

## Statistics for the SDGs - indicators for national priorities



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| <b>Name of the indicator</b>        | <b>3.2.b Number of nurses and midwives per 10 thous. population</b>  |
| <b>Sustainable Development Goal</b> | Goal 3. Good health and well-being   |
| <b>Priority</b>                     | Inequality reduction in access to healthcare   |
| <b>Definition</b>                   | Number of nurses and midwives (working directly with a patient) per 10 thous. population.  |
| <b>Unit</b>                         | persons  |
| <b>Available dimensions</b>         | total  |
| <b>Methodological explanations</b>  | <p>A <b>nurse</b> - a person who has required qualifications, confirmed by appropriate documents, to perform the profession of a nurse, which consists of providing health services (in particular as regards nursing, preventive, diagnostic, medical, rehabilitative and health promotion services. (Act of 5 July 1996 on the Profession of Nurses and Midwives - consolidated text: Journal of Laws of 2009, No. 151, item 1217, with subsequent amendments).</p> <p>A <b>midwife</b> - a person who has required qualifications, confirmed by appropriate documents, to perform the profession of a midwife, which consists of providing health services (in particular as regards nursing, preventive, diagnostic, medical, rehabilitative and health promotion services, connected with care over a woman, a pregnant woman, a childbearing woman, a woman lying-in as well as over an infant). (Act of 5 July 1996 on the Profession of Nurses and Midwives. Original text : Journal of Laws 1996 No 91, item 410 consolidated text: Journal of Laws of 2001, No. 57, item 602, with later amendments).</p> <p><b>Persons working directly with a patient</b> - persons indicated as working in at least one of the sources: Register of Entities Performing Medical Activity, list of entities having a contract with National Health Fund, entities from the Statistical Units Base, operating according to the Polish Classification of Activity in Section Q Health and social work or active practice (individual or group).</p> <p><b>The following criteria are used in determining the main place of work for people working with a patient:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• if a person works in one place, this is their main place of work;</li> <li>• if a person works in more than one workplace, the main workplace is considered to be the one where the working time is the greatest;</li> <li>• another criterion for choosing the main place of work was: the basis for assessing the pension insurance contribution, and if it is impossible to use it - the basis for assessing the health insurance contribution;</li> <li>• if the above, successively applied criteria do not allow for an unambiguous choice, the main place of work is considered to be the one where the person working in the profession of a doctor or dentist or nurse or midwife is employed under an employment contract (i.e. where the first four the digits of the insurance title code are 01 10);</li> <li>• in other cases, the main place of work is determined randomly.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Data source</b>                  | Statistics Poland  |
| <b>Data availability</b>            | Annual data; since 2019  |
| <b>Notes</b>                        |  |

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