

PROGRESS TOWARDS ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS, 2025



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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 2 April 2025.

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	2019	20.8	2024	21.7
People at risk of poverty or social exclusion in rural areas	% of population	2019	26.5	2024	27.2
People at risk of monetary poverty after social transfers	% of population	2019	18.3	2024	20.3
People at risk of monetary poverty after social transfers, by citizenship	% of population aged 18 or over	2019	18.5	2024	20.7
Severe material and social deprivation rate	% of population	2019	4.6	2024	2.0
People living in households with very low work intensity	% of population aged 0 to 64	2019	7.5	2024	4.7
In work at-risk-of-poverty rate	% of population aged 18 or over	2019	5.1	2024	8.3
Housing cost overburden rate by poverty status	% of population	2019	4.7	2024	3.7
Self-reported unmet need for medical examination and care	% of population aged 16 or over	2019	1.4	2024	1.3
Relative median at-risk-of-poverty gap	% distance to poverty threshold	2019	26.2	2024	27.8
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 aged 18 or over	2017	18.2	2022	16.7
Agricultural real factor income per annual work unit (AWU)	chain linked volumes (2015), euro per annual work unit	2019	6 632.21	2024	6 688.74
Government support to agricultural research and development	euro per inhabitant	2018	2.00	2023	1.70
Area under organic farming	% of utilised agricultural area	2017	6.46	2022	8.94
Use and risk of chemical pesticides	index, 2015 - 2017 =100	2017	85	2022	59
Ammonia emissions from agriculture	kg per ha of utilised agricultural area	2017	18.8	2022	17.5
Area at risk of severe soil erosion by water	km²	2010	3 780.9	2016	2 562.1

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Goal 3 – Good health and well-being					
Healthy life years at birth	years	2017	57.6	2022	60.3
Share of people with good or very good perceived health	% of population aged 16 or over	2019	60.5	2024	67.2
Smoking prevalence	% of population aged 15 or over	2017	35	2023	35
Standardised preventable and treatable mortality	standardized mortality rate	2017	370.95	2022	386.6
Self-reported unmet need for medical examination and care	% of population aged 16 or over	2019	1.4	2024	1.3
Consumption of antibiotics in the community and hospital sectors - defined daily doses per day	per thousand inhabitants	2018	18.8	2023	21.2
Obesity rate by body mass index (BMI)	% of population aged 18 or over	2017	18.2	2022	16.7
Fatal accidents at work per 100 000 workers	incidence rate per 100 000 employed persons	2017	2.63	2022	2.93
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	2017	331	2022	275
Premature deaths due to exposure to fine particulate matter (PM2.5)	number of premature deaths	2017	4 753	2022	3 813
Goal 4 – Quality education					
Early leavers from education and training	% of population aged 18 to 24	2018	3.1	2023	2.0
Early leavers from education and training, by citizenship	% of population aged 18 to 24	2018	3.1	2023	2.0
Tertiary educational attainment	% of population aged 25 to 34	2018	35.3	2023	38.8
Participation in early childhood education	% of the age group between 3-years-old and the starting age of compulsory education	2017	79.2	2022	83.5
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	2018	2.7	2023	6.4
Share of individuals having at least basic digital skills	% of population aged 16 to 74	2021	63.37	2023	58.95
Goal 5 – Gender equality					
Physical and sexual violence to women	% of women aged 15 to 74	N/A	:	2012	5
Gender pay gap in unadjusted form	percentage	2018	11.4	2023	7.4
Gender employment gap	percentage points, persons aged 20 - 64	2019	10.5	2024	5.9
Persons outside the labour force due to caring responsibilities	percentage points, persons aged 20 - 64	2018	0.6	2023	0.4
Seats held by women in national parliaments	% of women	2019	19.9	2024	34.9
Positions held by women in senior management positions	% of board members	2018	17.2	2023	31.8

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Early leavers from education and training	percentage points, persons aged 18 - 24	2018	3.1	2023	2.0
Tertiary educational attainment	percentage points, persons aged 25 - 34	2018	35.3	2023	38.8
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	2017	1.35	2022	1.35
Phosphate in rivers	mg PO ₄ per litre	2017	0.028	2022	0.025
Water exploitation index, plus (WEI+)	%	2017	0.21	2022	0.26
Inland bathing sites with excellent water quality	% of inland bathing sites with excellent water quality	2018	51.9	2023	45.2
Drought impact area on ecosystems	km ²	2018	14	2023	31
Goal 7 Affordable and clean energy					
Primary energy consumption	million tonnes of oil equivalent (Mtoe)	2018	8.2	2023	8.5
Final energy consumption	million tonnes of oil equivalent (Mtoe)	2018	6.9	2023	7.1
Final energy consumption in households per capita	kilogram of oil equivalent (Kgoe)	2018	576	2023	577
Energy productivity	Euro per kilogram of oil equivalent (Kgoe)	2018	5.77	2023	6.68
Share of renewable energy in gross final energy consumption	%	2018	28.047	2023	28.051
Energy import dependency by products	% of imports in gross available energy	2018	52.695	2023	55.722
Population unable to keep home adequately warm	% of population	2019	6.6	2024	4.6
Goal 8 – Decent work and economic growth					
Real GDP per capita	chain-linked volumes (2020.), euro per capita	2019	13 870	2024	16 690
Investment share of GDP	% of GDP	2018	19.98	2023	22.46
Young people neither in employment nor in education and training	% of population aged 15 to 29	2019	14.3	2024	10.6
Young people neither in employment nor in education and training, by citizenship	% of population aged 15 to 29	2018	15.5	2023	11.8
Employment rate	% of population aged 20 to 64	2019	66.4	2024	73.6
Employment rate, by citizenship	% of population aged 20 to 64	2018	64.9	2023	70.7
Long-term unemployment rate	% of active population aged 15 to 74	2019	2.4	2024	1.8
Fatal accidents at work	incidence rate per 100 000 employed persons	2017	2.63	2022	2.93

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In work at-risk-of-poverty rate	% of population aged 18 or over	2019	5.1	2024	8.3
Persons outside the labour force due to caring responsibilities	% of inactive population aged 20 to 64	2018	0.6	2023	0.4
Raw material consumption (RMC)	tonnes per capita	2018	13.711	2023	15.189
Goal 9 – Industry, innovation and infrastructure					
Gross domestic expenditure on R&D	% of GDP	2018	0.95	2023	1.39
R&D personnel	% of active population	2018	0.73	2023	1
Patent applications to the European Patent Office (EPO)	number	2019	19	2024	41
Share of buses and trains in inland passenger transport	% of total inland passenger transport – passenger-kilometres (PKM)	2017	15.7	2022	14.5
Share of rail and inland waterways in total freight transport	% of total inland passenger transport – tonne kilometres (TKM)	2017	26.4	2022	30.2
Air emission intensity from industry	grams per euro, chain linked volumes (2010)	2017	0.2	2022	0.11
Tertiary educational attainment	% of population aged 25 to 34	2018	35.3	2023	38.8
Gross value added in environmental goods and services sector	% of GDP	2017	1.48	2022	1.65
High-speed internet coverage	% of households	2019	43.2	2023	67.8
Goal 10 – Reduced inequalities					
Purchasing power adjusted GDP per capita	real expenditure per capita (in PPS)	2019	21 300	2024	30 500
Adjusted gross disposable income of households per capita	purchasing power standard (PPS), per inhabitant	2018	14 000	2023	20 446
Relative median at-risk-of-poverty gap	% distance to poverty threshold	2019	26.2	2024	27.8
Income distribution	income quintile share ratio	2019	4.74	2024	4.97
Income share of the bottom 40 % of the population	% of income	2019	21.3	2024	21.0
Asylum applications	positive first instance decisions, per million inhabitants	2018	34	2023	12
Persons at risk of poverty or social exclusion in rural areas	% of population	2019	26.5	2024	27.2
Persons at risk of income poverty after social transfers, by citizenship	% of population	2019	18.5	2024	20.7
Early leavers from education and training, by citizenship	% of population aged 18 to 24	2018	3.1	2023	2.0
Young people neither in employment nor in education and training (NEET), by citizenship	% of population aged 15 to 29	2018	15.5	2023	11.8
Employment rate, by citizenship	% of population aged 20 to 64	2018	64.9	2023	70.7

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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 index	percentage	2015	1.78	2018	1.81
Road traffic deaths	number of killed people	2017	331	2022	275
Premature deaths due to exposure to fine particulate matter (PM2.5)	number of premature deaths	2017	4 753	2022	3 813
Recycling rate of municipal waste	% of total waste generated	2018	25.3	2023	36.0
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)	2017	15.7	2022	14.5
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	2018	13.711	2023	15.189
Consumption footprint - single weighted score	per inhabitant	2018	0.86	2023	0.89
Circular material use rate	%	2018	5	2023	6.2
Generation of waste by hazardousness	kg per capita	2018	1 355	2022	1 838
Gross value added in environmental goods and services sector	% of GDP	2017	1.48	2022	1.65
Energy productivity	euro per kgoe	2018	5.77	2023	6.68
Average CO ₂ emissions per km from new passenger cars	g CO ₂ per km	2018	139.7	2023	127.1
Goal 13 – Climate action					
Net greenhouse gas emissions	index 1990 = 100	2017	87.7	2022	81.7
Net greenhouse gas emissions of the Land use, Land use change and Forestry (LULUCF) sector	tonnes per capita	2017	-1.2	2022	-1.3
Average CO ₂ emissions per km from new passenger cars	g CO ₂ per km	2018	139.7	2023	127.1
Climate related economic losses	million euro	2018	334	2023	151
Contribution to the international 100bn USD commitment on climate related expending	million euro	2018	0.05	2023	0.03
Share of renewable energy in gross final energy consumption	%	2018	28.047	2023	28.051
Goal 14 – Life below water					
Surface of the marine protected areas	km ²	2019	5 279	2022	5 281
Bathing sites with excellent water quality,	% of bathing sites with excellent inland water	2018	51.9	2023	45.2
Marine waters affected by eutrophication	km ²	2018	0	2023	44
Goal 15 – Life on land					
Share of forest area	% of total land area	2015	50.6	2018	58.0
Surface of the terrestrial protected areas	km ²	2021	21 523	2021	21 530
Drought impact area on ecosystems	km ²	2018	14	2023	31
Area at risk of severe soil erosion by water	km ²	2010	3 780.9	2016	2 562.1

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Biochemical oxygen demand in rivers	mg O ₂ per litre	2017	1.35	2022	1.35
Phosphate in rivers	mg PO ₄ per litre	2017	0.028	2022	0.025
Soil sealing index	index 2006 = 100	2015	101.9	2018	103.1
Goal 16 – Peace, justice and strong institutions					
Standardised death rate due to homicide	standardized mortality rate	2017	1.21	2022	0.59
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	2018	279	2023	303
Perceived independence of the justice system	% of population whose level of perception is „very good or fairly good“	2019	18	2024	23
Corruption Perceptions Index	score scale of 0 (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean), number	2019	47	2024	47
Victims of trafficking in human beings	per hundred thousand inhabitants	2017	0.70	2022	0.75
Goal 17 – Partnerships for the goals					
Official development assistance as share of gross national income	% of GNI	2018	0.13	2023	0.21
EU financing to developing countries	million euro at constant prices	2019	73	2023	162
EU imports from developing countries	million euro	2018	4 016	2023	6 997
General government gross debt	% of GDP	2018	72.8	2023	61.8
Share of environmental taxes in total tax revenues	% of total tax revenues and social contributions	2018	11.3	2023	8.87
High-speed internet coverage	% of households	2019	43.2	2023	67.8

Source: Eurostat