



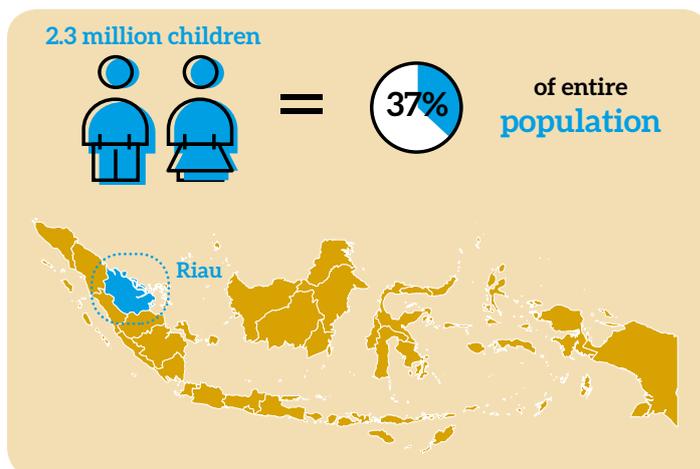
SDGs for Children in Indonesia

Provincial snapshot: Riau

Introduction

This provincial snapshot highlights priority child-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) indicators, based on national household surveys and other data sources. It complements the national *SDG Baseline Report on Children in Indonesia* produced by BAPPENAS and UNICEF, to support monitoring and evidence-informed policy making.

Riau is a youthful province. Its 2.3 million children represent 37 per cent of the total population. Nearly two in 5 children live in urban areas. Increased strategic investments in children are required to fast-track achievement of the SDGs for the province.



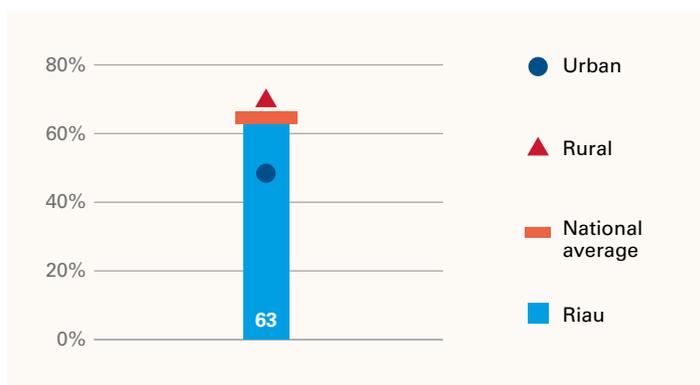
GOAL 1 NO POVERTY



More than 260,000 children (11 per cent) were living below the official poverty line in 2015 (Rp 13,125 per person per day). Many more families are insecure and live on incomes that are only marginally higher. In addition, 63 per cent of children experienced deprivations in two or more non-income dimensions of poverty, with persistent disparities between urban and rural areas.¹

Multidimensional child poverty in Riau

	Per cent	Number (millions)
Population below national poverty line	8.4	0.5
Children < 18 below national poverty line	11.3	0.3
Children < 18 below twice the poverty line	60.5	1.4



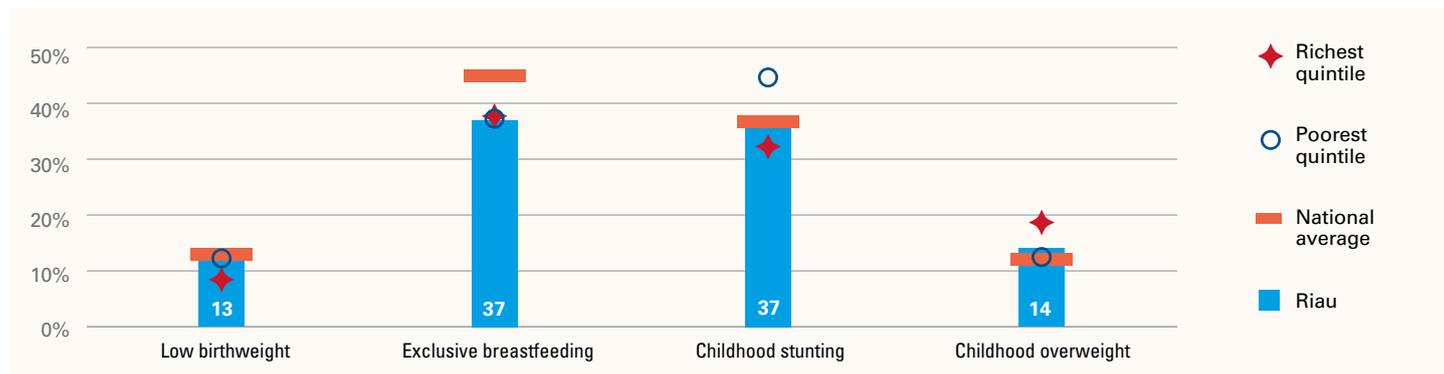
GOAL 2 ZERO HUNGER



Adopting optimal feeding practices is fundamental to a child's survival, growth and development. Yet only a third of infants in Riau is exclusively breastfed for the first six months of life.

The prevalence of malnutrition is relatively high, including among those in more affluent households. Some 13 per cent of newborns have a low birthweight, and nearly four in 10 children under five were stunted (low height for their age) in 2013.

Wealth disparities in child feeding and nutrition outcomes



GOAL 3

GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



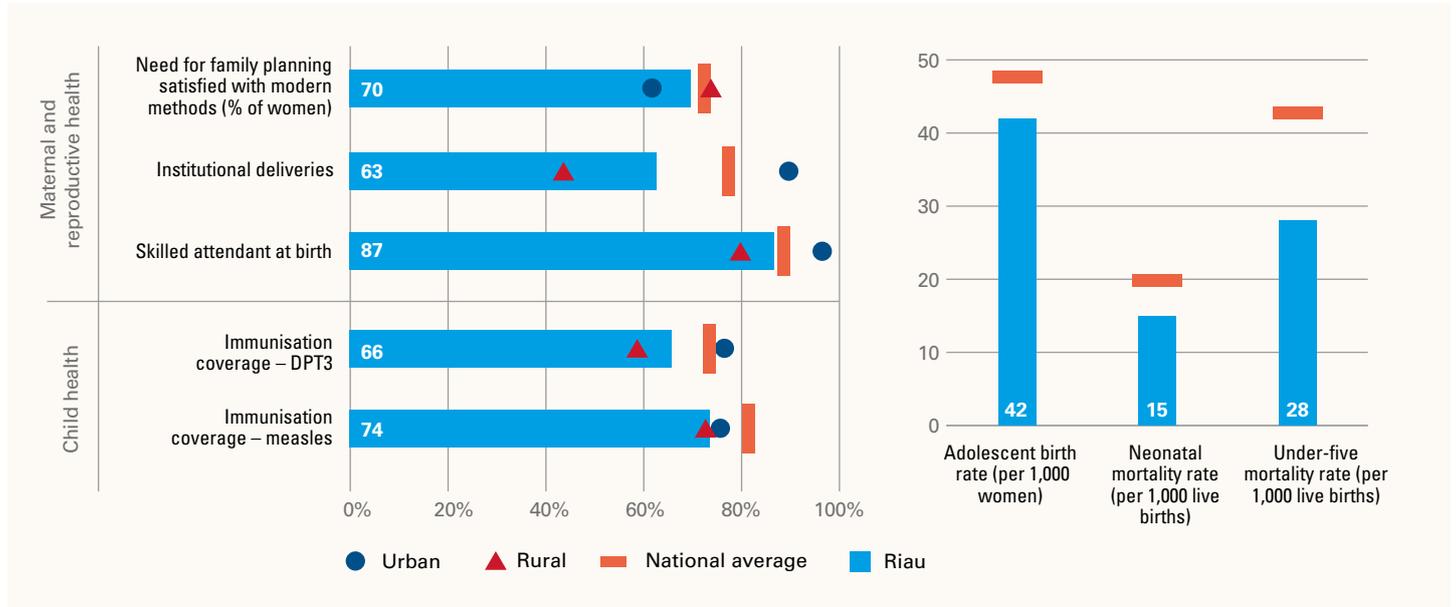
Good progress has been made in lowering child mortality. For every 1,000 live births, 15 newborn babies died in their first month of life and 28 before their fifth birthday, which well below the national average.

Most women have access to delivery care and 87 per cent of births occurred with assistance from a skilled attendant. However, there is scope to improve the coverage of reproductive

health services, including scaling up access to modern family planning methods.

Three quarters of infants were vaccinated against measles and 66 per cent received the recommended three doses of DTP vaccine in 2015. Increased efforts are needed to reach and sustain high immunisation coverage in rural and urban areas.

Geographic disparities in maternal and child health



GOAL 4

QUALITY EDUCATION

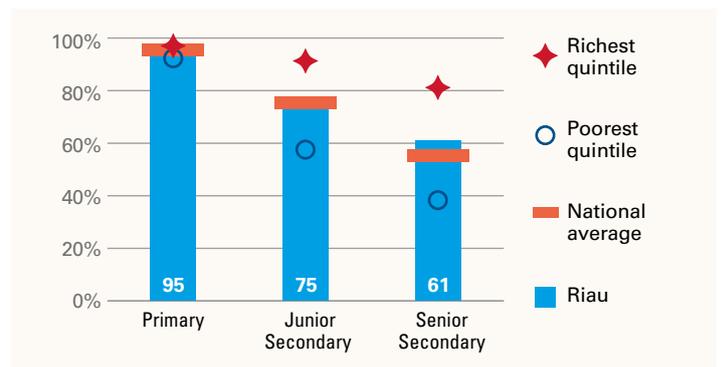


Children's school readiness can be improved through early childhood development programmes. The participation rate in organised learning among 6-year-olds was 95 per cent in 2015, with most pre-school children enrolling early in primary school.

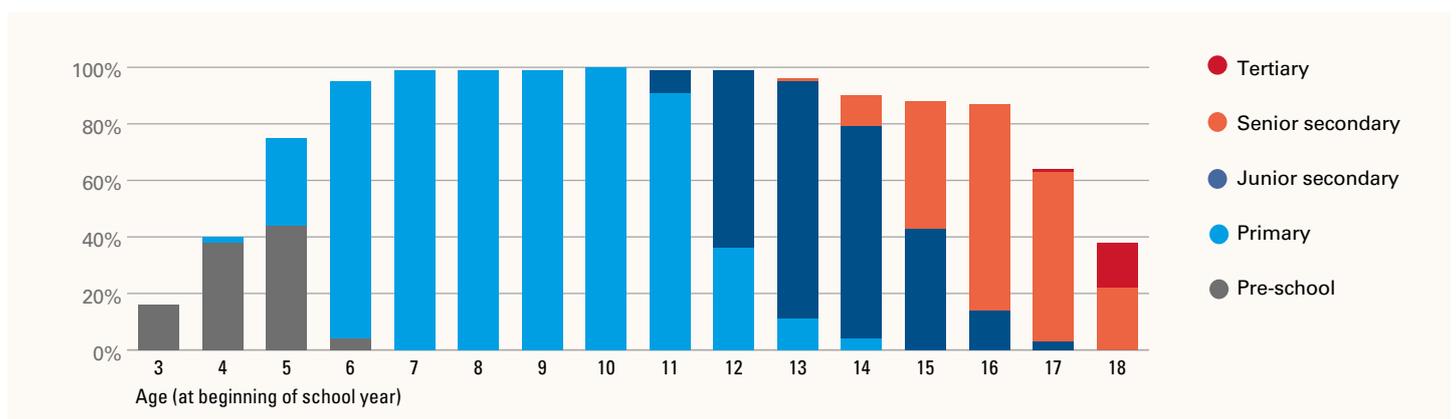
Riau has achieved near-universal access to primary education. Yet, wealth disparities are large: children from the poorest households are half as likely to complete secondary school compared with their most affluent peers.

Quality of education remains a key concern. The province performs well above the national average, but only two thirds of primary school children achieved the minimum national benchmark in reading and a quarter in mathematics.

Wealth disparities in school completion rates



Percentage of children attending school, by age



GOAL 5 GENDER EQUALITY



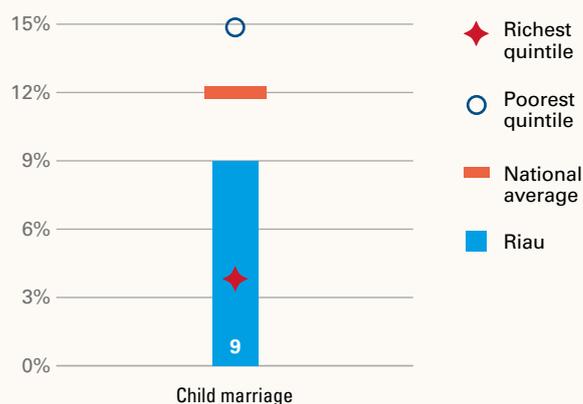
The practice of child marriage is declining. Nine per cent of woman aged 20–24 years was married or in union before the age of 18 in 2015. Levels of child marriage are higher among girls from the poorest households.

No representative data are available on violence against girls and women at provincial level. Evidence from a national survey indicates, however, that such violence is widespread: 28 per cent of ever-partnered women and girls experienced physical, sexual and/or psychological violence by a current or former intimate partner.

9% of women are married before 18



Wealth disparities in child marriage



GOAL 6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

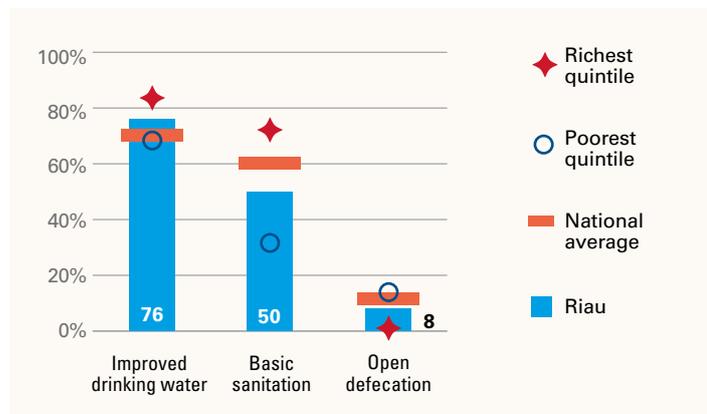


Achieving universal access to drinking water, sanitation and hygiene is crucial to further progress in health, education and poverty eradication. Half of the population used a basic sanitation facility at home in 2015, while 8 per cent practised open defecation. Just over half of schools have sex-separated toilet facilities. The coverage of improved drinking water sources is

significantly higher, both in households and schools.²

Disparities based on wealth and place of residence are pronounced, pointing to the importance of integrating equity considerations into policy and practice and expanding the community-based total sanitation programme.

Wealth disparities in access to water and sanitation



School environment

Schools with basic water services (%)	84
Schools with sex-disaggregated sanitation facilities (%)	53

Community

Villages and wards implementing community-based total sanitation (%)	32
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GOAL 16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



Progress is ongoing in improving levels of birth registration. In 2015, some 65 per cent of children under 5 years of age had a birth certificate. There are large differences between urban and rural areas and based on households' wealth status, due to financial and supply-side barriers.

Deprivation of liberty remains a common form of punishment for juvenile offenders, in violation of the principle that this should be a measure of last resort. In Riau, 14 per cent of all children in detention were unsentenced, which is well below the national average.

Little or no data is available on other child protection issues, such as violence against children and trafficking.

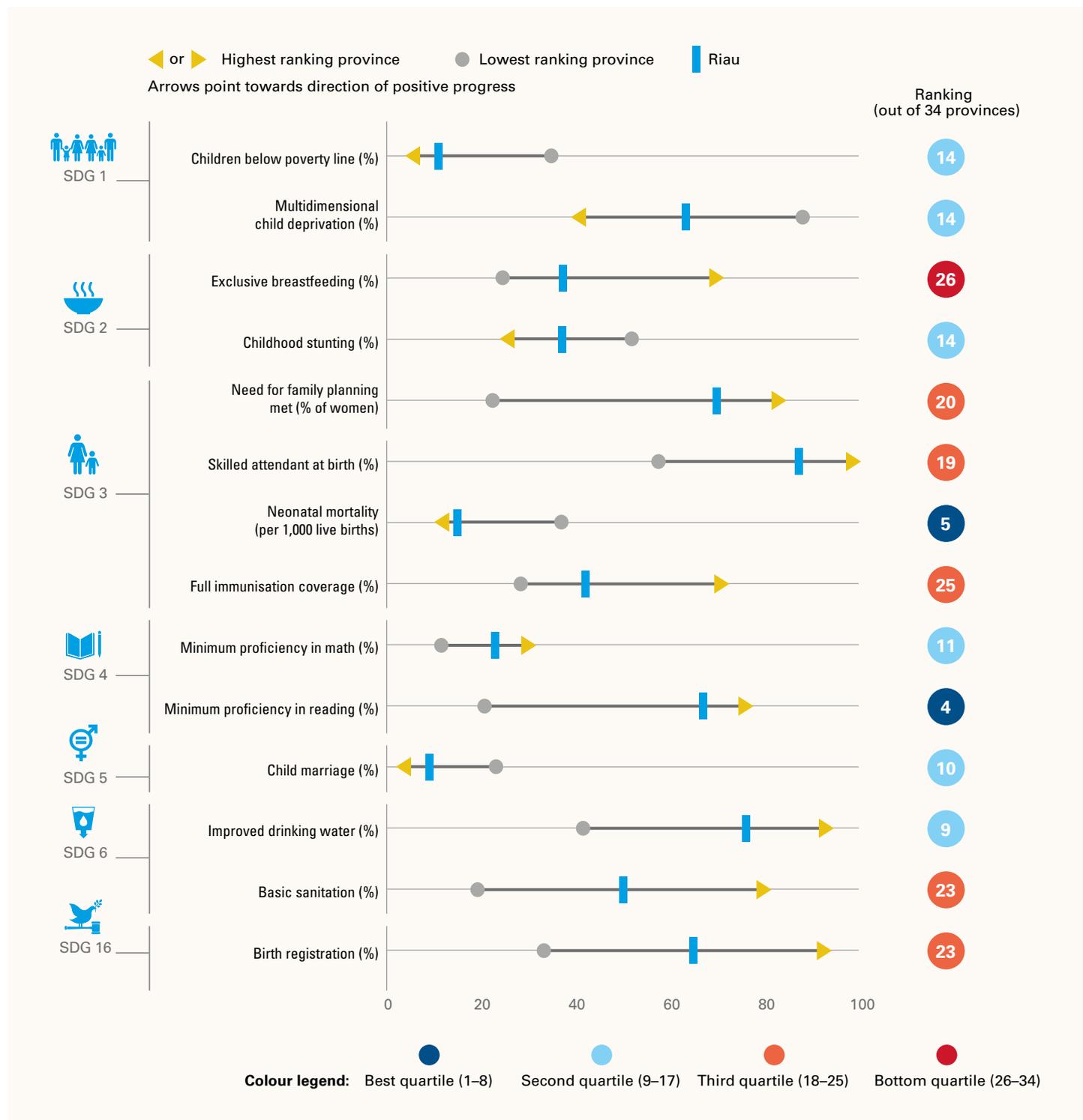
Wealth disparities in birth registration



PROVINCIAL SCORECARD

The scorecard summarises Riau's performance for a selection of SDG indicators compared to other provinces in the country. For each indicator, the graph shows Riau's average value as well as the provinces with the highest and the lowest data value.

On the right side of the scorecard Riau's rank for each indicator is shown, ranging from 1 for the highest performer to 34 for the lowest. Provinces are divided into four quartiles (blue for the highest ranking and red/orange for the lowest ranking provinces).



Notes

Sources: National household surveys (SUSENAS, RISKESDAS, IDHS) and administrative data (Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Health). Detailed information on data sources and indicator definitions is available online at: <https://sdg4children.or.id>

- Multidimensional child poverty is defined as children who experience deprivations in at least two of the following dimensions: food and nutrition; health; education; housing; water and sanitation; and protection.
- Indonesia does not yet have nationally representative data on water quality that can be used to calculate the SDG indicator on the use of safely managed drinking water services. Instead, a nationally-defined proxy measure is used to set a baseline for SDG 6.

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