

Statistics for the SDGs - indicators for national priorities



Name of the indicator	3.2.c Percentage of persons declaring unmet needs for medical examinations and care due to it being too expensive, too far to travel, or waiting list
Sustainable Development Goal	Goal 3. Good health and well-being
Priority	Inequality reduction in access to healthcare
Definition	Proportion of persons reporting unmet need for medical examination or treatment due to financial barriers, excessive distance to providers, or waiting lists.
Unit	percent [%]
Available dimensions	total, sex
Methodological explanations	<p>The indicator reflects the level of limitations in access to medical examination and treatment, excluding unmet needs in the area of dental care.</p> <p>The data used to calculate the indicator are derived from the European Union Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC). They cover persons aged 16 years and over living in private households and refer to needs arising during the 12 months preceding the interview.</p> <p>The indicator is expressed as the percentage of persons who reported an unmet need for medical examination or treatment due to one of the following three reasons: financial reasons, waiting list, or too far to travel.</p> <p>The concept of unmet need for medical examination or medical care is based on the respondent's own assessment of whether they required medical examination or treatment but did not receive it or did not seek it.</p> <p>Medical examination and treatment refer to individual health care services (medical examination or treatment, excluding dental care) provided by or under the direct supervision of medical doctors, or by equivalent healthcare professionals as defined within national health care systems.</p>
Data source	Eurostat
Data availability	Annual data, since 2010
Notes	Data presented for 2010 relate to the survey carried out in 2009.
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