



SOUTH SUDAN

Region: Sub-Saharan Africa

Income Category: Low Income



Human capital – knowledge, skills, and good health – empowers people to achieve their potential and drives economic growth. This brief tracks progress by South Sudan in building and using human capital. The Human Capital Complementary Indicators offer a snapshot of human capital investments at four stages of the lifecycle. The brief uses the latest available data. It is benchmarked against regional averages and reports progress over the previous 5 years.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

- **Neonatal mortality rate.** The neonatal mortality rate is **40** per 1,000 live births (2023), compared to 41 in 2018. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Pre-primary school gross enrollment ratio.** The pre-primary school gross enrollment ratio is **12%** (by the official age) (2018), compared to 11% in 2015. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **DTP vaccination rate, third dose.** In 2024, **73%** of infants received the third dose of the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine, compared to 61% in 2019. The indicator is lower than the regional average.

SCHOOL AGE

- **Child mortality rate.** The mortality rate for children ages 5-14 is **22** per 1,000 children aged 5 (2023), compared to 39 in 2018. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Schools with basic sanitation services.** The share of schools with sanitation facilities is **37%** (2023). This remains unchanged since 2018. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Schools with basic hygiene services.** The share of schools with hand-washing facilities with water and soap is **18%** (2023). This remains unchanged since 2018. The indicator is lower than the regional average.

YOUTH

- **Youth not in employment, education or training.** In 2024, **34%** of youth (ages 15-24) were not in employment, education or training, compared to 32% in 2019. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Youth literacy rate.** The share of youth (ages 15-24) who are literate is **48%** (2018). The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Adolescent fertility rate.** The number of births for every 1,000 women ages 15-19 is **97** (2023), compared to 101 in 2018. The indicator is higher than the regional average.

ADULTS

- **Life expectancy at birth.** Life expectancy at birth is **58** years (2023), compared to 52 in 2018. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Female labor force participation rate.** Female labor force participation as a percentage of the female working-age population (ages 25+) is **74%** (2023), compared to 73% in 2018. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Adult unemployment rate.** Unemployed adults as a share of the adult labor force (ages 25+) is **10%** (2023). This remains unchanged since 2018. The indicator is higher than the regional average.

HUMAN CAPITAL COMPLEMENTARY INDICATORS

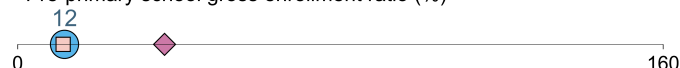
● Latest available data for South Sudan (SSD)
 ■ SSD approx. 5 years before ◆ Average for Sub-Saharan Africa

EARLY CHILDHOOD

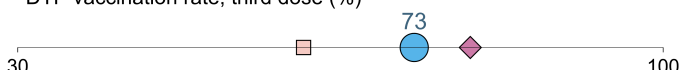
Neonatal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)



Pre-primary school gross enrollment ratio (%)

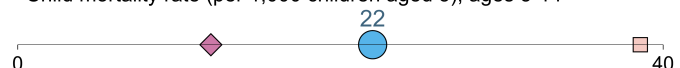


DTP vaccination rate, third dose (%)



SCHOOL AGE

Child mortality rate (per 1,000 children aged 5, ages 5-14)



Schools with basic sanitation services (%)

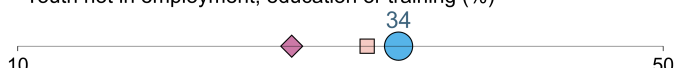


Schools with basic hygiene services (%)

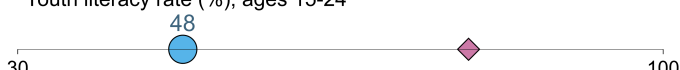


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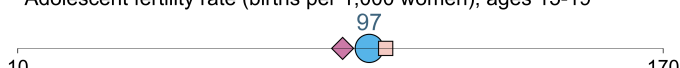
Youth not in employment, education or training (%)



Youth literacy rate (%), ages 15-24

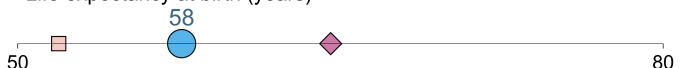


Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women), ages 15-19

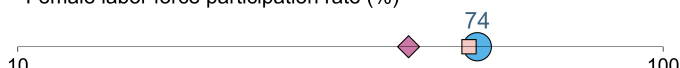


ADULTS

Life expectancy at birth (years)



Female labor force participation rate (%)



Adult unemployment rate (%)



Note: All values use internationally comparable public datasets. Missing symbols indicate unavailable statistics. Full details can be accessed through the QR code.

