

THE SITUATION OF CHILDREN
IN ALGERIA

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Factsheet on the situation of Children in Algeria

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This country factsheet provides a snapshot of the situation of children, adolescents and youth in Algeria, aligned with the Convention on the Rights of the Child and relevant child-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The factsheet gives an overview of the most recent child-related statistics, drawing on internationally comparable indicators available through global databases. Indicators have been chosen based on the availability of historical data from 2010 and geographic coverage, with priority to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicators.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Algeria is a **lower-middle income** economy that witnessed economic recovery following the Covid-19 economic shock, The GDP per capita started to increase in 2021 and maintained a positive growth till 2023.
- Children represented **more than a third** of the population in 2023.
- The country has made **considerable progress** in terms of reducing child mortality. However, access to antenatal care remains considerably lower amongst households in the poorest quintile.
- More than **nine out of ten** children received three doses of the DTP vaccine and two doses of the measles vaccine in 2023, with coverage rates of **92% and 93%, respectively**.
- Only **one-third** of children (0-5) months were exclusively breastfed in 2019.
- The school completion rate was high in primary school (**95%**) but decreased in the lower (**69%**) and upper (**46%**) secondary in 2020.
- **One in three youth** aged 15 to 24 in the labour market were unemployed in 2017, rising to **45% for females**.
- Violent child discipline is **prevalent with 84%** of the children aged 1-14 years experiencing violent forms of discipline in 2019.
- The level of water stress was **critical** and the children's climate risk index was **medium-high** in 2020.

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Demography and Economy

Demography

% of the population 2023

Children (0-4 years)	10.3
Children (0-17 years)	35.4
Adolescents (10-19 years)	17.0

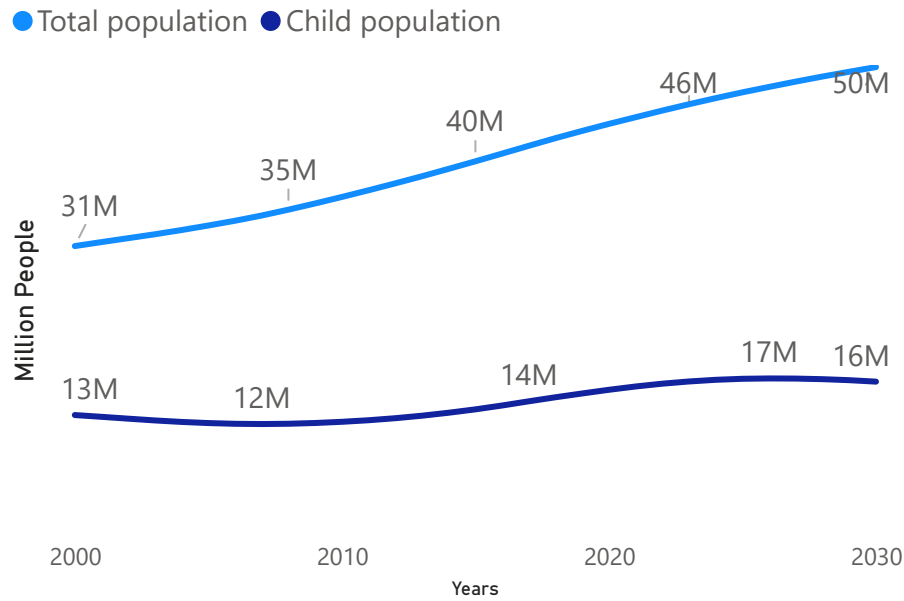
Number of births per year (in thousands) 2023

Number of births	906
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Average number of children per woman over the childbearing years 2023

Total fertility rate	2.8
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Population Trends and Projections (2000-2030)



Total population 2023

46M

Child population 2023

16M

Population growth rate (annual % change) 2023

1.4

Urban population (%) 2023

75

Refugees & asylum seekers (% of total population) 2023

0.2

% of children (0-17) years amongst refugee population 2023

34.5

% of children (2-17) years with functional difficulties 2019

16.8

Economy

Annual GDP and GDP per Capita Growth (2000-2023)

World Bank 2023/2024 Income classification

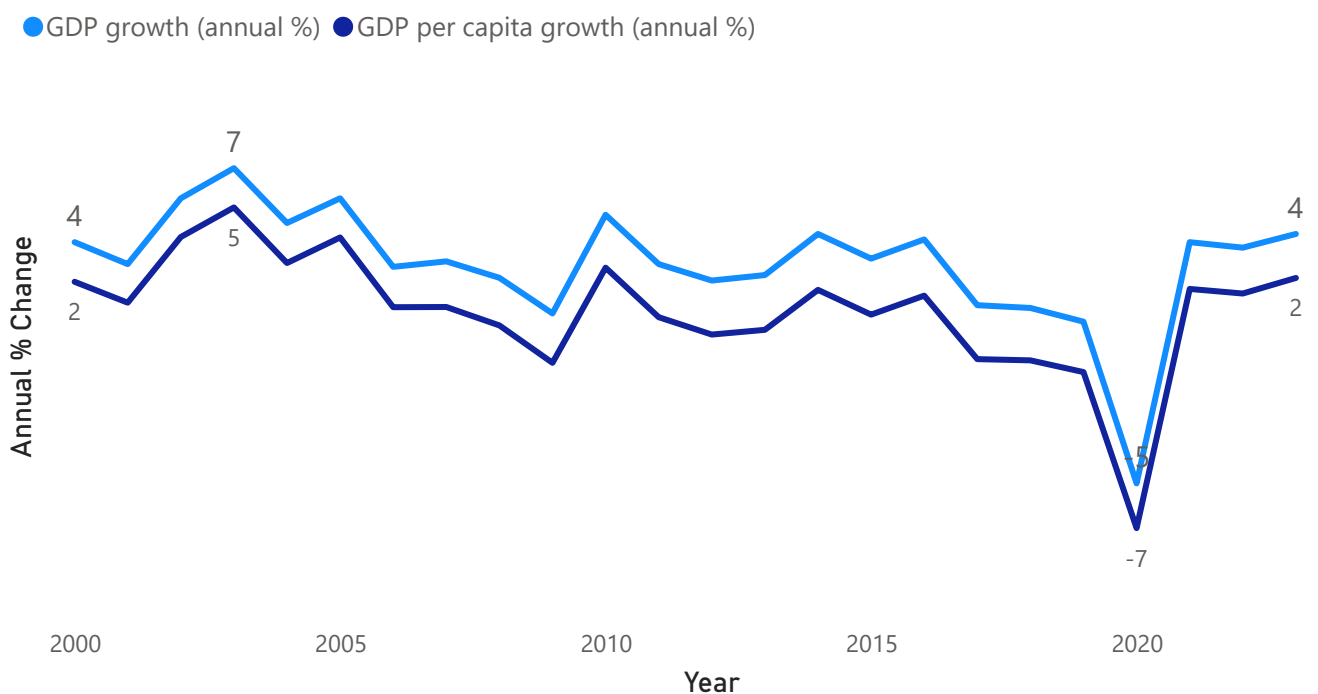
Upper middle income

Indicator 2023

GDP per capita (current US\$)	5260.2
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Indicator 2023

Inflation, consumer prices (annual %)	9.3
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Child Mortality

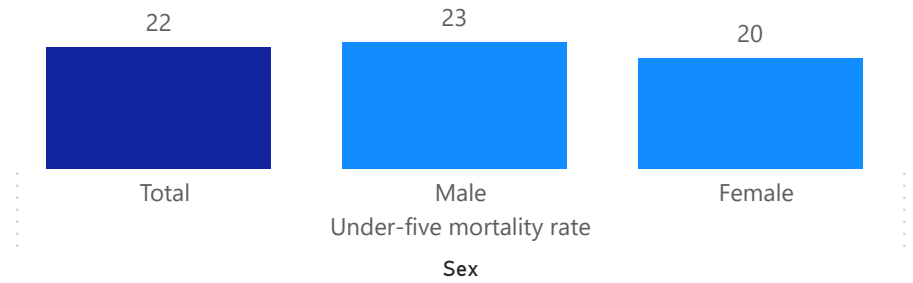
Mortality rates (deaths per 1,000 live births)	2000	2022
Neonatal mortality rate	22	15
Infant mortality rate	36	19
Under-five mortality rate	42	22

Under-five deaths
2022

20K

Deaths per 1000 live births

Inequalities in Under 5 Mortality Rate 2022

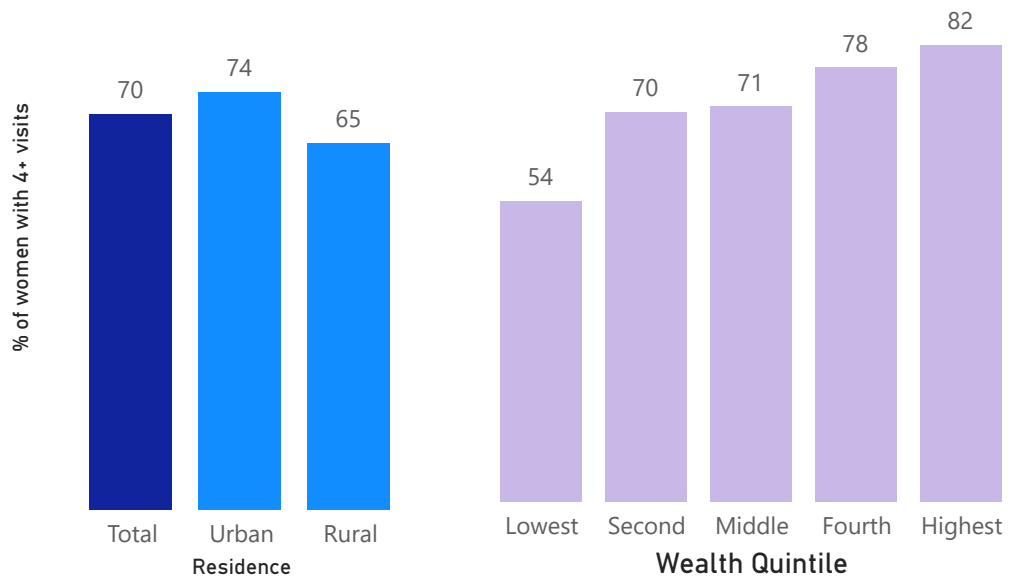


Maternal and Child Health

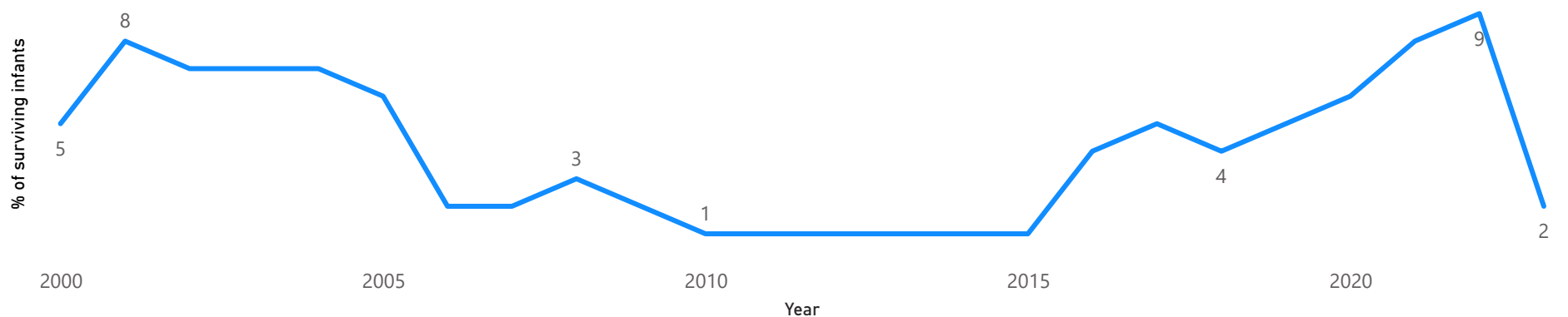
Health care and services (% of women, 15-49 years, with a live birth in the last 2 years)	2019
Antenatal care 4+ visits	70
Institutional deliveries	99
Skilled birth attendant	99

Immunization (% of children, 0-2 years)	2023
Received 1st dose of DTP	98
Received 2 doses of measles vaccine	93
Received 3 doses of DTP	92

Inequalities in Access to Antenatal Care 2019



Zero-dose Children (No Vaccination for DTP1)





Right to proper nutrition

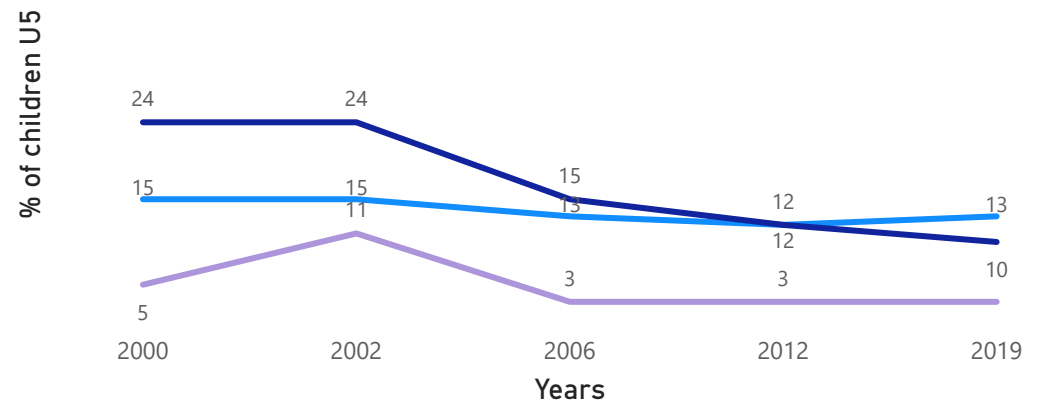
Nutrition

Infant and young child feeding (% of children) 2019	
Exclusive breastfeeding (0-5 months)	29
Minimum diet diversity (6 to 23 months)	39

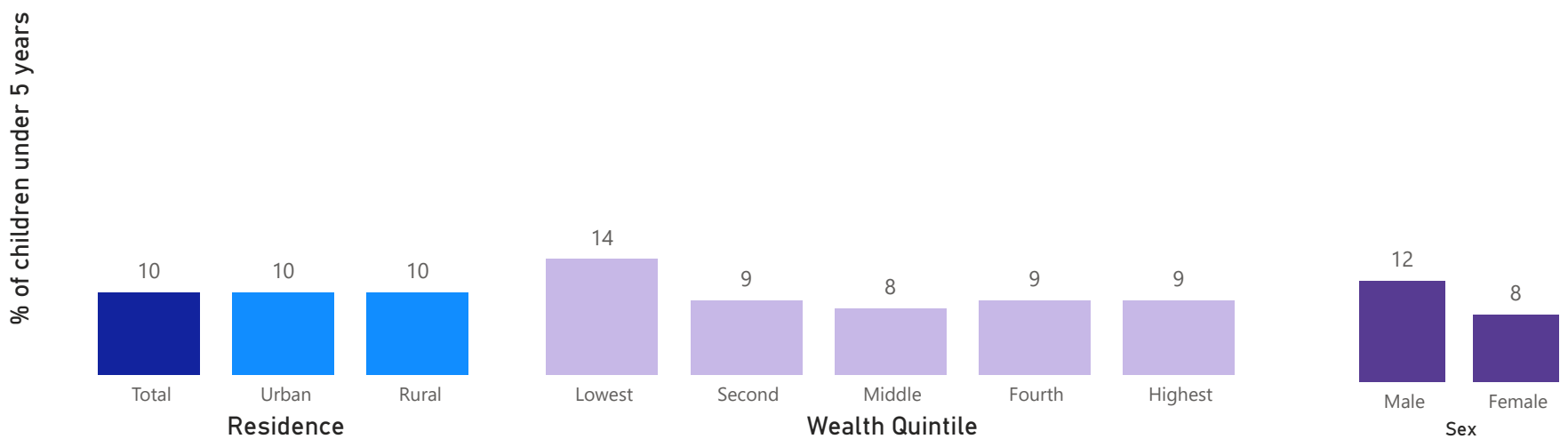
Malnutrition (% of children, under 5 years) 2019	
Overweight	13
Stunting	10
Underweight	3
Wasting	3

Malnutrition Trend

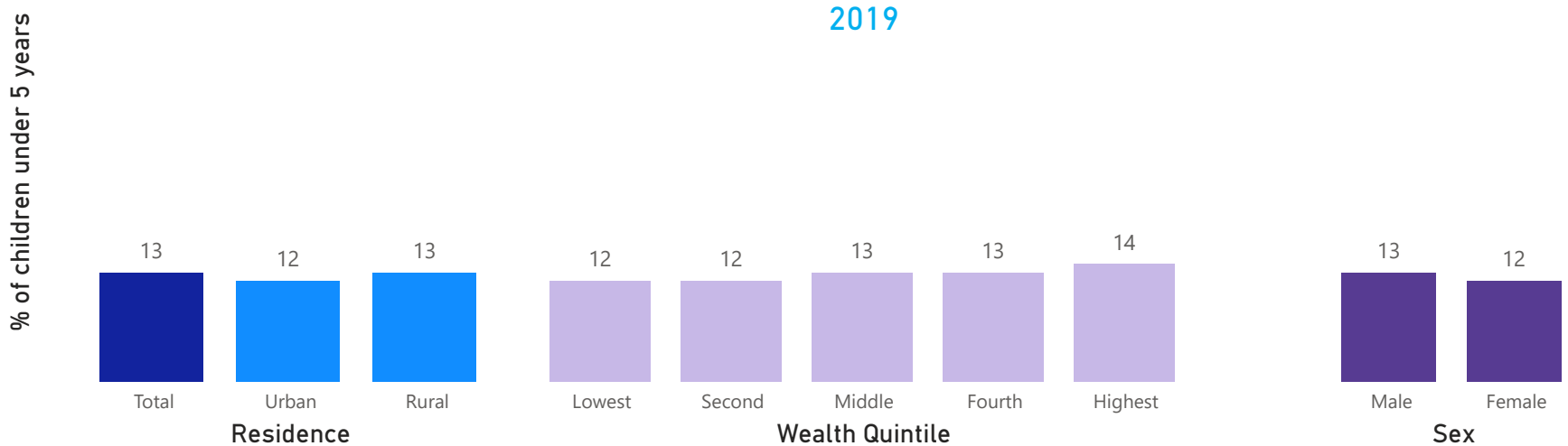
Indicator ● Overweight ● Stunting ● Underweight



Inequalities in Stunting 2019



Overweight Inequalities 2019





Education, Training and Employment

School net attendance by education level (% of children of the relevant age group)	2020
Pre-Primary	78
Primary	97
Lower Secondary	85
Upper Secondary	51

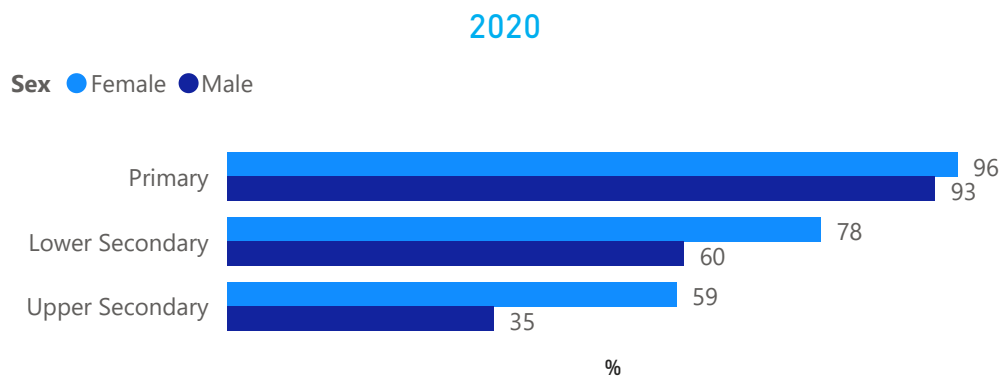
School completion by education level (% of children of the relevant age groups)	2020
Primary	95
Lower Secondary	69
Upper Secondary	46

Out-of-school children by educational level (% of children of the relevant age groups)	2020
Primary	2
Lower Secondary	4
Upper Secondary	23

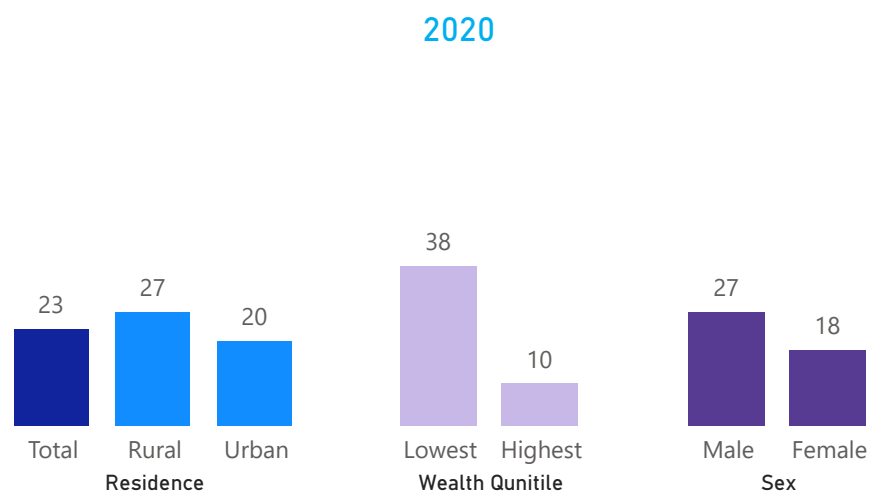
Reading/ Math proficiency	Year
Proportion of students at the end of primary achieving at least a minimum proficiency level in mathematics	No Data
Proportion of students at the end of primary achieving at least a minimum proficiency level in reading	No Data

Share of youth not in employment, education or training (NEET) by sex	2017
Total	21
Male	11
Female	32

School Completion Rates by sex

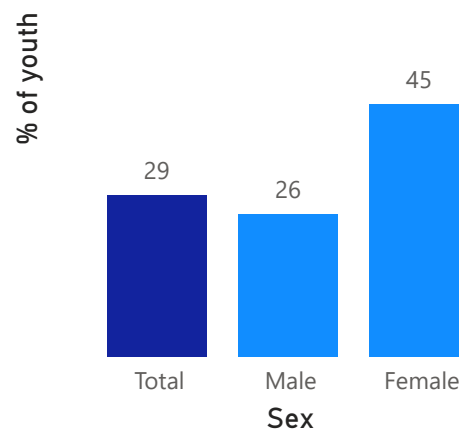


Inequalities in Out of School Children of Upper-Secondary School Aged Children



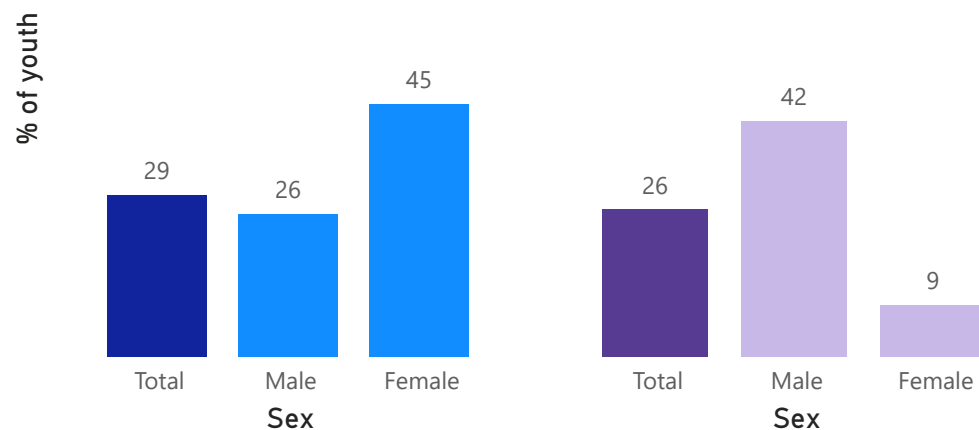
Unemployment rates in Youth (15-24 years)

2017



Labor Force Participation in Youth (15-24 years)

2017





Violence

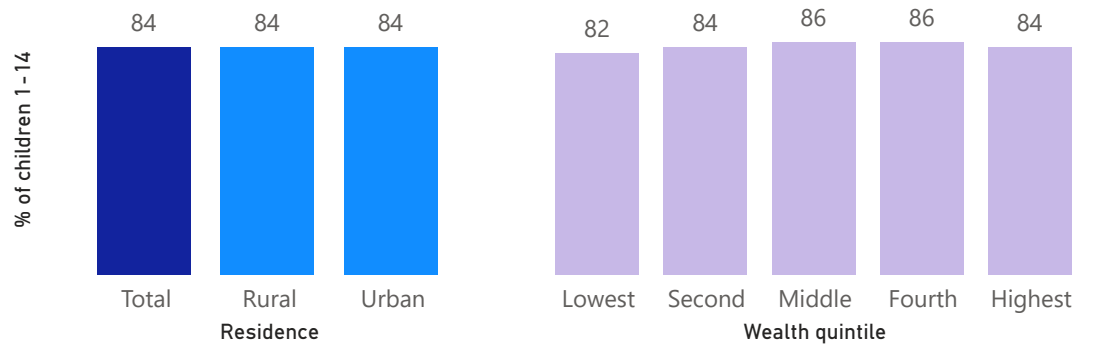
Inequalities in Violent Child Discipline

2019

Violent child discipline (% of children aged 1-14 years) 2019

Violent Child Discipline

Total	84
Male	85
Female	83



Inequalities in Child Marriage before 18

2019

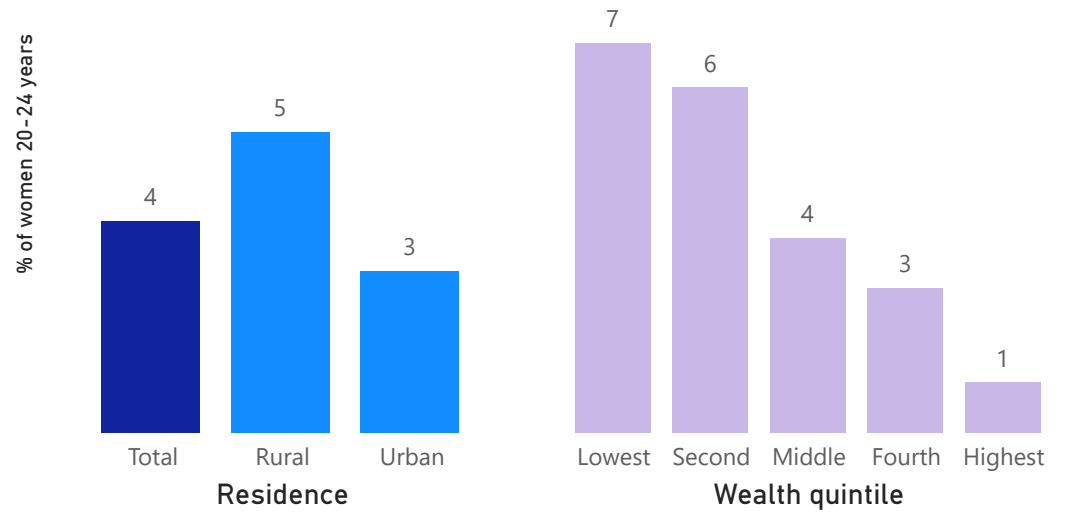
Child marriage (% of women aged 20-24 years) 2019

Married before 15	0
Married before 18	4

Child labour (% of children aged 5-17 years) 2019

Child labour

Total	2
Male	3
Female	2



Birth Registration

Inequalities in Birth Registration

2019

Birth registration (% of children under 5 years) 2019

Birth registration

Total	100
Rural	100
Urban	100





Right to equitable chance in life

Poverty

Monetary poverty 2020

Children (0-17) living in households with income below the national poverty line (% of all children) 6.3

Children (0-17) living below \$2.15 poverty line (extreme poverty) (% of all children)	Children (0-17) living below \$3.65 poverty line (% of all children)	Children (0-17) living below \$6.85 poverty line (% of all children)
No Data	No Data	No Data

Child multidimensional poverty headcount ratio

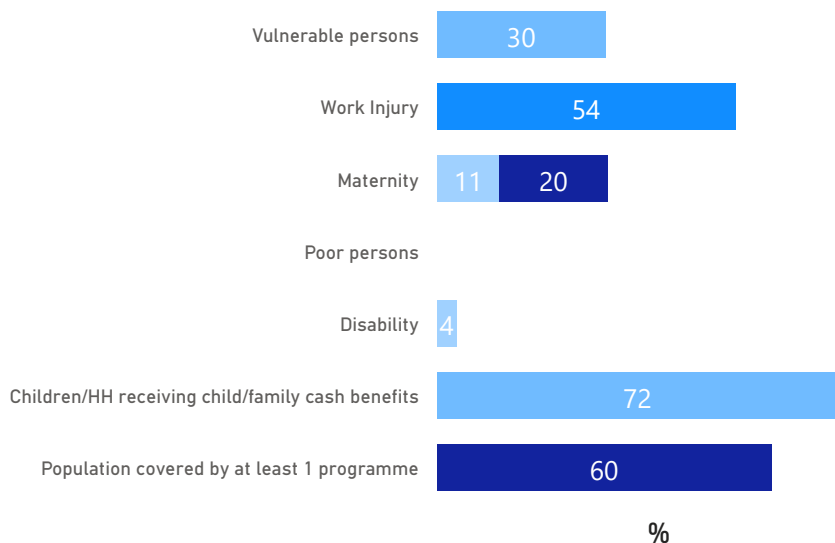


Dimensions of Multidimensional Poverty	Water	Household does not have piped water into dwelling or yard
	Sanitation	Unimproved toilet facility Shared toilet
	Housing	Primitive floor/Type of Household Overcrowding (more than 3 people per room)
	Health	Unskilled birth assistance (0-23 months) Not fully immunized (12-59 months) No antenatal care (0-23 months)
	Nutrition	Infant and Young Child Feeding (0-23 months)
		Wasting (0-4 years)
		Stunting (24 <months) Obesity (24 <months)
	Education	Not enrolled in school Two or more grades behind school/did not
		Information

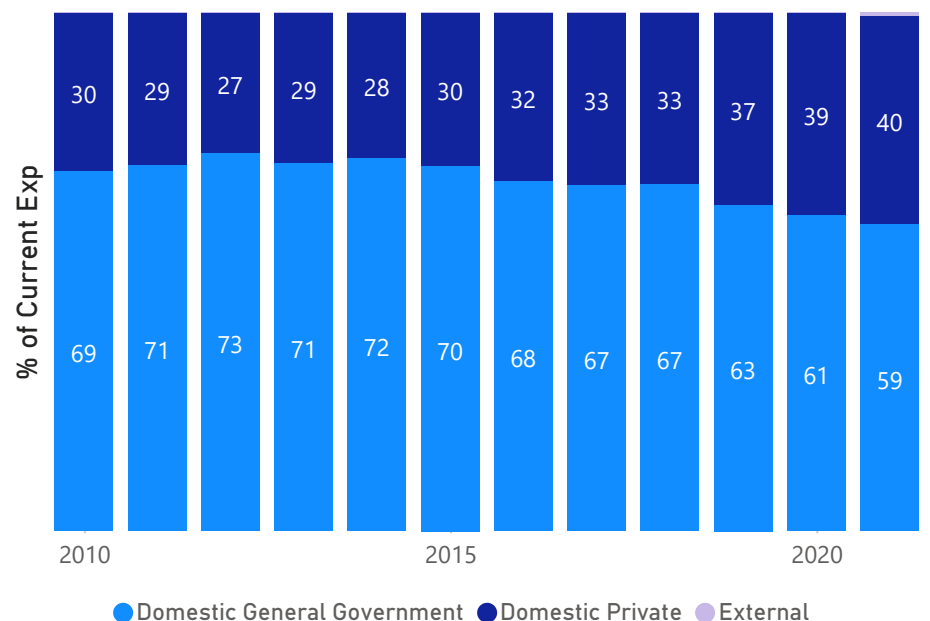
Public Expenditure on Essential services

Social Protection Coverage by Function

Time period ● 2015 ● 2016 ● 2019 ● 2021



Changes in the Composition of Domestic Health Expenditure



Government expenditure on health % of GDP
2018

4.1

Government expenditure on education % of GDP
2019

6.1

Government expenditure on social protection % of GDP
2017

8.9



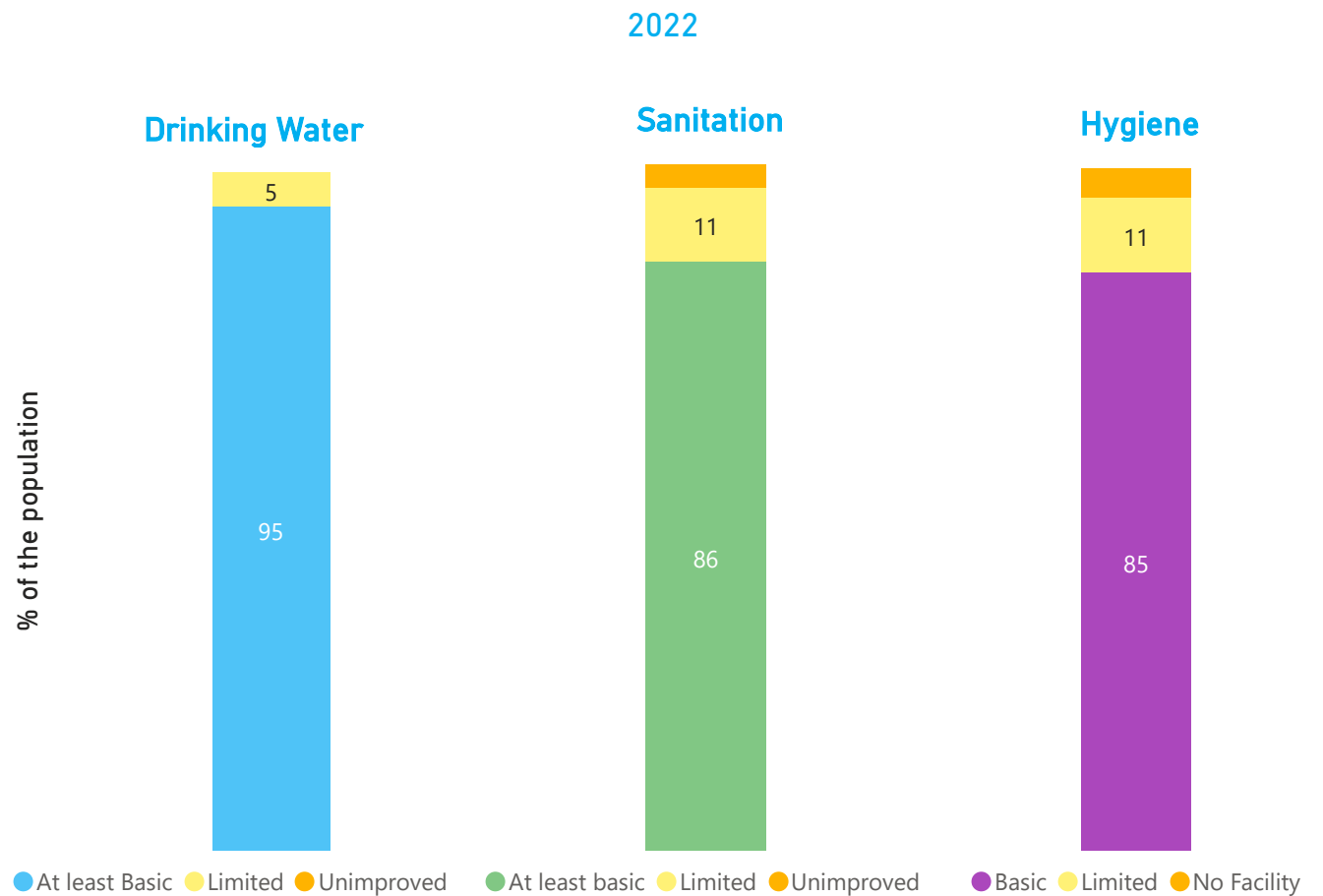
Right to a clean and safe environment

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Household drinking water, sanitation and hygiene

Household coverage (%)	2022
At least basic drinking water	95
At least basic sanitation	86
Basic hygiene (availability of water and soap)	85

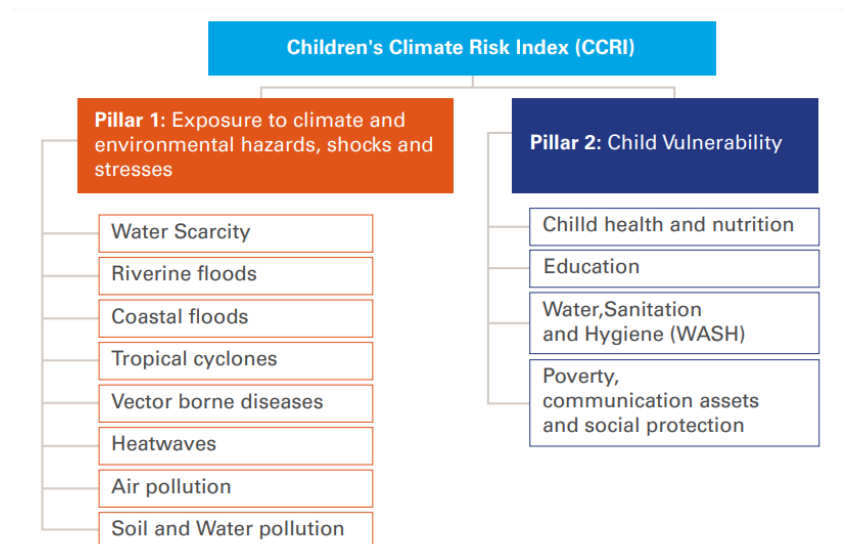
School coverage (%)	2023
Basic drinking water	91
Basic hygiene (availability of water and soap)	95
Basic sanitation	100



Water Vulnerability and Climate

Indicator	2020
Water Stress	Critical

Indicator	2020
Children's Climate and Environment Risk Index	Medium-High
Child vulnerability	Low-Medium
Climate and environmental shocks	High



*The CCRI is a composite index which brings together geographical data by analyzing: 1) exposure to climate and environmental hazards, shocks and stresses; and 2) child vulnerability.

Child-related SDG indicators

The 2030 Agenda includes 17 Global Goals addressing the social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. To chart and track how ambitious and how realistic country targets are, UNICEF created quantifiable country-level brief benchmarks for child-related indicators for which data are available to measure and monitor child rights on a common scale.

These country briefs leverage UNICEF's extensive analysis of 48 child-related Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicators, structured around five fundamental domains of child well-being: Survive and Thrive, Learning, Protection from Harm, Safe and Clean Environment, and Life Free from Poverty. The analysis offers a detailed, multifaceted perspective on the state of children's rights and experiences across the globe.

Availability of data on child wellbeing monitoring: Algeria has data on 33 of the 48 child related SDGs (69% availability).

For further information on the countries' benchmarking briefs, please visit [Progress on Children's Well-being: Country Briefs - UNICEF DATA](#)

Data Sources

Demography

- UN Population Division, [World Population Prospects 2024](#).
- UNHCR [Refugee Population Statistics database](#)
- Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC), [Global Internal Displacement Database \(GIDD\)](#)

Economy: The World Bank Data Portal, [World Development Indicators](#).

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Maternal and Child Health: WHO/UNICEF [estimates of national immunization coverage](#).

Nutrition: UNICEF/WHO/The World Bank [Joint Malnutrition Estimates \(JME\)](#). Country survey estimates.

Education, Training and Employment :

- National Household Surveys estimates for education data. [UNICEF MENA data warehouse](#)
- International Labor Organization (ILO). [ILOSTAT](#)
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Public expenditure on essential services

- [ILOSTAT](#) for social protection data
- [WHO Global Health Expenditure Database](#)
- The UNESCO Institute for Statistics ([UIS](#)) for education expenditure data

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

- WHO/UNICEF [Joint Monitoring Programme for Water, Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene \(2000-2022\)](#).
- Water Stress Data: [AQUASTAT](#)
- UNICEF [Children's Climate Risk Index](#)

Most of the indicators are available at [UNICEF MENA data warehouse](#)

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