# Children under 5 years mortality rate

**Metadata on MDGs indicators**
National Bureau of Statistics of the Republic of Moldova (NBS)

## Definition
This demography indicator measures the number of deaths of children under 5 years scaled to 1000 live births in the year of reference.

## National MDG
MDG 4. **Reduce child mortality**

## Measure unit
Per thousand (‰)

## Formula of calculation
Child (under-5) mortality rate

\[
CMR = \frac{D}{N} \cdot 1000
\]

where:
- \(D\) – deaths between 0-4 years during the year of calculation;
- \(N\) – live births of newborns during the year of calculation;

Note: The data are based on registration of newborns weighing more than 500 grams at 22 weeks gestation.

## Disaggregation
By sex, by area

## Dissemination periodicity
Annual

## Timeliness
10 April of the reference year

## Revision
Data are final when disseminated in April

## Data source
Data elaboration is based on administrative data sources obtained from Ministry of Justice (Population Registering Office), Ministry of Health (National Centre of Health Management), Ministry of Information Technologies and Communications (State Enterprise “State Informational Resources Center REGISTER”).

## Comparability at international level
The data is developed according to international recommendations, specifically – Principles and Recommendations for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.M/19/Rev.2 New York, 2003)

Starting with January 1, 2008, together with implementation process of the European standards the shift was made to record in the official statistics of births the newborns weighing more than 500gr and after 22 weeks of gestation, (whereas until 01.01.2008 there were registered only the newborns weighing more than 1000gr and over 30 weeks of gestation).

## Comparability over time
Data available starting with year 1980
Indicators are comparable starting with 2008, due to new methodology.

## Coherence with other indicators (co-related indicators)
Mortality rate on death causes
Infant mortality rate

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## Note
More detailed metadata are available at:
Data series with information about MDG Target are available at: