

SDG Goal 16

Peace, justice and strong institutions

SDG Target 16.5

Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms

SDG Indicator 16.5.2

Proportion of businesses that had at least one contact with a public official and that paid a bribe to a public official, or were asked for a bribe by those public officials during the previous 12 months

Time series

Businesses who had the impression that public officials are corruptible during their interactions with public agencies in the previous two years

1. General information on the time series

- Date of national metadata: 27 January 2022
- National data: <http://sdg-indicators.de/16-5-2/>
- Definition: The time series measures the share of business, which had the impression that public officials are corruptible during their interactions with public agencies in the previous two years. The time series measures the share of business responses to the Life Situation Survey that agree with the following statement regarding their interaction with a government agency during the last two years “I have the impression that enterprises in my line of business have bribed personnel of the [government agency].”
The given rating scale ranges from fully agree, rather agree, partly agree, rather disagree to fully disagree.
- Disaggregation: Not available.

2. Comparability with the UN metadata

- Date of UN metadata: March 2023
- UN metadata: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/files/Metadata-16-05-02.pdf>
- The time series is not compliant with the UN metadata, but provides additional information. It is based on the impression of persons that enterprises in their line of business have bribed public officials rather than if they actually paid a bribe or were asked for one. It furthermore covers the last two years instead of one.

3. Data description

- The data is based on a special evaluation from the Life Situation Survey, which is commissioned by the Federal Government and carried out by the Federal Statistical Office. In 2021 around 6,000 citizens and more than 2,700 business were interviewed. Data is only available from 2015 onwards.

4. Access to data source

- Not available.

5. Metadata on source data

- General information on the Life Situation Survey (only available in German):
https://www.amtlich-einfach.de/DE/Hintergrund/Zufriedenheitsbefragung/Zufriedenheitsbefragung_node.html

6. Timeliness and frequency

- Timeliness: Not available.
- Frequency: Every 2 years

7. Calculation method

- Unit of measurement: Percentage
- Calculation:

$$\text{Impression that public officials are corruptible} = \frac{\text{Respondents that fully agree, rather agree and partly agree to the statement [number]}}{\text{All respondents [number]}} \cdot 100 [\%]$$