

## CHILDREN'S IMMUNIZATION: The governments of the world agreed on...

"States Parties recognize the right of the child to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health and to facilities for the treatment of illness and rehabilitation of health."

Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 24, 1989.

"Each day, 40,000 children die from malnutrition and disease, including acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), from the lack of clean water and inadequate sanitation and from the effects of the drug problem... These are challenges that we, as political leaders, must meet."

World Summit for Children, 1990.

### HUMAN RIGHTS

The right to health and health services for children is enshrined in:

UDHR - Art. 25 CESCR - Art. 12  
CERD - Art. 5 CRC - Art. 24 & 25

### INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS

Children's health is considered in:

Millennium Development Goals - Goals 4 & 6  
World Summit for Social Development - Commitments 8 & 10  
Fourth World Conference on Women - Beijing Platform for Action - Critical Areas of Concern

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○	Afghanistan	—	18	66	→	18	66	→	40	61	→	44	78	→
●	Albania	76	96	97		97	98		81	96	→	81	97	→
○	Algeria	69	72	86	→	72	86	→	65	81	→	92	98	→
●	Andorra	—	99	99		99	99		98	98				
○	Angola	—	27	59	→	28	57	→	44	64	→	48	72	→
●	Antigua and Barbuda	—	97	97		97	97		97	97				
●	Argentina	53	97	90	←	84	95	→	95	95		100	99	
○	Armenia	51	83	91	→	92	93		95	92	←	83	96	→
○	Australia	28	95	92	←	72	92	→	86	93	→			
○	Austria	6	90	83	←	90	83	←	60	74	→			
●	Azerbaijan	103	90	96	→	94	97	→	91	98	→	50	99	→
○	Bahamas	60	93	93		92	92		89	89				
○	Bahrain	25	98	98		98	98		99	99		70	70	
○	Bangladesh	159	94	85	←	94	85	←	95	77	←	95	95	
●	Barbados	37	93	93		93	93		98	98				
●	Belarus	37	92	99	→	93	99	→	97	99		93	99	→
●	Belgium	6	85	95	→	100	96	←	67	82	→			
●	Belize	89	95	95		95	95		95	95		99	99	
○	Benin	126	81	83		81	89	→	75	85	→	90	99	→
○	Bhutan	139	86	89	→	84	90	→	81	87	→	96	92	←
○	Bolivia	110	80	81		86	79	←	86	64	←	91	93	
○	Bosnia and Herzegovina	—	38	84	→	45	87	→	48	88	→	24	95	→
●	Botswana	88	78	97	→	78	97	→	71	90	→	92	99	→
●	Brazil	82	73	96	→	68	98	→	76	99	→	92	99	→
●	Brunei Darussalam	47	92	92		92	92		99	99		99	99	
●	Bulgaria	41	98	95	←	97	94	←	87	95	→	98	98	
●	Burkina Faso	132	41	88	→	83	83		45	78	→	63	99	→
○	Burundi	156	48	74	→	50	69	→	43	75	→	62	84	→
○	Cambodia	153	53	85	→	54	86	→	53	80	→	78	95	→
○	Cameroon	134	31	73	→	31	72	→	31	64	→	46	83	→
●	Canada	28	93	91		89	88		98	95	←			
○	Cape Verde	89	75	75		76	76		69	69		79	79	
○	Central African Republic	—	31	40	→	29	40	→	44	35	←	82	70	←
○	Chad	162	18	50	→	18	47	→	23	56	→	43	38	←
○	Chile	22	92	94		92	94		96	95		96	96	
○	China	81	93	91		94	92		89	84	←	94	94	
○	Colombia	93	91	89		95	89	←	87	92	→	99	92	←

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○	Comoros	129		76			73			73			79	
○	Congo, Dem. Rep.	—	29	64	→	29	63	→	33	64	→	43	78	→
○	Congo, Rep.	—	79	67	←	79	67	←	70	65	←	94	85	←
●	Cook Islands	105		99			99			99			99	
○	Costa Rica	54	88	90		88	90		88	88		97	90	←
○	Côte d'Ivoire	133	44	50	→	44	50	→	49	49		49	51	
●	Croatia	33	85	96	→	85	98	→	90	96	→	92	98	→
●	Cuba	28	100	88	←		98			99		99	99	
●	Cyprus	17		98			98			86				
●	Czech Republic	26	98	98		98	96		97	97		98	99	
○	Denmark	6	88	95	→	95	95		81	96	→			
○	Djibouti	114		64			64			60			78	
●	Dominica	75		99			99			99			99	
○	Dominican Republic	100	83	71	←	98	57	←	87	79	←	64	97	→
●	Ecuador	109	80	90	→	78	93	→	100	99		100	99	
●	Egypt	94	90	97	→	91	97	→	90	97	→	95	98	→
○	El Salvador	115	92	90		92	90		81	93	→	83	94	→
○	Equatorial Guinea	154		33			39			51			73	
○	Eritrea	141	36	83	→	36	83	→	27	84	→	46	91	→
●	Estonia	28	79	94	→	87	95	→	76	96	→	99	99	
○	Ethiopia	161	37	80	→	36	80	→	29	71	→	50	82	→
○	Fiji	61		71			76			62			93	
●	Finland	1	99	98		100	96	←	99	97		99	98	
○	France	26	89	97	→	92	97	→	76	86	→	78	85	→
○	Gabon	106	66	38	←	66	31	←	65	55	←	97	89	←
○	Gambia	138	90	92		92	90		87	90	→	98	95	←
○	Georgia	78	58	78	→	69	66	←	16	86	→	67	91	→
●	Germany	6	70	97	→	90	94	→	75	92	→			
○	Ghana	142	48	80	→	48	81	→	49	83	→	61	92	→
○	Greece	6	78	88	→	95	87	←	72	88	→	50	88	→
○	Grenada	83		83			84			74				
○	Guatemala	131	71	84	→	73	84	→	66	75	→	70	98	→
○	Guinea	140	70	69		70	68		70	73	→	75	71	←
○	Guinea-Bissau	151	74	80	→	68	80	→	65	80	→	95	80	←
○	Guyana	108		91			91			88			94	
○	Haiti	—	41	43		40	43	→	24	54	→	42	71	→
○	Honduras	130	95	89	←	95	90	←	94	92		95	93	
—	Hong Kong (China)	—	83			81			77			99		
●	Hungary	35	99	99		99	99		99	99		100	99	
●	Iceland	1		99			99			93				
○	India	128	91	64	←	91	70	←	86	56	←	96	73	←
○	Indonesia	102	94	70	←	93	70	←	92	72	←	100	82	←
●	Iran, Islamic Rep.	80	95	99	→	95	98	→	97	96		100	99	
○	Iraq	121	67	81	→	67	87	→	98	90	←	90	93	→
○	Ireland	17	65	89	→	63	89	→	78	81	→		90	
●	Israel	17	92	96	→	93	92		95	96				
●	Italy	40	98	96		50	97	→	50	84	→			
○	Jamaica	73	93	77	←	93	71	←	82	80		100	85	←
●	Japan	1	87	99	→	94	97	→	69	99	→	93		
○	Jordan	42	96	95		96	95		91	99	→		58	
○	Kazakhstan	54	80	82		75	99	→	72	99	→	87	65	←
○	Kenya	—	84	73	←	84	73	←	73	73		92	87	←
○	Kiribati	—		62			61			56			94	
○	Korea, Dem. Rep.	—	99	72	←	100	99		99	95	←	100	95	←
○	Korea, Rep.	6	74	88	→	74	90	→	93	99	→	72	93	→

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●	Kuwait	92	98	98		98	98		96	97		97	98	
○	Kyrgyzstan	—	82	99	→	84	98	→	88	99	→	97	98	
○	Lao PDR	155	48	45	←	57	46	←	73	36	←	69	60	←
●	Latvia	37	70	98	→	72	97	→	81	99	→	89	99	→
●	Lebanon	56		92		95	92	←	73	96	→			
●	Lesotho	137	58	78	→	59	78	→	74	70	←	59	83	→
○	Liberia	145	43	31	←	45	33	←	44	42		84	60	←
●	Libya	—	91	97	→	91	97	→	89	99	→	99	99	
●	Lithuania	35	83	94	→	88	90		93	98	→	96	99	→
●	Luxembourg	49		98			98			91				
●	Macedonia, FYR	62	88	94	→	91	95	→	86	96	→	96	94	
○	Madagascar	144	66	61	←	64	63		54	59	→	81	72	←
○	Malawi	148	98	89	←	98	94	←	98	80	←	99	97	
●	Malaysia	73	90	99	→	90	95	→	81	95	→	97	99	
●	Maldives	113		96			96			97			98	
●	Mali	143	39	76	→	39	72	→	46	75	→	67	75	→
○	Malta	17		55			55			87				
○	Marshall Islands	95		64			68			70			91	
○	Mauritania	120	50	70	→	50	68	→	53	64	→	93	86	←
●	Mauritius	33	89	98	→	89	98	→	85	98	→	87	99	→
●	Mexico	85	91	98	→	92	98	→	94	96		98	99	
○	Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	—		78			82			85			62	
●	Moldova	63	86	98	→	98	98		95	96		97	96	
●	Monaco	—		99			99			99			90	
●	Mongolia	70	78	99	→	77	95	→	80	96	→	90	95	→
●	Morocco	112	87	97	→	87	97	→		95		93	95	
○	Mozambique	150	55	72	→	55	70	→	65	77	→	78	87	→
○	Myanmar	136	77	82	→	77	82	→	77	78		83	85	
○	Namibia	98	79	81		79	81		68	70		100	71	←
○	Nauru	—		80			59			40			95	
●	Nepal	157	63	80	→	62	80	→	57	73	→	61	85	→
●	Netherlands	6	97	98		97	98		95	96				
○	New Zealand	6	81	90	→	68	82	→	82	85	→	20		
○	Nicaragua	127	74	79	→	84	80	←	74	84	→	89	88	
○	Niger	158	20	62	→	20	62	→	19	74	→	32	72	→
○	Nigeria	146	41	25	←	35	39	→	41	35	←	46	48	
●	Niue	—		99			99			99			96	
○	Norway	1	92	91		92	91		93	88	←			
●	Oman	48	97	99		97	99		97	98		96	99	→
○	Pakistan	152	66	65		66	65		65	67		78	80	
●	Palau	77		98			98			99				
●	Panama	86	83	99	→	83	99	→	84	99	→	95	99	→
○	Papua New Guinea	122	66	46	←	66	36	←	39	44	→	91	54	←
○	Paraguay	107	84	76	←	83	75	←	79	89	→	97	82	←
○	Peru	101	87	87		87	87		75	89	→	91	91	
○	Philippines	117	86	79	←	88	80	←	87	80	←	89	91	
●	Poland	22	95	99	→	95	98	→	95	97		95	94	
●	Portugal	6	92	95	→	92	95	→	94	95		92	83	←
●	Qatar	57		96			95			99			99	
●	Romania	65	98	97		94	97	→	91	97	→	100	99	
●	Russian Federation	—	65	97	→	82	98	→	88	98	→	87	96	→
○	Rwanda	160	23	89	→	23	89	→	25	84	→	32	86	→
○	Samoa	50		68			41			25			93	
●	San Marino	—		98			98			98				
●	Sao Tomé and Príncipe	116		99			99			91			99	

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●	Saudi Arabia	67	93	96	→	94	96		92	97	→	94	95	
●	Senegal	124	55	87	→	55	87	→	49	57	→	71	95	→
●	Serbia and Montenegro	—		97			96			96			97	
●	Seychelles	—		99			99			99			99	
○	Sierra Leone	—	43	61	→	43	61	→	46	64	→	60	83	→
●	Singapore	—	92	94		92	94		87	94	→	98	99	
●	Slovakia	57	98	99		98	99		97	98		91	98	→
●	Slovenia	32	98	92	←	98	93	←	90	94	→	96	98	
●	Solomon Islands	—		80			75			72			84	
○	Somalia	—	23	30	→	23	30	→	35	40	→	48	50	
●	South Africa	96	73	93	→	72	94	→	76	81	→	95	97	
●	Spain	6	87	96	→	88	97	→	90	97	→			
●	Sri Lanka	—	88	97	→	88	97	→	84	96	→	86	99	→
●	St. Kitts and Nevis	66		96			96			98			89	
●	St. Lucia	57		91			91			95			99	
●	St. Vincent and Grenadines	63		99			99			99			99	
○	Sudan	110	69	55	←	70	55	←	76	59	←	78	51	←
●	Suriname	91		85			84			86				
●	Swaziland	118		83			82			70			84	
●	Sweden	1	99	99		99	99		95	94			16	
●	Switzerland	6	89	95	→	95	95		83	82				
●	Syrian Arab Republic	97	89	99	→	89	99	→	84	98	→	100	99	
●	Tajikistan	103	82	82		74	84	→	97	89	←	69	97	→
●	Tanzania	125	79	95	→		95		75	94	→	86	91	→
●	Thailand	45	93	98	→	93	98	→	86	96	→	98	99	
○	Timor-Leste	—		57			57			55			72	
●	Togo	135	71	71		71	71		58	70	→	73	91	→
●	Tonga	79		99			99			99			99	
●	Trinidad and Tobago	45	85	94	→	85	94	→	79	95	→			
●	Tunisia	70	97	97		97	97		93	95		80	97	→
●	Turkey	83	81	85	→	81	85	→	76	81	→	72	88	→
●	Turkmenistan	—	71	97	→	92	98	→	84	97	→	94	99	→
●	Tuvalu	—		98			98			98			99	
●	Uganda	146	79	87	→	79	86	→	77	91	→	100	99	
●	Ukraine	42	90	99	→	91	99	→	94	99	→	89	98	→
●	United Arab Emirates	42	90	94	→	90	94	→	90	94	→	98	98	
●	United Kingdom	17	91	90		93	91		92	81	←			
●	United States of America	22	88	96	→	79	92	→	84	93	→			
●	Uruguay	52	88	95	→	88	95	→	80	95	→	99	99	
●	Uzbekistan	—	58	99	→	51	99	→	91	98	→	89	99	→
○	Vanuatu	99		49			53			48			63	
●	Venezuela	72	63	86	→	73	83	→	94	80	←	95	97	
●	Viet Nam	87	94	96		94	96		96	97		95	96	
●	West Bank and Gaza	67		96			96			96			98	
○	Yemen	149	47	78	→	47	78	→	45	76	→	61	63	
●	Zambia	123	85	80	←	88	80	←	88	84	←	100	94	←
●	Zimbabwe	119	80	85	→	80	85	→	77	80	→	90	95	→

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**CERD:** International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

**CESCR:** International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

**CRC:** Convention on the Rights of the Child

**Sources:**

The State of the World's Children 1996, UNICEF, for 1992 data, and The State of the World's Children 2006, UNICEF ([www.unicef.org/sowc06](http://www.unicef.org/sowc06)), for 2004 data.

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