

SDG Goal 16	Peace, justice and strong institutions
SDG Target 16.9	By 2030, provide legal identity for all, including birth registration
SDG Indicator 16.9.1	Proportion of children under 5 years of age whose births have been registered with a civil authority, by age
Time series	Children under 5 years of age whose births have been registered with a civil authority

1. General information on the time series

- Date of national metadata: 12 June 2023
- National data: <http://sdg-indicators.de/16-9-1/>
- Definition: The time series measures the proportion of children under 5 years of age whose births have been registered with a civil authority.
- Disaggregation: age group

2. Comparability with the UN metadata

- Date of UN metadata: March 2025
- UN metadata: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/files/Metadata-16-09-01.pdf>
- The time series is compliant with the UN metadata.

3. Data description

- Registering children at birth is the first step in securing their recognition before the law, safeguarding their rights, and ensuring that any violation of these rights does not go unnoticed. Children without official identification documents may be denied health care or education. Later in life, the lack of such documentation can mean that a child may enter into marriage or the labour market, or be conscripted into the armed forces, before the legal age. In adulthood, birth certificates may be required to obtain social assistance or a job in the formal sector, to buy or prove the right to inherit property, to vote and to obtain a passport. Children's right to a name and nationality is enshrined in the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) under Article 7.

4. Access to data source

- Civil Status Act (Personenstandsgesetz, PStG) as amended (only available in German):
<https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/pstg/>

5. Metadata on source data

- Quality Report – Microcensus (only available in German):
<https://www.destatis.de/DE/Methoden/Qualitaet/Qualitaetsberichte/Bevoelkerung/einfuehrung.html>
- Civil Status Act (Personenstandsgesetz, PStG) as amended (only available in German):
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6. Timeliness and frequency

- Timeliness: Not applicable.
- Frequency: Annual

7. Calculation method

- Unit of measurement: Percentage
- Calculation:

$$\text{Birthregistration} = \frac{\text{Registered births}_i [\text{number}]}{\text{Births}_i [\text{number}]} \cdot 100 [\%]$$

$i = 0-4$ years