

TABLE 11: ADOLESCENTS

Countries and areas	Population aged 10–19		Adolescents currently married/in union (%)		Births by age 18 (%) 2007–2011*	Adolescent birth rate 2006–2010*	Justification of wife beating among adolescents (%) 2002–2011*		Use of mass media among adolescents (%) 2002–2011*		Lower secondary school gross enrolment ratio 2008–2011*	Upper secondary school gross enrolment ratio 2008–2011*	Comprehensive knowledge of HIV among adolescents (%) 2007–2011*	
	Total (thousands) 2011	Proportion of total population (%) 2011	2002–2011*				male	female	male	female			male	female
			male	female										
Afghanistan	8,015	25	–	20	26	90	–	84	–	–	62	27	–	–
Albania	551	17	1	8	3	11	37	24	97	99	95	81	21	36
Algeria	6,425	18	–	2	–	4	–	66	–	–	133	50	–	12 x
Andorra	–	–	–	–	–	5	–	–	–	–	88	84	–	–
Angola	4,720	24	–	–	–	165 x	–	–	–	–	39	22	–	–
Antigua and Barbuda	–	–	–	–	–	67 x	–	–	–	–	122	80	55	40
Argentina	6,769	17	–	–	–	68	–	–	–	–	109	68	–	–
Armenia	435	14	1	8	2	28	21	8	94	92	96	85	4	10
Australia	2,917	13	–	–	–	16	–	–	–	–	113	167	–	–
Austria	929	11	–	–	–	10	–	–	–	–	102	96	–	–
Azerbaijan	1,378	15	0	10	4 x	41	63	39	97	95	92	75	2 x	3 x
Bahamas	58	17	–	–	–	41	–	–	–	–	101	90	–	–
Bahrain	153	11	–	–	–	12	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bangladesh	31,601	21	–	46	40	133 x	–	41	–	63 y	66	40	–	7
Barbados	38	14	–	–	–	50	–	–	–	–	99	103	–	–
Belarus	1,025	11	–	4	3 x	21	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Belgium	1,207	11	–	–	–	11	–	–	–	–	114	109	–	–
Belize	73	23	–	15	19 x	90 x	–	11	–	–	–	–	–	39 x
Benin	2,094	23	2	22	23 x	114 x	12	41	83	64	–	–	31 x	17 x
Bhutan	148	20	–	15	15	59	–	70	–	–	78	42	–	22
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	2,232	22	4	13	20	89 x	–	17	100	97	94	73	24	22
Bosnia and Herzegovina	434	12	–	7	–	17	–	4	–	–	99	84	–	45 x
Botswana	434	21	–	–	–	51	–	–	–	–	91	68	–	–
Brazil	33,906	17	–	25	–	71	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Brunei Darussalam	65	16	–	–	–	18	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bulgaria	696	9	–	–	–	48	–	–	–	–	83	94	–	–
Burkina Faso	3,978	23	2	32	28	130	40	39	61	55	28	9	31	29
Burundi	1,946	23	1	9	11	65	56	74	83	69	34	13	45	43
Cambodia	3,222	23	2	10	7	48	25 y	42 y	73	76	60	–	41	43
Cameroon	4,481	22	–	22	33 x	127	–	58	77	61	–	–	–	32 x
Canada	4,137	12	–	–	–	14	–	–	–	–	99	102	–	–
Cape Verde	113	23	2	8	22 x	92 x	24	23	88	88	109	67	–	–
Central African Republic	1,030	23	11	55	45	133 x	87 y	79	–	–	–	–	26 x	16 x
Chad	2,690	23	–	48	47	193 x	–	59	55	24	29	18	–	10
Chile	2,769	16	–	–	–	54	–	–	–	–	100	82	–	–
China	195,432	15	–	–	–	6	–	–	–	–	92	71	–	–
Colombia	8,759	19	–	14	20	85	–	–	–	–	105	80	–	21
Comoros	161	21	–	–	–	95 x	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Congo	909	22	2	19	29 x	132 x	–	76	75	63	–	–	18	8
Cook Islands	–	–	–	–	–	47 x	–	–	–	–	97	67	–	–
Costa Rica	832	18	3	11	9	67	–	–	–	–	116	75	–	–
Côte d'Ivoire	4,653	23	2	20	29 x	111	–	63	86	75	–	–	–	–
Croatia	490	11	–	–	–	13	–	–	–	–	105	87	–	–
Cuba	1,454	13	–	20	9	51	–	–	–	–	94	85	–	54
Cyprus	153	14	–	–	–	4	–	–	–	–	102	96	–	–
Czech Republic	1,069	10	–	–	–	11	–	–	–	–	93	88	–	–
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	4,103	17	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7
Democratic Republic of the Congo	16,323	24	–	25	25	135	–	72	55	43	48	32	–	13
Denmark	701	13	–	–	–	6	–	–	–	–	116	119	–	–
Djibouti	202	22	–	4	–	27 x	–	–	–	–	44	25	–	16 x
Dominica	–	–	–	–	–	48	–	–	–	–	108	84	–	–
Dominican Republic	1,967	20	–	17	25	98 x	–	7	98	98	90	70	33	39
Ecuador	2,843	19	–	16	–	100 x	–	–	–	–	85	65	–	–
Egypt	15,964	19	–	13	7	50 x	–	50 y	–	97 y	94	51	16	3
El Salvador	1,440	23	–	21	–	65	–	–	–	–	86	44	–	–
Equatorial Guinea	154	21	–	–	–	128 x	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Eritrea	1,171	22	–	29	25 x	–	–	70	–	85	44	22	–	–
Estonia	133	10	–	–	–	21	–	–	–	–	105	103	–	–
Ethiopia	20,948	25	2	19	22	79	51	64	42	38	45	16	32	24
Fiji	159	18	–	–	–	31 x	–	–	–	–	100	69	–	–
Finland	627	12	–	–	–	8	–	–	–	–	99	115	–	–
France	7,482	12	–	–	–	12	–	–	–	–	110	117	–	–

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	Total (thousands) 2011	Proportion of total population (%) 2011	2002–2011*				male	female	male	female			male	female
			male	female	male	female								
Gabon	346	23	2 x	18 x	35 x	–	–	–	89 x	83 x	–	–	–	–
Gambia	421	24	–	24	23	104 x	–	74	–	–	63	45	–	33
Georgia	541	13	–	11	6	44	–	5	–	–	93	81	–	–
Germany	8,059	10	–	–	–	9	–	–	–	–	101	107	–	–
Ghana	5,412	22	1	7	16	70	37	53	90	85	83	39	30	28
Greece	1,087	10	–	–	–	12	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Grenada	20	20	–	–	–	53 x	–	–	–	–	121	89	–	–
Guatemala	3,467	23	–	20	22	92	–	–	–	–	65	48	24	20
Guinea	2,334	23	3	36	44 x	153 x	–	79	66	55	46	26	–	–
Guinea-Bissau	349	23	–	19	31 x	137	–	39 y	–	–	–	–	–	12
Guyana	181	24	1	16	16	97	25	18	94	94	99	78	45	53
Haiti	2,270	22	2	17	15 x	69 x	–	29	88	83	–	–	34 x	31 x
Holy See	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Honduras	1,777	23	–	20	26 x	108 x	–	18	–	98	75	71	–	28 x
Hungary	1,072	11	–	–	–	19	–	–	–	–	99	98	–	–
Iceland	45	14	–	–	–	15	–	–	–	–	97	115	–	–
India	243,492	20	5	30	22 x	39	57	53	88	72	81	50	35 x	19 x
Indonesia	42,771	18	–	14	10	52 x	–	41 y	–	79 y	92	63	2 y	6
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	12,015	16	–	16	–	31	–	–	–	–	98	87	–	–
Iraq	7,490	23	–	19	–	68	–	57	–	–	–	–	–	3 x
Ireland	567	13	–	–	–	16	–	–	–	–	110	138	–	–
Israel	1,206	16	–	–	–	14	–	–	–	–	94	110	–	–
Italy	5,742	9	–	–	–	7	–	–	–	–	107	97	–	–
Jamaica	562	21	–	5	16	72	28 y	4 y	–	–	91	95	52 y	61 y
Japan	11,799	9	–	–	–	5	–	–	–	–	103	102	–	–
Jordan	1,418	23	–	7	4	32	–	91 y	–	97 y	94	73	–	12
Kazakhstan	2,402	15	1	5	3 x	31	14	9	99	99	105	80	–	22 x
Kenya	9,322	22	0	12	26	106	54	57	91	81	91	44	52	42
Kiribati	–	–	5	16	9	39 x	65	77	58	57	99	72	46	41
Kuwait	394	14	–	–	–	14	–	–	–	–	110	89	–	–
Kyrgyzstan	1,082	20	–	8	2 x	31	–	28	–	–	94	62	–	19 x
Lao People's Democratic Republic	1,509	24	–	–	55 x	110 x	–	79	–	–	55	32	–	–
Latvia	216	10	–	–	–	15	–	–	–	–	95	96	–	–
Lebanon	772	18	–	3	–	18 x	–	22 y	–	–	90	73	–	–
Lesotho	531	24	1	16	13	92	54	48	64	69	58	29	28	35
Liberia	921	22	3	19	38	177	37	48	73	63	–	–	21	18
Libya	1,117	17	–	–	–	4 x	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Liechtenstein	–	–	–	–	–	4	–	–	–	–	103	23	–	–
Lithuania	391	12	–	–	–	17	–	–	–	–	96	105	–	–
Luxembourg	63	12	–	–	–	7	–	–	–	–	110	88	–	–
Madagascar	5,060	24	11	34	36	147	33	35	61	60	42	15	26	23
Malawi	3,673	24	2	23	35	157	21	16	82	65	40	15	45	40
Malaysia	5,537	19	5	6	–	14	–	–	–	–	91	50	–	–
Maldives	66	21	–	5	1	19	–	41 y	–	100	–	–	–	22 y
Mali	3,723	24	–	40	46 x	190 x	–	83	81	79	48	26	–	14
Malta	50	12	–	–	–	20	–	–	–	–	103	97	–	–
Marshall Islands	–	–	5	21	21	105	71	47	86	85	110	92	35	27
Mauritania	791	22	–	25	19	88 x	–	–	55 x	44 x	26	22	10	4
Mauritius	211	16	–	–	–	31	–	–	–	–	96	85	–	–
Mexico	21,658	19	–	15	39	87	–	–	–	–	117	61	–	–
Micronesia (Federated States of)	27	24	–	–	–	52 x	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Monaco	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Mongolia	500	18	1	5	2	20	9	14	–	–	89	90	24	28
Montenegro	83	13	–	2	–	24	–	6	–	–	114	94	–	–
Morocco	6,094	19	–	11	8 x	18 x	–	64	–	90	–	–	–	–
Mozambique	5,577	23	5	43	42 x	193	–	37	95	88	34	11	31	37
Myanmar	8,665	18	–	7	–	17 x	–	–	–	–	62	38	–	31
Namibia	530	23	0	5	17	74 x	44	38	86	88	–	–	59	62
Nauru	–	–	9	18	22	84 x	–	–	89	86	–	–	8	8
Nepal	7,043	23	7	29	19	81	27	24	86	76	–	–	33	25
Netherlands	2,019	12	–	–	–	5	–	–	–	–	127	116	–	–
New Zealand	612	14	–	–	–	29	–	–	–	–	104	137	–	–

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	Total (thousands) 2011	Proportion of total population (%) 2011	male	female			male	female	male	female			male	female
Nicaragua	1,319	22	–	24	28 x	109 x	–	19	–	95 x	80	54	–	–
Niger	3,776	24	3	59	51 x	199 x	–	68	66	48	19	4	14 x	12 x
Nigeria	36,205	22	1	29	28	123	35	40	82	64	47	41	28	20
Niue	–	–	–	–	–	16	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Norway	646	13	–	–	–	10	–	–	–	–	98	124	–	–
Oman	462	16	–	–	–	12	–	–	–	–	108	93	–	–
Pakistan	39,894	23	–	16	10	16	–	–	–	–	44	26	–	2
Palau	–	–	–	–	–	27 x	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Panama	646	18	–	–	–	88	–	–	–	–	93	54	–	–
Papua New Guinea	1,561	22	3	15	14 x	70 x	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Paraguay	1,385	21	–	11	–	63	–	–	–	–	78	56	–	–
Peru	5,769	20	–	11	13	72	–	–	–	91	101	77	–	17
Philippines	20,508	22	–	10	7	53	–	15	–	94	88	76	–	19
Poland	4,300	11	–	–	–	16	–	–	–	–	97	97	–	–
Portugal	1,100	10	–	–	–	16	–	–	–	–	116	98	–	–
Qatar	151	8	–	–	–	15	–	–	–	–	101	86	–	–
Republic of Korea	6,458	13	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	100	94	–	–
Republic of Moldova	459	13	1	10	5 x	26	25	24	99	98	89	86	–	–
Romania	2,252	11	–	–	–	41	–	–	–	–	96	98	–	–
Russian Federation	14,023	10	–	–	–	30	–	–	–	–	90	86	–	–
Rwanda	2,356	22	0	3	5	41	35	56	88	73	43	20	44	49
Saint Kitts and Nevis	–	–	–	–	–	67 x	–	–	–	–	100	93	–	–
Saint Lucia	32	18	–	–	–	49 x	–	–	–	–	98	93	–	–
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	21	19	–	–	–	70	–	–	–	–	119	91	–	–
Samoa	44	24	1	7	5	29	50	58	97	97	105	76	5	2
San Marino	–	–	–	–	–	1 x	–	–	–	–	99	96	–	–
Sao Tome and Principe	40	24	1	20	25	110	25	23	96	95	71	19	39	39
Saudi Arabia	4,926	18	–	–	–	7	–	–	–	–	106	95	–	–
Senegal	3,004	24	1	24	22	93	31	61	86	81	–	–	28	26
Serbia	1,207	12	1	5	3	22	6	2	99	100	99	85	43	53
Seychelles	–	–	–	–	–	62	–	–	–	–	131	104	–	–
Sierra Leone	1,366	23	–	23	38	98 x	–	63	66	51	–	–	26	16
Singapore	747	14	–	–	–	6	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Slovakia	635	12	–	–	–	21	–	–	–	–	91	88	–	–
Slovenia	193	9	–	–	–	5	–	–	–	–	96	98	–	–
Solomon Islands	121	22	0	13	15	70 x	73	72	71	54	–	–	26	29
Somalia	2,140	22	–	25	–	123 x	–	75 y	–	–	–	–	–	3 x
South Africa	9,940	20	2	4	15 x	54	–	–	–	–	96	92	–	–
South Sudan*	–	–	–	40	28	–	–	72	–	–	–	–	–	8
Spain	4,299	9	–	–	–	13	–	–	–	–	120	133	–	–
Sri Lanka	3,165	15	–	9	4	24	–	54 y	–	88 y	–	–	–	–
State of Palestine	1,040	25	1	13	–	60	–	–	–	–	88	78	–	–
Sudan*	–	–	–	24	14	–	–	52	–	–	–	–	–	4
Suriname	96	18	–	11	–	66	–	19	–	–	89	56	–	41 x
Swaziland	301	25	0	4	22	111 x	34	42	94	89	67	45	52	56
Sweden	1,097	12	–	–	–	6	–	–	–	–	97	101	–	–
Switzerland	867	11	–	–	–	4	–	–	–	–	108	86	–	–
Syrian Arab Republic	4,786	23	–	10	9 x	75 x	–	–	–	–	92	37	–	6 x
Tajikistan	1,670	24	–	6	4 x	27 x	–	85 y	–	–	98	61	9	11
Thailand	10,192	15	–	15	8 x	47	–	–	–	–	91	64	–	46 x
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	280	14	–	4	2	20	–	14	–	–	90	78	–	23 x
Timor-Leste	301	26	0	8	9	54	72	81	61	62	63	49	15	11
Togo	1,416	23	0	12	17	–	–	41	–	–	–	–	–	33
Tonga	23	22	–	–	–	16	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Trinidad and Tobago	189	14	–	6	–	33	–	10	–	–	92	87	–	49 x
Tunisia	1,709	16	–	–	–	6	–	–	–	–	116	73	–	–
Turkey	13,004	18	–	10	8 x	38	–	30	–	–	96	64	–	–
Turkmenistan	1,013	20	–	5	2 x	21	–	37 y	–	96 x	–	–	–	4 x
Tuvalu	–	–	2	8	3	28 x	83	69	89	95	–	–	57	31
Uganda	8,326	24	2	20	33	159 x	52	62	88	82	35	13	36	36
Ukraine	4,638	10	3	6	3	30	8	3	99	99	104	78	33	39
United Arab Emirates	898	12	–	–	–	34	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

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	Total (thousands) 2011	Proportion of total population (%) 2011	male	female			male	female	male	female			male	female
	United Kingdom	7,442	12	–	–	–	25	–	–	–	–	109	96	–
United Republic of Tanzania	10,475	23	4	18	28	128	39	52	79	70	–	–	41	46
United States	41,478	13	–	–	–	39	–	–	–	–	103	90	–	–
Uruguay	524	15	–	–	–	60	–	–	–	–	113	68	–	–
Uzbekistan	5,798	21	–	5	2 x	26	63	63	–	–	96	124	–	27 x
Vanuatu	54	22	–	13	–	–	–	–	–	–	65	41	–	14
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	5,499	19	–	16 x	–	101	–	–	–	–	90	71	–	–
Viet Nam	15,251	17	–	8	3	35	–	35	97	94	88	65	–	51
Yemen	6,073	25	–	19	–	80 x	–	–	–	–	54	34	–	2x,y
Zambia	3,176	24	1	18	34	151 x	55	61	80	71	–	–	38	36
Zimbabwe	3,196	25	1	23	21	115	48	48	59	53	–	–	42	46

MEMORANDUM

Sudan and South Sudan ^o	10,044	23	–	–	–	70	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
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SUMMARY INDICATORS^o

Sub-Saharan Africa	200,971	23	2	23	26	109	42	55	73	62	47	30	34	26
Eastern and Southern Africa	94,195	22	3	19	26	102	46	55	71	64	49	30	38	35
West and Central Africa	96,530	23	1	28	27	121	35	55	75	60	46	31	28	19
Middle East and North Africa	82,134	20	–	14	–	37	–	57	–	–	89	57	–	–
South Asia	333,425	20	5	29	22	38	56	52	88	71	75	45	34	15
East Asia and Pacific	317,250	16	–	11 **	8 **	14	–	34 **	–	85 **	89	68	–	20 **
Latin America and Caribbean	108,552	18	–	18	–	77	–	–	–	–	102	75	–	–
CEE/CIS	53,462	13	–	7	–	31	–	31	–	–	95	80	–	–
Least developed countries	193,984	23	–	27	28	106	–	55	68	61	50	26	–	22
World	1,199,890	17	–	22 **	20 **	43	–	49 **	–	73 **	82	59	–	19 **

^o Due to the cession in July 2011 of the Republic of South Sudan by the Republic of the Sudan, and its subsequent admission to the United Nations on 14 July 2011, disaggregated data for the Sudan and South Sudan as separate States are not yet available for all indicators. Aggregated data presented are for the Sudan pre-cession (see Memorandum item).

For a complete list of countries and areas in the regions, subregions and country categories, see page 98.

DEFINITIONS OF THE INDICATORS

Adolescents currently married/in union – Percentage of boys and girls aged 15–19 who are currently married or in union. This indicator is meant to provide a snapshot of the current marital status of boys and girls in this age group. However, it is worth noting that those not married at the time of the survey are still exposed to the risk of marrying before they exit adolescence.

Births by age 18 – Percentage of women aged 20–24 who gave birth before age 18. This standardized indicator from population-based surveys captures levels of fertility among adolescents up to the age of 18. Note that the data are based on the answers from women aged 20–24, whose risk of giving birth before the age of 18 is behind them.

Adolescent birth rate – Number of births per 1,000 adolescent girls aged 15–19.

Justification of wife beating among adolescents – The percentage of boys and girls aged 15–19 who consider a husband to be justified in hitting or beating his wife for at least one of the specified reasons: if his wife burns the food, argues with him, goes out without telling him, neglects the children or refuses sexual relations.

Use of mass media among adolescents – The percentage of boys and girls aged 15–19 who use at least one of the following types of information media, at least once a week: newspaper, magazine, television or radio.

Lower secondary school gross enrolment ratio – Number of children enrolled in lower secondary school, regardless of age, expressed as a percentage of the total number of children of official lower secondary school age.

Upper secondary school gross enrolment ratio – Number of children enrolled in upper secondary school, regardless of age, expressed as a percentage of the total number of children of official upper secondary school age.

Comprehensive knowledge of HIV among adolescents – Percentage of young men and women aged 15–19 who correctly identify the two major ways of preventing the sexual transmission of HIV (using condoms and limiting sex to one faithful, uninfected partner), who reject the two most common local misconceptions about HIV transmission and who know that a healthy-looking person can be HIV-positive.

MAIN DATA SOURCES

Adolescent population – United Nations Population Division.

Adolescents currently married/in union – Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS), Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS) and other national surveys.

Births by age 18 – DHS and MICS.

Adolescent birth rate – United Nations Population Division.

Justification of wife beating among adolescents – DHS, MICS and other national surveys.

Use of mass media among adolescents – AIDS Indicator Surveys (AIS), DHS, MICS and other national surveys.

Gross enrolment ratio – UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS).

Comprehensive knowledge of HIV among adolescents – AIDS Indicator Surveys (AIS), DHS, MICS, Reproductive Health Surveys (RHS) and other national household surveys; HIV/AIDS Survey Indicators Database, <www.measuredhs.com/hivdata>.

NOTES

– Data not available.

x Data refer to years or periods other than those specified in the column heading. Such data are not included in the calculation of regional and global averages, with the exception of 2005–2006 data from India. Estimates from data years prior to 2000 are not displayed.

y Data differ from the standard definition or refer to only part of a country. If they fall within the noted reference period, such data are included in the calculation of regional and global averages.

* Data refer to the most recent year available during the period specified in the column heading.

** Excludes China.