

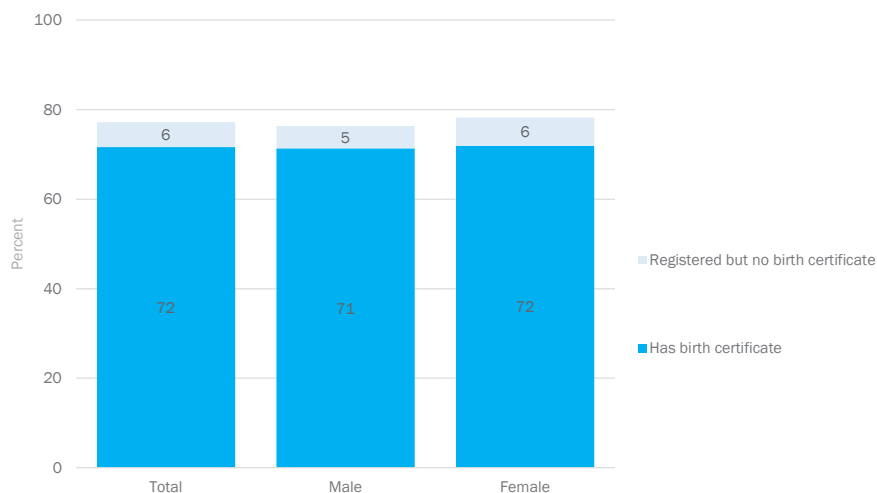
### Birth Registration Levels



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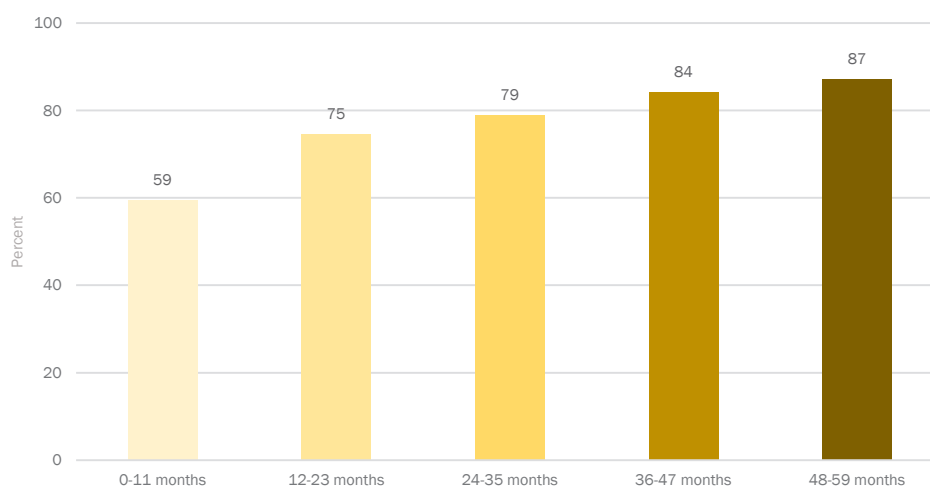


#### Birth registration for Children Under-Five: SDG 16.9.1



Percentage of children under age 5 whose births are registered, by whether or not they have a birth certificate and by sex

#### Birth registration by Age

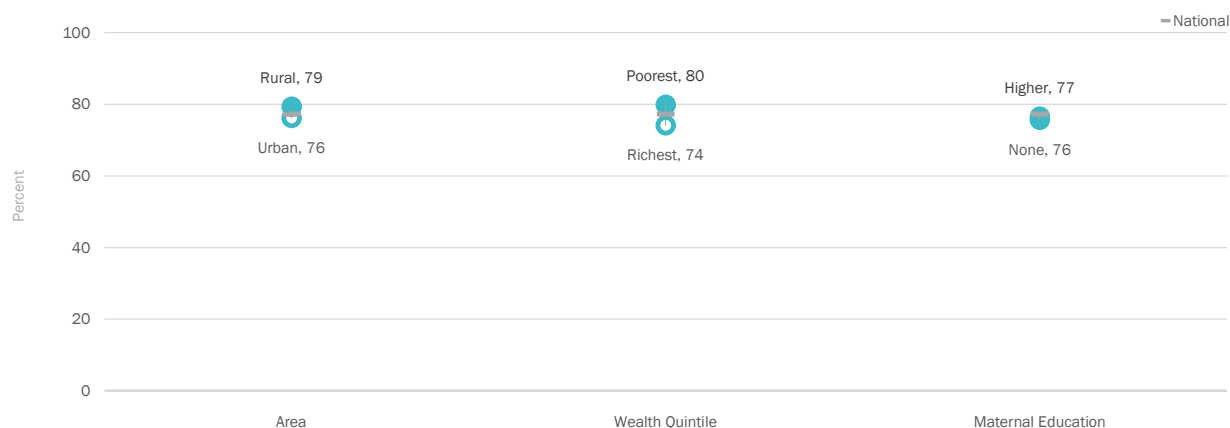


Percentage of children under age 5 whose births are registered, by age in months

#### Key Messages

- In Nepal, only 77% of children have had their birth registered. Registering children at birth is the first step in securing children's recognition before the law, safeguarding their rights, and ensuring that any violation of these rights does not go unnoticed. Children who are not registered may not be able to access services such as education, health care, labor market and social security.
- Of children below five years of age whose births were registered, 6% do not have a birth certificate, which is a required document for accessing services.
- Despite the legal requirement that requires newborns to be registered within 35 days of birth, only 59% of children had their birth registered before their first birthday.
- Sudurpaschim and Karnali stand out amongst the provinces for having higher rates of birth registration.
- Interestingly, children from the poorest households are more likely to be registered than are children from richest households.
- Although most mothers/caretakers know how to register a child's birth, among children who are not registered, mothers/caregivers from the poorest households or have no education are less likely to know how to register their child's birth.

## Birth Registration: Inequalities



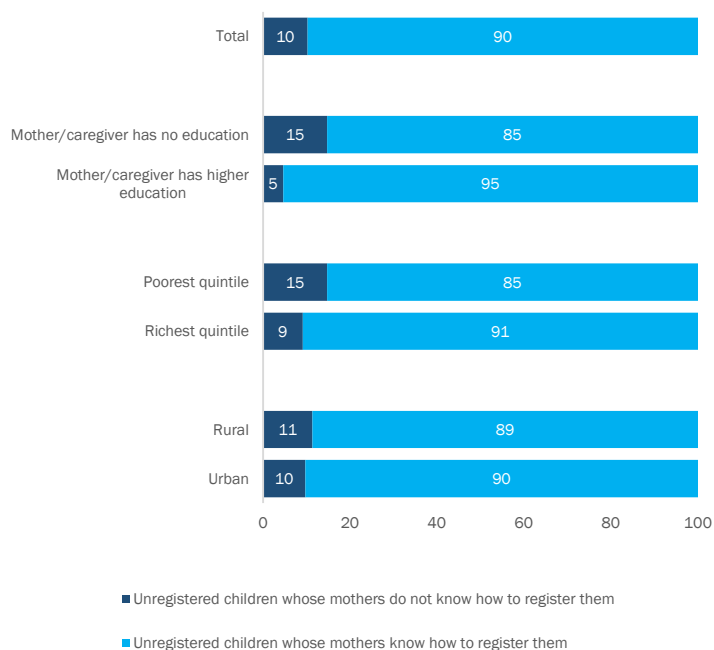
Percentage of children under age 5 whose births are registered, by background characteristics

## Provincial Data on Birth Registration

Province	Total registered
<b>National</b>	<b>77.2</b>
Province 1	78.4
Province 2	76.1
Bagmati Province	70.8
Gandaki Province	73.8
Lumbini Province	76.7
Karnali Province	84.4
Sudoorpashchim Province	89.1

Percentage of children under age 5 whose births are registered, by region

## Mother's (or Caregiver's) Knowledge of How to Register



Percentage of children under age 5 whose births are not registered, by mother's (or caregiver's) knowledge of how to register a child

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The objective of this snapshot is to disseminate selected findings from the Nepal MICS 2019 related to Birth Registration. Data from this snapshot can be found in table PR.1.1 in the Survey Findings Report.

Further statistical snapshots and the Survey Findings Report for this and other surveys are available on [mics.unicef.org/surveys](https://mics.unicef.org/surveys).