Sustainable Development Goal 5 - Target 5.3 - aims to eliminate all harmful practices, including child marriage by 2030. Even though child marriage prevalence in Indonesia remains high, the Government of Indonesia is committed to achieving this target.

All data is based on the 2018 annual Socio-Economic Survey (SUSENAS), which monitors child marriage trends as well as associated factors.

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Prevalence of women aged 20-24 who were married before age 18 (SUSENAS 2018)

*Among 20-24-year old females who were married before age 18 in 2018, from multiplying child marriage prevalence with 2015 SUPAS population projection.

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