Metadata Open Defecation

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| **Definition** |  | The proportion of population who practices open defecation, reported in percentage of the total population and percentage of the rural or urban population. According to the definition of the WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply and Sanitation (JMP0), open defecation refers to the situation where excreta of adults or children are: deposited (directly or after being covered by a layer of earth) in the bush, a field, a beach, or other open area; discharged directly into a drainage channel, river, sea, or other water body; or are wrapped in temporary material and discarded. |  |
| **Aggregation** |  | Weighted averages using rural (% of rural population), urban (% of urban population) and total population (% of population) as weights. Missing data are not imputed. |  |
| **Data Source** |  | UNSD, SDG Global Database |  |
| **Data Source Description** |  | United Nations Statistics Division, SDG indicators global database. Data are from World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) |  |
| **Last Update Date** |  | 7 August 2017 |  |
| **Related Metadata Documents** |  |  [SDG Global database](https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/metadata/files/Metadata-06-02-01.pdf)   [UNICEF - Progress on sanitation and drinking water](https://www.unicef.org/publications/index_82419.html)   [JMP website](http://www.wssinfo.org/) |  |
| **Related SDG Indicator** |  | 6.2.1 |  |