



BOTSWANA

Region: Sub-Saharan Africa

Income Category: Upper Middle Income



Human capital – knowledge, skills, and good health – empowers people to achieve their potential and drives economic growth. This brief tracks progress by Botswana 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 **21** per 1,000 live births (2023), compared to 23 in 2018. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **DTP vaccination rate, third dose.** In 2024, **95%** of infants received the third dose of the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine. This remains unchanged since 2019. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Net enrollment rate, early childhood education.** In 2022, **25%** of children at the official age were enrolled at early childhood education. The indicator is lower than the regional average.

SCHOOL AGE

- **Child mortality rate.** The mortality rate for children ages 5-14 is **6** per 1,000 children aged 5 (2023), compared to 7 in 2018. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Primary school completion rate.** The primary school completion rate is **91%** (by the official entrance age of the last grade) (2022). The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Lower secondary school completion rate.** The lower secondary school completion rate is **88%** (by the official entrance age of the last grade) (2022). The indicator is higher than the regional average.

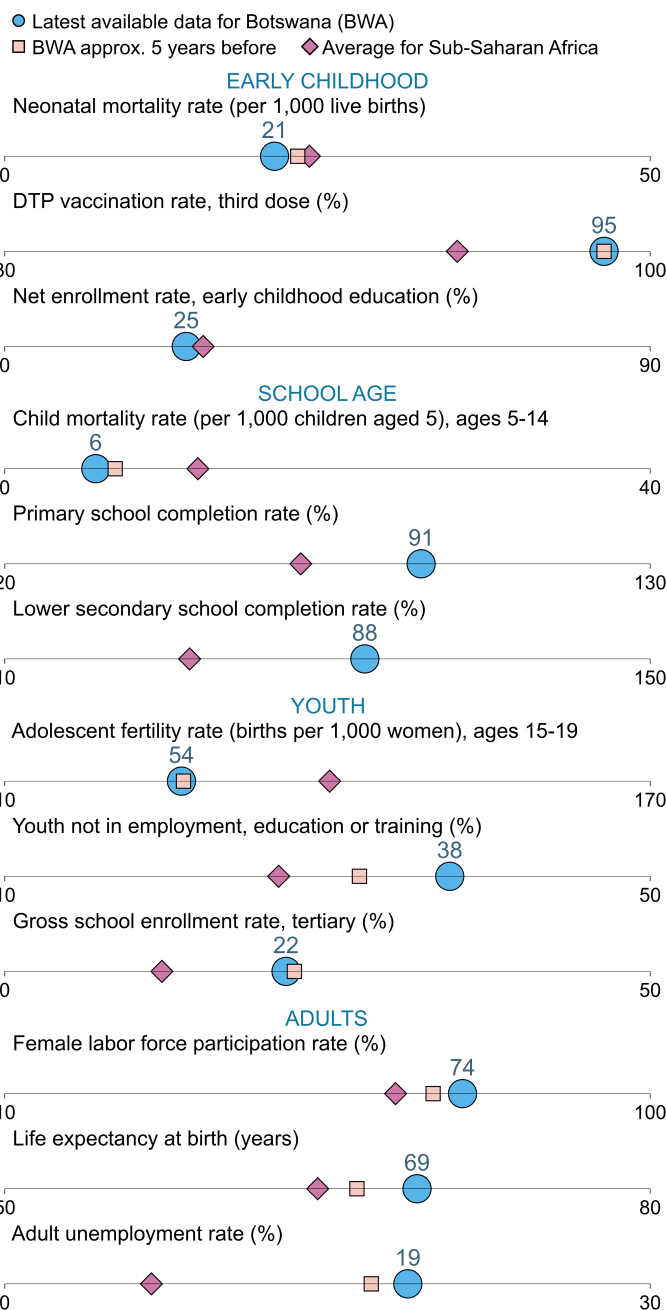
YOUTH

- **Adolescent fertility rate.** The number of births for every 1,000 women ages 15-19 is **54** (2023). This remains unchanged since 2018. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Youth not in employment, education or training.** In 2024, **38%** of youth (ages 15-24) were not in employment, education or training, compared to 32% in 2019. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Gross school enrollment rate, tertiary.** Tertiary school enrollment as a percentage of people ages 18-24 is **22%** (2023). This remains unchanged since 2017. The indicator is higher than the regional average.

ADULTS

- **Female labor force participation rate.** Female labor force participation as a percentage of the female working-age population (ages 25+) is **74%** (2024), compared to 70% in 2019. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Life expectancy at birth.** Life expectancy at birth is **69** years (2023), compared to 66 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 **19%** (2024), compared to 17% in 2019. The indicator is higher than the regional average.

HUMAN CAPITAL COMPLEMENTARY INDICATORS



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

