

LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

INDICATOR	REGION	WORLD
Demographic indicators		
Total population (2007)	804,450,000	6,655,406,000
Population under 18 (2007)	383,853,000	2,213,456,000
Population under 5 (2007)	124,237,000	629,106,000
Survival		
Life expectancy at birth (2007)	55	68
Neonatal mortality rate (under 28 days), per 1,000 live births (2004)	40	28
Infant mortality rate (under 1), per 1,000 live births (2007)	84	47
Under-5 mortality rate, per 1,000 live births (2007)	130	68
Under-5 mortality rate, average annual rate of reduction (1990–2007)	1.9	1.8
Maternal mortality ratio, per 100,000 live births (2005, adjusted)	870	400
Health and nutrition		
Percentage of infants with low birthweight (2000–2007*)	17	14
Percentage of under-5s who are moderately or severely underweight ¹ (2000–2007*)	30	23
Percentage of population using improved drinking-water sources (2006)	62	87
Urban	81	96
Rural	55	78
Percentage of population using improved sanitation facilities (2006)	33	62
Percentage of 1-year-old children immunized (2007) against:		
Tuberculosis (BCG)	85	89
Diphtheria/pertussis/tetanus (DPT3)	79	81
Polio (polio3)	79	82
Measles	76	82
Hepatitis B (hepB3)	75	65
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib3)	28	26
Percentage of under-5s with suspected pneumonia taken to an appropriate health-care provider (2000–2007*)	42	57 **
Education		
Survival rate to the last grade of primary school (administrative data; 2000–2007*)	60	76 **
Net primary school attendance ratio (2000–2007*)		
Male	65	80 **
Female	63	77 **
Net secondary school attendance ratio (2000–2007*)		
Male	26	48 **
Female	24	44 **
Adult literacy rate (2000–2007*)	57	81

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Economic indicators		
GNI per capita (US\$, 2007)	491	7,952
Percentage of population living on less than \$1.25 a day (2005)	54	–
Percentage share of central government expenditure (1997–2006*) allocated to:		
Defence	14	11
Health	5	14
Education	14	6
Percentage share of household income (1995–2005*):		
Lowest 40 per cent	15	19
Highest 20 per cent	50	42
HIV/AIDS		
Adult prevalence rate (15–49 years, 2007)	2.2	0.8
Estimated number of people (all ages) living with HIV (2007)	10,000,000	33,000,000
Estimated number of children (0–14 years) living with HIV (2007)	900,000	2,000,000
Estimated number of children (0–17 years) orphaned by AIDS (2007)	–	15,000,000
Child protection		
Birth registration (2000–2007*)	29	–
Urban	42	–
Rural	25	–
Child marriage (1998–2007*)	49	–
Urban	37	–
Rural	55	–
Child labour (5–14 years, 1999–2007*)	30	–
Male	31	–
Female	28	–
Women		
Adult literacy parity rate (females as a percentage of males, 2000–2007*)	72	88
Antenatal care coverage (percentage, 2000–2007*)		
At least once	64	77
At least four times	32	47 **
Skilled attendant at birth (percentage, 2000–2007*)	39	62
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.

† Data based on new 'WHO Child Growth Standards'.