

## Example for infant mortality rate for many countries and world regions

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The theoretical hypothesis that the perception of the degree of disparity in time may be very different from that in static terms was confirmed by several examples. Benchmarking the 2005 values of infant mortality rate for 192 countries against long-term trend for Sweden showed the possibility of using gap timing procedure for benchmarking against historical development. In comparing UNICEF (2007) data for infant mortality rate for selected group of countries and world regions for several data points in the period 1960-2005 the second new statistical measure S-time-step is used to compare the velocity of improvements in reducing infant mortality rate between two consecutive levels of the indicator.

The results for infant mortality rate for 113 countries for 2004 is presented as an example of results across many countries for their implementation of the MDGs.

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