

Table 2: Nutrition

	Under-5 mortality rank	% of infants with low birthweight 1995-2000*	% of children (1995-2000*) who are:			% of under-fives (1995-2000*) suffering from:				Vitamin A supplementation coverage rate (6-59 months) 1999	% of households consuming iodized salt 1997-2000*
			exclusively breastfed (0-3 months)	breastfed with complementary food (6-9 months)	still breastfeeding (20-23 months)	underweight moderate & severe	underweight severe	wasting moderate & severe	stunting moderate & severe		
Afghanistan	4	-	25	-	-	48	-	25	52	78	-
Albania	96	5	9	24	6	14	4	11	32	-	56
Algeria	70	7	16	38	22	6	1	3	18	-	69
Andorra	160	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Angola	2	-	12	70	49	-	-	-	-	94	10x
Antigua and Barbuda	145	8	-	-	-	10x	4x	10x	7x	-	-
Argentina	123	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90x
Armenia	98	9	45	51	13	3	0	2	14	-	70
Australia	163	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Austria	175	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Azerbaijan	47	10	9	39	16	17	4	8	20	-	41
Bahamas	137	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bahrain	141	10	34	65	41	9	2	5	10	-	-
Bangladesh	55	30	53	64	-	48	13	10	45	79	70
Barbados	146	10	-	-	-	5x	1x	4x	7x	-	-
Belarus	129	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37
Belgium	163	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belize	83	4	24	54	23	6x	1x	-	-	-	90x
Benin	25	15	15	97	64	29	7	14	25	100	79x
Bhutan	51	15	-	-	-	19	3	3	40	87	82x
Bolivia	57	8	61	80	32	10	2	2	26	85	63
Bosnia and Herzegovina	137	4	-	-	-	4	1	6	10	-	-
Botswana	50	11	29	57	11	13	2	5	23	-	66
Brazil	90	9	-	30	17	6	1	2	11	20	95x
Brunei Darussalam	160	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bulgaria	141	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burkina Faso	12	18	5	49	87	34	12	13	37	99	23x
Burundi	14	16x	74	46	85	45	13	8	57	92	68
Cambodia	32	9	9	74	59	46	13	15	46	79	14
Cameroon	25	10	16	72	29	21	4	5	35	100	84
Canada	163	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cape Verde	84	13	57	64	13	14x	2x	6x	16x	-	0x
Central African Rep.	19	13x	22	77	53	24	6	9	39	100	87
Chad	12	24	13	68	51	28	10	12	28	92	58
Chile	148	5	73	-	-	1	-	0	2	-	100
China	84	6	67	-	-	10	-	3	17	-	91
Colombia	98	7	34	58	25	7	1	1	14	-	92
Comoros	55	18	24	34	45	25	9	12	42	-	83
Congo	45	-	4	94	13	14	3	4	19	74	-
Congo, Dem. Rep.	9	15	32	40	64	34	10	10	45	78	90
Cook Islands	117	1x	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Costa Rica	148	6	35x	47x	12x	5	0	2	6	-	97x
Côte d'Ivoire	22	17	11	54	42	21	4	10	22	-	31
Croatia	153	6	24	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	90
Cuba	153	6	46	42	9	4	0	2	5	-	0
Cyprus	160	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Czech Rep.	175	6	-	-	-	1x	0x	2x	2x	-	-
Denmark	175	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Djibouti	27	-	-	-	-	18	6	13	26	-	-
Dominica	141	8x	-	-	-	5x	0x	2x	6x	-	-
Dominican Rep.	75	13	16	26	6	5	1	2	6	53	18
East Timor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ecuador	94	16	29x	52x	34x	15	2	-	27	42	99
Egypt	82	10	68	71	30	12	3	6	25	-	56
El Salvador	84	13	21	77	40	12	1	1	23	-	91x
Equatorial Guinea	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20x
Eritrea	41	14	66	45	60	44	17	16	38	94	97
Estonia	123	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ethiopia	21	12	84	43	77	47	16	11	51	86	28

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Fiji	120	12x	-	-	-	8x	1x	8x	3x	-	31x
Finland	175	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
France	175	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gabon	54	-	8	60	8	-	-	-	-	-	15
Gambia	35	14	35	37	54	17	4	9	19	-	8
Georgia	103	6	18	12	12	3	0	2	12	-	8
Germany	175	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ghana	49	9	36	70	57	25	5	10	26	91	28
Greece	163	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grenada	109	11x	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guatemala	72	12	47	76	45	24	5	3	46	-	49
Guinea	20	10	12	28	73	23	5	9	26	100	12
Guinea-Bissau	8	20	42	36	67	23	5	10	28	77	2
Guyana	62	14	-	-	-	12	-	12	10	-	-
Haiti	37	28x	32	81	32	28	8	8	32	-	11
Holy See	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Honduras	84	6	42	69	45	25	4	2	39	53	80
Hungary	153	9	-	-	-	2x	0x	2x	3x	-	-
Iceland	187	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
India	53	26	55	34	69	47	18	16	46	15	52
Indonesia	75	9	52	81	65	26	8	-	-	64	64
Iran	80	7	66	96	41	11	2	5	15	-	94
Iraq	34	23	-	-	25	16	-	-	22	-	40
Ireland	163	4x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Israel	163	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Italy	163	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jamaica	129	11	-	-	-	4	-	4	3	-	100
Japan	187	7x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jordan	91	10	15	68	12	5	1	2	8	-	88
Kazakhstan	60	6	47	73	17	4	0	2	10	-	20
Kenya	38	9	16	67	24	23	7	6	37	80	91
Kiribati	64	3x	-	-	-	13x	-	11x	28x	80	-
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	98	-	97	-	-	60	-	19	60	100	-
Korea, Rep. of	175	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kuwait	151	7	12	26	9	10	3	11	24	-	-
Kyrgyzstan	71	6	31	77	21	11	2	3	25	-	27
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	47	-	28	10	47	40	13	15	41	80	76
Latvia	123	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lebanon	94	6	27	35	11	3	0	3	12	-	87
Lesotho	33	-	54	47	52	16	4	5	44	-	69
Liberia	5	-	-	17	25	20x	-	3x	37x	93	-
Libya	129	7x	-	-	23	5	1	3	15	-	90x
Liechtenstein	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lithuania	123	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luxembourg	175	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Madagascar	30	15	52	82	43	33	11	14	49	94	76
Malawi	15	13x	11	78	68	25	6	6	49	-	48
Malaysia	153	9	-	-	-	18	1	-	-	-	-
Maldives	57	12	8	-	-	43	10	17	27	-	-
Mali	6	16	13	33	60	43	-	-	-	100	9x
Malta	163	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marshall Islands	68	14x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	67	-
Mauritania	18	-	60	64	59	23	9	7	44	83	3
Mauritius	129	13	16x	29x	-	16	2	15	10	-	0x
Mexico	98	9	38x	36x	21x	8	1	2	18	-	90
Micronesia, Fed. States of	117	9x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	74	-
Moldova, Rep. of	92	7	-	-	-	3	-	3	10	-	33
Monaco	175	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mongolia	59	6	64	54	57	13	3	6	25	87	68

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Morocco	77	9x	31	33	20	9x	2x	2x	23x	-	-
Mozambique	11	13	38	87	58	26	9	8	36	100	62x
Myanmar	43	16	18	66	59	36	9	10	37	42	46
Namibia	67	15x	22x	65x	23x	26x	6x	9x	28x	83	63
Nauru	98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nepal	51	21	83	63	88	47	12	7	54	85	63
Netherlands	175	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Zealand	163	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	83
Nicaragua	78	13	29	65	29	12	2	2	25	63	86
Niger	3	12	2	56	61	40	14	14	40	100	44
Nigeria	17	9	20	-	35	27	11	12	46	23	98
Niue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norway	187	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Occupied Palestinian Territories	113	9	29	78	11	4	-	3	7	-	37
Oman	146	8	31	-	-	24	4	13	23	-	61
Pakistan	43	21x	16	31	56	38	13	-	-	88	19x
Palau	103	8x	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Panama	109	10	32	38	21	7	-	1	14	-	95
Papua New Guinea	42	-	75	74	66	35x	-	-	-	-	-
Paraguay	96	9	7	59	15	5	-	1	11	-	83
Peru	74	10	63	83	43	8	1	1	26	5	93
Philippines	84	18	47	57	23	28	-	6	30	78	22
Poland	151	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Portugal	163	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Qatar	141	10	12	48	21	6	-	2	8	-	-
Romania	120	9	-	-	-	6x	1x	3x	8x	-	-
Russian Federation	120	7	-	-	-	3	1	4	13	-	30x
Rwanda	16	12x	81	83	59	29	7	7	43	93	76
Saint Kitts and Nevis	113	13x	56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
Saint Lucia	135	8x	-	-	-	14x	-	6x	11x	-	-
Saint Vincent/Grenadines	113	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Samoa	109	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Marino	163	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sao Tome and Principe	60	7x	-	-	-	16	5	5	26	-	41
Saudi Arabia	103	3	31	60	30	14	3	11	20	-	-
Senegal	30	12	24	64	49	18	4	8	19	87	31
Seychelles	139	10x	-	-	-	6x	0x	2x	5x	-	-
Sierra Leone	1	22	2	53	51	27	9	10	34	81	23
Singapore	187	8	-	-	-	14x	-	4x	11x	-	-
Slovakia	153	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Slovenia	175	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Solomon Islands	113	-	-	-	-	21x	4x	7x	27x	-	-
Somalia	7	-	21	13	8	26	7	17	23	63	-
South Africa	64	-	10	46	-	-	-	-	25x	-	62
Spain	175	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sri Lanka	135	17	24x	60x	66x	33	5	15	17	-	87
Sudan	45	-	14x	45x	44x	17	7	-	-	79	96
Suriname	92	11	13	25	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swaziland	28	-	37	51	20	10x	-	1x	30x	-	26x
Sweden	187	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Switzerland	187	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syria	103	6	-	50x	-	13	4	9	21	-	40
Tajikistan	63	13	19	35	35	-	-	-	-	-	20
Tanzania	23	11	41	64	48	29	7	5	44	21	67
TFYR Macedonia	109	6	45	8	10	6	1	4	7	-	100
Thailand	103	7	4	71	27	19x	-	6x	16x	-	74
Togo	28	13	15	92	78	25	7	12	22	100	73
Tonga	123	2x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trinidad and Tobago	129	-	10x	39x	16x	7x	-	4x	4x	-	1

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Tunisia	108	5	12x	-	16x	4	1	2	12	-	97
Turkey	78	15	9	34	21	8	1	2	16	-	18x
Turkmenistan	64	5	16	79	-	-	-	-	-	-	90
Tuvalu	73	3x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uganda	36	13	70	64	40	26	7	5	38	79	69x
Ukraine	123	6	-	46	10	3	1	6	15	-	5
United Arab Emirates	153	-	34	52	29	14	3	15	17	-	-
United Kingdom	163	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	159	8	-	-	-	1x	0x	1x	2x	-	-
Uruguay	139	-	-	-	-	5	1	1	8	-	-
Uzbekistan	69	6	22	45	36	19	5	12	31	-	19
Vanuatu	80	7x	-	-	-	20x	-	-	19x	-	-
Venezuela	119	6	7	50	31	5	1	3	14	-	90
Viet Nam	89	9	31	52	21	33	6	6	36	55	40
Yemen	39	26	25	79	41	46	15	13	52	100	39
Yugoslavia	129	5	11	33	11	2	0	4	5	-	73
Zambia	10	11	11	-	39	25	-	4	59	75	54
Zimbabwe	39	10	39	90	35	13	2	6	27	-	93

Regional summaries

Sub-Saharan Africa	12	33	57	51	30	9	10	41	70	68
Middle East and North Africa	11	45	68	30	15	4	7	23	-	70
South Asia	26	49	37	67	46	16	15	45	35	55
East Asia and Pacific	8	57	-	-	17	-	4	21	-	80
Latin America and Caribbean	9	-	49	25	8	1	2	16	-	81
CEE/CIS and Baltic States	9	17	43	21	7	2	4	16	-	-
Industrialized countries	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Developing countries	14	46	50	51	28	10	9	32	50	70
Least developed countries	18	41	59	59	37	11	10	43	80	59
World	14	46	50	51	27	10	8	32	50	69

Countries in each region are listed on page 40.

Definitions of the indicators

Low birthweight – 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 a high dose of vitamin A capsules within the last six months.

Main data sources

Low birthweight – UNICEF, Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS), Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS) and World Health Organization (WHO).

Breastfeeding – DHS, MICS and UNICEF.

Underweight, wasting and stunting – DHS, MICS, WHO and UNICEF.

Salt iodization – MICS, DHS and UNICEF.

Vitamin A – UNICEF field offices and WHO.

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.

* Data refer to the most recent year available during the period specified in the column heading.