

# Timeliness

## Definition

Timeliness of data availability is the degree to which the period between the time of creation of the [real value](#) and the time that the [dataset is available](#) is appropriate.

## Note(s)

Note the difference with [punctuality](#) which refers to a planned point in time of delivery.

## Relation(s)

Timeliness is a [characteristic](#) of the [availability of a dataset](#).

## Example(s)

The annual report over 2022 became available at 15 January 2023. The timeliness of the report was more than appropriate.

## Reference(s)

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