

TABLE 2. NUTRITION

Countries and territories	% of infants with low birthweight 1998-2004*	% of children (1996-2004*) who are:			% of under-fives (1996-2004*) suffering from:				Vitamin A supplementation coverage rate (6-59 months) 2003	% of households consuming iodized salt 1998-2004*
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Afghanistan	-	-	29	54	39	12	7	54	86t	28
Albania	3	6	24	6	14	1	11	34	-	62
Algeria	7	13	38	22	10	3	8	19	-	69
Andorra	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Angola	12	11	77	37	31	8	6	45	68	35
Antigua and Barbuda	8	-	-	-	10x	4x	10x	7x	-	-
Argentina	8	-	-	-	5	1	3	12	-	90x
Armenia	7	30	51	13	3	0	2	13	-	84
Australia	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Austria	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Azerbaijan	11	7	39	16	7	1	2	13	-	26
Bahamas	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bahrain	8	34x,k	65x	41x	9x	2x	5x	10x	-	-
Bangladesh	36	36	69	94	48	13	13	43	87t	70
Barbados	10x	-	-	-	6x	1x	5x	7x	-	-
Belarus	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55
Belgium	8x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belize	6	24k	54	23	6x	1x	-	-	-	90x
Benin	16	38	66	62	23	5	8	31	98t	72
Bhutan	15	-	-	-	19	3	3	40	-	95
Bolivia	7	54	74	46	8	1	1	27	38	90
Bosnia and Herzegovina	4	6	-	-	4	1	6	10	-	77
Botswana	10	34	57	11	13	2	5	23	-	66
Brazil	10x	-	30	17	6	1	2	11	-	88
Brunei Darussalam	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bulgaria	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	98
Burkina Faso	19	19	38	81	38	14	19	39	95t	45
Burundi	16	62	46	85	45	13	8	57	95	96
Cambodia	11	12	72	59	45	13	15	45	47	14
Cameroon	11	21	80	29	18	4	5	32	86	61
Canada	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cape Verde	13	57k	64	13	14x	2x	6x	16x	-	0x
Central African Republic	14	17	77	53	24	6	9	39	84	86
Chad	10	2	77	66	28	9	11	29	-	58
Chile	5	63	47	-	1	-	0	2	-	100
China	4	51	32	15	8	-	-	14	-	93
Colombia	9	26	58	25	7	1	1	14	-	92x
Comoros	25	21	34	45	25	9	12	42	-	82
Congo	-	4k	94	13	14	3	4	19	89	-
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	12	24	79	52	31	9	13	38	80t	72
Cook Islands	3	19k	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Costa Rica	7	35x,k	47x	12x	5	0	2	6	-	97x
Côte d'Ivoire	17	5	73	38	17	5	7	21	-	31
Croatia	6	23	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	90
Cuba	6	41	42	9	4	0	2	5	-	88
Cyprus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Czech Republic	7	-	-	-	1x	0x	2x	2x	-	-
Denmark	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Djibouti	-	-	-	-	18	6	13	26	75	-
Dominica	10	-	-	-	5x	0x	2x	6x	-	-
Dominican Republic	11	10	41	16	5	1	2	9	40	18
Ecuador	16	35	70	25	12	-	-	26	-	99
Egypt	12	30	72	31	9	1	4	16	-	56
El Salvador	7	24	76	43	10	1	1	19	-	91x
Equatorial Guinea	13	24	-	-	19	4	7	39	-	20x
Eritrea	21x	52	43	62	40	12	13	38	52	68
Estonia	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ethiopia	15	55	43	77	47	16	11	52	65	28
Fiji	10	47x,k	-	-	8x	1x	8x	3x	-	31x

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Finland	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
France	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gabon	14	6	62	9	12	2	3	21	30	36
Gambia	17	26	37	54	17	4	9	19	91	8
Georgia	7	18k	12	12	3	0	2	12	-	68
Germany	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ghana	16	53	62	67	22	5	7	30	78t	28
Greece	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grenada	9	39k	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guatemala	12	51	67	47	23	4	2	49	-	67
Guinea	16	23	43	73	21	-	11	33	98t	68
Guinea-Bissau	22	37	36	67	25	7	10	30	-	2
Guyana	12	11	42	31	14	3	11	11	-	-
Haiti	21	24	73	30	17	4	5	23	25	11
Holy See	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Honduras	14	35	61	34	17	-	1	29	35	80
Hungary	9	-	-	-	2x	0x	2x	3x	-	-
Iceland	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
India	30	37k	44	66	47	18	16	46	45w	50
Indonesia	9	40	75	59	28	9	-	-	62	73
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	7x	44	-	0	11	2	5	15	-	94
Iraq	15	12	51	27	16	2	6	22	-	40
Ireland	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Israel	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Italy	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jamaica	10	-	-	-	4	-	2	5	-	100
Japan	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jordan	10x	27	70	12	4	1	2	9	-	88
Kazakhstan	8	36	73	17	4	0	2	10	-	83
Kenya	10	13	84	57	20	4	6	30	33	91
Kiribati	5	80x,k	-	-	13x	-	11x	28x	45	-
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	7	65	31	37	23	8	7	37	95t	40
Korea, Republic of	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kuwait	7	12k	26	9	10	3	11	24	-	-
Kyrgyzstan	7x	24	77	21	11	2	3	25	-	42
Lao People's Democratic Republic	14	23	10	47	40	13	15	42	64	75
Latvia	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lebanon	6	27k	35	11	3	0	3	12	-	87
Lesotho	14	15	51	58	18	4	5	46	75t	69
Liberia	-	35	70	45	26	8	6	39	-	-
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	7x	-	-	23x	5x	1x	3x	15x	-	90x
Liechtenstein	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lithuania	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luxembourg	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Madagascar	17	67	78	64	42	11	13	48	91t	75
Malawi	16	44	93	77	22	-	5	45	92	49
Malaysia	9	29k	-	12	11	1	-	-	-	-
Maldives	22	10	85	-	30	7	13	25	-	44
Mali	23	25	32	69	33	11	11	38	61	74
Malta	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marshall Islands	12	63x,k	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	-
Mauritania	-	20	78	57	32	10	13	35	-	2
Mauritius	14	21k	-	-	15x	2x	14x	10x	-	0x
Mexico	8	38x,k	36x	21x	8	1	2	18	-	91
Micronesia (Federated States of)	18	60k	-	-	-	-	-	-	95t	-
Moldova, Republic of	5	-	-	-	3	-	3	10	-	33
Monaco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mongolia	7	51	55	57	13	3	6	25	87t	75
Morocco	11x	31	66	15	9	2	4	24	-	41

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Mozambique	15	30	80	65	24	6	4	41	50	54
Myanmar	15	15k	66	67	32	7	9	32	87t	60
Namibia	14	19	57	37	24	5	9	24	93	63
Nauru	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nepal	21	68	66	92	48	13	10	51	96t	63
Netherlands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Zealand	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	83
Nicaragua	12	31	68	39	10	2	2	20	91	97
Niger	13	1	56	61	40	14	14	40	95	15
Nigeria	14	17	64	34	29	9	9	38	27	97
Niue	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norway	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Occupied Palestinian Territory	9	29k	78	11	4	1	3	9	-	65
Oman	8	-	92	73	24x	4x	13x	23x	-	61
Pakistan	19x	16x,k	31x	56x	38	12	13	37	95t	17
Palau	9	59x,k	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Panama	10	25x	38x	21x	7	-	1	14	-	95
Papua New Guinea	11x	59	74	66	35x	-	-	-	1	-
Paraguay	9x	22	60	-	5	-	1	14	-	88
Peru	11x	67	76	49	7	1	1	25	-	93x
Philippines	20	34	58	32	28	-	6	30	76t	56
Poland	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Portugal	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Qatar	10	12k	48	21	6x	-	2x	8x	-	-
Romania	9	-	-	-	6x	1x	3x	8x	-	53
Russian Federation	6	-	-	-	3x	1x	4x	13x	-	35
Rwanda	9	84	79	71	27	7	6	41	86	90
Saint Kitts and Nevis	9	56k	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
Saint Lucia	8	-	-	-	14x	-	6x	11x	-	-
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Samoa	4x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Marino	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sao Tome and Principe	20	56	53	42	13	2	4	29	-	74
Saudi Arabia	11x	31k	60	30	14	3	11	20	-	-
Senegal	18	24k	64	49	23	6	8	25	-	16
Serbia and Montenegro	4	11k	33	11	2	0	4	5	-	73
Seychelles	-	-	-	-	6x	0x	2x	5x	-	-
Sierra Leone	23	4	51	53	27	9	10	34	84t	23
Singapore	8	-	-	-	14x	-	4x	11x	-	-
Slovakia	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Slovenia	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Solomon Islands	13x	65k	-	-	21x	4x	7x	27x	-	-
Somalia	-	9	13	8	26	7	17	23	-	-
South Africa	15	7	67	30	12	2	3	25	-	62
Spain	6x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sri Lanka	22	84	-	73	29	-	14	14	-	88
Sudan	31	16	47	40	17x	7x	-	-	34	1
Suriname	13	9	25	11	13	2	7	10	-	-
Swaziland	9	24	60	25	10	2	1	30	80	59
Sweden	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Switzerland	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syrian Arab Republic	6	81k	50	6	7	1	4	18	-	79
Tajikistan	15	50	-	-	-	-	5	36	-	28
Tanzania, United Republic of	13	41	91	55	22	4	3	38	91t	43
Thailand	9	4x,k	71x	27x	19x	-	6x	16x	-	63
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	6	37	8	10	6	1	4	7	-	80
Timor-Leste	12	31	82	35	46	15	12	49	95	72
Togo	18	18	65	65	25	7	12	22	84t	67
Tonga	0	62k	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Trinidad and Tobago	23	2	19	10	7x	0x	4x	5x	-	1
Tunisia	7	47	-	22	4	1	2	12	-	97
Turkey	16	21	38	24	4	1	1	12	-	64
Turkmenistan	6	13	71	27	12	2	6	22	-	100
Tuvalu	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uganda	12	63	75	50	23	5	4	39	-	95
Ukraine	5	22	-	-	1	0	0	3	-	32
United Arab Emirates	15x	34x,k	52x	29x	14x	3x	15x	17x	-	-
United Kingdom	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	8	-	-	-	1x	0x	1x	2x	-	-
Uruguay	8	-	-	-	5x	1x	1x	8x	-	-
Uzbekistan	7	19	49	45	8	2	7	21	93t	19
Vanuatu	6	50k	-	-	20x	-	-	19x	-	-
Venezuela	9	7k	50	31	4	1	3	13	-	90
Viet Nam	9	15	-	26	28	4	7	32	99t, w	83
Yemen	32x	12	76	-	46	15	12	53	36	30
Zambia	12	40	87	58	23	-	5	49	73t	77
Zimbabwe	11	33	90	35	13	2	6	27	46	93

SUMMARY INDICATORS

Sub-Saharan Africa	14	30	67	53	28	8	9	38	64	64
Eastern and Southern Africa	14	41	69	58	29	8	7	41	68	60
Western and Central Africa	15	20	65	48	28	9	10	35	60	68
Middle East and North Africa	15	29	60	23	14	3	6	21	-	58
South Asia	31	38	45	69	46	16	14	44	58	49
East Asia and Pacific	7	43	44	27	15	-	-	19	73e	85
Latin America and Caribbean	9	-	45	26	7	1	2	16	-	86
CEE/CIS	9	22	45	26	5	1	3	14	-	47
Industrialized countries	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Developing countries	17	36	51	46	27	10	10	31	61e	69
Least developed countries	19	34	63	65	36	11	10	42	76	53
World	16	36	51	46	26	10	10	31	61e	68

Countries in each category are listed on page XXX.

DEFINITIONS OF THE INDICATORS

Low birthweight – Infants who weigh less than 2,500 grams.

Underweight – Moderate and severe – below minus two standard deviations from median weight for age of reference population; severe – below minus three standard deviations from median weight for age of reference population.

Wasting – Moderate and severe – below minus two standard deviations from median weight for height of reference population.

Stunting – Moderate and severe – below minus two standard deviations from median height for age of reference population.

Vitamin A – Percentage of children aged 6-59 months who have received at least one high dose of vitamin A capsules in 2003.

MAIN DATA SOURCES

Low birthweight – Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS), Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS), other national household surveys and data from routine reporting systems.

Breastfeeding – DHS, MICS and UNICEF.

Underweight, wasting and stunting – DHS, MICS, UNICEF and World Health Organization (WHO).

Vitamin A – UNICEF and WHO.

Salt iodization – MICS, DHS and UNICEF.

NOTES

- Data not available.
- x Indicates data that refer to years or periods other than those specified in the column heading, differ from the standard definition, or refer to only part of a country.
- k Refers to exclusive breastfeeding for less than four months.
- * Data refer to the most recent year available during the period specified in the column heading.
- t Identifies countries that have achieved a second round of vitamin A coverage greater than or equal to 70 per cent.
- e This regional figure for East Asia and Pacific does not include China.
- w Identifies countries with vitamin A supplementation programmes that do not target children all the way up to 59 months of age.