

A Summary of Selected DHS Data on Very Young Adolescents

Country	Year of DHS	% of population 10-14 years old	% in rural areas	% with one or both parents deceased	% with neither parent in household (girls/boys)	% not in school (girls/boys)	% living with neither parent and not in school (girls/boys)	% of 15-19-year-old girls who reported ^a :		
								Had sex before age 15	Married before age 15	Gave birth before age 15
West and Central Africa										
Benin	1996	14	60	12	32 / 18	68 / 41	26 / 8	14	5	1
Burkina Faso	1998/99	15	86	13 ^b	21 / 15 ^b	79 / 70	16 / 10 ^b	12	6	2
Cameroon	1998	14	67	16	24 / 21	24 / 19	6 / 4	26	11	4
Central African Republic	1994/95	13	55	18	28 / 25	50 / 28	17 / 8	25	16	5
Chad	1996/97	13	77	13	19 / 19	71 / 50	13 / 9	22	19	4
Cote d'Ivoire	1998/99	14	65	11 ^b	34 / 24 ^b	53 / 35	23 / 11 ^b	22	8	6
Ghana	1998	14	69	9	29 / 21	20 / 18	7 / 4	7	4	0
Guinea	1999	14	68	13	26 / 20	75 / 62	19 / 13	28	20	7
Mali	2001	14	73	9	19 / 14	68 / 54	14 / 7	26	19	5
Niger	1998	13	78	11	22 / 17	78 / 68	18 / 12	N/A	27	4
Nigeria	1999	12	70	10	21 / 17	30 / 26	7 / 5	17	14	7
Rwanda	2000	17	87	41	26 / 22	59 / 59	17 / 15	3	0	0
Senegal	1997	14	63	11 ^b	22 / 21 ^b	69 / 58 ^b	16 / 12 ^b	10	8	2
Togo	1998	15	70	16	29 / 23	34 / 16	12 / 4	21	4	2
East and Southern Africa										
Comoros	1996	14	74	8	29 / 23	40 / 29	13 / 7	6	5	2
Ethiopia	2000	13	86	19	18 / 18	64 / 55	13 / 12	14	14	1
Kenya	1998	16	88	14	20 / 14	9 / 7	4 / 2	15	2	1
Madagascar	1997	12	76	16	20 / 19	43 / 41	11 / 9	20	12	6
Malawi	2000	13	87	21	31 / 25	16 / 16	7 / 5	17	6	1
Mozambique	1997	14	77	22	28 / 22	42 / 29	16 / 9	30	14	4
Namibia	1992	12	75	13	41 / 35	7 / 9	3 / 4	8	1	1
South Africa	1998	14	54	15	34 / 34	3 / 4	1 / 2	9	0	1
Tanzania	1999	13	80	16	23 / 24	31 / 31	9 / 9	15	4	1
Uganda	2000/01	15	88	23	30 / 25	10 / 9	4 / 3	14	7	2
Zambia	1996	14	61	20	28 / 25	25 / 24	9 / 7	22	4	2
Zimbabwe	1999	15	77	22	30 / 28	8 / 7	4 / 4	3	2	1

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Latin America and Caribbean										
Bolivia	1998	13	39	8	11 / 10	10 / 6	2 / 1	5	3	1
Brazil	1996	12	24	8	12 / 9	10 / 13	2 / 2	12	4	1
Colombia	2000	10	33	9	14 / 11	12 / 14	2 / 3	10	4	1
Dominican Republic	1996	11	42	7	25 / 20	9 / 12	3 / 3	12	10	2
Guatemala	1998/99	13	62	9	11 / 9	26 / 17	4 / 2	8	7	2
Haiti	1994/95	14	64	18	34 / 26	22 / 21	10 / 8	8	3	1
Nicaragua	1997/98	14	43	8	14 / 13	20 / 25	3 / 3	12	13	3
Paraguay	1990	12	55	N/A	15 / 12	17 / 11	3 / 1	6	3	1
Peru	2000	12	43	8	11 / 9	8 / 5	2 / 1	5	2	1
South and Southeast Asia										
Bangladesh ^c	1999/00	13	82	N/A	N/A	24 / 28	N/A	N/A	27	7
India ^c	1998/99	12	75	N/A	N/A	31 / 18	N/A	N/A	17 ^b	3 ^b
Indonesia ^c	1997	12	74	8	7 / 7	12 / 12	1 / 1	3	3	1
Nepal ^c	2001	13	90	N/A	N/A	35 / 18	N/A	N/A	14 ^b	1 ^b
Pakistan ^c	1990/91	13	68	N/A	4 / 3	55 / 31	2 / 1	N/A	7	2
Philippines	1998	12	55	N/A	N/A	8 / 12	N/A	1	1	0
Middle East and North Africa										
Egypt ^c	2000	13	61	9	2 / 1	18 / 12	1 / 0	N/A	1	0
Jordan ^c	1997	13	19	5	3 / 2	3 / 3	0 / 0	N/A	1	0
Morocco	1992	13	59	8	10 / 7	59 / 40	7 / 3	N/A	2	0
Turkey ^c	1998	11	41	6	5 / 3	39 / 18	2 / 0	N/A	2	0
Europe and Central Asian Republics										
Armenia	2000	10	45	6	1 / 1	1 / 3	0 / 0	1	1	0
Kazakhstan	1999	12	59	9	5 / 6	1 / 1	0 / 0	1	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	1997	13	75	6	6 / 5	3 / 3	0 / 0	0	0	0
Uzbekistan	1996	12	65	5	1 / 1	1 / 2	0 / 0	1	1	0

All data analyzed from Demographic and Health Surveys. N/A denotes that data for that indicator was not collected.

^aData abstracted from the household survey, except for the retrospective reporting of 15-19-year-olds from the individual survey.

^bData for these indicators taken from earlier DHS (years noted as follows), as the respective information was not captured in the DHS listed: Burkina Faso/1992-93, Cote d'Ivoire/1994, Senegal/1992-93, India/1992-93, Nepal/1996.

^cThese countries surveyed ever-married women. Retrospective data presented in the final reports were mathematically adjusted so that they are representative of all women. Never-married women are presumed not to have given birth.