Figure 3.1: Birth registration* in the developing world

* Birth registration: Percentage of children under 5 years of age who were registered at the time of the survey. The numerator of this indicator includes children whose birth certificate was seen by the interviewer or whose mother or caretaker says the birth has been registered.

Regional averages: These aggregates do not include all countries in each region. However, sufficient data covering more than 50 per cent of the target population was available to generate the averages for the regions shown. Averages for East Asia and Pacific and the developing countries do not include China.

Data range: Data refer to the most recent year available during the period specified.

Source: Multiple Indicator Clusters Surveys (MICS), Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) and other national surveys.