

TABLE 2. NUTRITION

Countries and territories	% of infants with low birthweight 1998-2002*	% of children (1995-2002*) who are:			% of under-fives (1995-2002*) suffering from:				Vitamin A supplementation coverage rate (6-59 months) 2001	% of households consuming iodized salt 1997-2002*
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Afghanistan	-	-	-	-	48	-	25	52	84t	2
Albania	3	6	24	6	14	4	11	32	-	62
Algeria	7	13	38	22	6	1	3	18	-	69
Andorra	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Angola	12	11	77	37	31	8	6	45	75	35
Antigua and Barbuda	8	-	-	-	10x	4x	10x	7x	-	-
Argentina	7	-	-	-	5	1	3	12	-	90x
Armenia	7	30	51	13	3	0	2	13	-	84
Australia	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Austria	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Azerbaijan	11	7	39	16	7	1	2	13	-	26
Bahamas	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bahrain	8	34k	65	41	9	2	5	10	-	-
Bangladesh	30	46	78	87	48	13	10	45	90t	70
Barbados	10x	-	-	-	6x	1x	5x	7x	-	-
Belarus	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37
Belgium	8x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belize	6	24k	54	23	6x	1x	-	-	-	90x
Benin	16	38	66	62	23	5	8	31	95	72
Bhutan	15	-	-	-	19	3	3	40	-	82x
Bolivia	9	39	76	36	10	2	2	26	31	65
Bosnia and Herzegovina	4	6	-	-	4	1	6	10	-	77
Botswana	10	34	57	11	13	2	5	23	85	66
Brazil	10x	42k	30	17	6	1	2	11	-	95x
Brunei Darussalam	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bulgaria	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burkina Faso	19	6	49	87	34	12	13	37	97	23x
Burundi	16	62	46	85	45	13	8	57	95	96
Cambodia	11	12	72	59	45	13	15	45	57	14
Cameroon	11	12	72	29	21	4	5	35	100	84
Canada	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cape Verde	13	57k	64	13	14x	2x	6x	16x	-	0x
Central African Republic	14	17	77	53	24	6	9	39	90	86
Chad	17x	10	68	51	28	9	11	29	91t	58
Chile	5	73k	-	-	1	-	0	2	-	100
China	6	67k	-	-	11	-	-	16	-	93
Colombia	9	32	58	25	7	1	1	14	-	92
Comoros	25	21	34	45	25	9	12	42	-	82
Congo	-	4k	94	13	14	3	4	19	100	-
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	12	24	79	52	31	9	13	38	98	72
Cook Islands	3	19k	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Costa Rica	7	35x,k	47x	12x	5	0	2	6	-	97x
Côte d'Ivoire	17	10	54	42	21	5	8	25	97	31
Croatia	6	23	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	90
Cuba	6	41	42	9	4	0	2	5	-	73
Cyprus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Czech Republic	7	-	-	-	1x	0x	2x	2x	-	-
Denmark	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Djibouti	-	-	-	-	18	6	13	26	91	-
Dominica	10	-	-	-	5x	0x	2x	6x	-	-
Dominican Republic	14	11	26	6	5	1	2	6	35	18
Ecuador	16	29k	52x	34x	15	2	-	27	50	99
Egypt	12	57	71	30	11	3	5	21	-	28
El Salvador	13	16	77	40	12	1	1	23	-	91x
Equatorial Guinea	13	24	-	-	19	4	7	39	-	20x
Eritrea	21x	52	43	62	44	17	16	38	61	97
Estonia	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ethiopia	15	55	43	77	47	16	11	52	16	28
Fiji	10	47k	-	-	8x	1x	8x	3x	-	31x

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Finland	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
France	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gabon	14	6	62	9	12	2	3	21	89	15
Gambia	17	26	37	54	17	4	9	19	91	8
Georgia	6	18k	12	12	3	0	2	12	-	8
Germany	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ghana	11	31	70	57	25	5	10	26	100t	28
Greece	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grenada	9	39k	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guatemala	13	39	76	45	24	5	3	46	-	49
Guinea	12	11	28	73	23	5	9	26	93	12
Guinea-Bissau	22	37	36	67	25	7	10	30	100	2
Guyana	12	11	42	31	14	3	11	11	-	-
Haiti	21	24	73	30	17	4	5	23	-	11
Holy See	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Honduras	14	35	61	34	17	-	1	29	62	80
Hungary	9	-	-	-	2x	0x	2x	3x	-	-
Iceland	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
India	30	37k	44	66	47	18	16	46	25	50
Indonesia	10x	42	81	65	26	8	-	-	61	65
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	7x	44	-	0	11	2	5	15	-	94
Iraq	15	12	51	27	16	2	6	22	-	40
Ireland	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Israel	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Italy	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jamaica	9	-	-	-	6	-	3	6	-	100
Japan	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jordan	10x	34	70	12	5	1	2	8	-	88
Kazakhstan	8	36	73	17	4	0	2	10	-	20
Kenya	11	5	67	24	21	6	6	35	90	91
Kiribati	5	80x,k	-	-	13x	-	11x	28x	-	-
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	7	97k	-	-	21	-	8	42	99t	-
Korea, Republic of	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kuwait	7	12k	26	9	10	3	11	24	-	-
Kyrgyzstan	7x	24	77	21	11	2	3	25	-	27
Lao People's Democratic Republic	14	23	10	47	40	13	15	41	70t	75
Latvia	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lebanon	6	27k	35	11	3	0	3	12	-	87
Lesotho	14	15	51	58	18	4	5	46	-	69
Liberia	-	35	70	45	26	8	6	39	100t	-
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	7x	-	-	23	5	1	3	15	-	90x
Liechtenstein	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lithuania	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luxembourg	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Madagascar	14	41	82	43	33	11	14	49	73	52
Malawi	16	44	93	77	25	6	6	49	63	49
Malaysia	10	29k	-	12	12	1	-	-	-	-
Maldives	22	10	85	-	30	7	13	25	-	44
Mali	23	38	66	62	33	11	11	38	74	74
Malta	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marshall Islands	12	63x,k	-	-	-	-	-	-	51	-
Mauritania	42	20	78	57	32	10	13	35	98	2
Mauritius	13	16x,k	29x	-	15	2	14	10	-	0x
Mexico	9	38x,k	36x	21x	8	1	2	18	-	90
Micronesia (Federated States of)	18	60k	-	-	-	-	-	-	71	-
Moldova, Republic of	5	-	-	-	3	-	3	10	-	33
Monaco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mongolia	8	51	55	57	13	3	6	25	93	45
Morocco	11x	66k	53	21	9	2	4	24	-	41

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Mozambique	14x	30	87	58	26	-	6	44	71	62x
Myanmar	15	11	67	67	35	8	9	34	97t	48
Namibia	16x	26k	-	-	24	5	9	24	84	63
Nauru	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nepal	21	69	66	92	48	13	10	51	98t	63
Netherlands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Zealand	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	83
Nicaragua	13	31	68	39	10	2	2	20	-	96
Niger	17	1	56	61	40	14	14	40	89t	15
Nigeria	12	17	63	35	36x	12x	9x	43x	77	98
Niue	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norway	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Occupied Palestinian Territory	9	29k	78	11	4	1	3	9	-	37
Oman	8	-	92	73	24	4	13	23	-	61
Pakistan	19x	16k	31	56	38	12	13	37	100t	17
Palau	9	59k	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Panama	10x	25	38	21	7	-	1	14	-	95
Papua New Guinea	11x	59	74	66	35x	-	-	-	-	-
Paraguay	9x	7k	59	15	5	-	1	11	-	83
Peru	11x	71	76	49	7	1	1	25	6	93
Philippines	20	37	57	23	28	-	6	30	84t	24
Poland	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Portugal	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Qatar	10	12k	48	21	6	-	2	8	-	-
Romania	9	-	-	-	6x	1x	3x	8x	-	-
Russian Federation	6	-	-	-	3	1	4	13	-	30x
Rwanda	9	84	79	71	27	7	6	41	94	90
Saint Kitts and Nevis	9	56k	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
Saint Lucia	8	-	-	-	14x	-	6x	11x	-	-
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Samoa	4x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Marino	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sao Tome and Principe	-	56	53	42	13	2	4	29	-	41
Saudi Arabia	11x	31k	60	30	14	3	11	20	-	-
Senegal	18	24k	64	49	23	6	8	25	85t	16
Serbia and Montenegro	4	11k	33	11	2	0	4	5	-	73
Seychelles	-	-	-	-	6x	0x	2x	5x	-	-
Sierra Leone	-	4	51	53	27	9	10	34	91t	23
Singapore	8	-	-	-	14x	-	4x	11x	-	-
Slovakia	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Slovenia	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Solomon Islands	13x	65k	-	-	21x	4x	7x	27x	-	-
Somalia	-	9	13	8	26	7	17	23	62	-
South Africa	15	7	67	30	12	2	3	25	-	62
Spain	6x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sri Lanka	22	54k	-	62	29	-	14	14	-	88
Sudan	31	16	47	40	17	7	-	-	92t	1
Suriname	13	9	25	11	13	2	7	10	-	-
Swaziland	9	24	60	25	10	2	1	30	-	59
Sweden	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Switzerland	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syrian Arab Republic	6	81k	50	6	7	1	4	18	-	40
Tajikistan	15	14	35	35	-	-	-	-	-	20
Tanzania, United Republic of	13	32	64	48	29	7	5	44	93t	67
Thailand	9	4k	71	27	19x	-	6x	16x	-	74
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	5	37	8	10	6	1	4	7	-	100
Timor-Leste	10	44	63	10	43	13	12	47	-	72
Togo	15	18	65	65	25	7	12	22	77	67
Tonga	0	62k	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Trinidad and Tobago	23	2	19	10	7x	0x	4x	5x	-	1
Tunisia	7	46	-	22	4	1	2	12	-	97
Turkey	16	7	34	21	8	1	2	16	-	64
Turkmenistan	6	13	71	27	12	2	6	22	-	75
Tuvalu	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uganda	12	65	75	50	23	5	4	39	37	95
Ukraine	5	22	-	-	3	1	6	15	-	5
United Arab Emirates	15x	34k	52	29	14	3	15	17	-	-
United Kingdom	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	8	-	-	-	1x	0x	1x	2x	-	-
Uruguay	8	-	-	-	5	1	1	8	-	-
Uzbekistan	7	16	45	36	19	5	12	31	-	19
Vanuatu	6	50k	-	-	20x	-	-	19x	-	-
Venezuela	7	7k	50	31	5x	1x	3x	13x	-	90
Viet Nam	9	31	29	20	33	6	6	36	59	40
Yemen	32x	18	79	41	46	15	13	52	100	39
Zambia	10	40	87	58	28	7	5	47	83t	68
Zimbabwe	11	33	90	35	13	2	6	27	-	93

REGIONAL SUMMARIES

Sub-Saharan Africa	14	28	65	50	29	8	9	38	75	66
Middle East and North Africa	15	37	59	25	14	4	6	22	-	51
South Asia	30	36	46	67	46	17	15	44	46	49
East Asia and Pacific	8	54	-	-	17	-	-	20	-	82
Latin America and Caribbean	10	38	48	25	8	1	2	16	-	84
CEE/CIS and Baltic States	9	14	41	23	7	1	4	16	-	39
Industrialized countries	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Developing countries	17	39	55	51	27	10	10	32	59	66
Least developed countries	18	35	66	63	36	10	11	43	78	52
World	16	39	55	51	27	10	10	31	59	66

Countries in each region are listed on page 136.

DEFINITIONS OF THE INDICATORS

Low birthweight – Less than 2,500 grams.

Underweight – Moderate and severe – below minus two standard deviations from median weight for age of reference population; severe – below minus three standard deviations from median weight for age of reference population.

Wasting – Moderate and severe – below minus two standard deviations from median weight for height of reference population.

Stunting – Moderate and severe – below minus two standard deviations from median height for age of reference population.

Vitamin A – Percentage of children aged 6-59 months who have received at least one high dose of vitamin A capsules in 2001.

MAIN DATA SOURCES

Low birthweight – Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS), Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS), other national household surveys and data from routine reporting systems.

Breastfeeding – DHS, MICS and UNICEF.

Underweight, wasting and stunting – DHS, MICS, World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF.

Salt iodization – MICS, DHS and UNICEF.

Vitamin A – UNICEF field offices and WHO.

- NOTES**
- Data not available.
 - x Indicates data that refer to years or periods other than those specified in the column heading, differ from the standard definition, or refer to only part of a country.
 - k Refers to exclusive breastfeeding for less than 4 months.
 - * Data refer to the most recent year available during the period specified in the column heading.
 - t Identifies countries that have achieved a second round of vitamin A coverage greater than or equal to 70%.