

# LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

INDICATOR	REGION	WORLD
<b>Demographic indicators</b>		
Total population (2006)	785,444,000	6,577,236,000
Population under 18 (2006)	376,727,000	2,212,024,000
Population under 5 (2006)	122,114,000	625,781,000
<b>Survival</b>		
Life expectancy at birth (2006)	55	68
Neonatal mortality rate (under 28 days), per 1,000 live births (2000)	43	30
Infant mortality rate (under 1), per 1,000 live births (2006)	90	49
Under-5 mortality rate, per 1,000 live births (2006)	142	72
Under-5 mortality rate, average annual rate of reduction (1990-2006)	1.5	1.6
Maternal mortality ratio, per 100,000 live births (2005, adjusted)	870	400
<b>Health and nutrition</b>		
Percentage of infants with low birthweight (1999-2006*)	17	15
Percentage of under-5s who are moderately or severely underweight (2000-2006*)	35	25
Percentage of population using improved drinking-water sources (2004)	59	83
Urban	79	95
Rural	51	73
Percentage of population using adequate sanitation facilities (2004)	36	59
Percentage of 1-year-old children immunized (2006) against:		
Tuberculosis (BCG)	85	87
Diphtheria/pertussis/tetanus (DPT1)	87	89
Diphtheria/pertussis/tetanus (DPT3)	77	79
Polio (polio3)	77	80
Measles	74	80
Hepatitis B (hepB3)	50	60
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib3)	17	22
<b>Education</b>		
Percentage of primary school entrants reaching grade 5 (administrative data; 2000-2006*)	67	78 **
Net primary school attendance ratio (2000-2006*)		
Male	65	80
Female	63	78
Net secondary school attendance ratio (2000-2006*)		
Male	26	50 **
Female	24	47 **
Adult literacy rate (2000-2005*)	55	78

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<b>Economic indicators</b>		
GNI per capita (US\$, 2006)	438	7,406
Percentage of population living on less than \$1 a day (1995-2005*)	38	19
Percentage share of central government expenditure (1995-2005*) allocated to:		
Health	5	14
Education	14	5
Defence	14	11
Percentage share of household income (1995-2004*):		
Lowest 40 per cent	15	20
Highest 20 per cent	50	42
<b>HIV/AIDS</b>		
Adult prevalence rate (15-49 years, end 2005)	2.7	1.0
Estimated number of people (all ages) living with HIV (2005)	11,700,000	38,600,000
Estimated number of children (0-14 years) living with HIV (2005)	1,100,000	2,300,000
Estimated number of children (0-17 years) orphaned by AIDS (2005)	-	15,200,000
<b>Child protection</b>		
Birth registration <sup>◇</sup> (1999-2006*)	30	-
Urban	43	-
Rural	24	-
Child marriage (1987-2006*)	49	-
Urban	37	-
Rural	57	-
Child labour (5-14 years, 1999-2006*)	29	-
Male	31	-
Female	28	-
<b>Women</b>		
Adult literacy parity rate (females as a percentage of males, 2000-2006*)	68	86
Antenatal care coverage (percentage, 2000-2006*)	61	75
Skilled attendant at delivery (percentage, 2000-2006*)	38	63
Lifetime risk of maternal death (2005)	1 in: 24	92

**NOTES:**

\* Data refer to the most recent year available during the period specified.

\*\* Excludes China.

- Data not available.

◇ The global and regional estimates for birth registration included in this table are based on the subset of countries for which data are available for the period 1999-2006. Global and regional estimates for a wider set of countries are available for the period 1997-2006 and can be found at [www.childinfo.org/areas/birthregistration](http://www.childinfo.org/areas/birthregistration).