

# FAOSTAT SDG Indicators

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## Summary

As the custodian agency of 21 SDG indicators, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is responsible for curating and refining the methodologies of these indicators, collecting data from national sources, ensuring their quality and compatibility with applicable standards and classifications, and disseminating data at global level.

These SDG indicators provide data and insights into global efforts related to food security, agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and sustainable resource management.

The data team mainly used Food insecurity as measured by the Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES) (2.1.2) indicator under SDG 2: Zero Hunger. This measure captures people's direct experiences of limited access to food, including their ability to obtain sufficient, nutritious, and safe food for a healthy diet. By surveying individuals about food-related hardships, such as skipping meals or running out of food due to financial constraints, the indicator provides critical data on global and regional food insecurity. It helps assess progress toward achieving SDG 2, which aims to eliminate hunger and ensure food security for all by 2030.

## Tables In IFs

6 series in Total. 2 are used in preprocessors.

Data can be accessed from <https://www.fao.org/faostat/en/#data/SDGB>.

Variable	Name in Source	UsedInPreprocessor	UsedInPreprocessorFileName	Code in Source
FoodInsecPopMod%FemaleFIES	2.1.2 Prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity (female) (15 years old and over) (no breakdown by urbanisation)	1	POPULATION	AG_PRD_FIESMS-F-Y_GE15-_T
FoodInsecPopMod%MaleFIES	2.1.2 Prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity (male) (15 years old and over) (no breakdown by urbanisation)	1	POPULATION	AG_PRD_FIESMS-M-Y_GE15-_T
FoodInsecPopMod%TotalFIES	2.1.2 Prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity (both sexes or no breakdown by sex) (all age ranges or no breakdown by age) (no breakdown by urbanisation)	0		AG_PRD_FIESMS-_T-_T-_T
FoodInsecPopSev%FemaleFIES	2.1.2 Prevalence of severe food insecurity (female) (15 years old and over) (no breakdown by urbanisation)	0		AG_PRD_FIESS-F-Y_GE15-_T
FoodInsecPopSev%MaleFIES	2.1.2 Prevalence of severe food insecurity (male) (15 years old and over) (no breakdown by urbanisation)	0		AG_PRD_FIESS-M-Y_GE15-_T
FoodInsecPopSev%TotalFIES	2.1.2 Prevalence of severe food insecurity (both sexes or no breakdown by sex) (all age ranges or no breakdown by age) (no breakdown by urbanisation)	0		AG_PRD_FIESS-_T-_T-_T

## Data Pulling Instructions

Step 1. Navigate to FAOSTAT SDG site.

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☐ 2.1.1 Prevalence of undernourishment  
☐ 2.1.2 Number of severely food insecure people  
☐ 2.1.2 Prevalence of severe food insecurity  
☐ 2.1.2 Number of moderately or severely food insecure people  
☐ 2.1.2 Prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity

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Area Code	Area Code	Area	Item Code	Item Code (SDG)	Item	Element	Cc Element	Year Code	Year	Unit	Value	Flag	Note	
2	'004	Afghanista	24001	SN_ITK_DEFCN	2.1.1	Numt	6132	Value	2001	2001	million No	9.2	E	Estimated
2	'004	Afghanista	24001	SN_ITK_DEFCN	2.1.1	Numt	6132	Value	2002	2002	million No	9.2	E	Estimated
2	'004	Afghanista	24001	SN_ITK_DEFCN	2.1.1	Numt	6132	Value	2003	2003	million No	8.6	E	Estimated
2	'004	Afghanista	24001	SN_ITK_DEFCN	2.1.1	Numt	6132	Value	2004	2004	million No	8.5	E	Estimated
2	'004	Afghanista	24001	SN_ITK_DEFCN	2.1.1	Numt	6132	Value	2005	2005	million No	8.4	E	Estimated
2	'004	Afghanista	24001	SN_ITK_DEFCN	2.1.1	Numt	6132	Value	2006	2006	million No	8	E	Estimated
2	'004	Afghanista	24001	SN_ITK_DEFCN	2.1.1	Numt	6132	Value	2007	2007	million No	7.3	E	Estimated
2	'004	Afghanista	24001	SN_ITK_DEFCN	2.1.1	Numt	6132	Value	2008	2008	million No	6.7	E	Estimated
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2	'004	Afghanista	24001	SN_ITK_DEFCN	2.1.1	Numt	6132	Value	2022	2022	million No	12.5	E	Estimated

Step 4. Use "**Item Code (SDG)**" in the "**Code in Source**" from the DataDict or the Table in "Series from FAOSTAT SDG" section to extract each series.

## Data Notes

Note: Any data values that include a symbol need to be changed to NULL.

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