

THE SITUATION OF CHILDREN
IN EGYPT

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Factsheet on the situation of Children in Egypt

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This country factsheet provides a snapshot of the situation of children, adolescents and youth in Egypt, 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

- Egypt is a **lower middle-income** economy. The GDP growth per capita increased to 2% in 2023 compared to a 5% in 2022.
- Children represented **more than a third** of the population in 2023.
- The country has made notable progress in terms of reducing child mortality , achieving **more than 50% reduction** between 2000 and 2022 . However, access to antenatal care remains problematic with households from the poorest quintile disadvantaged.
- Most children had received 3 doses of the DTP vaccine and 2 doses of measles vaccine in 2023 (**respectively 96% and 96%**).
- Most children had completed **primary school (91%)** in 2014, however, the school completion rate decreased in **lower (80%) and upper secondary (42%)**.
- **19% of the youth** aged between 15 and 24 were unemployed in 2022. The employment gender gap remains very high (**50% for females vs. 13% for males**).
- Violent child discipline is prevalent with **83% of the children** aged 1-14 years experiencing violent forms of discipline in 2021.
- **Over a third** (37%) of the Egyptian population was covered by at least one social protection benefit. in 2022.
- The level of water stress was **critical** and the children's climate risk index was **high** in 2020.

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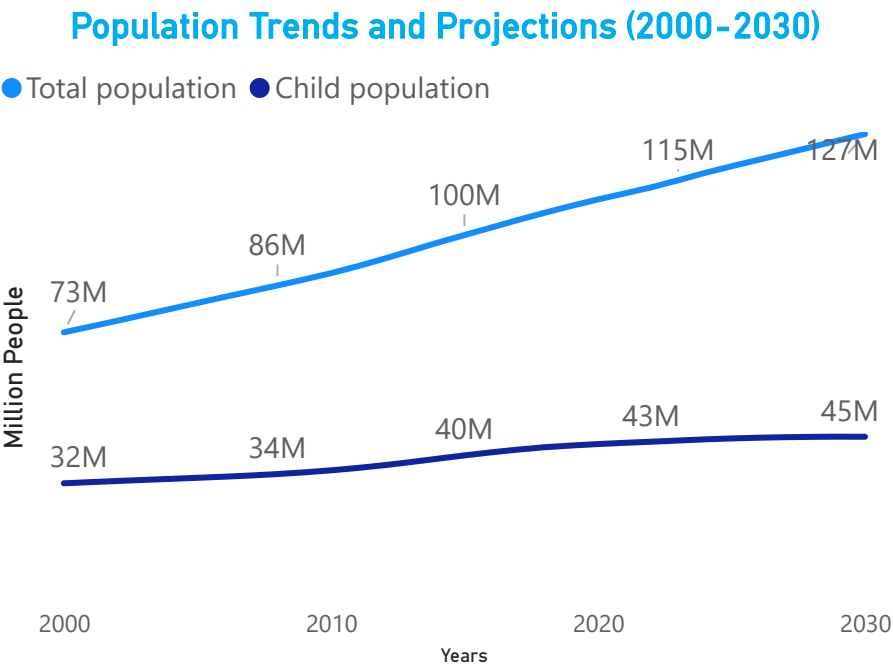
Demography and Economy

Demography

% of the population		2023
Children (0-4 years)		10.3
Children (0-17 years)		38.1
Adolescents (10-19 years)		19.7

Number of births per year (in thousands)		2023
Number of births		2406

Average number of children per woman over the childbearing years		2023
Total fertility rate		2.8



Total population
2023

115M

Child population
2023

44M

Population growth rate (annual % change)	Urban population (%)	Refugees & asylum seekers (% of total population)	% of children (0-17) years amongst refugee population	% of children (2-17) years with functional difficulties
2023	2023	2023	2023	
1.8	43.1	0.2	37.2	No Data

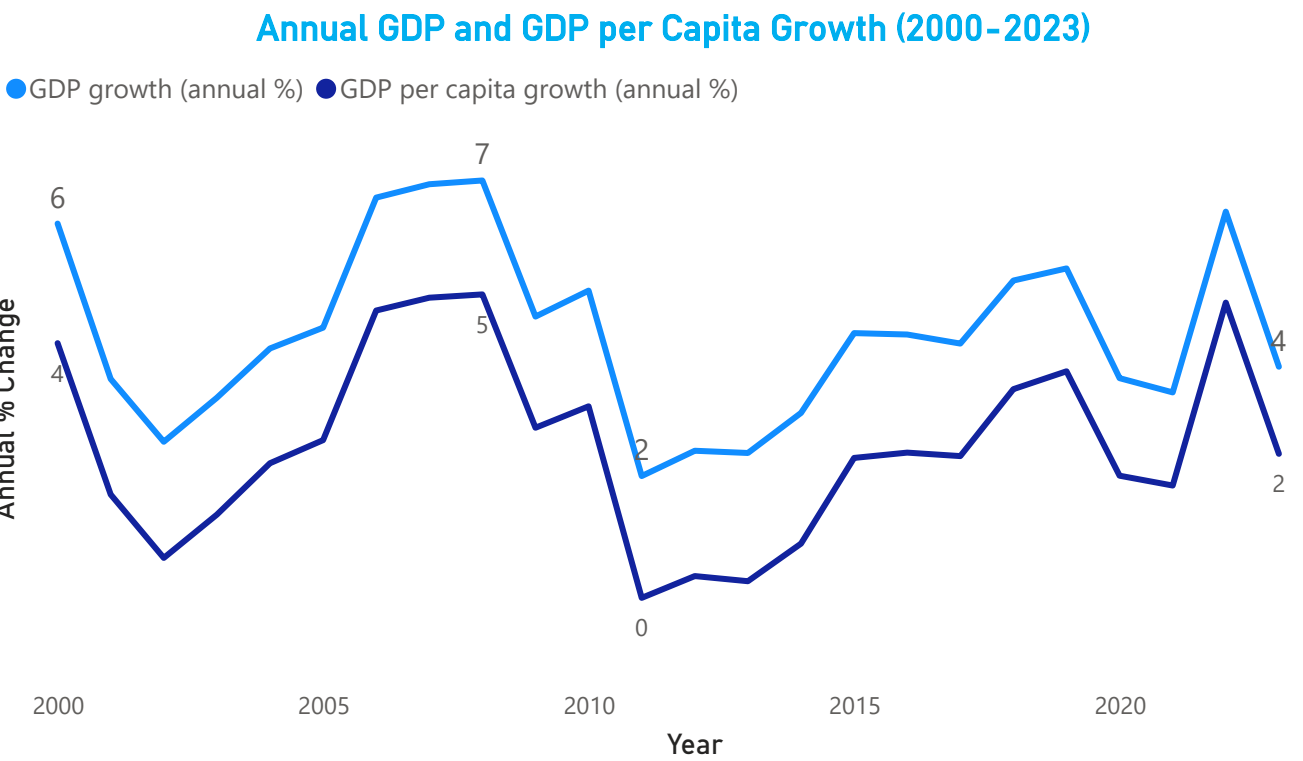
Economy

World Bank 2023/2024 Income
classification

Lower-middle income country

Indicator	2023
GDP per capita (current US\$)	3512.6

Indicator	2023
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %)	33.9





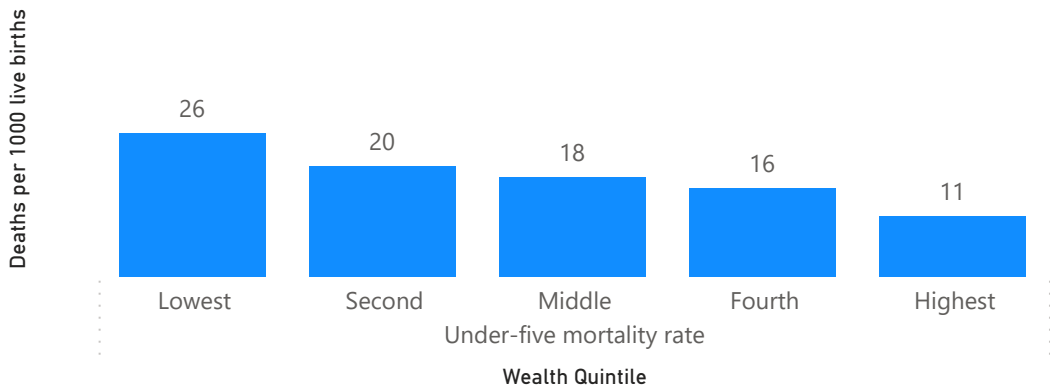
Child Mortality

Mortality rates (deaths per 1,000 live births)	2000	2022
Neonatal mortality rate	22	9
Infant mortality rate	37	16
Under-five mortality rate	47	18

Under-five deaths
2022

44K

Inequalities in Under 5 Mortality Rate
2022

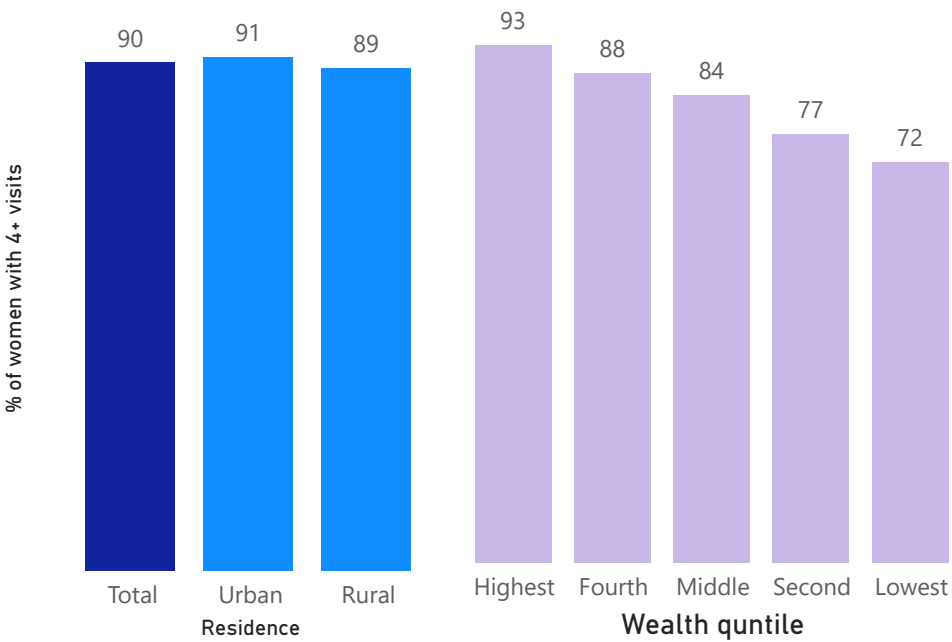


Maternal and Child Health

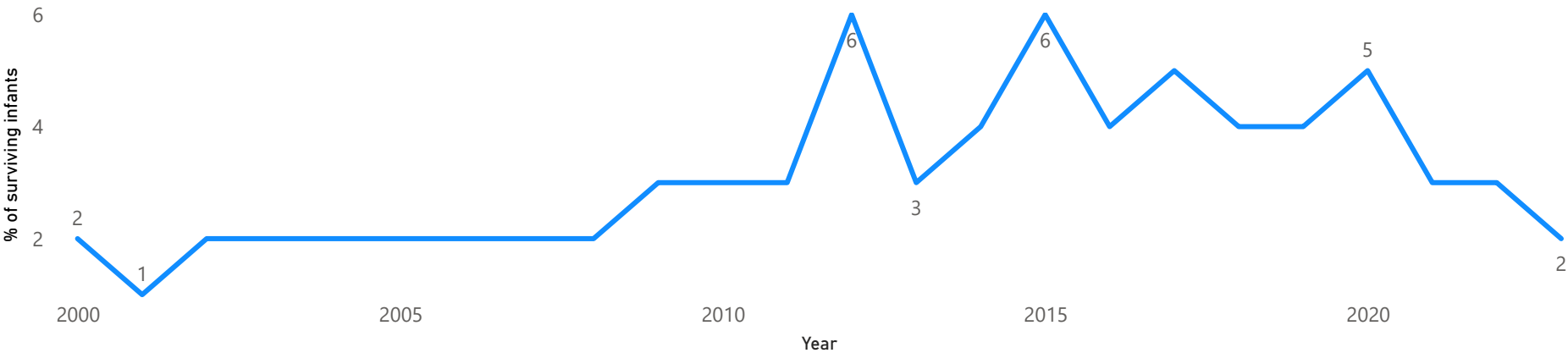
Inequalities in Access to Antenatal Care
2021

Health care and services (% of women, 15-49 years, with a live birth in the last 2 years)	2021
Antenatal care 4+ visits	90
Skilled birth attendant	97

Immunization (% of children, 0-2 years)	2023
Received 1st dose of DTP	98
Received 2 doses of measles vaccine	95
Received 3 doses of DTP	96



Zero-dose Children (No Vaccination for DTP1)

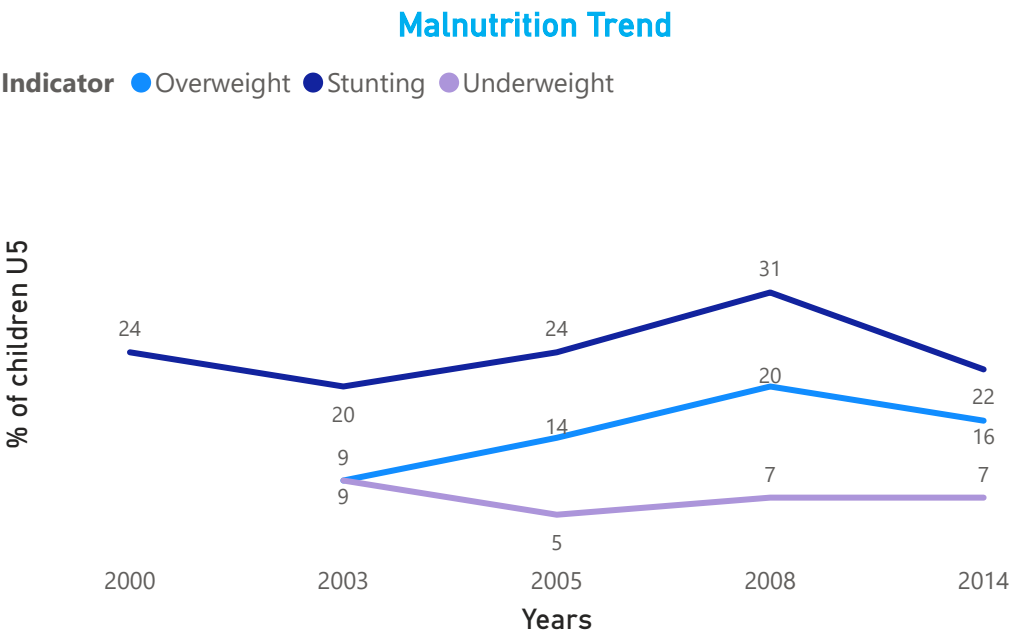




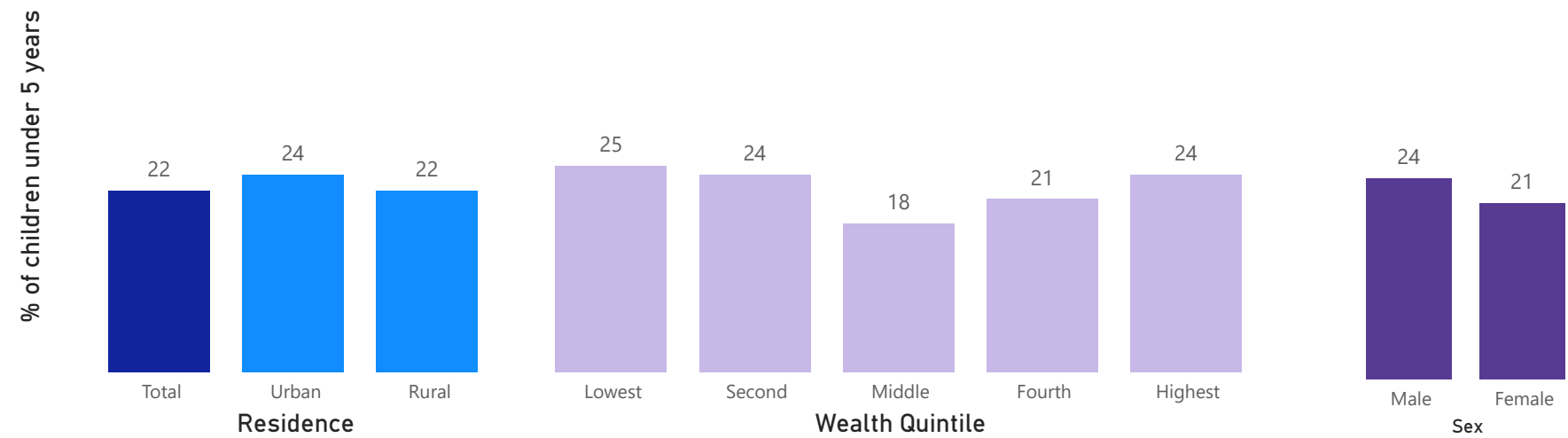
Nutrition

Infant and young child feeding (% of children) 2014	
Exclusive breastfeeding (0-5 months)	40
Minimum diet diversity (6 to 23 months)	35

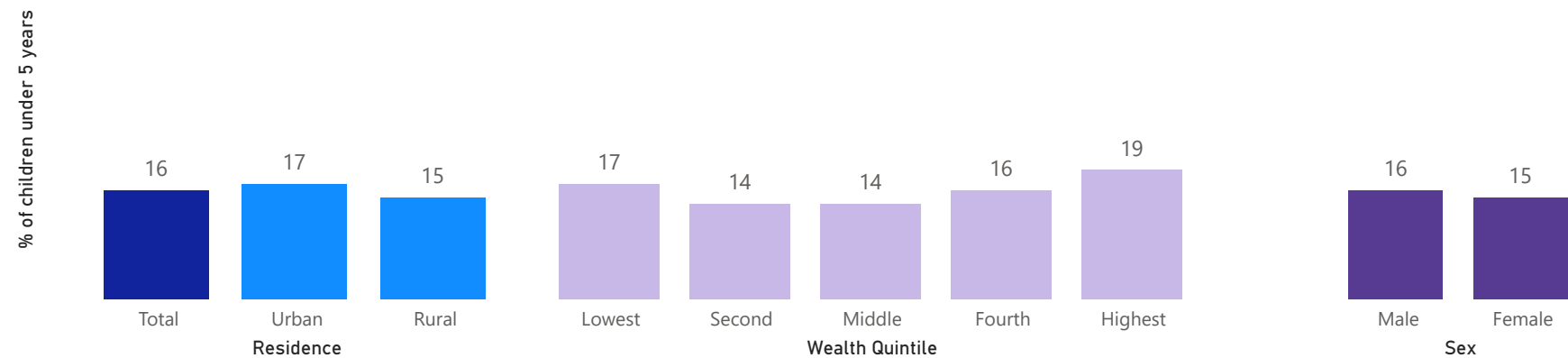
Malnutrition (% of children, under 5 years) 2014	
Overweight	16
Stunting	22
Underweight	7
Wasting	10



Inequalities in Stunting 2014



Overweight Inequalities 2014





Education, Training and Employment

School net attendance by education level (% of children of the relevant age group)	2014
Pre-Primary	59
Primary	97
Lower Secondary	85
Upper Secondary	70

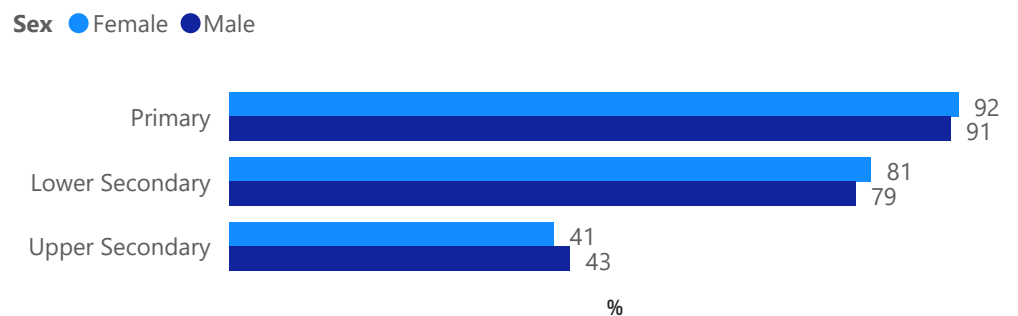
School completion by education level (% of children of the relevant age groups)	2014
Primary	91
Lower Secondary	80
Upper Secondary	42

Out-of-school children by educational level (% of children of the relevant age groups)	2014
Primary	3
Lower Secondary	10
Upper Secondary	24

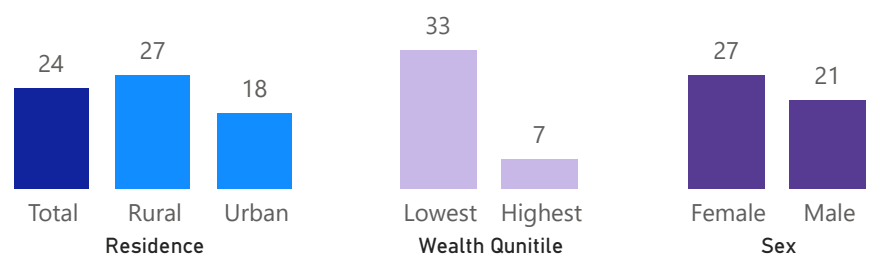
Reading/ Math proficiency	2019
Proportion of students at the end of primary achieving at least a minimum proficiency level in mathematics	27
Proportion of students at the end of primary achieving at least a minimum proficiency level in reading	No Data

Share of youth not in employment, education or training (NEET) by sex	2022
Total	27
Male	16
Female	40

School Completion Rates by sex
2014



Inequalities in Out of School Children of Upper-Secondary School Aged Children
2020

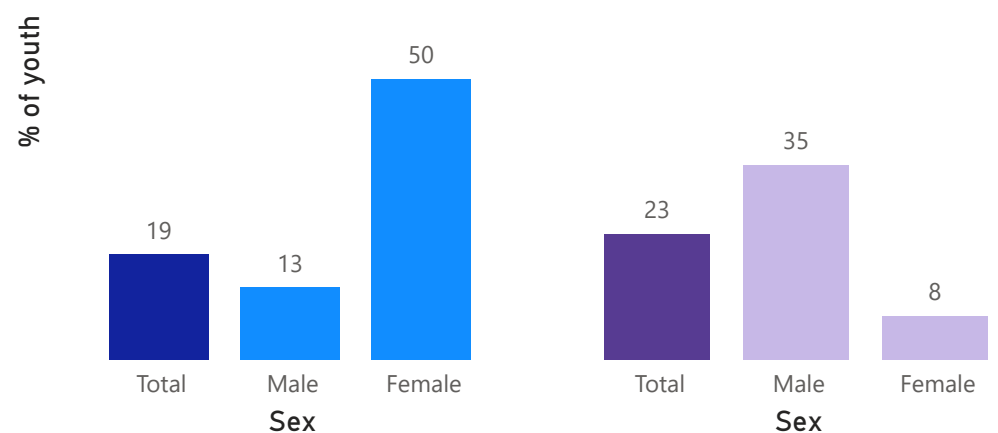


Unemployment rates in Youth (15-24 years)

2022

Labor Force Participation in Youth (15-24 years)

2022

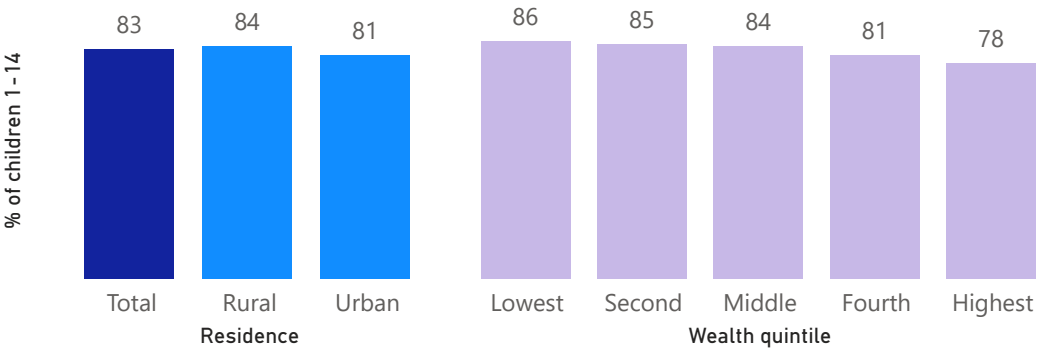




Violence

Inequalities in Violent Child Discipline
2021

Violent child discipline (% of children aged 1-14 years)		2021
Violent Child Discipline		
Total		83
Male		84
Female		81

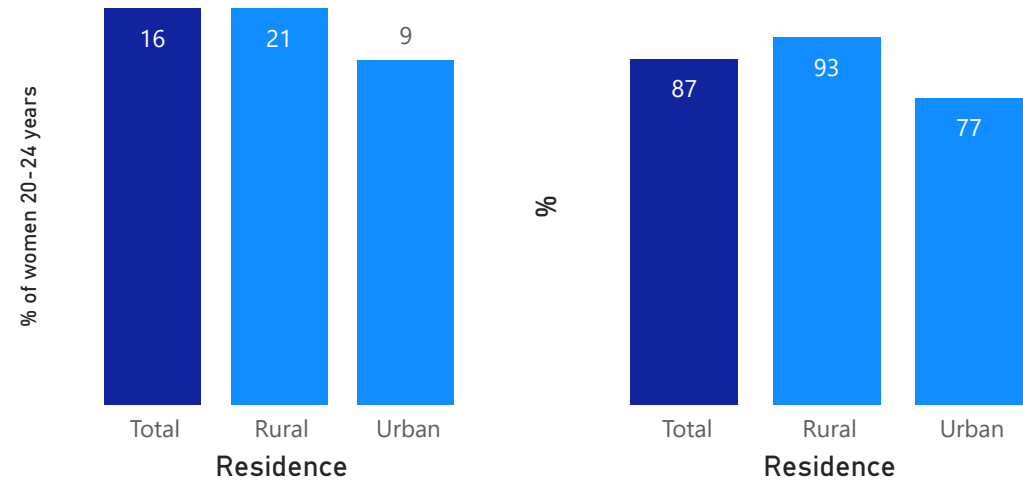


Child marriage (% of women aged 20-24 years)		2021
Married before 15		2
Married before 18		16

Inequalities in Child Marriage before 18
2021

Female genital mutilation (% of Girls and women)		2015
15-49 years		
15 to 19 years old		70
15 to 49 years old		87

Inequalities in female genital mutilation 15-49
2015

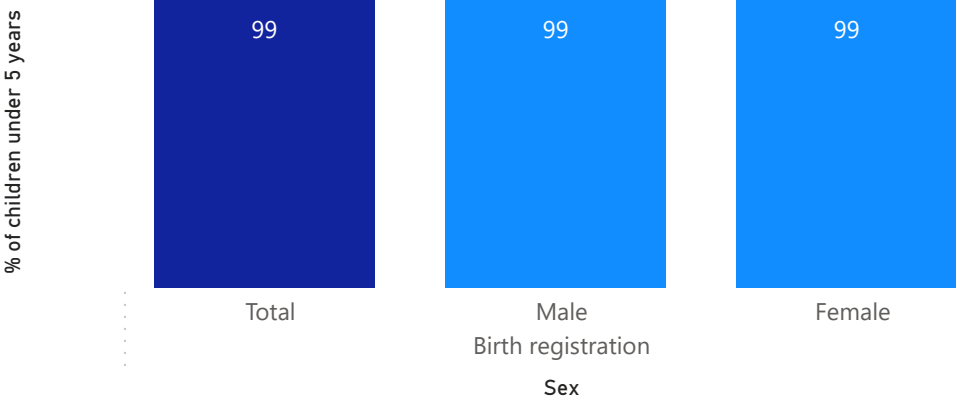


Child labour (% of children aged 5-17 years)		2021
Child labour		
Total		4
Male		4
Female		3

Birth Registration

Inequalities in Birth Registration
2021

Birth registration (% of children under 5 years)		2021
Birth registration		
Total		99
Rural		99
Urban		99





Right to equitable chance in life

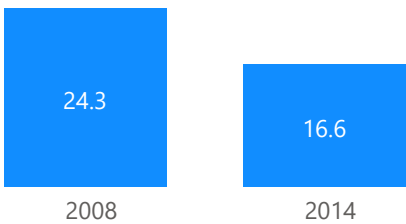
Poverty

Monetary poverty 2020

Children (0-17) living in households with income below the national poverty line (% of all children) 33.9

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)
2.9	24.5	80.4

Child multidimensional poverty headcount ratio

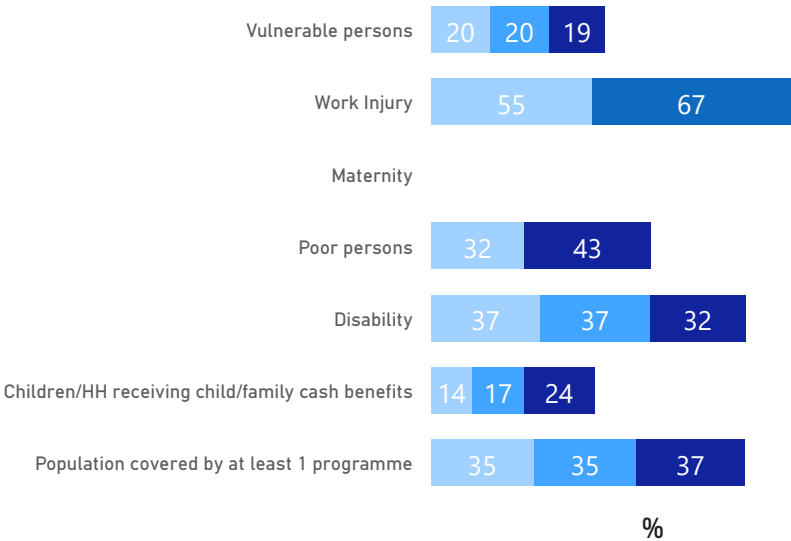


Dimensions of Multidimensional Poverty	Water	Household does not have piped water into dwelling or yard
	Sanitation	Unimproved toilet facility
		Shared toilet
	Housing	Primitive floor/Type of Household
		Overcrowding (more than 3 people per room)
	Health	Unskilled birth assistance (0-23 months)
		Not 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	No access to any information or communication device

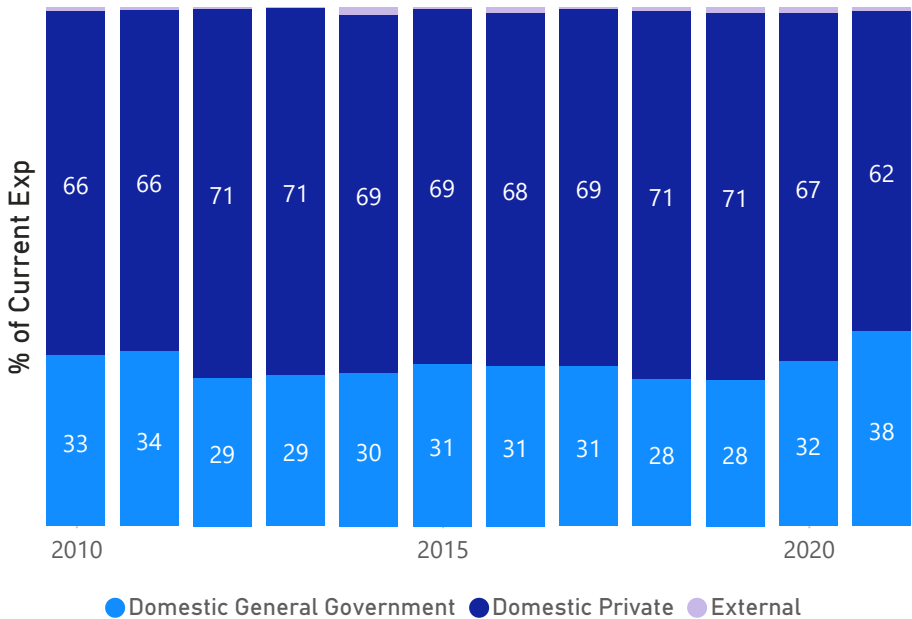
Public Expenditure on Essential services

Social Protection Coverage by Function

Time period 2019 2020 2021 2022



Changes in the Composition of Domestic Health Expenditure



Government expenditure on health % of GDP 2018

1.4

Government expenditure on education % of GDP 2020

2.5

Government expenditure on social protection % of GDP 2015

9.5



Right to a clean and safe environment

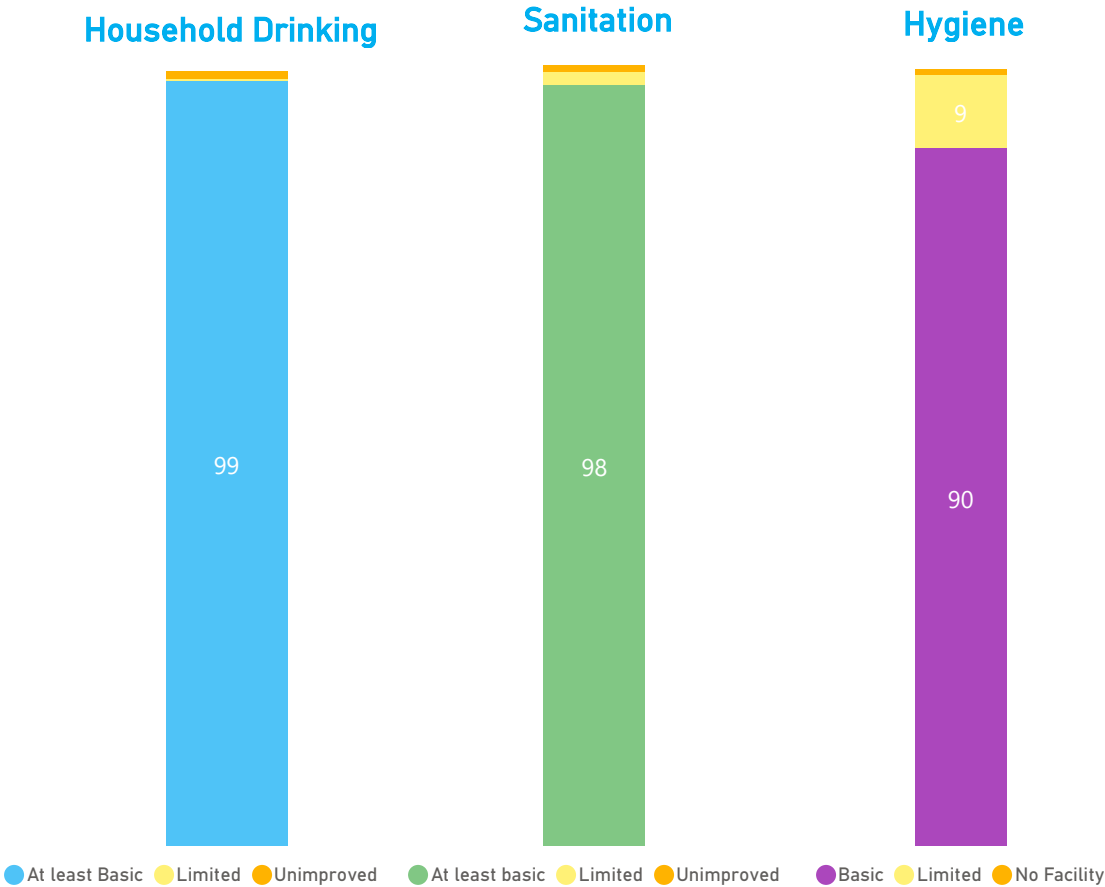
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Household drinking water, sanitation and hygiene

2022

Household coverage (%)	2020	2022
At least basic drinking water	99	99
At least basic sanitation	98	98
Basic hygiene (availability of water and soap)	90	

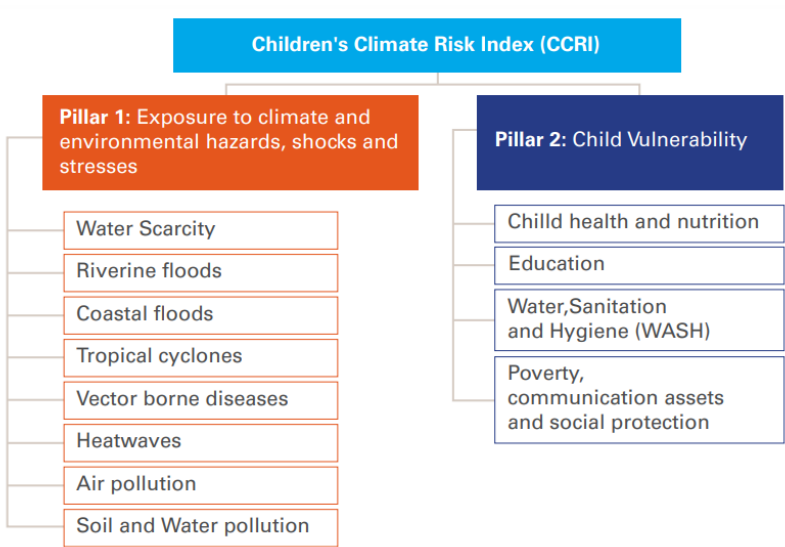
School coverage (%)	2023
Basic hygiene (availability of water and soap)	100
Basic sanitation	100



Water Vulnerability and Climate

Indicator	2020
Water Stress	Critical

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



*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: Egypt has data on 38 of the 48 child related SDGs (79% 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](#).

Mortality: UN Inter-agency group for child mortality estimations ([UN IGME](#)).

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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Violence: [UNICEF data warehouse](#), based on household surveys.

Poverty

- The World Bank & UNICEF (2023). [Global Trends in Child Monetary Poverty According to International Poverty Lines](#).
- ESCWA, UNICEF, UNDP and OPHI. (2023). [Second Arab Multidimensional Poverty Report](#).

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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