

TABLE 2. NUTRITION

Countries and territories	% of infants with low birthweight 1999-2006*	% of children (2000-2006*) who are:			% of under-fives (2000-2006*) suffering from:				Vitamin A supplement coverage rate (6-59 months) 2005		% of households consuming iodized salt 2000-2006*
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					moderate & severe	severe	moderate & severe	moderate & severe			
Afghanistan	-	-	29	54	39	12	7	54	95	91	28
Albania	7	2	38	20	8	1	7	22	-	-	62
Algeria	6	7	39	22	4	1	3	11	-	-	61
Andorra	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Angola	12	11	77	37	31	8	6	45	79	65	35
Antigua and Barbuda	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Argentina	7	-	-	-	4	-	1	4	-	-	90x
Armenia	8	33	57	15	4	0	5	13	-	-	97
Australia	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Austria	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Azerbaijan	12	7	39	16	7	1	2	13	29	29w	26
Bahamas	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bahrain	8	34x,k	65x	41x	9x	2x	5x	10x	-	-	-
Bangladesh	22	37	52	89	48	13	13	43	83	82	84
Barbados	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belarus	4	9	38	4	1	0	1	3	-	-	55
Belgium	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belize	6	24x,k	54x	23x	7	-	1	18	-	-	90x
Benin	16	70	50	57	23	5	7	38	94	92	72
Bhutan	15	-	-	-	19x	3x	3x	40x	-	-	96
Bolivia	7	54	74	46	8	1	1	27	39	39	90
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5	18	29	10	2	0	3	7	-	-	62
Botswana	10	34	57	11	13	2	5	23	-	-	66
Brazil	8	-	30x	17x	6x	1x	2x	11x	-	-	88
Brunei Darussalam	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bulgaria	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
Burkina Faso	16	7	50	85	37	14	23	35	95	95	34
Burundi	11	45	88	-	39	14	7	53	69	17	98
Cambodia	11	60	82	54	36	7	7	37	79	65	73
Cameroon	11	21	64	21	19	5	6	30	95	95	49
Canada	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cape Verde	13	57x,k	64x	13x	-	-	-	-	-	-	0x
Central African Republic	13	23	55	47	29	8	10	38	-	-	62
Chad	22	2	77	65	37	14	14	41	95	93	56
Chile	6	63	47	-	1	-	0	1	-	-	100
China	2	51	32	15	7	-	-	11	-	-	90
Colombia	9	47	65	32	7	1	1	12	-	-	92x
Comoros	25	21	34	45	25	-	8	44	-	-	82
Congo	13	19	78	21	14	3	7	26	90	9	82
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	12	24	79	52	31	9	13	38	92	87	72
Cook Islands	3	19x,k	-	-	10x	-	-	-	-	-	-
Costa Rica	7	35x,k	47x	12x	5x	0x	2x	6x	-	-	97x
Côte d'Ivoire	17	4	54	37	20	4	7	34	95	89	84
Croatia	6	23x	-	-	1x	-	1x	1x	-	-	90x
Cuba	5	41	42	9	4	0	2	5	-	-	88
Cyprus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Czech Republic	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Denmark	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Djibouti	10	1	23	18	29	10	21	33	52	0	0
Dominica	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dominican Republic	11	4	36	15	5	1	1	7	-	-	19
Ecuador	16	40	77	23	9	1	2	23	-	-	99x
Egypt	14	38	67	37	6	1	4	18	-	-	78
El Salvador	7	24	76	43	10	1	1	19	-	-	62
Equatorial Guinea	13	24	-	-	19	4	7	39	-	-	33
Eritrea	14	52	43	62	40	12	13	38	57	50	68
Estonia	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ethiopia	20	49	54	-	38	11	11	47	59	59	20
Fiji	10	47x,k	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31x
Finland	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
France	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Gabon	14	6	62	9	12	2	3	21	-	-	36
Gambia	20	41	44	53	20	4	6	22	95	16	7
Georgia	7	18x,k	12x	12x	3x	0x	2x	12x	-	-	91
Germany	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ghana	9	54	58	56	18	3	5	22	95	95	32
Greece	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grenada	9	39x,k	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guatemala	12	51	67	47	23	4	2	49	44	36w	67
Guinea	12	27	41	71	26	7	9	35	95	95	51
Guinea-Bissau	24	16	35	61	19	4	7	41	-	-	1
Guyana	13	11	42	31	14	3	11	11	-	-	-
Haiti	25	41	87	35	22	6	9	24	42	42	3
Holy See	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Honduras	10	30	69	48	11	1	1	25	40	40	80x
Hungary	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iceland	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
India	30	46	56	-	43	16	20	48	64	64w	51
Indonesia	9	40	75	59	28	9	-	-	76	76	73
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	7	44	-	0	11x	2x	5x	15x	-	-	99
Iraq	15	25	51	36	8	1	5	21	-	-	28
Ireland	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Israel	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Italy	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jamaica	12	15	36	24	4	-	4	3	-	-	100x
Japan	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jordan	12	27	70	12	4	1	2	9	-	-	88
Kazakhstan	6	17	39	16	4	1	4	13	-	-	92
Kenya	10	13	84	57	20	4	6	30	69	69	91
Kiribati	5	80x,k	-	-	13x	-	-	-	62	60	-
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	7	65	31	37	23	8	7	37	95	95	40
Korea, Republic of	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kuwait	7	12x,k	26x	9x	10x	3x	11x	24x	-	-	-
Kyrgyzstan	5	32	49	26	3	0	4	14	88	87	76
Lao People's Democratic Republic	14	23	10	47	40	13	15	42	63	62	75
Latvia	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lebanon	6	27k	35	11	4	-	5	11	-	-	92
Lesotho	13	36	79	60	20	4	4	38	9	2	91
Liberia	-	35	70	45	26	8	6	39	95	79	-
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	7	-	-	23x	5x	1x	3x	15x	-	-	90x
Liechtenstein	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lithuania	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luxembourg	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Madagascar	17	67	78	64	42	11	13	48	95	95	75
Malawi	13	56	89	73	19	3	3	46	94	86	48
Malaysia	9	29x,k	-	12x	8	1	-	-	-	-	-
Maldives	22	10	85	-	30	7	13	25	-	-	44
Mali	23	25	32	69	33	11	11	38	66	66	74
Malta	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marshall Islands	12	63x,k	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	-
Mauritania	-	20	78	57	32	10	13	35	96	57	2
Mauritius	14	21k	-	-	15x	2x	14x	10x	-	-	0x
Mexico	8	38x,k	36x	21x	5	-	2	13	68	63	91
Micronesia (Federated States of)	18	60x,k	-	-	15x	-	-	-	89	73	-
Moldova, Republic of	6	46	18	2	4	1	4	8	-	-	60
Monaco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mongolia	6	57	57	65	6	1	2	21	92	92	83
Montenegro	4	19	35	13	3	1	3	5	-	-	71
Morocco	15	31	66	15	10	2	9	18	-	-	59
Mozambique	15	30	80	65	24	6	4	41	95	16	54
Myanmar	15	15k	66	67	32	7	9	32	95	95	60
Namibia	14	19	57	37	24	5	9	24	68	0	63

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Nauru	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nepal	21	53	75	95	39	11	13	49	96	96	63
Netherlands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Zealand	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	83x
Nicaragua	12	31	68	39	10	2	2	20	98	0	97
Niger	13	14	62	62	44	15	10	50	94	94	46
Nigeria	14	17	64	34	29	9	9	38	73	73	97
Niue	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norway	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Occupied Palestinian Territory	7	27	-	-	3	0	1	10	-	-	86
Oman	8	-	92	73	18x	1x	7x	10x	-	-	61x
Pakistan	19	16x,k	31x	56x	38	13	13	37	95	95	17
Palau	9	59x,k	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Panama	10	25x	38x	21x	8x	1x	1x	18x	4	4	95x
Papua New Guinea	11	59x	74x	66x	-	-	-	-	90	0	-
Paraguay	9	22	60	-	5	-	1	14	-	-	88
Peru	11	64	81	41	8	0	1	24	-	-	91
Philippines	20	34	58	32	28	-	6	30	85	85	56
Poland	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Portugal	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Qatar	10	12x,k	48x	21x	6x	-	2x	8x	-	-	-
Romania	8	16	41	-	3	0	2	10	-	-	74
Russian Federation	6	-	-	-	3x	1x	4x	13x	-	-	35
Rwanda	6	88	69	77	23	4	4	45	100	99	88
Saint Kitts and Nevis	9	56x,k	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saint Lucia	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Samoa	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Marino	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sao Tome and Principe	8	60	60	18	9	1	8	23	33	28	37
Saudi Arabia	11	31x,k	60x	30x	14x	3x	11x	20x	-	-	-
Senegal	19	34	61	42	17	3	8	16	95	86	41
Serbia	5	15	39	8	2	0	3	6	-	-	73
Seychelles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sierra Leone	24	8	52	57	30	8	9	40	95	95	45
Singapore	8	-	-	-	3	0	2	2	-	-	-
Slovakia	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Slovenia	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Solomon Islands	13	65k	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Somalia	11	9	15	35	36	12	11	38	-	-	1
South Africa	15	7y	46y	-	12x	2x	3x	25x	33	29	62x
Spain	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sri Lanka	22	53	-	73	29	-	14	14	64	61w	94
Sudan	31	16	47	40	41	15	16	43	90	90	1
Suriname	13	9	25	11	13	2	7	10	-	-	-
Swaziland	9	24	60	25	10	2	1	30	59	40	59
Sweden	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Switzerland	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Syrian Arab Republic	9	29	37	16	10	2	9	22	-	-	79
Tajikistan	10	25	15	34	17	4	7	27	98	98	46
Tanzania, United Republic of	10	41	91	55	22	4	3	38	95	95	43
Thailand	9	5	43	19	9	0	4	12	-	-	58
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	6	37x	8x	10x	2	0	2	9	-	-	94
Timor-Leste	12	31	82	35	46	15	12	49	91	35	72
Togo	12	28	35	44	26	7	14	24	95	92	25
Tonga	3	62x,k	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trinidad and Tobago	19	13	43	22	6	1	4	4	-	-	28
Tunisia	7	47	-	22	4	1	2	12	-	-	97
Turkey	16	21	38	24	4	1	1	12	-	-	64
Turkmenistan	4	11	54	37	11	2	6	15	-	-	87
Tuvalu	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Uganda	12	60	80	54	20	5	5	32	78	78	95
Ukraine	4	6	83	11	1	0	0	3	-	-	18
United Arab Emirates	15	34x,k	52x	29x	14x	3x	15x	17x	-	-	-
United Kingdom	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
United States	8	-	-	-	2	0	0	1	-	-	-
Uruguay	8	-	-	-	5	1	2	11	-	-	-
Uzbekistan	5	26	45	38	5	1	3	15	82	82	53
Vanuatu	6	50x,k	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	9	7x,k	50x	31x	5	1	4	13	-	-	90x
Viet Nam	7	17	70	23	25	3	7	30	99	99w	93
Yemen	32	12	76	-	46	15	12	53	15	15w	30
Zambia	12	40	87	58	20	-	6	50	66	66	77
Zimbabwe	11	22	79	28	17	3	6	29	81	81	93x

SUMMARY INDICATORS

Sub-Saharan Africa	14	30	67	50	28	8	9	38	79	73	64
Eastern and Southern Africa	14	39	71	56	28	7	7	41	73	64	54
West and Central Africa	14	21	63	46	28	9	10	36	85	82	72
Middle East and North Africa	16	28	57	25	17	5	8	25	-	-	64
South Asia	29	45	55	-	42	15	18	46	71	71	51
East Asia and Pacific	6	43	45	27	14	-	-	16	84	82**	84
Latin America and Caribbean	9	-	-	-	7	-	2	16	-	-	85
CEE/CIS	6	19	44	23	5	1	2	12	-	-	50
Industrialized countries [§]	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Developing countries [§]	16	38	56	40	26	10	11	32	75	72**	69
Least developed countries [§]	17	35	64	63	35	10	10	42	82	77	55
World	15	38	56	39	25	9	11	31	75	72**	68

§ Also includes territories within each country category or regional group. Countries and territories in each country category or regional group are listed on page 148.

DEFINITIONS OF THE INDICATORS

Low birthweight – Weight less than 2,500 grams at birth.

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 received vitamin A supplements in 2005.

Iodized salt consumption – Percentage of households consuming adequately iodized salt (15 parts per million or more).

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.

Vitamin A – UNICEF and WHO.

Salt iodization – MICS, DHS and UNICEF.

NOTES

- Data not available.
- x Data 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. Such data are not included in the calculation of regional and global averages.
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- * Data refer to the most recent year available during the period specified in the column heading.
- k Refers to exclusive breastfeeding for less than four months.
- w Identifies countries with national vitamin A supplementation programmes targeted towards a reduced age range. Coverage figure is reported as targeted.
- ‡ Refers to the percentage of children who received at least one dose in 2005 (the most recent coverage point at the time of reporting).
- △ The percentage of children reached with two doses in 2005 is reported as the lower percentage of two coverage points. '0' (zero) indicates that only one dose was delivered in 2005.
- ** Excludes China.