

DRAFT PROFILE ON INDICATORS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Information on indicators for sustainable development

Name of indicator set:

Indicators of sustainable development in Germany

A comprehensive strategy encompassing all three dimensions of sustainable development (economic development, social development and environmental protection) is used, but no particular indicator set to monitor the implementation of NSDS.

Indicators website:

http://www.destatis.de/jetspeed/portal/cms/Sites/destatis/Internet/EN/Navigation/Statistics/TimeSeries/Indicators/SubsustainableDevelopmentIndicators_nk.psmi

Only indicator report 2008:

<http://www.destatis.de/jetspeed/portal/cms/Sites/destatis/Internet/EN/Content/Publicationen/SpecializedPublications/EnvironmentEconomicAccounting/Indicators2008,property=file.pdf>

(We recommend placing a link to our indicator report, otherwise give permission to upload the German indicator report to your website.)

Date of last update: The indicator set for sustainable development was last updated in 2008. A selected set of the sustainability indicators in terms of environment and economy is continually updated.

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Additional Information:

In April 2002 the federal government published a National Strategy for Sustainable Development entitled "Perspectives for Germany". Since that time, sustainability has been considered a major political principle in Germany. To enable the effectiveness of that strategy to be measured, i.e. both successes and failures, suitable indicators have been selected at the political level. To provide transparency, a limited set of single indicators has been given preference over composite indicators. Most of the total of 35 indicators for 21 different sustainability issues have quantitative targets and show the extent to which development in the economy, the environment and the society meets the expectations and goals which have been defined by policy.

Most of the data for the indicators come from official statistics. With the system of Environmental-Economic Accounting, the Federal Statistical Office also has an excellent tool for systematically examining interrelations between the economic, environmental and social indicators of the strategy. An integrated approach allows simultaneous examination of different, and in part conflicting, goals.

The German indicator report contains a summarising table showing the information on sustainability trends in a concise and reader-friendly way. It illustrates the status of the indicators in terms of the success of past development and the projected development up to the target year. This is neither a political assessment nor a forecast but simply the result of a calculation continuing the past trend.

The 2008 Indicator Report was compiled by the Federal Statistical Office under its own responsibility and is based on the principle of neutral and independent reporting. The data for the indicators are regularly updated and published every two years. The Federal Statistical Office supports fact-based sustainability policy by providing data and statistical analyses on the status of the German sustainability indicators.

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