

Timeliness refers to the speed of the [dissemination of the data](#) - i.e., the lapse of time between the end of a [reference period](#) (or a reference date) and the dissemination of the data. In Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange (SDMX), "Timeliness and Punctuality" is a single entity.

Timeliness reflects many factors, including some that are related to institutional arrangements, such as the preparation of accompanying commentary and printing. **Punctuality** refers to the possible [time lag](#) existing between the actual delivery date of the [data](#) and the target date when the data should have been delivered, e.g. dates announced in an official [release calendar](#) or previously agreed among partners.

Further information

- [Handbook on Data Quality - Assessment Methods and Tools](#)

Related concepts

- [Data dissemination](#)
- [Publication time](#)
- [Punctuality](#)