

Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere

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.

Indicator 1.3.1: Percentage of the population covered by social protection floors/systems disaggregated by sex, and distinguishing children, unemployed, old age, people with disabilities, pregnant women/new-borns, work injury victims, poor and vulnerable

Institutional information

Organization(s):

International Labour Organization (ILO)

Concepts and definitions

Definition:

The indicator reflects the proportion of persons effectively covered by a social protection system, including social protection floors. It also reflects the main components of social protection: child and maternity benefits, support for persons without a job, persons with disabilities, victims of work injuries and older persons.

Effective coverage of social protection is measured by the number of people who are either actively contributing to a social insurance scheme or receiving benefits (contributory or non-contributory).

Concepts:

Social protection systems include contributory and non-contributory schemes for children, pregnant women with newborns, people in active age, older persons, for work injuries and persons with disabilities. Social protection floors provide at least a basic level in all main contingencies along the life cycle, as defined in the Social Protection Floors Recommendation 2012 (no. 202) referred to in SDG 1.3.

When assessing coverage and gaps in coverage, distinctions need to be made between coverage by (1) contributory social insurance, (2) universal schemes covering all residents (or all residents in a given category), and (3) means-tested schemes potentially covering all those who pass the required test of income and/or assets.

Comments and limitations:

Data is collected through an administrative survey ongoing for decades, the ILO Social Security Inquiry. Whenever countries provide data, the indicator is disaggregated by sex. Indicators disaggregated by country and region are also available.

Methodology

Calculations include separate indicators in order to distinguish effective coverage for children, unemployed persons, older persons and persons with disabilities, pregnant women with newborns, workers protected in case of work injury, and the poor and the vulnerable. For each case, coverage expressed as a share of the respective population.

Regional results are obtained as averages of figures from countries in each region weighted by the population group concerned.

Indicators are obtained as follows:

- Proportion of older persons receiving a pension: ratio of persons above statutory retirement age receiving an old-age pension to the persons above statutory retirement age
- Proportion of persons with disabilities receiving benefits: ratio of persons receiving disability benefits to persons with severe disabilities. The latter is calculated as the product of Prevalence of Disability ratios (published for each country group by the World Health Organization) and each country's population.
- Proportion of women giving birth covered by maternity benefits: ratio of women receiving maternity benefits to women giving birth in the same year (estimated based on age-specific fertility rates or on the number of live births corrected by the share of twin and triplet births);
- Proportion of children covered by social protection benefits: ratio of children/households receiving children benefits to the total number of children/households with children.
- Proportion of unemployed receiving benefits: ratio of recipients of unemployment benefits to the number of unemployed persons.
- Proportion of workers covered in case of employment injury: ratio of workers protected by injury insurance to total employment.
- Proportion of vulnerable persons receiving benefits: ratio of social assistance recipients to the total number of vulnerable persons. The latter are calculated subtracting from total population all people in working age contributing to a social insurance scheme or receiving contributory benefits and all persons above retirement age receiving contributory benefits.

The aggregate indicator is calculated as the ratio of the sum of persons protected by contributory schemes, recipients of contributory and non-contributory benefits to total population.

Data Sources

Description:

The main data source is the **Social Security Inquiry**, ILO's periodic collection of administrative data from national ministries of labour, social security, welfare, finance, and others.

Since 1950, the ILO's Social Security Inquiry has been the main global source of administrative data on social protection. Secondary data sources include existing global databases of social protection statistics,

including those of the World Bank, UNICEF, UNWOMEN, HELPAGE, OECD and the International Social Security Association. This forms the World Social Protection Database. It provides a unique source of information and serves as the basis for the ILO flagship **World Social Protection Report**, which periodically presents development trends of social protection systems, including floors, providing data for a wide range of countries (183 countries).

Data Availability

The World Social Protection Database provides data on of social protection systems, including floors, for 183 countries.

Data providers

Governments (Ministries of Social Security, Welfare, Finance and others) through the International Labour Organization (ILO) Social Security Inquiry.

Data compilers

International Labour Organization (ILO).

References

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