

PROGRESS TOWARDS ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS, 2026



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The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted by the United Nations in September 2015, have given new impetus to global efforts aimed at achieving sustainable development. The Sustainable Development Goals have been the focus of the European policy for a long time and included in key intersectoral projects, sectoral policies and initiatives. They provide a global policy framework for eradicating all forms of poverty, fighting inequality and tackling climate change, while ensuring that no one is left behind.

The table shows the indicators used to measure the progress of the Republic of Croatia towards achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals. It is a set of EU indicators that Eurostat uses to monitor progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in the EU context, which are closely linked to EU policy initiatives. Data sources are the European Statistical System and other relevant data sources. In order to be able to evaluate the trend in the five-year period, the latest available values and the values at the beginning of the five-year period are shown. The data were downloaded from the Eurostat database on 11 May 2026.

Indicators for measuring the progress of the Republic of Croatia towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

Indicator	Unit	Starting		Latest	
		year	value	year	value
Goal 1 – No poverty					
People at risk of poverty or social exclusion	% of population	2020	20.5	2025	20.7
People at risk of poverty or social exclusion in rural areas	% of population	2020	26.3	2025	25.7
People at risk of monetary poverty after social transfers	% of population	2020	18.3	2025	19.5
People at risk of monetary poverty after social transfers, by citizenship	% of population aged 18 or over	2020	18.6	2025	20.4
Severe material and social deprivation rate	% of population	2020	4.4	2025	2.0
People living in households with very low work intensity	% of population aged 0 to 64	2020	7.2	2025	4.0
In work at-risk-of-poverty rate	% of population aged 18 or over	2020	5.1	2025	7.9
Housing cost overburden rate by poverty status	% of population	2020	4.2	2025	3.2
Self-reported unmet need for medical examination and care	% of population aged 16 or over	2020	1.5	2025	1.4
Relative median at-risk-of-poverty gap	% distance to poverty threshold	2020	28.0	2025	28.0
Severe housing deprivation rate	% of population	2018	6.2	2023	2.8
Goal 2 – Zero hunger					
Obesity rate by body mass index (BMI)	% of population	2019	23.0	2025	16.5
Agricultural real factor income per annual work unit (AWU)	chain linked volumes (2020), euro per annual work unit	2020	7 695.93	2025	7 102.55
Government support to agricultural research and development	euro per inhabitant	2019	2.90	2024	3.70
Area under organic farming	% of utilised agricultural area	2019	7.19	2024	9.01
Use and risk of chemical pesticides	index, 2015 - 2017 =100	2018	89	2023	37
Ammonia emissions from agriculture	kg per ha of utilised agricultural area	2018	17.4	2023	14.6
Area at risk of severe soil erosion by water	km ²	2016	2 562.1	2023	3 883.43

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Goal 3 – Good health and well-being					
Healthy life years at birth	years	2018	57.5	2023	61.4
Share of people with good or very good perceived health	% of population aged 16 or over	2020	63.7	2025	68.5
Smoking prevalence	% of population aged 15 or over	2017	35	2023	35
Standardised preventable and treatable mortality	standardized mortality rate	2018	371.74	2023	351.36
Self-reported unmet need for medical examination and care	% of population aged 16 or over	2020	1.5	2025	1.4
Consumption of antibiotics in the community and hospital sectors - defined daily doses per day	per thousand inhabitants	2019	18.8	2024	22
Obesity rate by body mass index (BMI)	% of population aged 18 or over	2020	23.0	2025	16.5
Fatal accidents at work per 100 000 workers	incidence rate per 100 000 employed persons	2018	3.04	2023	2.58
Population living in households considering that they suffer from noise	% of population	2018	8.0	2023	6.7
Road traffic deaths	number of killed people	2019	297	2024	239
Premature deaths due to exposure to fine particulate matter (PM2.5)	number of premature deaths	2018	4 522	2023	2 886
Goal 4 – Quality education					
Early leavers from education and training	% of population aged 18 to 24	2020	2.2	2025	2.1
Early leavers from education and training, by citizenship	% of population aged 18 to 24	2020	2.2	2025	2.1
Tertiary educational attainment	% of population aged 25 to 34	2020	37.0	2025	42.0
Participation in early childhood education	% of the age group between 3-years-old and the starting age of compulsory education	2019	81.6	2024	88.7
Low achieving 15-year-olds in reading	% of 15-year-old students	2018	21.6	2022	22.7
Adult participation in learning in the past four weeks	% of population aged 25 to 64	2020	3.2	2025	6.5
Share of individuals having at least basic digital skills	% of population aged 16 to 74	2021	63.37	2025	63.38
Goal 5 – Gender equality					
Physical and sexual violence to women	% of women aged 18 to 74	N/A	:	2021	25.3
Gender pay gap in unadjusted form	%	2019	10.2	2024	6.6
Gender employment gap	percentage points, persons aged 20 - 64	2020	11.2	2025	5.0
Persons outside the labour force due to caring responsibilities	% of population aged 20 - 64	2020	0.3	2025	0.2
Seats held by women in national parliaments	% of women	2020	31.1	2025	33.3
Positions held by women in senior management positions	% of woman	2020	22.7	2025	30.2

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Early leavers from education and training	percentage points, persons aged 18 - 24	2020	2.2	2025	2.1
Tertiary educational attainment	percentage points, persons aged 25 - 34	2020	37.0	2025	42.0
Goal 6 – Clean water and sanitation					
Population having neither a bath, nor a shower, nor indoor flushing toilet in their household	% of population	2015	1.5	2020	0.7
Population connected to at least secondary waste water treatment	% of population	2016	36.90	2021	31.39
Biochemical oxygen demand in rivers	mg O ₂ per litre	2018	1.40	2023	1.59
Phosphate in rivers	mg PO ₄ per litre	2018	0.029	2023	0.028
Water exploitation index, plus (WEI+)	%	2018	0.17	2023	0.27
Inland bathing sites with excellent water quality	% of inland bathing sites with excellent water quality	2019	20.0	2024	54.8
Drought impact area on ecosystems	km ²	2019	64	2024	521
Goal 7 Affordable and clean energy					
Primary energy consumption	million tonnes of oil equivalent (Mtoe)	2019	8.2	2024	8.8
Final energy consumption	million tonnes of oil equivalent (Mtoe)	2019	6.9	2024	7.4
Final energy consumption in households per capita	kilogram of oil equivalent (Kgoe)	2019	567	2024	572
Energy productivity	Euro per kilogram of oil equivalent (Kgoe)	2019	5.87	2024	6.84
Share of renewable energy in gross final energy consumption	%	2019	28.466	2024	26.477
Energy import dependency by products	% of imports in gross available energy	2019	56.216	2024	59.929
Population unable to keep home adequately warm	% of population	2020	5.7	2025	4.2
Goal 8 – Decent work and economic growth					
Real GDP per capita	chain-linked volumes (2020.), euro per capita	2020	12 980	2025	17 590
Investment share of GDP	% of GDP	2019	21.91	2024	25.20
Young people neither in employment nor in education and training	% of population aged 15 to 29	2020	14.5	2025	10.8
Young people neither in employment nor in education and training, by citizenship	% of population aged 15 to 29	2020	14.4	2025	10.8
Employment rate	% of population aged 20 to 64	2020	66.9	2025	74.4
Employment rate, by citizenship	% of population aged 20 to 64	2020	66.9	2025	74.3
Long-term unemployment rate	% of active population aged 15 to 74	2020	2.1	2025	1.8
Fatal accidents at work	incidence rate per 100 000 employed persons	2019	2.73	2023	2.58

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In work at-risk-of-poverty rate	% of population aged 18 or over	2020	5.1	2025	7.9
Persons outside the labour force due to caring responsibilities	% of inactive population aged 20 to 64	2020	0.3	2025	0.2
Raw material consumption (RMC)	tonnes per capita	2019	15.557	2024	16.923
Goal 9 – Industry, innovation and infrastructure					
Gross domestic expenditure on R&D	% of GDP	2019	1.08	2024	1.35
R&D personnel	% of active population	2019	0.87	2024	0,95
Patent applications to the European Patent Office (EPO)	number	2020	23	2025	40
Share of buses and trains in inland passenger transport	% of total inland passenger transport – passenger-kilometres (PKM)	2018	15.2	2023	16.1
Share of rail and inland waterways in total freight transport	% of total inland passenger transport – tonne kilometres (TKM)	2019	30.9	2024	28.5
Air emission intensity from industry	grams per euro, chain linked volumes (2020)	2018	0.20	2023	0.14
Gross value added in environmental goods and services sector	% of GDP	2019	1.7	2024	1.66
High-speed internet coverage	% of households	2019	43.2	2024	78.9
Goal 10 – Reduced inequalities					
Purchasing power adjusted GDP per capita	real expenditure per capita (in PPS)	2020	20 000	2025	32 300
Relative median at-risk-of-poverty gap	% distance to poverty threshold	2020	28.0	2025	28.0
Income distribution	income quintile share ratio	2020	4.59	2025	4.78
Income share of the bottom 40% of the population	% of income	2020	21.8	2025	21.5
Asylum applications	positive first instance decisions, per million inhabitants	2020	10	2025	6
Persons at risk of poverty or social exclusion in rural areas	% of population	2020	26.3	2025	25.7
Persons at risk of income poverty after social transfers, by citizenship	% of population	2020	18.6	2025	20.4
Early leavers from education and training, by citizenship	% of population aged 18 to 24	2020	2.2	2025	2.1
Young people neither in employment nor in education and training (NEET), by citizenship	% of population aged 15 to 29	2020	14.4	2025	10.8
Employment rate, by citizenship	% of population aged 20 to 64	2020	66.9	2025	74.3

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Goal 11 – Sustainable cities and communities					
Severe housing deprivation rate	% of population	2018	6.2	2023	2.8
Population living in households considering that they suffer from noise	% of population	2018	8.0	2023	6.7
Soil sealing	%	2015	1.8	2021	1.8
Road traffic deaths	number of killed people	2019	297	2024	239
Premature deaths due to exposure to fine particulate matter (PM2.5)	number of premature deaths	2018	4 522	2023	2 886
Recycling rate of municipal waste	% of total waste generated	2019	30.2	2024	36.7
Population connected to at least secondary waste water treatment	% of population	2016	36.90	2021	31.39
Share of buses and trains in inland passenger transport	% total inland passenger transport – passenger-kilometres (PKM)	2018	15.2	2023	16.1
Population reporting occurrence of crime, violence or vandalism in their area	% of population	2018	2.6	2023	1.4
Goal 12 – Responsible consumption and production					
Raw material consumption (RMC)	tonnes per capita	2019	15.557	2024	16.923
Consumption footprint - single weighted score	planetary boundary	2019	3.06	2024	3.33
Circular material use rate	%	2019	5,4	2024	5.9
Generation of waste by hazardousness	kg per capita	2018	1 389	2022	1 838
Gross value added in environmental goods and services sector	% of GDP	2019	1.7	2024	1.66
Energy productivity	euro per kgoe	2019	5.87	2024	6.84
Average CO ₂ emissions per km from new passenger cars	g CO ₂ per km	2019	144.7	2024	125.6
Goal 13 – Climate action					
Net greenhouse gas emissions	index 1990 = 100	2019	75.6	2024	83.2
Net greenhouse gas emissions of the Land use, Land use change and Forestry (LULUCF) sector	tonnes per capita	2019	-1.5	2024	-1.1
Average CO ₂ emissions per km from new passenger cars	g CO ₂ per km	2019	144.7	2024	125.6
Climate related economic losses	million euro	2019	0	2024	19
Contribution to the international 100bn USD commitment on climate related expending	million euro	2019	0.03	2024	5.03
Share of renewable energy in gross final energy consumption	%	2019	28.466	2024	26.477
Goal 14 – Life below water					
Surface of the marine protected areas	km ²	2019	5 279	2023	5 463
Bathing sites with excellent water quality,	% of bathing sites with excellent inland water	2019	20.0	2024	54.8
Marine waters affected by eutrophication	km ²	2020	6	2025	6
Goal 15 – Life on land					
Share of forest area	% of total land area	2018	34,2	2023	34.4
Surface of the terrestrial protected areas	km ²	2018	21 400	2023	21 532
Drought impact area on ecosystems	km ²	2019	64	2024	521
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Biochemical oxygen demand in rivers	mg O ₂ per litre	2018	1.40	2023	1.59
Phosphate in rivers	mg PO ₄ per litre	2018	0.029	2023	0.028
Soil sealing	km ² per capita	2016	241.34	2021	264.85
Goal 16 – Peace, justice and strong institutions					
Standardised death rate due to homicide	standardized mortality rate	2018	0.56	2023	0.6
Population reporting occurrence of crime, violence or vandalism in their area	% of population	2018	2.6	2023	1.4
General government total expenditure on law courts	million euro	2019	297	2024	399
Perceived independence of the justice system	% of population whose level of perception is „very good or fairly good “	2020	24	2025	27
Corruption Perceptions Index	score scale of 0 (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean), number	2020	47	2025	47
Victims of trafficking in human beings	per hundred thousand inhabitants	2019	0.66	2024	0.54
Goal 17 – Partnerships for the goals					
Official development assistance as share of gross national income	% of GNI	2019	0.12	2024	0.24
EU financing to developing countries	million euro at constant prices	2019	81	2024	195
EU imports from developing countries	% outside the EU	2020	0.61	2025	2.31
General government gross debt	% of GDP	2020	86.5	2025	56.3
Share of environmental taxes in total tax revenues	% of total tax revenues and social contributions	2019	11.04	2024	8.74
High-speed internet coverage	% of households	2019	43.2	2024	78.9

Source: Eurostat