

Measuring care

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Care and time-use data offer a way to connect domains and a way forward to more inclusive measures of progress



Care as an
overarching policy
concern

Gender
Labour market
Human rights
Education
Health
Migration
Environment
Disasters
Economics

Statistical framework
for care

Statistical standards
and definitions
Understand building
blocks
Multidisciplinary and
inter-institutional
collaboration

Strong data
infrastructure and
governance

Complementary data
sources
Improve and
modernize time-use
and other data
sources
Interoperability of
data

Care and time-use
measurements to
complement GDP

Time-use indicators
National Time
Transfer Accounts
Satellite/extended
accounts
Projections and
simulations
...



Statistical opportunities

Population census

Size and characteristics of care recipients and care providers

Civil Registration and Vital Statistics

Essential for demographic indicators and to monitor health and population programmes

Disability Statistics

Prevalence, living conditions, care demands and characteristics of people living with disabilities

Migration statistics

Global care chains

Administrative records

Private and public provision of care

Household surveys

Socio-economic characteristics of population

Characteristics of care provision

Labour force surveys

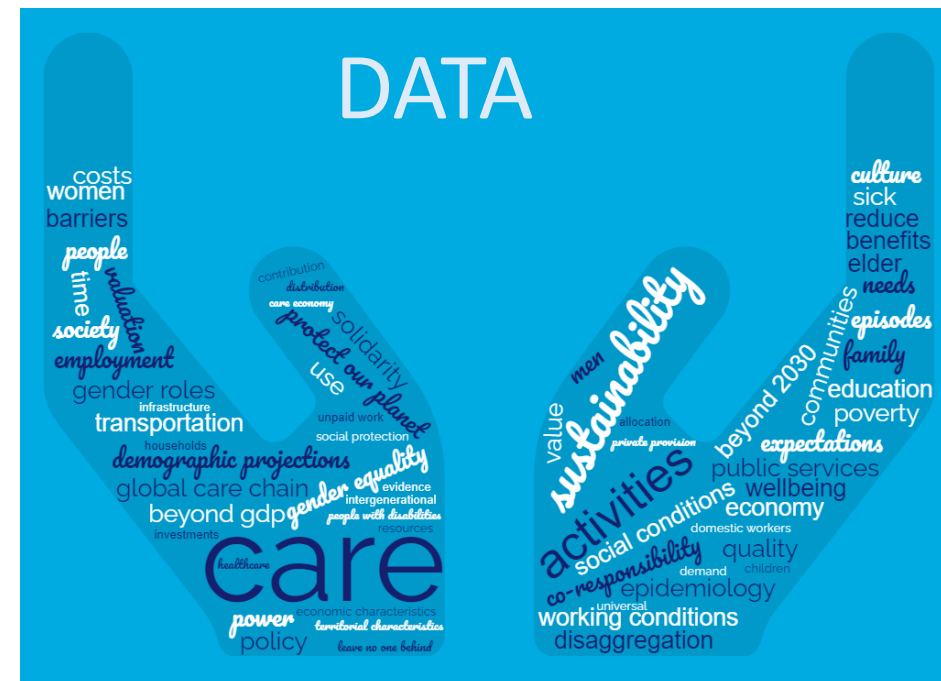
Working conditions of paid care providers

Time-use data surveys

Unpaid care work

National Accounts

Care impacts to the economy



Big data

Citizen generated data

Geospatial and statistical integration

Fill data gaps

Care in territories

Harnessing the power of time-use data



Quality of life and Well-being



Leisure and sports



Health



Culture



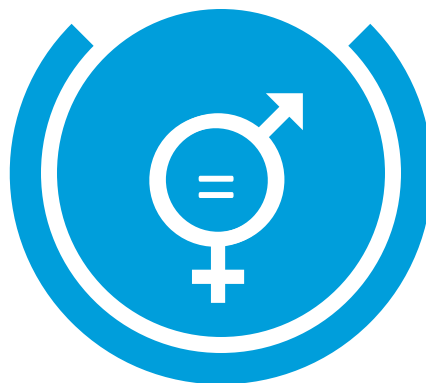
Travel



Paid work



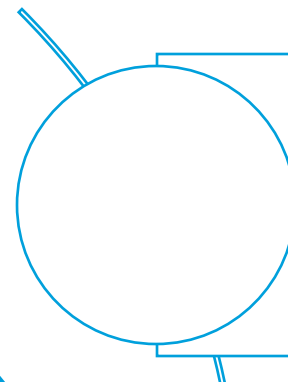
Education



Gender equality



Unpaid household service work



Time-use data is being collected and used by more countries around the world, particularly to measure unpaid work, wellbeing and gender equality.

SDG 5.4.1 - Proportion of time spent on unpaid domestic and care work by sex



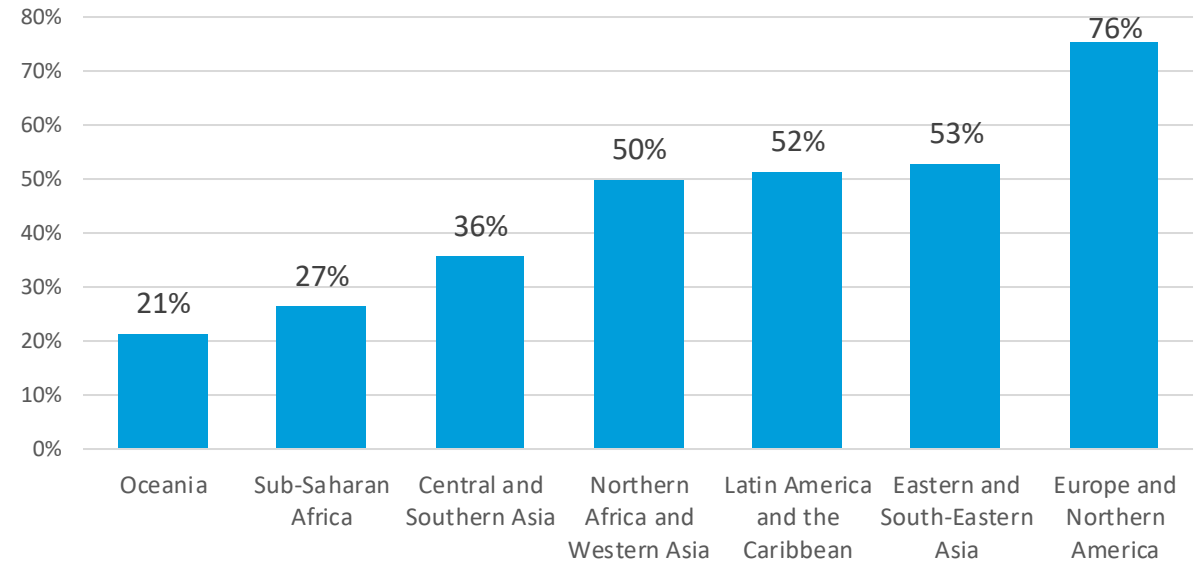
Indicator 5.4.1 in SDGs global database

95 countries with data disaggregated by sex (2000-2024)

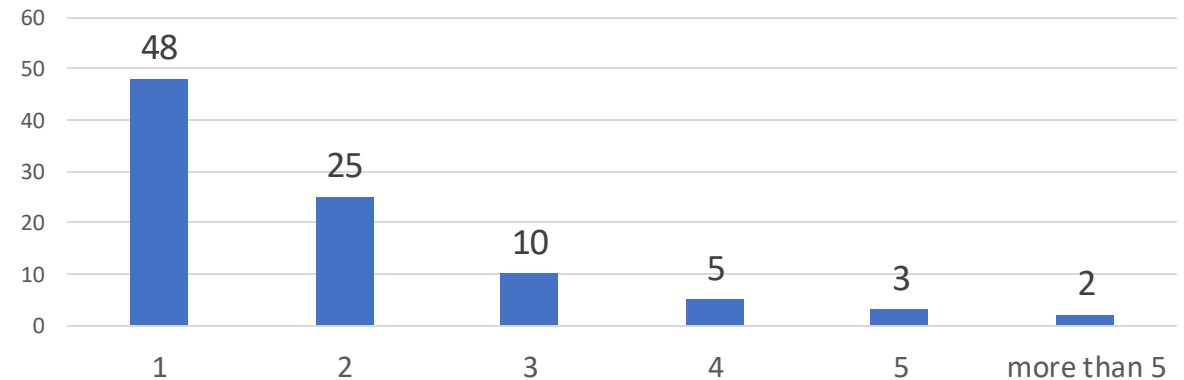
⇔ *only 72 countries by 2010*

- **48%** of countries with at least 2 data points (2000-2023)

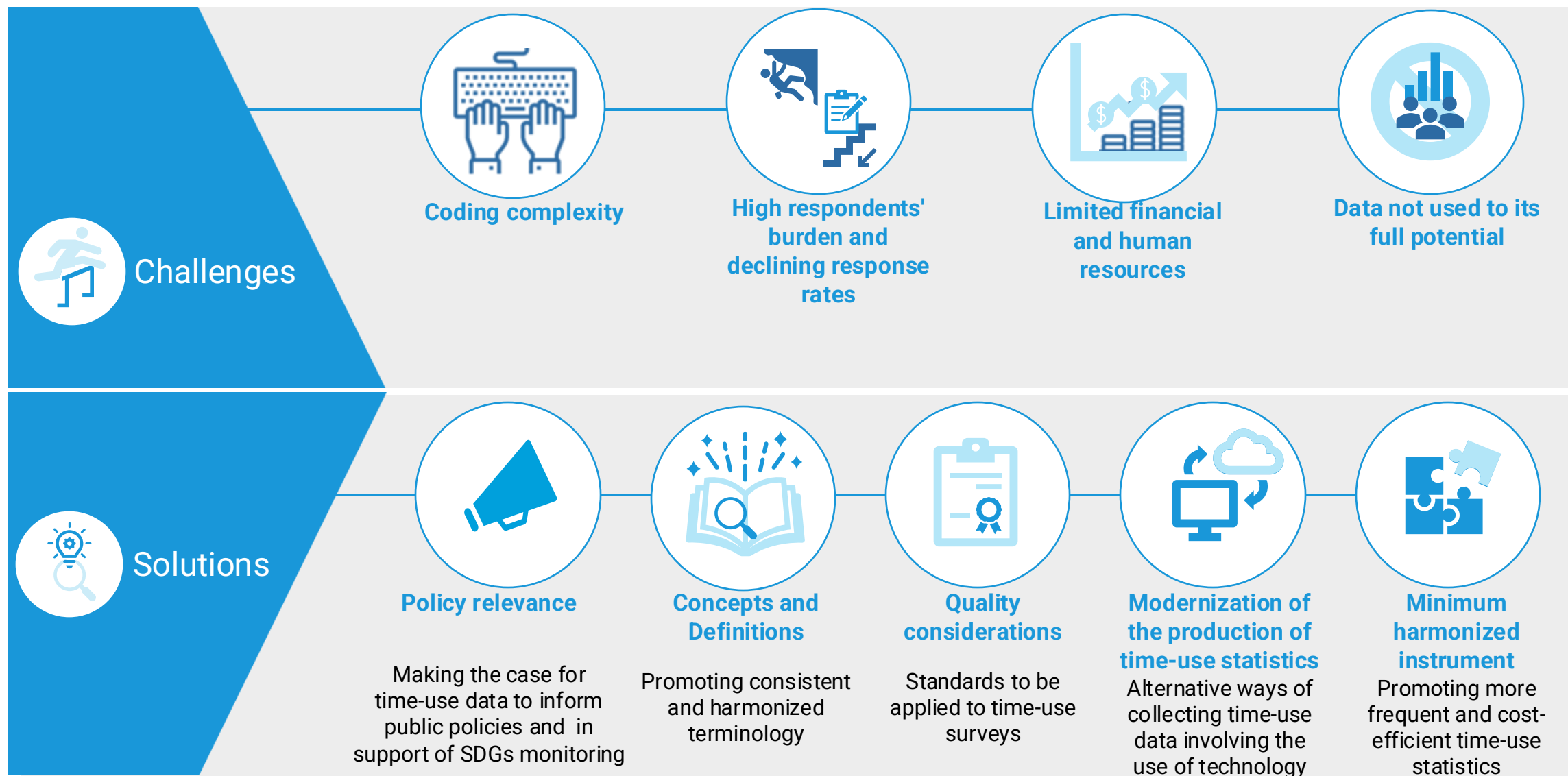
Proportion of countries reporting data on the indicator 5.4.1, by region



Distribution of countries by number of time-use data collections, 2000-2022



Revised UN Guide to Producing Statistics on Time Use



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Minimum activity list

1. Working in paid job or income generating activities
2. Making goods for own household or family use
3. Volunteer work
4. Preparing and serving food and meals for own household or family members
5. Cleaning own or family dwelling
6. Maintaining and making small repairs in own or family dwelling
7. Cleaning and care of clothing and footwear of own household or family members
8. Managing own household
9. Taking care of pet of own household or family
10. Shopping for own household or family
11. Taking care of own (household or family) child
12. Taking care of or helping adults (own household or family)
13. Education
14. Socializing and communication
15. Community participation, civic and related responsibilities, and religious practices
16. Cultural, entertainment and sports events
17. Hobbies, games and other pastime activities
18. Sport participation and exercising
19. Reading for leisure
20. Watching TV/Listening to radio or streaming
21. Sleep
22. Eating and drinking
23. Personal hygiene and care
24. Travel
25. Other

SDG 5.4.1

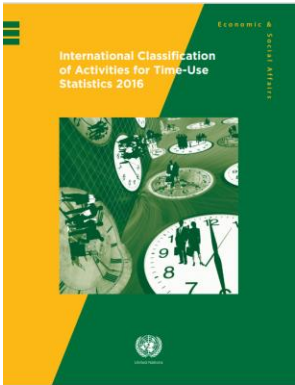


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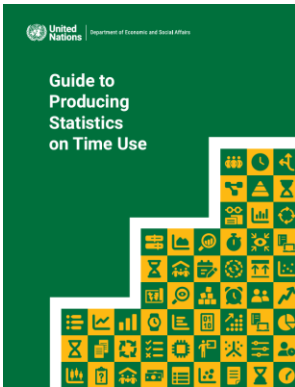
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Available methods and resources

Methods



[The International Classification of Activities for Time-Use Statistics 2016 \(ICATUS 2016\)](#)



[The Guide to Producing Statistics on Time Use, 2024](#)

Resources

Resources hub

The hub's primary objective is to facilitate access to materials related to the collection, analysis, dissemination, and utilization of time-use data, with the aim of making them easily accessible. The hub complements the [Guide to Producing Statistics on Time Use](#) by providing a comprehensive repository of technical documents as well as country, regional and global practices on the production of time-use statistics. UNSD will periodically update the hub to ensure that it includes the latest developments in the field.

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Global

MICS7 TOOLS

UNICEF | 2024

A comprehensive set of tools guide survey teams through every step of the MICS process - from overall planning, design and data collection in the field to data processing, analysis, interpretation, documentation and dissemination. The tool includes optional module to measure time-use in children.

[Read full description](#)

[Scope and coverage of time-use data](#) [English](#) [+8 more](#) [View resource](#)

Mexico

Enhancing the accuracy of gender data: Cognitive testing of wording associated with supervisory care

UN Women | 2023

This publication showcases the results of a qualitative study aimed at cognitively testing wording associated with the time spent on supervisory care. UN Women led this study, in collaboration with the Centre of Excellence on Gender Statistics (CEGS) in Mexico and El Colegio de México, with results presented and discussed during a webinar in July 2022. The ultimate aim of this study is to contribute to the ongoing international efforts to improve survey methods for time-use statistics and more specifically, the accuracy of gender data on unpaid care work.

[Read full description](#)

[Time-use data resources hub](#)

Time-use Surveys

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Albania, 1996, Harmonizing European Time Use Surveys - Albanian Pilot

Country	Albania
Year of the survey	1996
Year detail	1996
Name of survey	Harmonizing European Time Use Surveys - Albanian Pilot
Organization	Institute of Statistics
Purpose	-
Survey type	Pilot
Instrument	Self-completed diaries
Classification	-
Area coverage	Selected regions
Sample unit	Eligible household members
Sample size	249 households; 1,013 individuals
Age range	10+
Simultaneous activities	-
Contextual variables	-

[Time-use data surveys](#)

Data and metadata



Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Target 5.4: Recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work through the provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies and the promotion of shared responsibility within the household and the family as nationally appropriate

- Indicator 5.4.1: Proportion of time spent on unpaid domestic and care work, by sex, age and location

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- Indicator I.1: Average number of hours spent on unpaid domestic and care work, by sex, age and location

- Indicator I.2: Average number of hours spent on total work (paid and unpaid), by sex



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Thank you!

