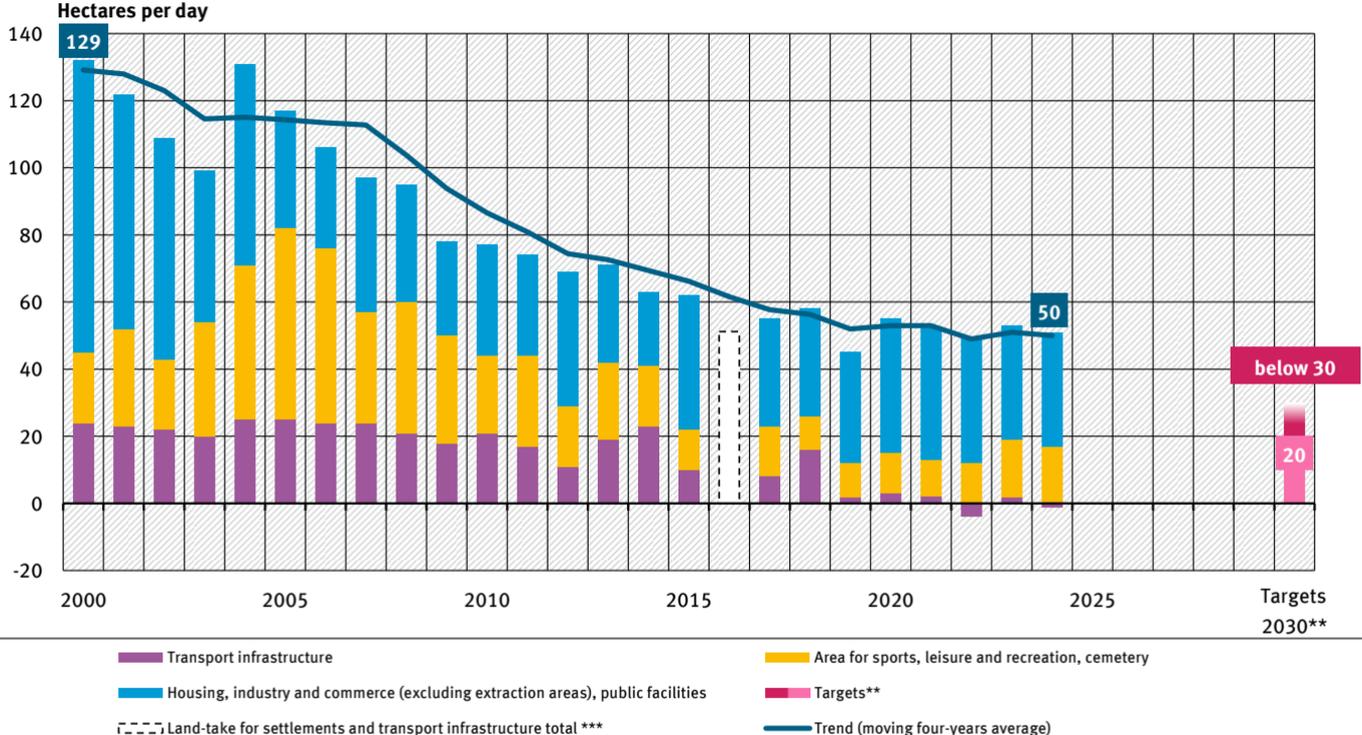


Land-take for settlements and transport infrastructure*



* Land use survey is based on the evaluation of the states' (Länder) land registry. Data on increase in land-take for settlement and transport infrastructure have been distorted from 2004 due to a change-over in land registries (recording land use types in course of digitalisation). In addition to the regular results for 2023 and the moving four-year average (2020 to 2023), the results for 2020 to 2022 and their moving four-year averages were revised unscheduled. More information can be found at: https://www.destatis.de/DE/Presse/Pressemitteilungen/2025/08/PD25_286_412.html.

Source: Values from Federal Statistical Office 2026, Increase in settlement and transport area (moving 4-year average) and increase of sub-types in settlement and transport area (yearly basis) (in German only)

** Targets 2030: '30 minus X' hectares per day; German Sustainable Development Strategy, revised 2016; 20 hectares per day; Integrated Environmental Programme 2030

*** Since 2016, the distinction between "buildings and adjacent open areas" and "operating area excluding extraction areas" has become obsolete due to the switch from the automated property book (ALB) to the automated real estate cadastre information system (ALKIS). This means that time comparison is currently impaired and the calculation of changes is made more difficult. The settlement and traffic area determined after the changes contain largely the same types of use as before. Further information is available at www.bmu.de/WS2220#c10929.