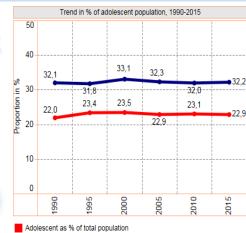


ADOLESCENT HEALTH IN GAMBIA 2018

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

Total surface area (million sq. km)	0,011
Total population (000's)	2 038,501
Population density (persons/sq km)	195,414
Urbanized population (%)	60,224
AdolescentS population (000's)	466,853
Adolescent as % of total population	22,902
Young people (10-24 years) (000's)	641,715
Young people as % of total population	32,246
Annual average growth rate of population (%)	2,762
Crude birth rate (births per 1,000 population)	39,482
Life expectancy at birth (years)	61,193
Median age of the total population (years)	17,004
Birth rate per 1000 girls 15-19 years olds	88,000



Young people as % of total population

× No National standards for delivery of quality health services to adolescents

× No National strategies for adolescent health

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

 Adolescent health interventions within the HPV

✓ Specific target group in national policies for injury prevention among adolescents

Early marriage

of women

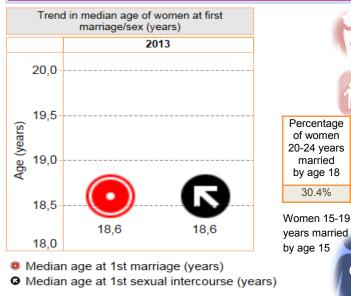
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by age 18

30.4%

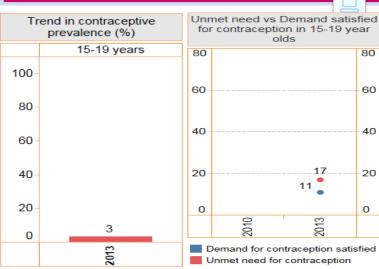
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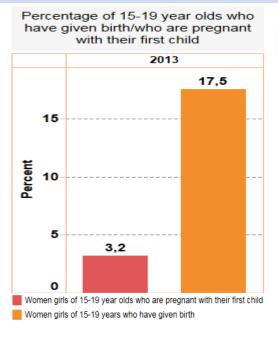


Percentage of 15-19 year olds F currently married or in union (%) 24

Contraception



Pregnancy



HIV/STIs

	Comprehensive knowledge of HIV among AY (%)			
	15-19 years		20-24 years	
	F	М	F	М
2013	21,9	26,5	30,4	38,0

	Condom use among sexually active AY during premarital sex (%)			
	15-19 years		20-24 years	
	F M		F	М
2013	28,3	43,5	27,8	66,6

Prevalence (%)

of HIV in 15-19 vear olds



Prevalence (%) of STIs among 15-19 year





Data source: 1992-2013 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.

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Malnutrition						
		15-19	15-19 years 20		24 years	
		F	М	F	М	
Percentage of AY who are thin according to BMI (<18.5)	2013	27,0		18,0		
Prevalence (%) of overweight (BMI between 25.0-29.9)	2013	6,9		11,0		
Prevalence (%) of iron deficiency anemia among AY (Hgb<12.0 g/dl for non-pregnant women and Hgb<11.0 g/dl for pregnant women)	2013	58,2		61,4		

Violence



Percentage of married adolescents who agree that husband is justified in beating his wife



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Percentage of married women AY who have ever experienced physical or sexual	15-19 years	2013	13,8
or emotional violence committed by their husband or partner	20-24 years	2013	18,9
Prevalence of femal genital	15-19 years	2013	76,3
mutilation/cutting among AY women	20-24 years	2013	74,1

Immunization

Proportion of adolescent girls vaccinated for HPV to prevent cervical cancer (%)

Socioeconomic determinants of health

		F	М
Percentage of 15-19 years literate (%)	2013	64,8	76,4
Percentage of 15-19 year olds currently employed (%)	2013	16,7	30,3
Information media use at least once/week among adolescents (%)	2016	69,7	82,2

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	Meningitis	50	21,4			
2	Maternal conditions	49	21,2			
3	Lower respiratory infections	48	20,8			
4	Malaria	33	14,2			
5	Road injury	28	11,8			

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Substance use					
			F	М	
Total alcohol consumption among 15-19 year olds (litres of pure alcohol)	15-19 years	2010	0,1	0,4	
Prevalence cigarette or any	15-19 years	2013	0,1	4,7	
other tobacco product use (%)]

Injuries and trafic accidents

20-24 years 2013

0,1

20,9

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 (%)			N
Felt seriously worthless/hopeless or wishes to be dead among15-19 year olds (%)			

Adolescent Mortality

Trend in Mortality rates per 100,000 in 15-19 year olds 2013 1,5 0,8

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	Road injury	62	26,4			
2	Meningitis	50	21,4			
3	Lower respiratory infections	40	17,2			
4	Malaria	34	14,3			
5	Interpersonal violence	22	9,6			

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