



Review of the statistical measurement of child labour at the national and international levels

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Child labour. SDG 8.7.1



Promoting sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all



8.7.1

The proportion and number of children aged 5 to 17 years engaged in child labour, by gender and age

Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and **by 2025 end child labour in all its forms**



Child labour



WHAT IS CHILD LABOUR?

According to the definition of the International Labour Organization (ILO) Convention, **child labour is any activity that is mentally, physically, socially or morally dangerous or harmful to children**, deprives children of the opportunity to attend school and is performed by children below the minimum age (set at 15 years).

- Gainful labour of children under 14 years of age (light labour – up to 12 years of age)
- Harmful and dangerous work for children
- Activities that interfere with education
- Activities prohibited by law





International Standards and Guidelines for Measuring Child Labour



☐ UN Convention on Human Rights (1989)

Ratified by 154 countries - child labour exploitation is prohibited

☐ ILO Convention No. 138 and ILO Recommendation No. 146

on the minimum age for admission to employment (1973)

the minimum age for admission to employment shall not be lower than the minimum age for completion of compulsory schooling.

☐ ILO Convention No. 182 and ILO Recommendation No. 190

on the prohibition and immediate action for the elimination of the worst forms of child labour (1999)

In 2020, for the first time in history of ILO, an international labour standard was ratified by all 187 member states of the Organization

☐ Resolution of the 18th ICLS on statistics of child labour (2008);

☐ Resolution of the 20th ICLS amending the resolution of the 18th ICLS on child labour statistics (2018);

☐ Resolution of the 19th ICLS on statistics of labour activity and employment and underutilization of labour force (2013);

☐ ILO Model Questionnaire for Selected Child Labour Surveys;

☐ ILO Model Questionnaire for Modular Surveys on Child Labour.



Development of statistical standards on child labour and ICLS



2008

Resolution of the 18th
ICLS concerning
statistics
of child labour



2013

Resolution of the 19th
ICLS concerning
statistics of work,
employment and labour
underutilization

2018

Resolution of the 20th
ICLS to amend the 18th
ICLS resolution
concerning statistics of
child labour



2023

Document No. 21
of the 21th ICLS
Integrating Child
Labour Statistics
into National
Statistical Systems



International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC)



The flagship programme of the International Labour Organization (ILO), which is responsible for assisting countries in this regard and for compliance monitoring

IPEC primary goal is the gradual elimination of child labour worldwide. Particular attention is paid to the eradication of the worst forms of exploitation, including slavery, forced labour, child trafficking, debt bondage, serfdom, prostitution, pornography and hazardous work.



Dictionary of terms and basic concepts on child labour, ILO- IPEC, 2012

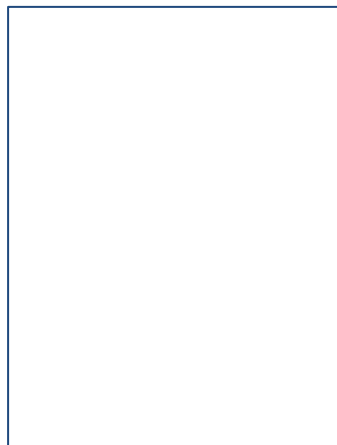


Child Labour and Education: A Guide to Integrating Working Children into the School System

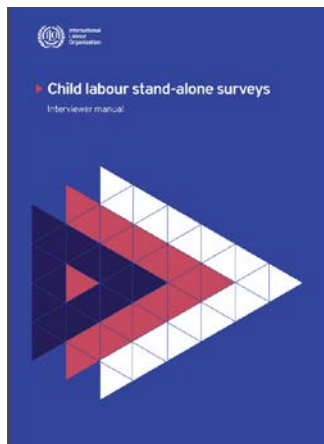
As of 2024, the ILO's International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC) operates in 88 countries.



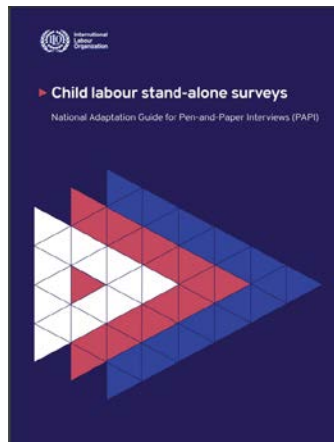
Child Labour. ILO Publications



Selected child labour
surveys
Questionnaire
sample



Selected child
labour surveys
Interviewer's Guide



Selected studies on child
labour
National Adaptation
Guidelines for
pen and paper interview
(PAPI)

Modular surveys of
child labour
Questionnaire
sample





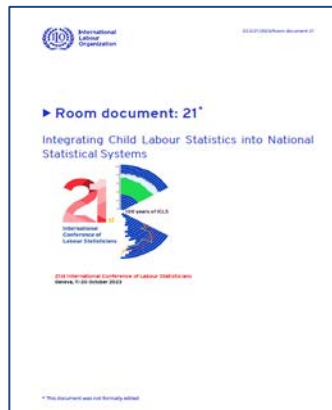
Translation of statistical methodology into Russian language

ILO-UNICEF 2020 Global Child Labour Estimates Methodology

Document No. 21 of the 21st International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS)
"Integration of child labour statistics into the national statistical system"



- Model Questionnaire for Selected Child Labour Surveys





Statistical measurement of children's participation in labour activities



The structure of statistical measurement of child labour

AGE OF THE CHILD

Under 18 years
old
(5-17)

CHILD'S WORK ACTIVITIES

Children participating in any activities involving the production of goods or provision of services for use others or for personal use

DATA SOURCES

- **Household surveys**
- **Surveys of street children**
- **Censuses and socio-economic surveys**
- **Special surveys of child labour**
- **Labor Inspection Reports**
- **Organization programs and modules**

(ILO Statistical Information and Monitoring Programme on Child Labour (SIMPOC), UNICEF Child Labour Module of the Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS), USAID Child Labour Module of the Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS))

- ✓ Worst forms of child labour;
- ✓ Labor activity within the boundaries of the SNS production sphere, performed by children below the minimum age;
- ✓ Dangerous unpaid domestic services.



Child Labor in the CIS Countries. SDG 8.7.1



8.7.1

Proportion and number of children aged 5-17 years engaged in child labour, by sex and age

(as percentage of the number of children of the corresponding age)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Azerbaijan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5.1
boys	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
girls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Armenia	39300	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
boys	27300	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
girls	12000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Belarus	...	...	...	...	4.1	...	...	3.4	...
boys	...	...	...	...	4.7	...	...	3.6	...
girls	...	...	...	...	3.4	...	...	3.1	...
Kazakhstan	0.3	0.2	0.2	0,1	0,1	0,1	0.8	0.9	0.04
boys	0.3	0.2	0.2	0,1	0,1	0,1	0.9	0.9	0.06
girls	0.3	0.2	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1	0.7	0.8	0.03
Kyrgyzstan	...	...	...	26.7	...	...	...	...	19.6
boys	...	...	...	33.6	...	...	...	...	23.2
girls	...	...	...	19.0	...	...	...	...	16.0
Moldova	...	4.5	3.9	4.8	3.1	2,2	...	...	...
boys	...	4.8	5.0	6.4	3.2	2.9	...	...	...
girls	...	4.1	2.6	3.3	2.9	1.4	...	...	...

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Russia	...	...	...	0.4	...	0.4	...	0,1	...
boys	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
girls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tajikistan	34.4	13.1	...	13.1	...	...	...	...	...
boys	35.5	14.2	...	14.2	...	...	...	...	...
girls	33.3	12.0	...	12.0	...	...	...	...	...
Turkmenistan	...	...	...	0.3	...	...	...	...	...
boys	...	...	...	0.5	...	...	...	...	...
girls	...	...	...	0,1	...	...	...	...	...
Uzbekistan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20.6	...
boys	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23.0	...
girls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18.1	...

Azerbaijan – MICS (2023).

Armenia – one-time National Child Labour Survey (2015). Belarus – MICS (2019), from 2022 – Household Sample Survey on Living Standards. Kazakhstan and Russia – for the age group 15-17 years, according to the criterion of "work with a duration of 43 or more hours per week". Moldova – since 2019, data are not comparable with previous years due to a change in the LFS methodology. Tajikistan – data from the Child Labour Survey (CLS) 2012 and data from the LFS 2016.



Child labour. Azerbaijan



MICS 2023

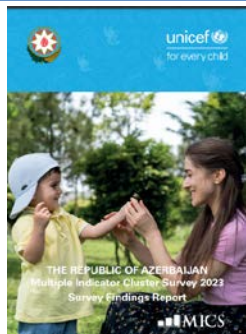


Table PR.3.3: Child labour

Percentage of children age 5-17 years by involvement in economic activities or household chores during the last week and percentage engaged in child labour during the previous week, Azerbaijan, 2023

	Children involved in economic activities for a total number of hours during last week:		Children involved in household chores, for a total number of hours during last week:		Total child labour ^a	Number of children age 5-17 years
	age specific threshold	At or above the age specific threshold	Below the age specific threshold	At or above the age specific threshold		
Total	10.1	4.8	34.6	0.5	5.1	8,746
Sex						
Male	12.4	6.4	32.8	0.4	6.6	4,842
Female	7.2	2.9	37.0	0.5	3.3	3,903
Area						
Urban	5.9	2.6	32.1	0.3	2.9	5,292
Rural	16.5	8.2	38.6	0.7	8.6	3,454
Age						
5-11	4.7	7.3	37.0	0.5	7.6	4,854
12-14	15.3	2.4	59.2	0.8	3.2	2,081
15-17	18.6	0.9	na	na	0.9	1,810
School attendance						
Attending ^c	9.9	4.9	36.3	0.5	5.3	8,017
Not attending	12.4	3.5	16.6	0.3	3.9	728



Sustainable Development Goals:
Statistical Overview



"Children in Azerbaijan"
(15-19 working youth)

Labour Code of Azerbaijan: It is prohibited to involve children under 15 years of age in labour activities. Children over 15 years of age may be involved in work only with the consent of their parents, but taking into account certain points of the regulations



Child labour. Armenia



Labour Code of the Republic of Armenia :

- It is prohibited to enter into an employment contract with citizens under 14 years of age, as well as to engage them in work
- Minors between the ages of 14 and 16 may work under a temporary employment contract, but only with the written consent of one of the parents.



National Survey on Child Labor in Armenia, 2015

PROPORTION AND NUMBER OF CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 17 ENGAGED IN CHILD LABOR, BY SEX AND AGE

number

Year		boys	girls	5-11 years	12-15 years	16-17 years old	city	village
2015	39 300	27 300	12,000	11 200	14,000	14 100	4 800	34 500

%

Year		boys	girls	5-11 years	12-15 years	16-17 years old	city	village
2015	8.7	11.4	5.7	4.6	10.5	19.4	1.9	16.8

There are no systematic studies or statistics on child labour



Child labour. Belarus



Decent Work. "Work that must be abolished"

Indicator 5.1

"Proportion of children aged 5-17 years"

Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey for Women and Children **(MICS)**:
2005, 2012, 2019

WEB PORTAL of statistical data **on children** has been created
on the website of the National Statistical Committee of the
Republic of Belarus



Collection "Children and Youth of the Republic of Belarus",
2018



Headcount of employees at the end of the period (persons)

Age composition	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
up to 16	70	92	102	104	59
16-17	521	569	802	946	887

Удельный вес и количество детей в возрасте 5-17 лет, вовлеченных в детский труд, с разбивкой по полу
Proportion and number of children aged 5-17 years engaged in child labour, by sex

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2022	2022
Беларусь ¹⁾ Belarus	4,1	...	...	3,4
по полу:								
мальчики/boys	4,7	...	...	3,6
девочки/girls	3,4	...	...	3,1
по возрасту, лет								
5-11	6,6	...	...	6,0
12-14	0,0	...	...	0,0
15-17	0,0	...	...	0,0

The **Labour Code** sets a minimum age for employment and prohibits the use of child labour in certain types of work. Underage workers are provided with reduced working hours and additional guarantees.



Child labour. Kazakhstan



MICS : 2006, 2010, 2015



website "Children's Statistics"



publication "Children of Kazakhstan"
(teenage employment/labour force, employed and unemployed population aged 15-17)



8.7.1 Proportion and number of children aged 5-17 years engaged in child labour, by sex and age

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0,1	0,1	0,1	0.8	0.9	0.04
Men	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0,1	0,1	0,1	0.9	0.9	0.06
Women	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1	0.7	0.8	0.03
City	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	0.3	0.4	0.01
Village	1.5	1.5	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0,1	0,1	1.3	1.6	0.09

Data source: Sample survey of employment of the population

Labour Code: One of the main principles of the labour legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan is the prohibition of discrimination, forced labour and the worst forms of child labour in the Republic of Kazakhstan. An employment contract is concluded with a minor, aged 14 years, as well as with a parent, guardian, trustee or adoptive parent. At the same time, for employees under 18 years of age, reduced working hours are established.



Child labour. Kyrgyzstan



MICS: 2006, 2014, 2018



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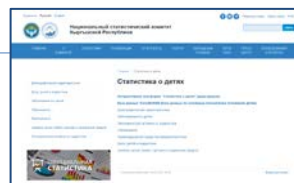
	2014	2018	2023
Percentage of children aged 5-17 years involved in child labour	25.8	26.7	19.6
<u>By sex</u>			
Men	29.9	33.6	23.2
Women	21.5	19.0	16.0
<u>Terrain</u>			
City	12.3	11.9	14.1
Rural	30.9	33.6	22.0
<u>Age (years)</u>			
5-11	24.5	27.9	28
12-14	25	23.3	11
15-17	30.4	26.6	0.3
<u>Visiting school</u>			
Visits	27.5	27.0	20.2
Does not attend	14.4	21.6	12.6
Mother's education			
Preschool or not/Primary	36.1 (33.0)	(*)	
Basic general	23.7	28.7	19.9
General average	27.4	29.2	21.6
<u>Vocational Primary/Secondary</u>	28.3	24.4	21
Higher	18.7	23.1	15.5
<u>Functional difficulties in a child</u>			
Eat	-	34.9	19.4
No	-	25.9	19.7
<u>Wealth index</u>			
Poorest	26.3	32.1	26.1
Second	28.8	30.6	23.8
Average	32.9	31.8	20.9
Fourth	27.1	28.0	16.9
The richest	11	6.1	8.3

ILO publication: "Working children in the Kyrgyz Republic". Child labour survey 2014-2015

Website "Children Statistics"

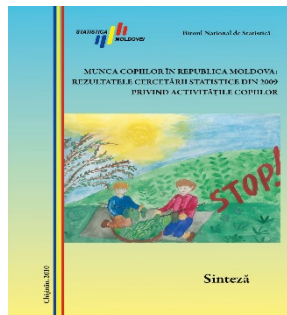
Employment and unemployment among minors:

1. Employed population aged 15-17 years
2. Unemployed aged 15-17
3. The number of registered unemployed by sex and age)





Child labour. Moldova



"Work for children" in the Republic of Moldova

8.7.1.a

[Percentage of children aged 5–17 years engaged in child labour](#)

8.7.1.b

[Number of children aged 5–17 years engaged in child labour](#)

From April 14 to July 13, 2025, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) of Moldova plans to conduct a statistical survey of households “Children's Activities”.



Child labour. Russia



“Proportion of children aged 5-17 years engaged in child labour” (SDG indicator 8.7.1).

			Both sexes	Girls	Boys
2018	Total	15-17 years old	0.4		
2020	Total	Total	0.4	0.4	0.4
		11-14 years old	0.4		
		15-17 years old	0.6		
		6-10 years	0.2		
2022	Urban area	Total	0.4		
	Countryside	Total	0.4		
	Total	Total	0,1	0,1	0.2
		11-14 years old	0,1		
		15-17 years old	0.4		
		6-10 years	0		
	Urban area	Total	0,1		
	Countryside	Total	0.2		
	Total	Total	0,1		0.4
		11-14 years old	0,1		
2024		15-17 years old	0.4		
	Urban area	Total	0,1		
	Countryside	Total	0,1		

Publication "Family and Children"



Comprehensive Survey of Living Conditions of the Population (CSLC)

In accordance with the Constitution of the Russian Federation, the Labour Code of the Russian Federation, labour in Russia is free, forced labour is prohibited, and the specifics of regulating the labour of workers under the age of 18 are established.



Child labour. Tajikistan

MICS : 2000, 2005

Review of “Examples of good practices obtained within the framework of the project “Combating child labour and human trafficking in Central Asia - commitment becomes action” (2017-2018)

Proportion and number of children aged 5-17 years engaged in child labour, by sex and age (according to LFS 2016)

year	5-17	5-17 village	5-17 city	5-17 girls	5-17 boys
2016	13.1	16.7	3.6	12	14.2

The only study on child labour in Tajikistan was conducted in 2012 by the Agency of Statistics together with the International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (ILO-IPEC).

According to this study, in Tajikistan about 120 thousand children aged 5 to 11 years are forced to work. At that time, there were 2.2 million children under 17 in the country, the share of workers was 23.4% or 522 thousand. Child labour is more common in rural areas. In villages, children are taught from an early age to help their elders with the housework. During the cotton harvest season, if the district is behind schedule, even schoolchildren go out to the fields.

The Labor Code sets the minimum age for employment at 15 years. A separate section is devoted to protecting the rights of workers under 18 years of age.



Child labour. Turkmenistan



MICS : 2024

Proportion and number of children aged 5-17 years engaged in child labour, by sex and age

year		12-14	15-17	5-11	Girls	Boys
2016	0.3	0.5	0	0.4	0.1	0.5

In the autumn of 2024, ILO experts conducted a study of cotton harvesting in Turkmenistan

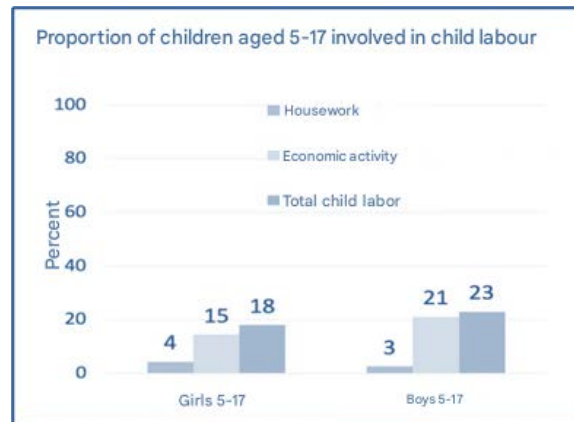
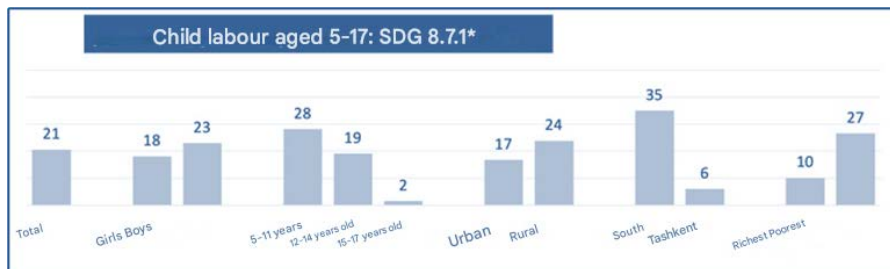
Some results of the study:

- In 2024, the government of Turkmenistan added the professions of “cotton picker” and “cotton grower” to the list of jobs with harmful and hazardous working conditions prohibited for all persons under 18 years of age.
- ILO observers confirmed the involvement of children in cotton picking in all regions on 23% of the farms they visited.



Child labour. Uzbekistan

MICS : 2021–2022



In March 2022, the ILO announced that cotton picking in Uzbekistan would no longer be carried out using child labour. This ban was also enshrined in the Constitution of Uzbekistan, adopted in 2023

Uzbekistan has taken steps to eradicate child labour. A legal framework has been created for this purpose, which has received high praise from the international community



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