

## 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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<b>Countries in better situation</b>												
Albania	94	97	→	97	97		96	93	←	81	95	→
Andorra		99			99			96				
Antigua and Barbuda	100	99			99		89	99	→			
Argentina	87	88		84	91	→	93	97	→	100	99	
Azerbaijan	84	97	→	94	98	→	82	98	→	50	99	→
Bahrain	95	97			97		87	99	→			
Belarus	85	86		93	99	→	96	99	→	93	99	→
Belize	91	96	→		95		86	96	→		99	
Bhutan	84	95	→	84	96	→	79	88	→	96	93	←
Botswana	56	97	→	78	97	→	55	90	→	92	99	→
Brazil	66	96	→	68	99	→	78	99	→	92	99	→
Brunei Darussalam	100	99			99			99			99	
Bulgaria	99	96	←	97	96		98	96		98	98	
Canada		91			88			95				
Chile	97	99			99		81	99	→		94	
Cook Islands		96			95			99			99	
Croatia		94		85	95	→		95		92	98	→
Cuba	92	71	←		98		94	99	→		99	
Cyprus	93	98	→		98		76	86	→			
Czech Republic		97		98	97			99		98	98	
Denmark	95	96		95	96		84	96	→			
Dominica	69	99	→		99		96	99	→		99	
Ecuador	75	89	→	78	99	→	67	99	→	100	99	
Egypt	87	98	→	91	98	→	87	98	→	95	98	→
Estonia	76	94	→	87	95	→	82	95	→	99	99	
Fiji	82	94	→		99		72	91	→		99	
Finland	90	98	→	100	96	←	97	97		99	98	
Grenada	81	97	→		98		85	99	→			
Hungary	99	99		99	99		99	99		100	99	
Iceland	99	97			97		99	93	←			
Iran, Islamic Rep.	91	99	→		99		85	99	→		99	
Israel	91	97	→		93		91	95	→			
Italy	83	96	→		97		43	83	→			
Japan	87	97	→	94	97	→	66	99	→	93		
Kazakhstan	80	99	→		99		95	99	→		99	
Kiribati	97	99			96		75	88	→		99	
Kuwait	94	99	→	98	99		98	97				
Kyrgyzstan	99	98		84	98	→	99	99		97	99	

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	1992 (%)	2003 (%)	Progress or regression	1992 (%)	2003 (%)	Progress or regression	1992 (%)	2003 (%)	Progress or regression	1992 (%)	2003 (%)	Progress or regression
Latvia	85	98	→	72	98	→	97	99		89	99	→
Lebanon	82	92	→		92	→	39	96	→			
Lithuania	76	94	→	88	91	→	89	98	→	96	99	→
Luxembourg	90	98	→		98		80	91	→			
Macedonia, FYR		96		91	96	→		96		96	95	
Malaysia	89	96	→		97		70	92	→		99	
Maldives	94	98	→		98		96	96			98	
Mexico	66	91	→	92	92		78	96	→	98	99	
Moldova		98			98			96			98	
Mongolia	69	98	→	77	98	→	92	98	→	90	98	→
Netherlands	97	98			98		94	96				
Niue		95			95			86			99	
Oman	98	99		97	99		98	98		96	98	
Palau	100	99			99		98	99				
Poland	96	99	→		98		95	97			94	
Portugal	89	99	→	92	96	→	85	96	→	92	81	←
Romania	96	97			97		92	97	→		99	
Russian Federation	60	98	→	82	97	→	81	96	→	87	97	→
Rwanda	57	96	→	23	96	→	55	90	→	32	88	→
San Marino		96			96			91				
Saudi Arabia	92	95	→		95		88	96	→		94	
Seychelles	99	99			99		86	99	→		99	
Slovakia	99	99			98		99	99			98	
Spain	93	98	→		98		97	97				
Sri Lanka	86	99	→	88	98	→	80	99	→	86	99	→
St. Kitts and Nevis	100	99			99		100	98			99	
Swaziland	89	95	→		95		86	94	→		97	
Switzerland	90	95	→		95		90	82	←			
Syrian Arab Republic	90	99	→		99		87	98	→		99	
Tanzania	78	95	→		97		79	97	→		91	
Thailand	85	96	→	93	97	→	70	94	→	98	99	
Tonga	94	98	→		98		86	99	→		99	
Tunisia	91	95	→	97	95		88	90		80	93	→
Turkmenistan	79	98	→	92	99	→	80	97	→	94	99	→
Tuvalu		93			93			95			99	
Ukraine	79	97	→	91	99	→	89	99	→	89	98	→
United States of America		96		79	91	→		93				
Uruguay	97	91	←	88	91	→	97	95		99	99	
Uzbekistan	79	98	→	51	99	→	85	99	→	89	98	→
Viet Nam	85	99	→	94	96		85	93	→	95	98	→
West Bank and Gaza		98			98			99			99	

**Countries above average**

Algeria	58	87	→	72	87	→	53	84	→	92	98	→
Armenia	81	94	→	92	96	→	95	94		83	92	→
Australia	95	92	←		92		86	93	→			
Bahamas	87	92	→		93		86	90	→			
Bangladesh	69	85	→	94	85	←	82	77	←	95	95	
Barbados	91	86	←		90		87	90	→			
Belgium	94	90	←	100	95	←	85	75	←			
Benin	78	88	→	81	88	→	73	83	→	90	99	→
Bosnia and Herzegovina		87		45	86	→		84		24	94	→
China	97	90	←	94	91	←	98	84	←	94	93	
Colombia	87	91	→	95	91	←	82	92	→	99	96	←
Costa Rica	95	88	←	88	88		90	89		97	87	←
El Salvador	80	88	→	92	87	←	98	99		83	90	→
France	95	97		92	97	→	71	86	→	78	85	→
Gambia	92	90		92	90		86	90	→	98	99	
Germany	80	89	→	90	94	→	50	92	→			

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Greece	54	88	→	95	87	←	76	88	→	50	88	→
Guyana	82	90	→		91		77	89	→		95	
Honduras	84	92	→	95	92	←	90	95	→	95	91	←
Ireland	65	85	→		86		78	78			90	
Jordan	92	97	→	96	97		87	96	→		67	
Korea, Dem. Rep.	98	68	←		99		98	95	←		88	
Korea, Rep.	74	97	→	74	94	→	93	96	→	72	87	→
Libya	62	93	→		93		59	91	→		99	
Malta	63	94	→		94		80	90	→			
Mauritius	85	92	→	89	93	→	76	94	→	87	92	→
Morocco	81	91	→	87	91	→	79	90	→	93	92	
New Zealand	90	90		68	82	→	90	85	←	20		
Nicaragua	66	86	→	84	86		82	93	→	89	94	→
Norway	86	90	→		90		87	84	←			
Peru	72	89	→	87	89		64	95	→	91	94	→
Qatar	82	92	→		93		79	93	→		99	
Samoa	90	94	→		95		89	99	→		73	
São Tomé and Príncipe	92	94			94		71	87	→		99	
Serbia and Montenegro		89			89			87			94	
Singapore	85	92	→	92	92		84	88	→	98	97	
Slovenia		92			93			94			98	
South Africa	74	94	→		94		79	83	→		97	
St. Lucia	91	90			91		83	90	→		95	
St. Vincent and the Grenadines		99			99			94			87	
Sweden	99	98			99		95	94			16	
Tajikistan	94	82	←	74	84	→	91	89		69	99	→
Trinidad and Tobago	89	91		85	91	→	79	88	→			
United Arab Emirates	89	94	→		94		78	94	→		98	
United Kingdom	85	91	→		91		89	80	←			
<b>Countries below average</b>												
Austria	90	84	←		84		60	79	→			
Bolivia	41	81	→	86	79	←	53	64	→	91	94	→
Burkina Faso		84			83			76		63	83	→
Burundi	86	74	←	50	69	→	75	75		62	84	→
Cape Verde	88	78	←		79		79	68	←		78	
Eritrea		83		36	83	→		84		46	91	→
Gabon	78	38	←	66	31	←	76	55	←	97	89	←
Georgia	69	76	→	69	75	→	81	73	←	67	87	→
Ghana	50	80	→	48	80	→	52	80	→	61	92	→
Guatemala	66	83	→	73	83	→	68	75	→	70	97	→
India	92	70	←	91	70	←	87	67	←	96	81	←
Indonesia	87	70	←	93	70	←	86	72	←	100	82	←
Iraq	83	81		50	84	→	83	90	→		93	
Jamaica	86	81	←	93	80	←	69	78	→	100	88	←
Kenya	42	73	→	84	67	←	41	72	→	92	87	←
Lesotho	77	79		59	78	→	87	70	←	59	83	→
Malawi	87	84	←	98	85	←	81	77	←	99	91	←
Marshall Islands	92	68	←		80		52	90	→		93	
Mauritania	33	76	→		75		38	71	→		84	
Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	85	92	→		88		81	91	→		64	
Mozambique	46	72	→	55	70	→	59	77	→	78	87	→
Myanmar	69	77	→	77	76		68	75	→	83	79	←
Namibia	38	82	→	79	82	→	77	70	←	100	92	←
Nepal	80	78		62	76	→	68	75	→	61	91	→
Panama	86	86		83	83		99	83	←	95	87	←
Paraguay	79	77		83	77	←	70	91	→	97	70	←
Philippines	88	79	←	88	80	←	85	80	←	89	91	
Solomon Islands	77	71	←		68		70	78	→		76	

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Suriname	83	74	←		74		65	71	→			
Turkey	74	68	←	81	69	←	67	75	→	72	89	→
Uganda	77	81	→	79	82	→	74	82	→	100	96	←
Venezuela	61	68	→	73	86	→	61	82	→	95	91	←
Zambia	71	80	→	88	80	←	68	84	→	100	94	←
Zimbabwe	78	80			80		76	80	→		92	
<b>Countries in worse situation</b>												
Afghanistan	25	54	→	18	54	→	20	50	→	44	56	→
Angola	24	46	→	28	45	→	38	62	→	48	62	→
Cambodia	38	69	→	54	69	→	34	65	→	78	76	
Cameroon	36	73	→	31	72	→	36	61	→	46	82	→
Central African Republic	61	40	←	29	40	→	67	35	←	82	70	←
Chad	20	47	→	18	48	→	23	61	→	43	72	→
Comoros	94	75	←		75		87	63	←		75	
Congo, Dem. Rep.	36	49	→		55		37	54	→		68	
Congo, Rep.	77	50	←	79	50	←	77	50	←	94	60	←
Côte d'Ivoire	42	54	→		54		40	56	→		66	
Djibouti	85	68	←		68		85	66	←		63	
Dominican Republic	69	65	←	98	60	←	96	79	←	64	90	→
Equatorial Guinea	14	33	→		39		18	51	→		73	
Ethiopia	49	56	→	36	57	→	38	52	→	50	76	→
Gabon	78	38	←	66	31	←	76	55	←	97	89	←
Guinea	20	45	→	70	43	←	25	52	→	75	78	→
Guinea-Bissau	61	77	→	68	75	→	53	61	→	95	84	←
Haiti	41	43		40	43	→	31	53	→	42	71	→
Lao PDR	18	50	→		52		32	42	→		65	
Liberia		38			39			53			43	
Mali	42	69	→	39	65	→	43	68	→	67	63	←
Madagascar	71	55	←	64	58	←	57	55		81	72	←
Nauru		80			59			40			95	
Niger	22	52	→	20	51	→	25	64	→	32	64	→
Nigeria	56	25	←	35	39	→	48	35	←	46	48	
Papua New Guinea	67	54	←	66	41	←	66	49	←	91	60	←
Pakistan	83	67	←	66	69	→	76	61	←	78	82	→
Senegal	66	73	→	55	73	→	57	60	→	71	77	→
Sierra Leone	83	70	←	43	60	→	75	73		60	87	→
Somalia	18	40	→	23	40	→	30	40	→	48	65	→
Sudan	62	50	←	70	50	←	57	57		78	53	←
Timor-Leste		70			70			60			80	
Togo	77	64	←	71	63	←	65	58	←	73	84	→
Vanuatu	76	49	←		53		66	48	←		63	
Yemen	89	66	←		66		74	66	←		67	
<b>Countries with insufficient data to summarize the area</b>												
Bermuda	62						63					
Cayman Islands	95						82					
Hong Kong (China)	84						80					
Macao (China)	83						57					
Monaco	100						100					
Northern Mariana Islands	12											

**UDHR:** Universal Declaration of Human Rights  
**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 2005, UNICEF ([www.unicef.org/sowc05](http://www.unicef.org/sowc05)), for 2003 data.

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