched into the market packaging waste.
Unit	percent [%]
Available dimensions	total
Methodological explanations	<p>Obligation of recovery and recycling of packaging waste by entrepreneurs is defined in the Act of 13 June 2013 on packaging management and packaging waste (Journal of Laws of 2013, item 888). The obligation of recovery, in particular, recycling, can be implemented by the entrepreneur himself or through a recovery organization, which will take over from the entrepreneur obligations associated with recovery. Basic information used to calculate the required and achieved level of recovery, i.e. the mass and number of packaging placed on the market, is determined according to records kept by the entrepreneur.</p> <p>Packaging waste include all packaging, of which multiple use packaging withdrawn from reuse, constituting waste as defined in laws on waste, excluding waste generated in the process of packaging production.</p> <p>Recycling means any recovery operation by which waste materials are reprocessed into products, materials or substances whether for the original or other purposes. It includes the reprocessing of organic material but does not include energy recovery and the reprocessing into materials that are to be used as fuels or for backfilling operations.</p>
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Notes	
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