

THE SITUATION OF CHILDREN

**IN QATAR**

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# Factsheet on the situation of Children in Qatar

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

- Qatar is a **high income** economy. The GDP per capita was affected by Covid-19 but recovered quickly reaching 4% in 2022.
- Children represented **less than one-fifth** of the population in 2023.
- The country has **low sustained child mortality rates** and all birth deliveries were done by skilled birth attendant in 2019.
- **Almost all children** had received 3 doses of the DTP vaccine and 2 doses of measles vaccine in 2023 (respectively 95% and 99%).
- The Out-of-School rate **was generally low** but increased for upper secondary compared to primary and lower secondary in 2012.
- **Almost two-third of youth** aged 15 to 24 participated in the labour force in 2022 with higher values for men (70%) than women (42%)
- **About half of the children (2-14)** were subjected to violent discipline in 2012 with slightly higher rates for males compared to females.
- **4%** of the population in Qatar were covered by at least one social protection benefit in 2020
- The level of water stress was **critical** while the children's climate risk index was classified as **low-medium** in 2020.

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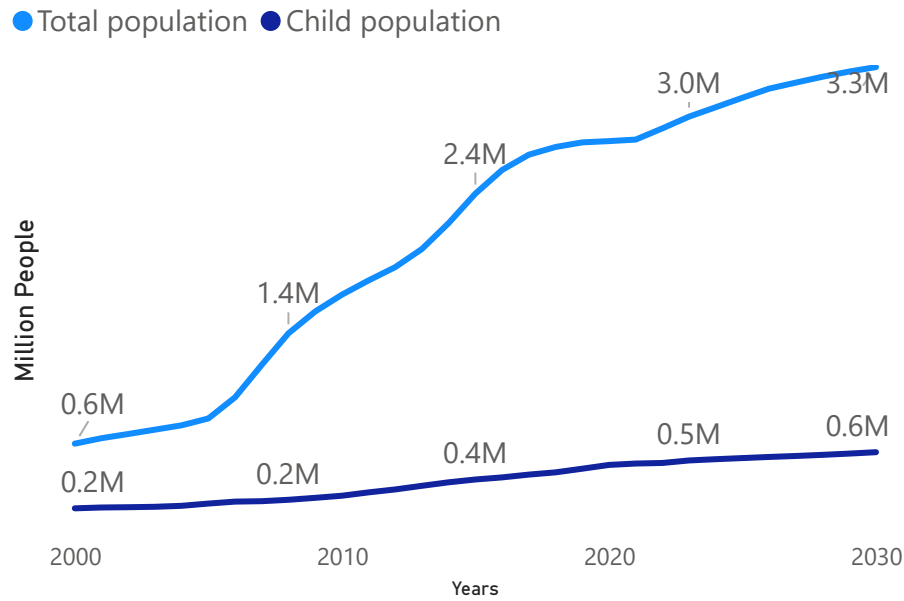


# Demography and Economy

## Demography

% of the population		2023
Population under age 5	5.2	
Population under age 18	17.5	
Adolescent population (10-19)	8.4	
Number of births per year (in thousands)		2023
Number of births	30	
Average number of children per woman over the childbearing years		2023
Total fertility rate	2	

Population Trends and Projections (2000-2030)



Total population  
2023

3M

Child population  
2023

521K

Population growth rate  
(annual % change)

2100

1.0

Urban population (%)

2023

99

Refugees & asylum seekers (% of total population)

2023

0.14

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

2023

27.9

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

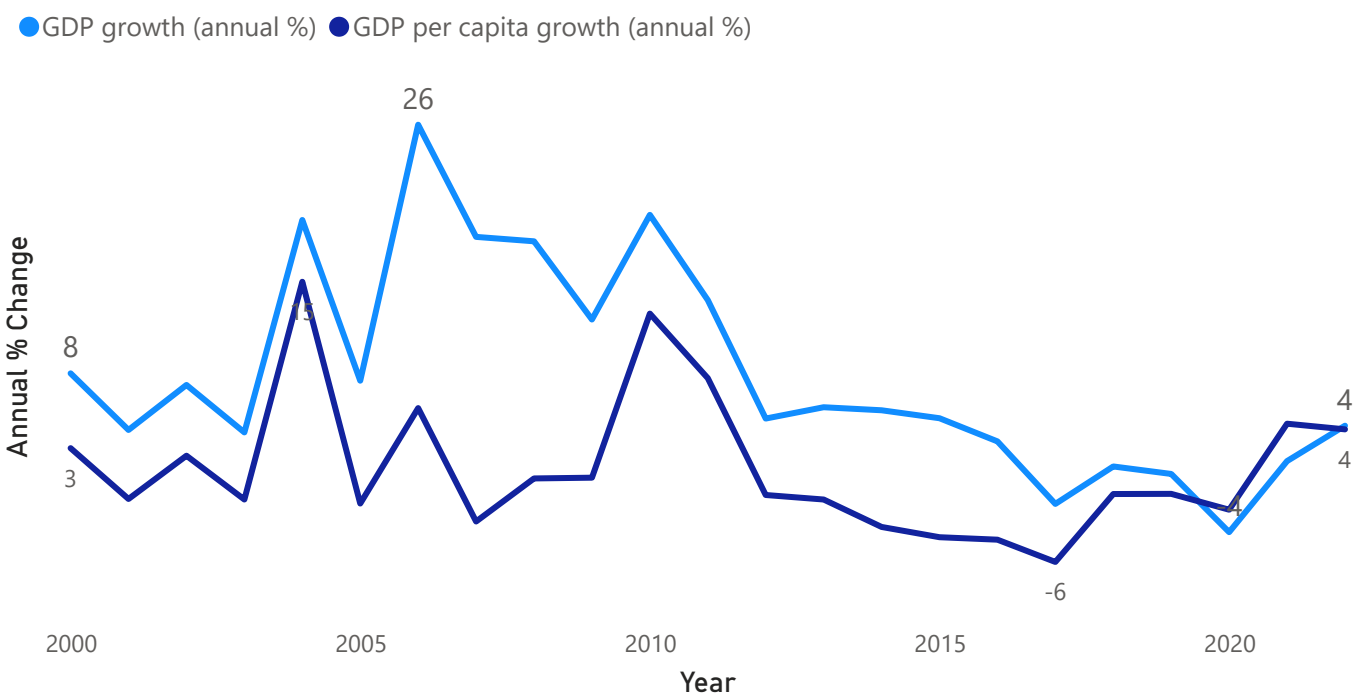
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## Economy

Annual GDP and GDP per Capita Growth (2000-2022)

World Bank 2023/2024 Income classification  
High-income

Indicator		2022
GDP per capita (current US\$)	87480.4	
Indicator		2022
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %)	5.0	





## Mortality

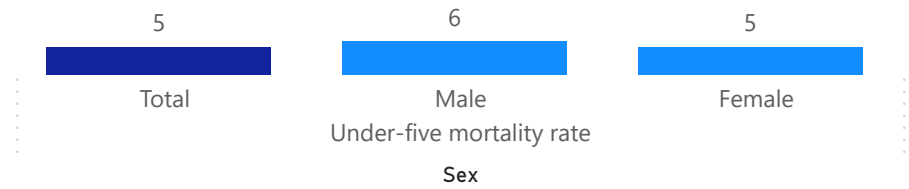
Mortality rates (deaths per 1,000 live births)	2000	2022
Neonatal mortality rate	7	3
Infant mortality rate	11	4
Under-five mortality rate	12	5

Under-five deaths  
Under-five deaths

# 137

Deaths per 1000 live births

### Inequalities in Under 5 Mortality Rate

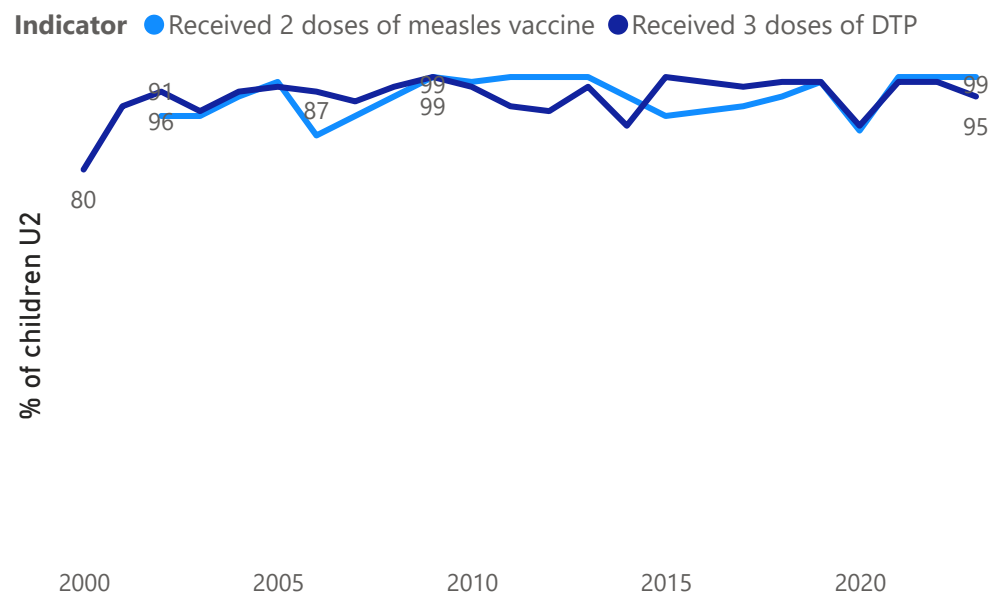


## Maternal and Child Health

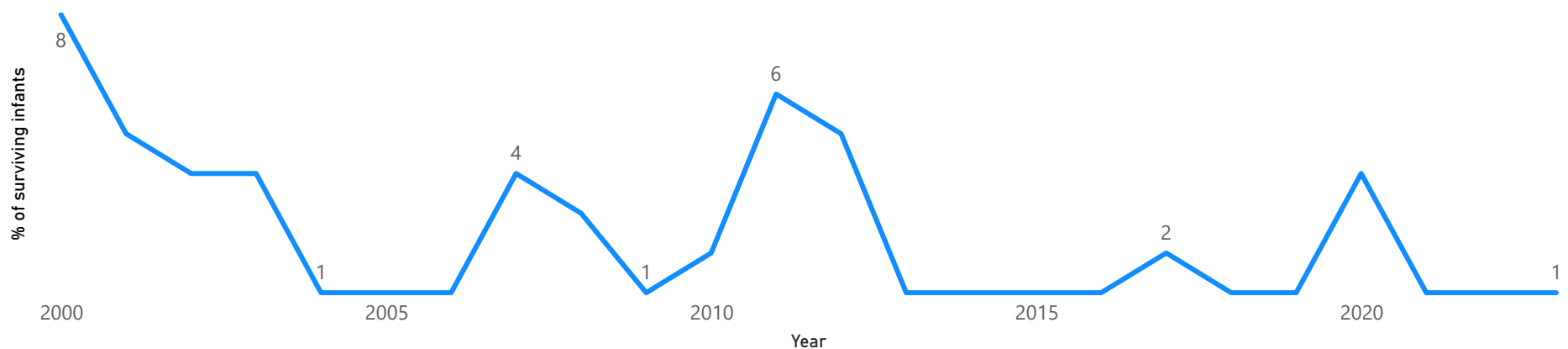
Health care and services (% of women, 15-49 years, with a live birth in the last 2 years)	2019
Skilled birth attendant	100

Immunization (% of children, 0-2 years)	2023
Received 1st dose of DTP	99
Received 2 doses of measles vaccine	99
Received 3 doses of DTP	95

### Trend of immunization among children (0-2) years



### Zero-dose Children (No Vaccination for DTP1)





## Right to proper nutrition

### Nutrition

% of Children 2012

Exclusive breastfeeding (0-5 months) 29

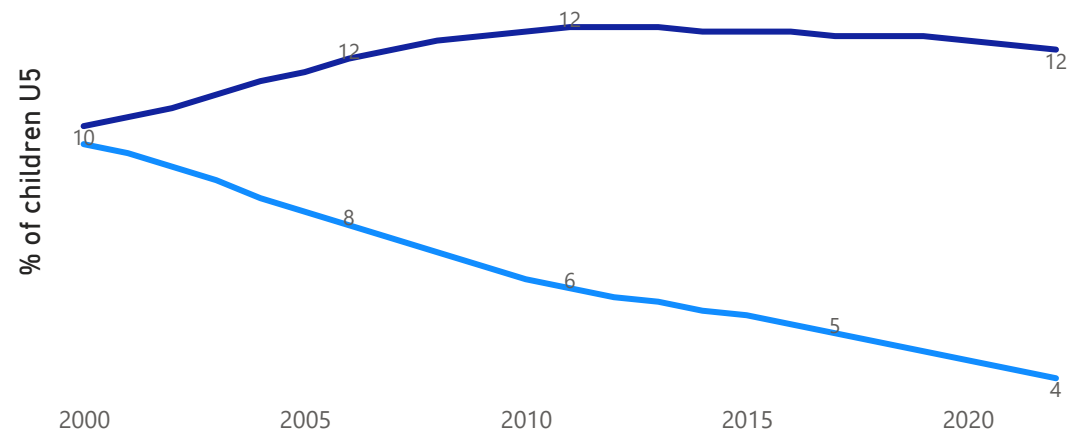
% of Children (U5) 2022

Overweight, Modeled Estimates 12

Stunting, Modeled Estimates 4

#### Nutrition indicators trend (Modelled estimates)

Indicator ● Overweight, Modeled Estimates ● Stunting, Modeled Estimates



#### Inequalities in Stunting (Latest)

NA

#### Overweight Inequalities (Latest)

NA



## Right to education

### Education, Training and Employment

School net attendance by education level (% of children of the relevant age group)	2012
Pre-Primary	No Data
Primary	96
Lower Secondary	93
Upper Secondary	88

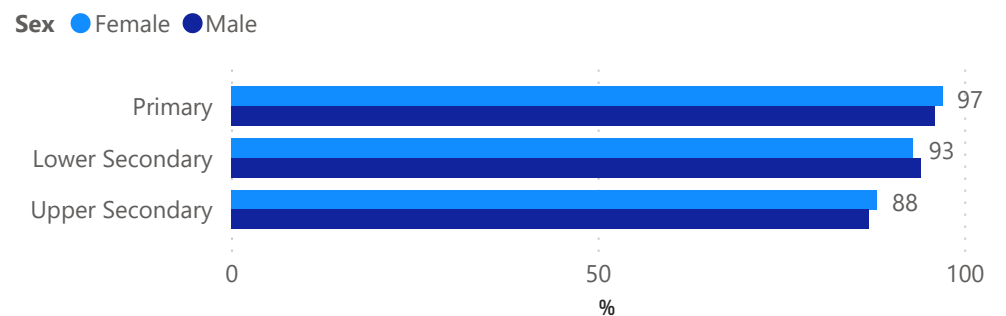
School completion by education level (% of children of the relevant age groups)	Year
Lower Secondary	No Data
Primary	No Data
Upper Secondary	No Data

Out-of-school children by educational level (% of children of the relevant age groups)	2012
Lower Secondary	3
Primary	3
Upper Secondary	6

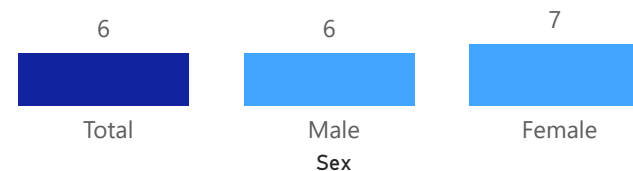
Reading/ Math proficiency	2019
Proportion of students at the end of primary achieving at least a minimum proficiency level in mathematics	40.0
Proportion of students at the end of primary achieving at least a minimum proficiency level in reading	No Data

Share of youth not in employment, education or training (NEET) by sex	Year
Total	No Data
Male	No Data
Female	No Data

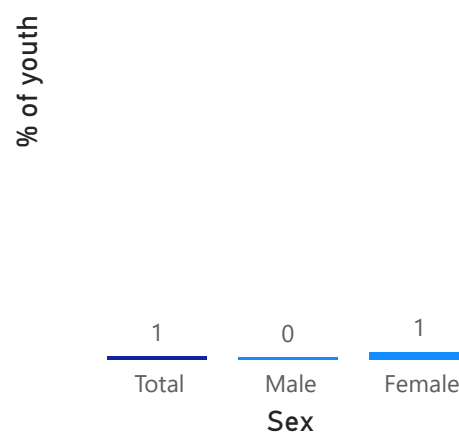
Net Attendance Rate by Gender  
2012



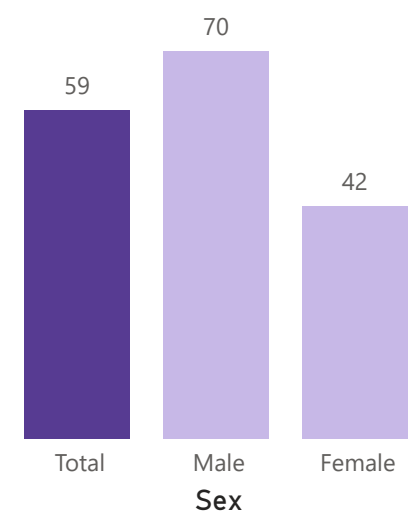
Inequalities in Out of School Children of Upper-Secondary School Aged Children  
2012



Unemployment rates in Youth (15-24 years)  
2022



Labor Force Participation in Youth (15-24 years)  
2022





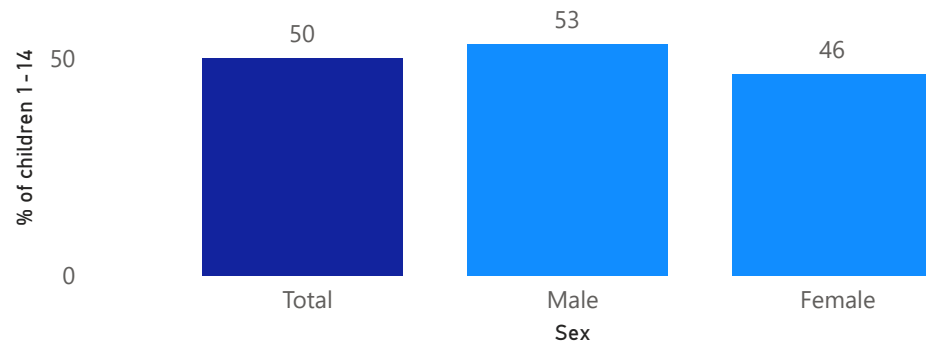
## Violence

### Inequalities in Violent Child Discipline

2012

Violent child discipline (% of children aged 1-14 years) 2012

Violent Child Discipline	
Total	50
Male	53
Female	46



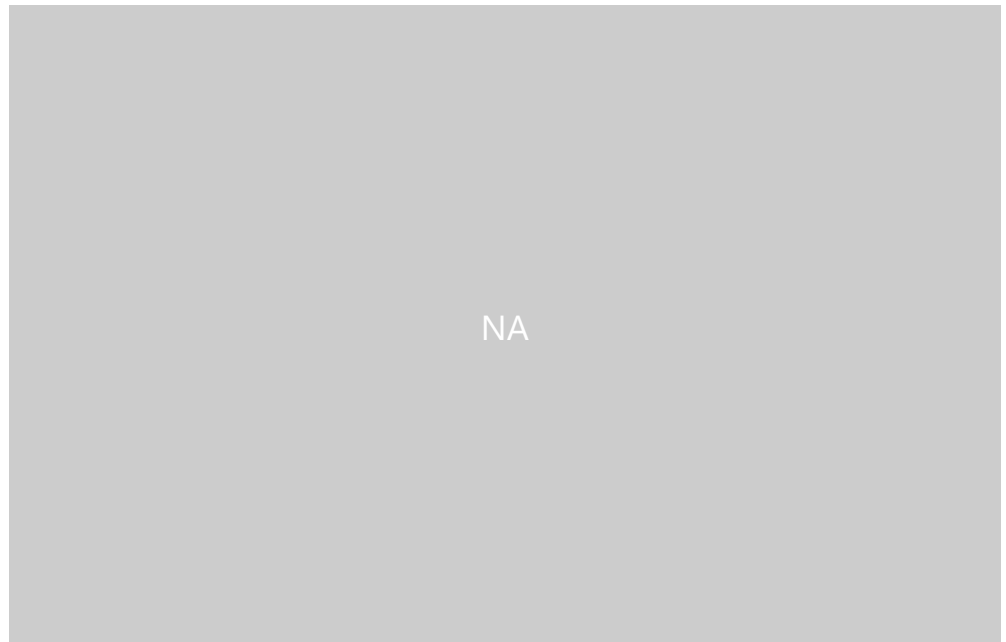
### Inequalities in Child Marriage before 18

Child marriage (% of women aged 20-24 years) 2012

Married before 15	No Data
Married before 18	4.2

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

Child labour	No Data
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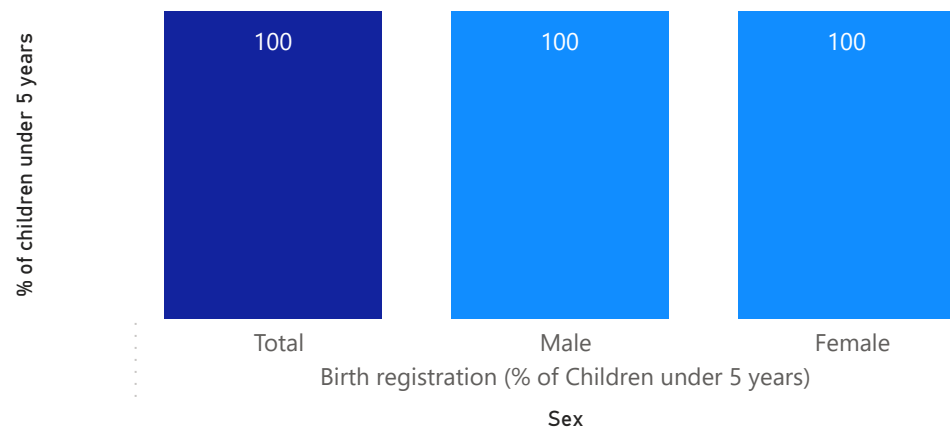
## Birth Registration

### Inequalities in Birth Registration

2020

Birth registration (% of children under 5 years) 2020

Birth registration (% of Children under 5 years)	
Total	100
Male	100
Female	100



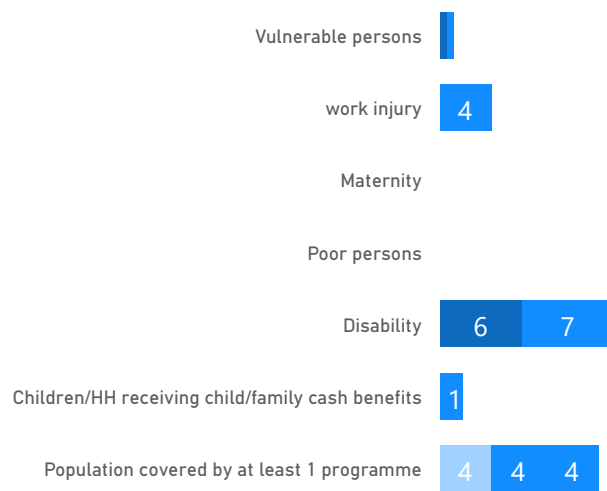


# Right to equitable chance in life

## Public Expenditure on Essential services

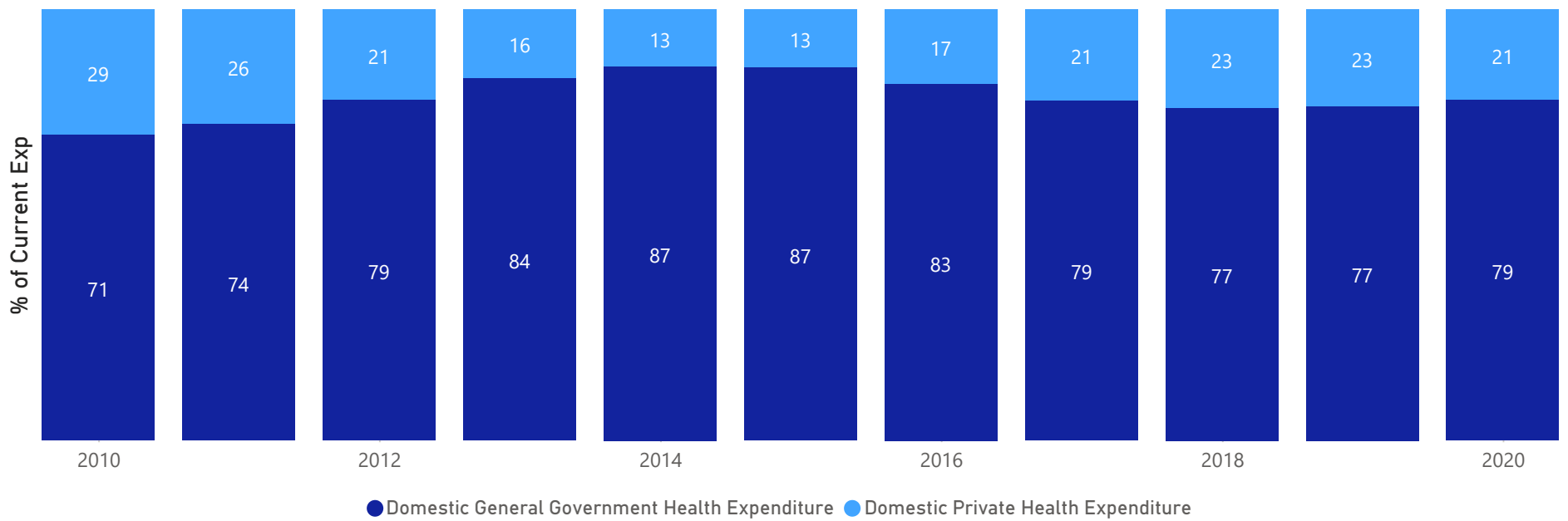
### Social Protection Coverage by Function

Time period ● 2018 ● 2019 ● 2020 ● 2022



%

### Changes in the Composition of Domestic Health Expenditure



Government expenditure on health % of GDP  
2019

2.7

Government expenditure on education % of GDP  
2020

3.2

Government expenditure on social protection % of GDP  
2018

0.9



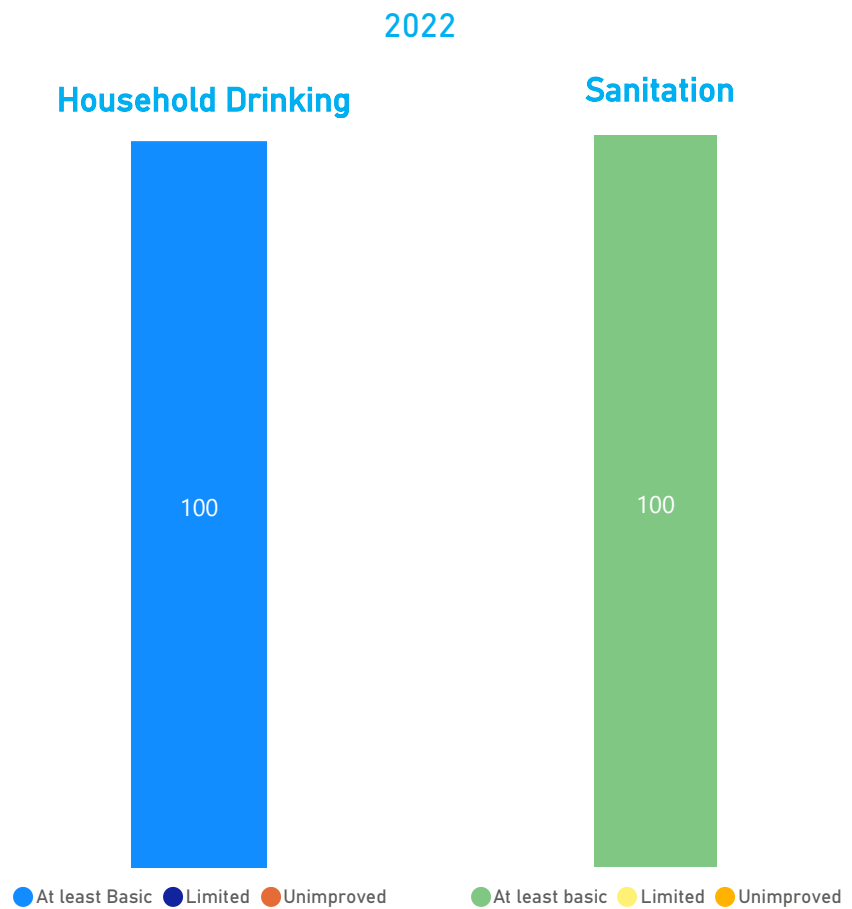
## Right to a clean and safe environment

### Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

#### Household drinking water, sanitation and hygiene

Household coverage (%)	2022
At least basic sanitation	100
At least basic drinking water	100

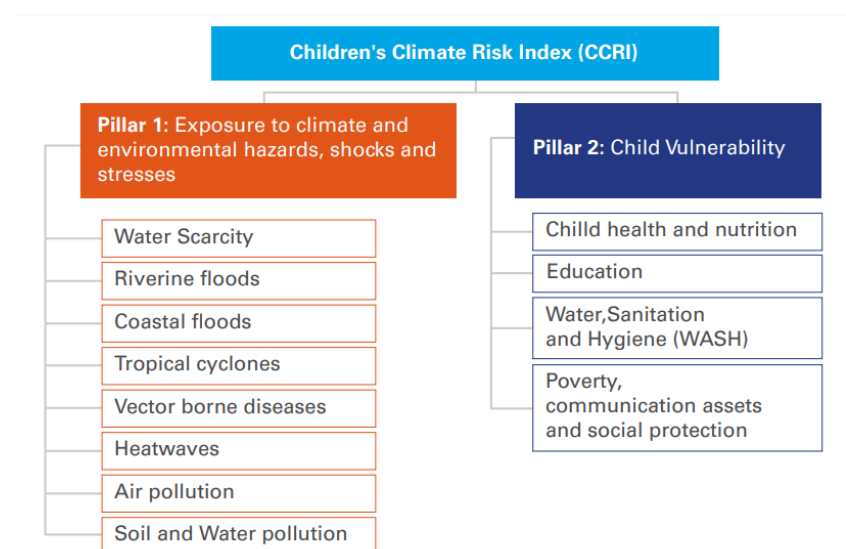
School coverage (%)	2023
Basic drinking water	100
Basic hygiene (availability of water and soap)	100
Basic sanitation	100



### Water Vulnerability and Climate

Indicator	2020
SDG 6.4.2. Water Stress	Critical

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



\*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:** Qatar has data on 32 of the 48 child related SDGs (67% 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](#)
- UNESCO Institute for Statistics ([UIS](#)) and National Household Surveys estimates.

**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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