

SDG Goal 1

No poverty

SDG Target 1.3

Implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including floors, and by 2030 achieve substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable

SDG Indicator 1.3.1

Proportion of population covered by social protection floors/ systems, by sex, distinguishing children, unemployed persons, older persons, persons with disabilities, pregnant women, newborns, work-injury victims and the poor and the vulnerable

Time series

Rate of minimum social security benefits

1. General information on the time series

- Date of national metadata: March 13, 2026
- National data: <https://sdg-indicators.de/1-3-1>
- Definition: The time series shows the proportion of recipients of minimum income benefits in the total population (or the respective population group).

The following benefits are included in the minimum social security benefits:

- Total standard benefit (citizen's benefit for employable beneficiaries/citizen's benefit for non employable beneficiaries) under the Second Book of the Social Code (SGB II "Basic income support for jobseekers"),
- Social assistance outside institutions under the Twelfth Book of the Social Code (SGB XII "Social Assistance"),
- Basic income support in old age and in case of reduced earning capacity under the Twelfth Book of the Social Code (SGB XII "Social Assistance"),
- Standard benefits under the Asylum Seekers' Benefits Act (AsylbLG).

In addition to the minimum social security benefits mentioned above, there are other social benefits, such as housing benefit or child supplement. Although these are not considered minimum social benefits, they also contribute to the basic financial security of individuals or households in need of assistance.

- Disaggregation: länder, sex

2. Comparability with the UN metadata

- Date of UN metadata: March 2025
- UN metadata: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/files/Metadata-01-03-01a.pdf>
- The time series is compliant with the UN metadata. However, it only covers one of the nine sub-indicators.

3. Data description

- The data comes from statistics on minimum social security systems compiled by Federal Statistical Office and the statistical offices of the Länder.

The underlying statistics are federal statistics which, with the exception of statistics

on recipients of basic income support in old age and in the case of reduced earning capacity under Chapter 4 of SGB XII, are collected on a decentralized basis. The Federal Statistical Office develops the survey and processing concept, organizes the implementation and ensures the technical implementation. The statistical offices of the Länder carry out the surveys. On this basis, the results of the federal states are compiled into federal results at the Federal Statistical Office and published.

On 1 January 2015, the statistics on recipients of basic income support in old age and in the case of reduced earning capacity were converted from decentralized annual statistics to centralized quarterly statistics. Since then, the parties required to provide information or the agencies commissioned by them have been transmitting the data directly to the Federal Statistical Office.

All statistics on recipients of social assistance benefits are compiled as complete surveys. These are all secondary statistics, in which existing administrative data is reported for statistical purposes and then processed.

The population data comes from the Federal Statistical Office. The Rate of minimum social security benefits is calculated on the basis of the population on 31 December. For 2010, the population figure is based on the 1987 census (Federal Republic of Germany) and the population register as of 3 October 1990 (German Democratic Republic); for the years 2011 to 2021, on the 2011 census; and from 2022 onwards, on the 2022 census.

4. Access to data source

- Rate of minimum social security benefits (only available in German):
<https://www.statistikportal.de/de/sbe/ergebnisse/mindestsicherung/b-11-mindestsicherungsquote>

5. Metadata on source data

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- Statistics on social security systems (only available in German):
https://www.statistikportal.de/sites/default/files/2019-10/2016-11-28_Datenquellen-Mindestsicherung.pdf

6. Timeliness and frequency

- Timeliness: t + 11 month
- Frequency: Annual

7. Calculation method

- Unit of measurement: Percentage
- Calculation: Not applicable.