CHILDREN IN ALBANIA
FACTS & FIGURES

Demographic

ONE person in FIVE is a child 0-17 years old (2023)

542,174 children

Children population is decreasing with an average of 3 percent every year.

Proportion of population aged 0-14 years (2023)

European Union 27 countries

14.9

Albania

16

Life expectancy of a newborn (2021)

EU countries

80.1

Albania

76.5

Sources used:
Health and Nutrition

Mortality rate per 1,000 live births (2022)

Under 5: 7.6%
Under 1: 6.5%

FACT
Child mortality has decreased over the years, but still 52 percent of infant deaths occur around the neonatal period.

Albania ranked 84th in the list of 163 countries with high risk of impact on children from climate crises.

Vaccination coverage (2022)

Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus: 95%
Measles, Rubella, Parotitis: 89.2%

3.5 percentage points decrease from 2020
0.8 percentage points decrease from 2020

Child Nutrition

Stunting: 11%
Overweight: 16%
Obese: 14.2%

What are the most reported health issues among adolescents?
Feeling low, nervousness, irritation, sleep disorders.

Public expenditure in health as % of GDP (2022)

2.98% India
10.87% EU

Sources used:
Learning, Skills, and Employability

NER - Enrollment rates as per respective age (2022)

- Children in Kindergartens: 79.5%
- Basic education: 89.5%

Public expenditures for education as % of GDP (2022)

- 2.9%
- 4.7%

FACT
85.1 percent of children under 3 are not part of any form of formal childcare.

Quality of Education - PISA Results

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Rate of young people aged 15-24 years old not in education, employment and training

- 23.3%
- 9.6%

17.4 percent of 18-24-year-olds compared to 9.6 percent from the EU countries do not continue schooling or training after completing basic education.

In 2022 the unemployment rate for young people aged 15-24 years old, increased to 24.9 percent from 27.1 percent in 2021.

Sources used:
Protection

1 in 2 children at-risk-poverty and social exclusion

Expenditure on social protection as % of GDP (2021)

- Red: 13.1%
- Europe: 19.5%

Children benefiting from social protection financial schemes (2022)

- Economic aid: 95,325
- Disability allowance: 14,702

Alternative care (2022)

- 495 Children in residential care
  - 23% belong to group age 0-5 years old.
- 330 Children in foster care
  - 10% points fewer than in 2020.

Children in detention: 1,058
Children, victims of violence, under the care of child protection units: 987
Children potential and victims of trafficking: 112
Children victims of crime: 16

One in two adults consider violence in the home either as a means of discipline or, generally, a private matter, pointing to an acceptance of the home and family as a potentially violent domain.

Children represent 66 percent of the total victims of trafficking.

More than one in five surveyed children were bullied at school, and one in ten through the internet.

Sources used:

For more child-focused statistics, visit www.unicef.org/albania

EVERY CHILD COUNTS