

## Indicator 3.1.2

### Indicator Name, Target and Goal

**Indicator 3.1.2** Proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel

**Target 3.1** By 2030, reduce the global maternal mortality ratio to less than 70 per 100,000 live births

**Goal 3** Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

### Definition and Rationale

#### ○ Definition

Percentage of births attended by skilled health personnel is the percentage of deliveries attended by health personnel trained in providing lifesaving obstetric care, including giving the necessary supervision, care and advice to women during pregnancy, labour and the post-partum period, conducting deliveries on their own, and caring for newborns.

#### ○ Concepts

Skilled health personnel generally doctors, nurses or midwives.

Traditional birth attendants, even if they receive a short training course, are not included.

#### ○ Rationale and Interpretation:

Having a skilled attendant at the time of delivery is an important lifesaving intervention for both mothers and babies. Not having access to this key assistance is detrimental to women's health and gender empowerment because it could cause the death of the mother or long lasting disability, especially in marginalized settings.

In some countries where skilled attendant at birth is not available, birth in a health facility (institutional births) is used instead.

### Data Sources and Collection Method

Vital Statistics

Table 4.7 of Vital Statistics of Japan, Volume 1 (Nativity)  
Trends in live births by place of delivery

### **Method of Computation and Other Methodological Considerations**

- Computation Method  
Number of institutional births / Total number of births
  
- Comments and limitations  
Institutional births may underestimate the percentage of births with skilled attendant because even births at home may be attended by skilled health personnel.

### **Data Disaggregation**

N/A

### **References**

**URL:** <https://data.unicef.org/topic/maternal-health/delivery-care/#>  
[https://www.e-stat.go.jp/stat-search/files?stat\\_infid=000040101527](https://www.e-stat.go.jp/stat-search/files?stat_infid=000040101527)

### **Custodian Ministries of Data**

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

### **Custodian Ministries of Related Policies**

Children and Families Agency  
Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

### **International Organizations**

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)  
World Health Organization (WHO)