What is life like as an adolescent in Zanzibar?

There are 429,920 adolescents (10–19 years) in Zanzibar.

- 12.2% of the population
- 22.7% of the population
- 32.0% of adolescents aged 10–19 live in basic needs poverty
- 12.7% of adolescents aged 10–19 live in extreme (food) poverty

Poverty

Health and nutrition

- Over a third of adolescents (10–19 years) worry about not having enough food
- Almost half of all girls aged 15–19 years have anaemia
- One fifth of 15–19-year-old girls are overweight or obese
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Education

**SECONDARY EDUCATION ENROLMENT**

48.3% of adolescents aged 14–19 years were enrolled in secondary school in 2021.

In the age group 14–19 years, **boys in ordinary secondary** have a higher pass rate than girls, while **girls in advanced secondary** have a higher pass rate than boys.

**Boys who passed the Certificate of Secondary Education Examination**
- 94.3% are literate
- 60.4% are literate in both English and Kiswahili

**Girls who passed the Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education Examination**
- 96.7% are literate
- 68.4% are literate in both English and Kiswahili

**School dropout**

In 2020, more boys than girls aged 14–19 years dropped out of school.

- **Boys**: 0.9%
- **Girls**: 1.1%

**5.0%** of girls who dropped out of secondary school in 2020 did so because of pregnancy.
### Water and sanitation

- **78.5%** of schools have water sources on the school premises.
- **82.9%** have basic water services.
- **13%** have limited water services.
- **4.1%** have no water services.

### HIV

- **0.2%** of adolescents are HIV positive.

#### Girls
- Aged 15–19 years have more knowledge of HIV prevention than boys in the same age group.

#### Government schools
- Only **1 in 4** government schools have proper menstrual hygiene management in place.

### Reproductive health

- **More girls than boys** aged 15–19 years are sexually active.

#### Adolescents
- Indicates they have had sexual intercourse before the age of 15.

#### Girls
- **1 in 12** girls aged 15–19 years has had a baby.
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**Protection**

- **1 in 10** adolescents have experienced **emotional violence** from a husband/partner.
- **7.2%** of adolescents have experienced **sexual violence**.
- **13.8%** are married in **childhood**.
- **8.0%** have experienced **physical violence**.

**BIRTH CERTIFICATES OF ADOLESCENTS AGED 10–19 YEARS:**
- Over **85.2%** have a birth certificate.
- Over **10.0%** are registered but do not have a birth certificate.

**Labour**

- The majority of adolescents engaged in **child labour** started working before the **age of 10**.

**INJURED WHILE WORKING:**
- Boys are *more likely* to be injured while working.
  - Boys (10–14 years): **20.4%**
  - Girls (10–14 years): **14.7%**
  - Boys (15–19 years): **17.8%**
  - Girls (15–19 years): **8.7%**

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**Energy**

Over half of adolescents live in a household with access to electricity. More than 91.0% use non-clean energy sources for cooking. 57.5% electricity.

**Communication**

Boys are more likely to access the internet than girls. Accessed the internet over a 12-month period: 57.7% boys, 27.4% girls.

**Distance to basic services**

Over 80.0% of adolescents live less than 30 minutes away from a school. Over 86.0% of adolescents live within 2 km of a health facility. More than half of adolescents live more than 2 km away from a marketplace.
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Endnotes

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