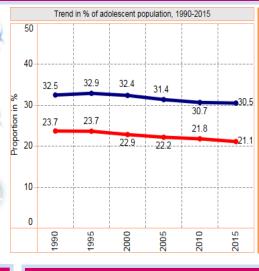


# **ADOLESCENT HEALTH IN CONGO**

### Country profile: An adolescent is a person between 10-19 years of age

Total surface area (million square km)	0.342	$\hat{\mathbf{n}}$
Total population (000's)	5,126	×
Population density (persons/ square km)	15	
Urbanized population (%)	66	
Adolescent population (000's)	1,083	~
Adolescent as % of total population	21	
Young people (10-24 years) (000's)	1,411	$\langle \rangle$
Young people as % of total population	31	
Annual average growth rate of population (%)	2.5	
Crude birth rate (births/1,000 population)	35	
Life expectancy at birth (years)	65	
Median age in total population (years)	19	



✓ National standards for delivery of quality health services to adolescents

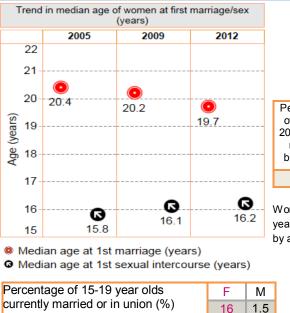
 National strategies for adolescent health

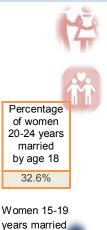
× No Roadmaps for accelerating HIV prevention testing, treatment and care for adolescents

X No adolescent health interventions within the HPV vaccination

 Specific target group in national policies for injury prevention among adolescents

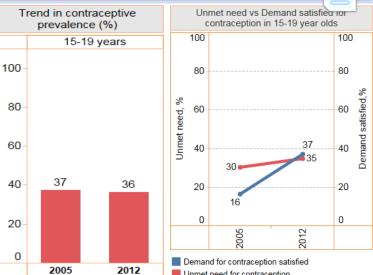
### **Early marriage**





years married by age 15



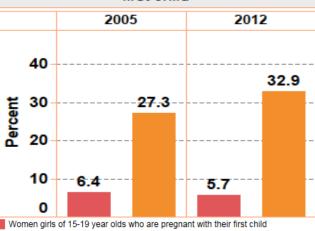


Unmet need for contraception

Data source: 2005-2012 DHS;UNICEF-SOWC 2017;UN DESA, Population Division. WPP 2017; The joint mission from UNICEF and WHO Africa Regional Office June 2017 ; http://aidsinfo.unaids.org/#; WHO-Global health observatory 2018; The World Bank 2018;WHO Global health estimates 2015, Geneva 2016.

# Pregnancy

Percentage of 15-19 year olds who have given birth/who are pregnant with their first child



Women girls of 15-19 years who have given birth

### **HIV/STIs**

	Comprehensive knowledge of HIV (%)			
	15-19 years		20-2	4 years
	Female	Male	Female	Male
2005	10.2	20.6	9.8	23.8
2009	8.3	18.4	8.3	26.3
2012	15.7	25.0	12.9	31.2

	Condom use among sexually active during premarital sex (%)				
	15-19 years 20-24 years				
	Female	Male	Female	Male	
2005	19.8	31.3	23.0	42.3	
2009	31.3	44.6	34.8	40.7	
2012	43.2	54.6	46.3	54.5	

Prevalence (%) of HIV in 15-19

year olds







#### For further information:

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# **ADOLESCENT HEALTH IN CONGO**

## **Malnutrition**

	Aged 15-19		Aged 20-24	
	Female	Male	Female	Male
Prevalence (%) of chronically malnourished (thin, BMI<18.5)	25.2		13.7	
Prevalence (%) of overweight (BMI between 25.0-29.9)	5.4		13.7	
Prevalence (%) iron deficiency anemia (Hgb<12.0 g/dl for non- pregnant women and Hgb<11.0 g/ dl for pregnant women)	55.1		54.1	

### Violence



Percentage of married adolescents who agree that husband is justified

76%



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#### Sexual and gender-based violence

	aged 15-19	
by their husband or partner	aged 20-24	
Percentage of victims women of female genital mutilation (%)	aged 15-19	N/A
	aged 20-24	N/A

## Immunization

Proportion of adolescent girls vaccinated for HPV to

## Socioeconomic determinants of health

	Female	Male
Literacy rate among 15-19 year olds (%)	85.2	92.7
Percent 15-19 years currently employed (%)	29.9	33.4
Information media use at least once/week among adolescents (%)	68.0	55.5
Social security health insurance among 15-19 year olds (%)	0.2	0.6

## Leading causes of girls' death

Rank, cause name, number of deaths and death rate, age 10-19					
Rank	Cause name	Number of deaths	Death rate/100, 000 pop		
1	Malaria	100	18.4		
2	HIV/AIDS	81	15.0		
3	Lower respiratory infections	65	12.1		
4	Maternal conditions	61	11.4		
5	Meningitis	45	8.3		

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## Substance use

	Age	Female	Male	
Total alcohol consumption among 15-19 year olds (litres of pure alcohol)	15-19	3.4	7.7	N.
Prevalence cigarette or any type of	15-19	0.7	5.4	
tobacco product use (%)	20-24	1.1	18.0	
Prevalence chewing chat (%)	15-19			
Frevalence chewing chat (%)	20-24			

# Injuries and trafic accidents

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Adolescent household members injured and unable to carry out normal daily activities of >6 months (%) Adolescent household members injured or killed in accidental fall (%) Adolescent household members injured or killed in

road traffic accident (%)

# Mental health

	Female	Male	
Prevalence of childhood mental illness among 15-19 year olds (%)			
Felt seriously worthless/hopeless or wishes to be dead among15-19 year olds (%)			

#### The state of adolescent health Trend in Mortality rates per 100,000 in 15-19 year olds Birth rate per 1000 girls 15-19 year olds 147 2005 2012 Girls 15-19 year olds 4.5 who have given birth or are pregnant with H their first child (%) 5.7 2.6 2.3 2.2

# Leading causes of boys' death

Rank, cause name, number of deaths and death rate, age 10-19					
Rank	Cause name	Number of deaths	Death rate/100, 000 pop		
1	HIV/AIDS	92	16.9		
2	Malaria	83	15.3		
3	Lower respiratory infections	76	14.0		
4	Road injury	74	13.6		
5	Self-harm	61	11.2		

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