

WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH: The governments of the world agreed on...

"... States Parties shall ensure to women appropriate services in connection with pregnancy, confinement and the post-natal period, granting free services where necessary, as well as adequate nutrition during pregnancy and lactation."

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, Article 12, 1979.

"Provide more accessible, available and affordable primary health-care services of high quality, including sexual and reproductive health care, which includes family planning information and services, and giving particular attention to maternal and emergency obstetric care..."

Conference on Women - Beijing Platform for Action, Paragraph 106, 1995.

HUMAN RIGHTS

The right to women's reproductive health is enshrined in:

UDHR - Art. 25 CEDAW - Art. 11, 12 & 14
CESCR - Art. 10 & 12 CRC - Art. 24

INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS

Women's reproductive health is considered in:

Millennium Development Goals - Goals 5
World Summit for Social Development - Commitment 8
Fourth World Conference on Women - Beijing Platform for Action - Critical Areas of Concern

	WOMEN AGED 15-49 ATTENDED AT LEAST ONCE DURING PREGNANCY BY SKILLED HEALTH PERSONNEL			BIRTHS ATTENDED BY SKILLED HEALTH PERSONNEL			ESTIMATED MATERNAL MORTALITY RATIO (PER 100,000 LIVE BIRTHS)*		CONTRACEPTIVE USE AMONG CURRENTLY MARRIED WOMEN AGED 15-49		
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Countries in better situation											
Albania		81 ^D			99 ^D		31	55		57.5 ^D	
Antigua and Barbuda		82 ^M		100.0 ^K	100 ^D						
Argentina	95.0 ^G			95.8 ^G	99 ^P	→	85	82			
Armenia	82.0 ^L	82 ^D		96.4 ^L	97 ^D		29	55		60.5 ^D	
Australia	100.0 ^F				100 ^N		6	8			
Austria	100.0 ^G				100 ^H		11	4	50.81 ^K		
Bahamas					99 ^D		10	60			
Bahrain	63.0 ^J			97.6 ^J			38	28		61.8 ^J	
Belarus		100 ^N			100 ^D		33	35	50.4 ^J		
Belgium					100 ^B		8	10	78.4 ^G		
Belize	96.0 ^{A,F}	96 ^N		77.0 ^F	83 ^N	→	140	140	46.7 ^F		
Bosnia and Herzegovina		99 ^D		97.4 ^F	100 ^D		15	31		47.5 ^D	
Brunei Darussalam	100.0 ^I				99 ^H		22	37			
Bulgaria							23	32		41.5 ^L	
Canada					98 ^P		6	6	74.7 ^J		
Chile	95.0 ^G			99.5 ^J	100 ^D		33	31			
China				97.0 ^J			60	56		83.8 ^L	
Cook Islands					100 ^M				63.2 ^K		
Costa Rica	95.0 ^{B,G}			98.0 ^G	98 ^P		35	43	75.0 ^H		
Croatia					100 ^D		18	8			
Cuba	100.0 ^M			99.8 ^H	100 ^N		24	33			
Cyprus							0	47			
Czech Republic	99.0 ^H				100 ^D		14	9		72.0 ^L	
Denmark					100 ^B		15	5			
Dominica	90.0 ^E			100.0 ^J	100 ^H						
Dominican Republic	98.3 ^K	100 ^N	→	95.3 ^K	98 ^D	→	110	150	63.7 ^K		
El Salvador	68.7 ^H			51.0 ^H	90 ^M	→	180	150		59.7 ^M	
Estonia					100 ^D		80	63	70.3 ^J		
Fiji					100 ^M		20	75			
Finland	100.0 ^{F,H}				100 ^D		6	6	77.4 ^D		
France	99.0 ^{F,H}				99 ^H		20	17	74.6 ^I		
French Polynesia							20	20			
Georgia	74.0 ^L	91 ^N	→		96 ^N		22	32		40.5 ^D	
Germany							12	8	74.7 ^G		
Greece							2	9			
Grenada	100.0 ^E			100.0 ^E	100 ^D				54.3 ^E		
Guadeloupe							5	5			
Guam							12	12			
Hungary							23	16	77.4 ^H		
Iran, Islamic Rep.					90 ^D		130	76		72.9 ^L	

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Ireland					100 ^O		9	5			
Israel					99 ^B		8	17	68.0 ^{B,C}		
Italy							11	5	60.2 ^K		
Jamaica					95 ^L		120	87		65.9 ^L	
Japan				100.0 ^K			12	10	58.6 ^I	55.9 ^O	←
Jordan		99 ^O	←	96.7 ^L	100 ^O		41	41	52.6 ^L	55.8 ^O	→
Kazakhstan	92.5 ^J	82 ^N	←	99.6 ^J	99 ^N		80	210	59.1 ^J	66.1 ^N	→
Korea, Dem. Rep.		98 ^O			97 ^O		35	67	61.8 ^G		
Korea, Rep.					100 ^L		20	20		80.5 ^L	
Kuwait	95.0 ^J	83 ^K	←	98.2 ^K	98 ^J		25	5	50.2 ^K		
Kyrgyzstan		88 ^L			98 ^L		80	110		59.5 ^L	
Latvia				100.0 ^J	100 ^O		70	42	48.0 ^J		
Lithuania							27	13	46.6 ^J		
Luxembourg					100 ^O		0	28			
Macedonia, FYR					98 ^O		17	23			
Malaysia					97 ^P		39	41	54.5 ^I		
Malta					98 ^H		0	21			
Mauritius				97.0 ^I	99 ^N	→	45	24	74.7 ^F		
Micronesia, Fed. Sts.					93 ^N						
Moldova		99 ^L			99 ^L		65	36		62.4 ^O	
Mongolia	89.8 ^M				99 ^O		65	110	64.6 ^I	67.4 ^O	→
Netherlands				99.9 ^J	100 ^J		10	16	78.5 ^H		
Netherlands Antilles							20	20			
New Caledonia							10	10			
New Zealand	95.0 ^I			100.0 ^J			15	7	74.9 ^J		
Norway				100.0 ^C			9	16	73.8 ^D		
Palau					100 ^M						
Poland					100 ^O		12	13	49.4 ^F		
Portugal					100 ^O		12	5			
Puerto Rico							30	25	77.7 ^K		
Romania		89 ^N		99.0 ^K	98 ^N	←	60	49	57.3 ^H		
Russian Federation		96 ^N		99.1 ^M	99 ^O		75	67			
Samoa					100 ^M		15	130			
Saudi Arabia	77.0 ^K			91.4 ^K			23	23	31.8 ^K		
Serbia and Montenegro					93 ^P			11		58.3 ^O	
Singapore					100 ^M		9	30		62.0 ^L	
Slovakia					99 ^O		14	3	74.0 ^F		
Slovenia	98.0 ^G				100 ^O		17	17	73.8 ^I		
Spain							8	4	80.9 ^J		
Sri Lanka	80.2 ^H			94.0 ^H	97 ^O	→	60	92	66.1 ^H		
St. Vincent and the Grenadines					100 ^E						
Suriname	91.0 ^K	91 ^P		95.0 ^K	85 ^O	←	230	110			
Sweden					100 ^B		8	2			
Switzerland							8	7	82.0 ^J		
Thailand	85.9 ^K			85.0 ^J	99 ^O	→	44	44		72.2 ^L	
Trinidad and Tobago	97.6 ^B	96 ^P		99.0 ^L	96 ^O	←	65	160			
Turkmenistan		87 ^O		95.8 ^K	97 ^O	→	65	31		61.8 ^O	
Tuvalu					99 ^L						
Ukraine		90 ^N		99.9 ^K	99 ^N	←	45	35		67.5 ^N	
United Arab Emirates	96.8 ^J	97 ^J		99.2 ^J			30	54	27.5 ^J		
United Kingdom					99 ^M		10	13	82.0 ^H		
United States of America	99.0 ^D				99 ^L		12	17	76.4 ^J		
Uruguay				99.0 ^J	100 ^L	→	50	27			
Uzbekistan	94.9 ^K			97.5 ^K	96 ^O	←	60	24	55.6 ^K	67.2 ^O	→
Venezuela				95.0 ^L	94 ^O	←	43	96			
Countries above average											
Algeria	58.0 ^E	79 ^D	→		92 ^O	←	150	140	46.7 ^G		
Azerbaijan	98.3 ^L	70 ^P	←	99.8 ^M	84 ^O	←	37	94	55.1 ^O	55.4 ^P	→
Barbados	100.0 ^E	89 ^P	←		91 ^N		33	95			
Botswana	92.2 ^C	99 ^P	→	87.0 ^K	94 ^O	→	480	100		40.4 ^O	
Brazil	84.0 ^K			87.6 ^K			260	260	76.7 ^K		

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Cape Verde		99 ^M		54.0 ^J	89 ^M	→	190	150		52.9 ^M	
Colombia	82.6 ^J	90 ^O	→	76.8 ^J	86 ^O	→	120	130	66.1 ^F		
Gabon		94 ^O			86 ^O		620	420		32.7 ^O	
Guyana		88 ^O		95.0 ^L	86 ^O	←	150	170			
Indonesia	82.3 ^I	97 ^{O-R}	→	36.5 ^I	66 ^{O-R}	→	470	230		57.4 ^L	
Kiribati	88.0 ^I				85 ^M						
Lebanon	87.0 ^J			88.0 ^K			130	150	61.0 ^K		
Libya	80.8 ^J			94.4 ^J			120	97	39.7 ^J		
Maldives		98 ^P			70 ^O		390	110			
Marshall Islands					95 ^M						
Mexico	86.1 ^J				86 ^L		65	83	66.5 ^J		
Namibia	87.2 ^G	85 ^O	←	68.2 ^G	76 ^O	→	370	300	28.9 ^G		
Nicaragua	71.5 ^{G-H}	85 ^P	→	59.2 ^H	67 ^P	→	250	230		60.3 ^M	
Oman	77.0 ^J			91.0 ^J	95 ^O	→	120	87	23.7 ^J		
Panama				86.1 ^H	90 ^M	→	100	160			
Papua New Guinea	77.5 ^K			53.2 ^K			390	300	25.9 ^K		
Paraguay	88.7 ^{J-K}			56.8 ^K	61 ^M	→	170	170		57.4 ^M	
Philippines	83.1 ^H	94 ^R	→	52.8 ^H	60 ^R	→	240	200		46.5 ^M	
Qatar	94.0 ^B	62 ^M	←		99 ^M		41	7		43.2 ^M	
São Tomé and Príncipe		91 ^O			79 ^O					29.3 ^O	
Solomon Islands					85 ^N		60	130			
South Africa	89.0 ^{I-J}	89 ^M		82.0 ^J	84 ^M	→	340	230		56.3 ^M	
Syrian Arab Republic	51.0 ^H				76 ^H		200	160	36.1 ^H		
Tonga					92 ^O						
Tunisia	79.0 ^{I-J}			80.5 ^{I-J}	90 ^O	→	70	120	60.0 ^I		
Turkey	62.3 ^H	67 ^M	→	75.9 ^H	83 ^R	→	55	70		63.9 ^M	
Vanuatu				89.1 ^J			32	130			
Viet Nam	70.6 ^L	70 ^O		77.1 ^L	85 ^O	→	95	130	75.3 ^L	78.5 ^O	→
West Bank and Gaza				94.9 ^K			120	100			
Countries below average											
Bolivia	52.5 ^I	84 ^P	→	42.3 ^I	65 ^O	→	550	420	30.3 ^O		
Comoros	84.5 ^K	74 ^O	←	51.6 ^K	62 ^O	→	570	480	21.0 ^K	25.7 ^O	→
Congo, Rep.							1100	510			
Côte d'Ivoire	83.2 ^I	84 ^{M-N}		45.4 ^I	63 ^O	→	1200	690	11.4 ^I	15.0 ^{M-N}	→
Djibouti					61 ^R		520	730			
Ecuador	74.7 ^I	56 ^N	←	63.5 ^I	69 ^N	→	210	130		65.8 ^N	
Egypt	39.1 ^J	54 ^O	→	46.3 ^J	69 ^R	→	170	84	45.5 ^F	56.1 ^O	→
Gambia		92 ^O			55 ^O		1100	540	11.8 ^E	9.6 ^O	←
Ghana	85.7 ^H	90 ^R	→	43.8 ^H	47 ^R	→	590	540		22.0 ^N	
Guatemala	52.5 ^J	86 ^{M-N}	→	34.3 ^J	41 ^R	→	270	240		38.2 ^N	
Honduras	84.2 ^K			54.1 ^K	56 ^P	→	220	110	46.7 ^G		
India	49.1 ^{G-H}	65 ^{M-N}	→	34.2 ^H	43 ^O	→	440	540		48.2 ^N	
Iraq	78.0 ^K				72 ^O		370	250	13.7 ^O		
Kenya	94.9 ^H	88 ^R	←	45.4 ^H	42 ^R	←	1300	1000		39.0 ^M	
Lesotho	87.6 ^J	91 ^P	→	49.6 ^H	60 ^O	→	530	550	23.2 ^E	30.4 ^O	→
Liberia					51 ^O		1000	760	6.4 ^A		
Madagascar		91 ^L		47.3 ^L	46 ^O	←	580	550	16.7 ^G	18.8 ^O	→
Malawi	89.7 ^G	94 ^O	→		61 ^O		580	1800	13.0 ^G	30.6 ^O	→
Morocco	44.7 ^J	32 ^G	→	39.6 ^J			390	220	50.3 ^J		
Myanmar					56 ^L		170	360		32.7 ^L	
Peru	67.3 ^K	85 ^O	→	49.6 ^K	59 ^O	→	240	410	59.0 ^G		
Senegal	73.6 ^{G-H}	82 ^N	→	46.6 ^L	58 ^O	→	1200	690		12.9 ^L	
Sudan	74.6 ^{G-H}			86.3 ^H	87 ^O		1500	590	8.3 ^H		
Swaziland					70 ^O		370	370		27.7 ^O	
Tajikistan		75 ^O		79.0 ^K	71 ^O	←	120	100		33.9 ^O	
Tanzania	49.5 ^K	96 ^N	→	38.2 ^K	36 ^N	←	1100	1500	10.4 ^F	25.4 ^N	→
Togo		78 ^M		50.5 ^M	49 ^O	←	980	570	23.5 ^M	25.7 ^O	→
Uganda	91.2 ^J	92 ^{O-P}		37.8 ^J	39 ^O	→	1100	880	4.9 ^O	22.8 ^{O-P}	→
Zambia	95.6 ^K	94 ^{P-O}	←	46.5 ^K	43 ^{P-O}	←	870	750	15.2 ^G	34.2 ^{P-O}	→
Zimbabwe	93.1 ^I	82 ^N	←	69.2 ^I	73 ^N	→	610	1100		53.5 ^N	

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Afghanistan		52 ^R		12.0 ^{J+D}	14 ^R	→	820	1900		4.8 ^O	
Angola					45 ^P		1300	1700	8.1 ^K	6.2 ^P	←
Bangladesh	25.7 ^{H+I}	39 ^{N+O}	→	9.5 ^{H+I}	14 ^R	→	600	380	39.9 ^F	53.8 ^{N+O}	→
Benin	80.3 ^K	88 ^P	→	59.8 ^K	66 ^P	→	880	850	16.4 ^K	18.6 ^P	→
Bhutan				15.0 ^I	24 ^O	→	500	420	18.8 ^I		
Burkina Faso	58.6 ^H	72 ^R	→	41.5 ^H	38 ^R	←	1400	1000	7.9 ^H	11.9 ^{M+N}	→
Burundi	79.0 ^B	93 ^P	→		25 ^O		1900	1000		15.7 ^O	
Cambodia	34.3 ^M	44 ^O	→	34.0 ^M	32 ^O	←	590	450	12.5 ^J	23.8 ^O	→
Cameron		77 ^M		55.0 ^M	60 ^O	→	720	730		19.3 ^M	
Central African Republic	75.0 ^I			45.9 ^{J+J}	44 ^O	←	1200	1100	14.8 ^J	27.9 ^O	→
Chad	23.4 ^{K+L}	42 ^O	→	15.0 ^{K+L}	16 ^O	→	1500	1100		7.9 ^O	
Congo, Dem. Rep.		72			61 ^P		940	990	7.7 ^F	31.4 ^P	→
Equatorial Guinea	37.0 ^I				65 ^P		1400	880			
Eritrea	48.9 ^J				28 ^O		1100	630	5.0 ^J	8.0 ^O	→
Ethiopia		27 ^O			6 ^O		1800	850	4.3 ^E	8.1 ^O	→
Guinea	57.6 ^G	74 ^N	→	30.5 ^G	35 ^N	→	1200	740	1.7 ^H	6.2 ^N	→
Guinea-Bissau		89 ^P			35 ^O		910	1100		7.6 ^O	
Haiti	67.7 ^{I+J}	79 ^O	→	19.5 ^{I+J}	24 ^O	→	1100	680	10.2 ^D		
Lao PDR		44 ^{P+Q}			19 ^P		650	650	18.6 ^H	32.2 ^O	→
Mali	46.9 ^{J+K}	53 ^P	→	23.7 ^{J+K}	41 ^P	→	630	1200		8.1 ^P	
Mauritania	48.0 ^{E+F}	63 ^{O+P}	→	40.0 ^F	57 ^{O+P}	→	870	1000	3.3 ^F	8.0 ^{O+P}	→
Mozambique		71 ^L			48 ^L		980	1000		5.6 ^L	
Nepal	23.6 ^K	49 ^P	→	9.0 ^K	11 ^P	→	830	740	22.7 ^F	39.3 ^P	→
Niger	30.1 ^G	39 ^M	→	17.6 ^M	16 ^O	←	920	1600	4.4 ^G	14.0 ^O	→
Nigeria	56.5 ^E	61 ^R	→	30.8 ^E	35 ^R	→	1100	800	6.0 ^E	15.3 ^N	→
Pakistan		36 ^{K+L}		18.0 ^{K+L}	20 ^M	→	200	500	11.8 ^F	27.6 ^O	→
Rwanda	94.4 ^G	93 ^P		25.8 ^G	31 ^O	→	2300	1400	21.2 ^G	13.2 ^O	←
Sierra Leone		82 ^P			42 ^O		2100	2000		4.3 ^O	
Somalia					34 ^N		1600	1100			
Timor-Leste					24 ^O		850	660			
Yemen	25.8 ^{F+G}	34 ^L	→	15.9 ^G	22 ^L	→	850	570		20.8 ^L	
Countries with insufficient data to summarize the area											
Aruba				97.0 ^E							
British Virgin Islands	100.0 ^E			100.0 ^H							
Cayman Islands				100.0 ^E							
Hong Kong (China)									86.2 ^G		
Iceland							16	0			
Macao (China)							20				
Niue				100.0 ^K							
St. Kitts and Nevis	100.0 ^E			100.0 ^J							
St. Lucia	100.0 ^E			100.0 ^J							
Turks and Caicos Islands	100.0 ^M			100.0 ^M							
Virgin Islands (USA)				100.0 ^E							

UDHR: Universal Declaration of Human Rights
CESCR: International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
CEDAW: Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
CRC: Convention on the Rights of the Child

Sources:
Women aged 15-49 attended at least once during pregnancy: UNICEF End Decade Website Database (www.childinfo.org); Reproductive Health Indicator Database, Department of Reproductive Health and Research, WHO (www.who.int/reproductive-health/) and The World Health Report 2005, WHO (www.who.int/whr/2005/).
Births attended by skilled health personnel: WHO End Decade Website Database (www.childinfo.org); Reproductive Health Indicator Database, Department of Reproductive Health and Research, WHO (www.who.int/reproductive-health/) and The World Health Report 2005, WHO (www.who.int/whr/2005/).
Maternal mortality ratio: Reproductive Health Indicators Database, Department of Reproductive Health and Research, WHO (www.who.int/reproductive-health/).
Contraceptive use: The UN Statistics Division Website (unstats.un.org/unsd/) and UN Population Information Network website (www.un.org/popin/).

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