

HEALTH: The governments of the world agreed on...

"(We) recognize the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health... The provision for the reduction of the stillbirth-rate and of infant mortality and for the healthy development of the child.; The prevention, treatment and control of epidemic, endemic, occupational and other diseases..."

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,
Article 12. 1966.

"...take specific measures for closing the gender gaps in morbidity and mortality where girls are disadvantaged, while achieving internationally approved goals for the reduction of infant and child mortality."

World Conference on Women - Beijing Platform for Action,
Paragraph 106. 1995.

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Countries in better situation *														
Albania				22	18	➡		37	23	➡	45	30	➡	
Algeria	1	1	■■	49	59	⬅	0.1	42	39	➡	69	49	➡	
Andorra				37	11	➡				6			7	
Antigua and Barbuda				5 ^D	2	➡				12			14	
Argentina	2	1	■■	40	31	➡	0.7	25	16	➡	28	19	➡	
Armenia	24	2	■■	20	37	⬅	0.2	50	31	➡	60	35	➡	
Australia				6	5	■■	0.1	8	6	■■	10	6	➡	
Austria				16	13	➡	0.2	8	5	➡	9	5	➡	
Bahamas				28	27 ^H	■■	3.5	24	13	➡	29	16	➡	
Bahrain				8 ^C	18	⬅	0.3	15	13	■■	19	16	➡	
Barbados				1 ^C	2	■■	1.2	14	12	■■	16	14	■■	
Belarus				42	54	⬅	0.3	18	17	■■	21	20	■■	
Belgium				15	13	➡	0.2	8	5	➡	9	6	➡	
Bosnia and Herzegovina				45	61	⬅	<0.1	18	15	➡	22	18	➡	
Brazil	240	225	■■	48	43	➡	0.7	50	31	➡	60	36	➡	
Brunei Darussalam				52 ^E	65	⬅		10	6	➡	11	6	➡	
Bulgaria				63	49	➡	<0.1	15	14	■■	16	16	■■	
Canada				7	6	➡	0.3	7	5	■■	9	7	■■	
Chile				30	20	➡	0.3	16	10	➡	19	12	➡	
Colombia	452	482	■■	24	27	⬅	0.4	29	19	➡	36	23	➡	
Cook Islands				21	10	➡					32	23	➡	
Costa Rica	126	33	➡	9	15	⬅	0.6	15	9	➡	17	11	➡	
Croatia				48	30	➡	<0.1	11	7	➡	13	8	➡	
Cuba				15	8	➡	<0.1	11	7	➡	13	9	➡	
Cyprus				5	4 ^H	■■	0.3	11	5	➡	12	6	➡	
Czech Republic				19	13	➡	<0.1	11	4	➡	11	5	➡	
Denmark				10	9	■■	0.2	8	4	➡	9	4	➡	
Dominica				17	7 ^F	➡		19	14	➡	23	15	➡	
Egypt				6	15	⬅	<0.1	76	35	➡	104	41	➡	
Estonia				43	49	⬅	1.0	12	11	■■	17	12	➡	
Fiji				37	22	➡	0.1	25	18	➡	31	21	➡	
Finland				11	9	➡	<0.1	6	4	■■	7	5	■■	
France				16	10	➡	0.3	7	4	➡	9	6	➡	
Germany				16	9	➡	0.1	7	4	➡	9	5	➡	
Greece				7 ^E	5	➡	0.2	10	5	➡	11	5	➡	
Grenada				3	5 ^G	⬅		30	20	➡	37	25	➡	
Honduras	1101	365	➡	79	68	➡	1.6	47	31	➡	59	42	➡	
Hungary				41	30	➡	0.1	15	8	➡	16	9	➡	
Iceland				7	4	➡	0.2	6	3	➡	5	4	■■	
Iran, Islamic Rep.	60	32	■■	21	17	➡	<0.1	54	35	➡	72	42	➡	
Ireland				15	10	➡	0.1	8	6	■■	9	6	➡	
Israel				8	9	■■	0.1	10	6	➡	12	6	➡	
Italy				10	8	➡	0.4	8	4	➡	10	6	➡	
Jamaica				4	5	■■	1.2	17	17	■■	20	20	■■	
Japan				36	28	➡	<0.1	5	3	■■	6	5	■■	
Jordan				11	7	➡	<0.1	35	27	➡	43	33	➡	
Korea, Rep.	4	5	■■	86	79	➡	<0.1	8	5	➡	9	5	➡	
Kuwait				14	32 ^F	⬅		14	9	➡	16	10	➡	
Lebanon				31	15	➡		32	28	➡	37	32	➡	

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Libya				30 ^c	25 ^h	➡	0.2	34	16	➡	42	19	➡	
Lithuania				57	70	⬅	0.1	10	8	➡	13	9	➡	
Luxembourg				8	7	〃	0.2	7	5	➡	9	5	➡	
Macedonia, FYR				37	32	➡	<0.1	32	22	➡	41	26	➡	
Malaysia	127	56	➡	60	66	⬅	0.4	16	8	➡	21	8	➡	
Malta				7	4	➡	0.1	9	5	➡	14	5	➡	
Mauritius	6	1 ^g	〃	14	11	➡	0.1	21	17	➡	25	19	➡	
Mexico	5	5	〃	18	19	〃	0.3	37	24	➡	46	29	➡	
Monaco				3	9 ^g	⬅			4			5		
Morocco	1	<1	〃	114	93	➡	0.1	66	39	➡	85	43	➡	
Netherlands				12	9	➡	0.2	7	5	〃	8	5	➡	
New Zealand				10	10	〃	0.1	8	6	➡	11	6	➡	
Nicaragua	915	201	➡	64	47	➡	0.2	52	36	➡	68	41	➡	
Norway				6	6	〃	0.1	7	4	➡	9	4	➡	
Oman	45	24	〃	15	11	➡	0.1	25	12	➡	30	13	➡	
Poland				43	26	➡	0.1	19	8	➡	19	9	➡	
Portugal				57	41	➡	0.5	11	5	➡	15	6	➡	
Qatar				59 ^c	49	➡		19	11	➡	25	16	➡	
Samoa				28	14	➡		33	20	➡	42	25	➡	
San Marino				8	4 ^h	➡			4		10	6	➡	
Saudi Arabia	106	15	➡	15	16	〃		34	23	➡	44	28	➡	
Serbia and Montenegro				34	43	⬅	0.2				30	19	➡	
Seychelles				11 ^c	23	⬅		17	13	➡	21	16	➡	
Singapore				50	37	➡	0.2	7	3	➡	8	4	➡	
Slovakia				33	18	➡	<0.01	12	8	➡	15	9	➡	
Slovenia				27	18	➡	<0.1	8	4	➡	9	5	➡	
Spain				22 ^c	17	➡	0.5	8	4	➡	9	6	➡	
Sri Lanka	1196	348	➡	34	39	⬅	<0.1	19	17	〃	23	19	➡	
St. Kitts and Nevis				5	5	〃		30	20	➡	36	24	➡	
St. Lucia				17	10	➡		19	17	〃	24	19	➡	
St. Vincent and the Grenadines				12 ^c	9	➡		21	22	〃	26	25	〃	
Sweden				6	5	➡	0.1	6	3	➡	6	3	➡	
Switzerland				13	8	➡	0.5	7	5	〃	8	6	〃	
Syrian Arab Republic	1	<1	〃	37	30	➡		37	23	➡	44	28	➡	
Tonga				24	11	➡		25	17	➡	27	20	➡	
Trinidad and Tobago				10	16	⬅	2.5	21	17	➡	24	20	➡	
Tunisia				27	20	➡		37	21	➡	52	26	➡	
Turkey	56	16	〃	37 ^c	26	➡	<0.1	61	36	➡	78	42	➡	
United Arab Emirates	4			19	3	➡		12	8	➡	14	9	➡	
United Kingdom				11	10	〃	0.1	8	6	〃	10	7	➡	
United States of America				9	6	➡	0.6	9	7	➡	10	8	〃	
Uruguay				21	21	〃	0.3	20	14	➡	24	15	➡	
Venezuela	98	81	〃	23	25	⬅	0.5	23	19	➡	27	22	➡	
West Bank and Gaza				3 ^c	1 ^f	➡		42 ⁱ	21	➡	40	25	➡	
Countries above average *														
Azerbaijan	130	13	➡	37	61	⬅	<0.1	84	77	➡	105	105	〃	
Bangladesh	56	40	〃	40	54	⬅	<0.1	96	51	➡	144	77	➡	
Belize	1790	475	➡	30	59	⬅	2.0	39	34	➡	49	40	➡	
Bhutan	464	279	➡	64	47	➡	<0.1	75 ⁱ	74	〃	166	94	➡	
Bolivia	662	185	➡	130	124	➡	0.1	87	60	➡	120	71	➡	
Cape Verde	5	33 ^h	〃	80 ^c	67	➡		45	29	➡	60	38	➡	
China	2	2	〃	30	38	⬅	0.1	38	31	➡	49	39	➡	
Comoros	2422	1930 ^h	➡	19	17 ^h	➡		88	59	➡	120	79	➡	
Dominican Republic	10	12	〃	57	56	〃	2.5	53	41	➡	65	38	➡	
Ecuador	137	846	⬅	86	47	➡	0.3	43	24	➡	57	29	➡	
El Salvador				70	23	➡	0.6	46	33	➡	60	39	➡	
Georgia				30 ^c	77	⬅	<0.1	24	24	〃	29	29	〃	
Guatemala	305	307	〃	26	21	➡	1.0	60	43	➡	82	49	➡	
Guyana	3806	3554	➡	36	55	⬅	2.7	65	54	➡	90	72	➡	
Indonesia	79	93	〃	26	43	⬅	0.1	60	33	➡	91	45	➡	
Iraq	66	5	➡	101	44	➡	<0.1	40	107	⬅	50	125	⬅	
Kazakhstan				63	163	⬅	0.1	42	81	⬅	67	76	⬅	

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Korea, Dem. Rep.	516			51 ^E	134	➡		26	42	➡	55	55	↔	
Kyrgyzstan	1			60	133	➡	<0.1	68	52	➡	83	61	↔	
Lao PDR	1076	498	➡	25	44	➡	<0.1	120	87	➡	163	100	↔	
Latvia				44	83	➡	0.4	13.7	17	➡	20	21	↔	
Maldives	4			103	46	➡	0.1	80	58	➡	115	77	↔	
Moldova				60	84	➡	0.2	30	27	➡	37	32	↔	
Mongolia				73	138	➡	<0.1	77	61	➡	104	71	↔	
Nauru				38	24	➡						30		
Nepal	29	29	↔	78	125	➡	0.5	100	66	➡	145	91	↔	
Pakistan	54	55	↔	11 ^C	24	➡	0.1	96	84	➡	130	107	↔	
Palau				245	171 ^G	➡					34	29	↔	
Panama	19	32	↔	32	59	➡	1.5	27	19	➡	34	25	↔	
Paraguay	11	48	↔	39	37	➡		30	26	➡	37	30	↔	
Peru	754	305	➡	210	143	➡	0.4	58	30	➡	80	39	↔	
Philippines	59	45	↔	269	139	➡	<0.1	45	29	➡	66	38	↔	
Romania				94	128	➡	<0.1	26.9	19	➡	32	21	↔	
Russian Federation				48	92	➡	0.9	17.4	18	↔	21	21	↔	
Solomon Islands	16854	16512	➡	91	63	➡		29	20	➡	36	24	↔	
Suriname	2748	4075	➡	13	19	➡	1.2	35	26	➡	48	40	↔	
Tajikistan	507	186	➡	16	57	➡	<0.1	98	91	➡	78	72	↔	
Thailand	163	100	➡	83	78	➡	1.8	34	24	➡	40	28	↔	
Turkmenistan		<1		46 ^C	82	➡	<0.1	80	69	➡	97	98	↔	
Tuvalu				203	182 ^F	➡					56	52	↔	
Ukraine				40	75	➡	1.0	18	17	↔	22	20	↔	
Uzbekistan		<1		67	69	➡	<0.1	53	52	↔	62	68	➡	
Viet Nam	86	86	↔	72	115	➡	0.3	36	30	➡	51	39	↔	
Countries below average *														
Botswana		2836		342	619	➡	38.8	45	80	➡	58	110	➡	
Burkina Faso		619 ^H		9	20	➡	6.5	118	104	↔	210	207	↔	
Cambodia	1096	399	➡	137	143	➡	2.7	80	97	➡	115	138	➡	
Eritrea		5648		491	72	➡	2.8	92	72	➡	147	89	↔	
Gabon	3152	2148 ^F	➡	99	133 ^G	➡		60	60	↔	92	91	↔	
Gambia	27369	10096 ^G	➡	92 ^C	120 ^G	➡	1.6	103	91	➡	154	126	↔	
Ghana	11941	17143	➡	101	60	➡	3.0	74	57	➡	126	100	↔	
Haiti		119		83 ^C	124	➡	6.1	102	79	➡	150	123	↔	
India	275	192	➡	122	106	➡	0.8	80	67	➡	123	93	↔	
Kenya		545 ^H		86	233	➡	15.0	63	78	➡	97	122	➡	
Kiribati				332	225	➡		65	51	➡	88	69	↔	
Madagascar		2219 ^A		80	100	➡	0.3	103	84	➡	168	136	↔	
Mali	3688	741	➡	32	37 ^H	➡	1.7	152	141	↔	250	222	↔	
Marshall Islands				122 ^D	108	➡		63	54	➡	92	66	↔	
Micronesia, Fed. Sts.				165	76	➡		26	20	➡	31	24	↔	
Myanmar	256	252	↔	36	89	➡		91	77	➡	130	109	↔	
Nigeria	593	30 ^H	➡	9	39	➡	5.8	114	110	↔	190	183	↔	
Papua New Guinea	847	1793	➡	128	323	➡	0.7	79	70	➡	101	94	↔	
Rwanda	20310	6510 ^H	➡	61 ^C	69	➡	8.9	107	96	➡	178	183	➡	
São Tomé and Príncipe		31387 ^H		33	69	➡		69	57	➡	118	118	↔	
Senegal		11925 ^H		85	89	➡	0.5	90	79	➡	148	138	↔	
Somalia		118 ^H		28	75	➡	1.0	133	133	↔	225	225	↔	
South Africa	75	61	↔	230	339	➡	20.1	45	56	➡	60	65	➡	
Sudan	5283	12530	➡	85	75	➡	2.6	75	65	➡	120	94	↔	
Tanzania	3602	1207 ^G	➡	116	171	➡	7.8	102	104	↔	163	165	↔	
Uganda		46 ^H		138	153	➡	5.0	100	79	➡	160	141	↔	
Vanuatu	3442	3787	➡	91	86	➡		52	34	➡	70	42	↔	
Yemen	8560	7600 ^H	➡	97 ^C	68	➡	0.1	98	79	➡	142	107	↔	
Countries in worse situation *														
Afghanistan		1621		6 ^E	44	➡		167	165	↔	260	257	↔	
Angola		6594		65	122 ^H	➡	5.5	166	154	↔	260	260	↔	
Benin	11918	11545 ^F	➡	40	43 ^H	➡	3.6	111	94	➡	185	156	↔	
Burundi		43505		64	100	➡	8.3	114	114	↔	190	190	↔	

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Cameroon	4613	2900 ^F	➡	57	35 ^H	➡	11.8	85	96	➡	139	166	➡	
Central African Republic		2207 ^B		100 ^C	67	➡	12.9	115	115	↔	180	180	↔	
Chad	4843	4683 ^H	➡	51	62 ^G	➡	3.6	118	117	↔	203	200	➡	
Congo, Dem. Rep.		1414 ^H		89	127	➡	4.9	128	129	↔	205	205	↔	
Congo, Rep.	350	5880 ^H	➡	119	313	➡	7.2	83	81	↔	110	108	↔	
Côte d'Ivoire	6990	2449	➡	100	101	↔	9.7	100	102	↔	155	176	➡	
Djibouti	700	536 ^H	➡	618	652	➡		119	100	↔	175	143	➡	
Equatorial Guinea		2744 ^C		92	96 ^F	➡	3.4	122	101	↔	206	152	➡	
Ethiopia		621		185	147	➡	6.4	128	116	↔	204	171	➡	
Guinea	10951	75386 ^H	➡	46	67 ^H	➡		145	109	↔	240	169	➡	
Guinea-Bissau		2421 ^G		157	106 ^H	➡	2.8	153	130	↔	253	211	➡	
Lesotho				237	479 ^H	➡	31.0	102	91	➡	120	87	➡	
Liberia		26699 ^F		88	70 ^F	➡		157	157	↔	235	235	↔	
Malawi	20080			197	226	➡	15.0	146	114	↔	241	183	➡	
Mauritania	9724 ^H			169 ^C	115 ^H	➡		120	120	↔	183	183	↔	
Mozambique	19842			109	119	➡	13.0	143	125	↔	235	197	➡	
Namibia	26217	1502 ^H	➡	97 ^C	628	➡	22.5	65	55	➡	84	67	➡	
Niger	10026	1693 ^F	➡	43	40 ^H	➡		191	156	↔	320	265	➡	
Sierra Leone		8943 ^G		63	102	➡	7.0	185	182	↔	302	284	➡	
Swaziland	469			245 ^C	653	➡	33.4	77	106	➡	110	149	➡	
Timor-Leste									85		160	126	➡	
Togo	9273			30	31 ^H	↔	6.0	88	79	➡	152	141	➡	
Zambia	37458	18877	➡	392	434	➡	21.5	108	112	↔	189	192	➡	
Zimbabwe		5410 ^H		213	438	➡	33.7	53	76	➡	80	123	➡	

Countries with insufficient data to summarise the area

Bermuda				7 ^C	7 ^E	↔							
British Virgin Islands					14 ^E								
Cayman Islands				6 ^C	3	➡							
Channel Islands								7	6	↔			
French Polynesia				42	26	➡		18	10	➡			
Greenland				10	9	↔							
Guam				66	40	➡		9	6 ^H	➡			
Hong Kong (China)								6	3	➡			
Liechtenstein									10			11	
Macao (China)								10	4	➡			
Netherlands Antilles				2									
New Caledonia				70	29	➡		13	7	➡			
Niue				92	49 ^G	➡							
Northern Mariana Islands				83	76	➡							
Puerto Rico				8	3	➡		14	10	➡			
Turks and Caicos Islands				105 ^G	17	➡							
Virgin Islands (US)				9	4 ^C	➡		20	8	➡			

HUMAN RIGHTS

The right to health and health services

is enshrined in:

UDHR - Art. 25

CERD - Art. 5

CESCR - Art. 12

CEDAW - Art. 11 & 14

CRC - Art. 24

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

CEDAW: Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

CRC: Convention on the Rights of the Child

INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS

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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- ➡ Significant progress
- ➡ Slight progress
- ↔ Stagnant
- ➡ Slight regression
- ➡ Significant regression

Note: A: 1989 data; B: 1994 data; C: 1995 data; D: 1996 data; E: 1997 data; F: 1998 data; G: 1999 data; H: 2000 data; I: 1992 data; * children immunisation status is included among the indicators used to build the ranking.