

SDG Goal 6 Clean water and sanitation

SDG Target 6.2 By 2030, achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all and end open defecation, paying special attention to the needs of women and girls and those in vulnerable situations

SDG Indicator 6.2.1 Proportion of population using (a) safely managed sanitation services and (b) a hand-washing facility with soap and water

Time series Population with (own) toilet

1. General information on the time series

- Date of national metadata: 31 March 2023
- National data: <http://sdg-indicators.de/6-2-1/>
- Definition: The time series measures the share of the population that has access to a toilet in their household.
- Disaggregation: availability

2. Comparability with the UN metadata

- Date of UN metadata: September 2024
- UN metadata: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/files/Metadata-06-02-01a.pdf>
- The time series is compliant with UN metadata for sub-indicator a).

3. Data description

- Before 2020: The data is derived from the European Union Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC) conducted by the Federal Statistical Office in cooperation with the statistical offices of the Länder. The EU-SILC-survey determines EU-wide harmonised and comparable indicators for the monitoring of poverty and social exclusion in the European Union. The basis is a consistent, for all Member States binding, methodological standard. 14,000 households consisting of 23,000 persons above the age of 16 are surveyed every year in Germany on a voluntary basis for EU-SILC. The survey is conducted annually since the year 2005. Since the survey year 2008 the EU-SILC-survey is realised as random sample. Thereby a quarter of the sample is annually exchanged by a new drawn random sample.

From 2020: The data is derived from the European Union Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC) conducted by the Federal Statistical Office in cooperation with the statistical offices of the Länder.

Due to the increasing demands on EU-SILC-data in terms of timeliness and provision of in-depth regional data, EU-SILC was integrated into the microcensus in the survey year 2020 with far-reaching methodological changes. With the change to a survey requiring information and an increase in the sample by more than double, the sample structure has changed considerably, which depicts the population more representatively than in the previously independently conducted survey with the national designation "Living in Europe". As a result, the data from 2020 onwards are not comparable with those of previous survey years. This is reinforced by the consequences of the Corona pandemic.

The microcensus is an inquiry directed to households, designed to obtain information on the labour market and related issues with a sample of 1 %. The microcensus is designed as a multi-topic survey, integrating many different subject fields.

The survey population includes: persons in private households and collective households at their main and secondary place of residence.

The survey population does not include: members of foreign armed forces as well as foreign diplomatic representations with their family members. Persons without a place of residence (homeless people) have no chance of being covered in the microcensus.

From 2021: With the entry into force of the IESS Regulation of the European Union (EU) 2019/17001700 of 10 October 2019 (IESS: Integrated European Social Surveys), the characteristic of this time series is no longer included in the list of target variables of the EU. In Germany, these target variables may therefore no longer be collected since 2021, so that the time series ends with the reporting year 2020.

4. Access to data source

- EU-SILC survey: Share of total population not having indoor flushing toilet for the sole use of their household – Eurostat table [tessi294]:
<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/tessi294/default/table?lang=en>

5. Metadata on source data

- Quality Report – European Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC) – Living in Europe (only available in German):
<https://www.destatis.de/DE/Methoden/Qualitaet/Qualitaetsberichte/Einkommen-Konsum-Lebensbedingungen/einfuehrung.html>

6. Timeliness and frequency

- Timeliness: t + 10 months
- Frequency: Annual

7. Calculation method

- Unit of measurement: Percentage
- Calculation:

$$\text{Access to toilet} = 100 [\%] - \left(\frac{\text{Persons not having indoor flushing toilet for the sole use of their household [number]}}{\text{Extrapolated total persons in households [number]}} \cdot 100 [\%] \right)$$

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Time series Population with (own) bathtub or shower

1. General information on the time series

- Date of national metadata: 24 October 2022
- National data: <http://sdg-indicators.de/6-2-1/>
- Definition: The time series measures the share of the population that has access to a bathtub or a shower in their household.
- Disaggregation: availability

2. Comparability with the UN metadata

- Date of UN metadata: September 2024
- UN metadata: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/files/Metadata-06-02-01a.pdf>
- The time series is not compliant with UN metadata for sub-indicator b). It does not indicate explicitly if households have access to a hand-washing facility. But for households having access to a bathtub or shower it can be assumed that they are able to wash their hands with soap and water in their household.

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- EU-SILC survey: Share of total population having neither a bath, nor a shower in their dwelling – Eurostat table [tessi293]:
<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/tessi293/default/table?lang=en>

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6. Timeliness and frequency

- Timeliness: t + 10 months
- Frequency: Annual

7. Calculation method

- Unit of measurement: Percentage
- Calculation:

$$\text{Access to a bathtub or shower} = 100 [\%] - \left(\frac{\text{Persons having neither a bathtub, nor a shower in their dwelling [number]}}{\text{Extrapolated total persons in households [number]}} \cdot 100 [\%] \right)$$