



PALAU

Region: East Asia and Pacific
Income Category: High Income



Human capital – knowledge, skills, and good health – empowers people to achieve their potential and drives economic growth. This brief tracks progress by Palau 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 **12** per 1,000 live births (2023). This remains unchanged since 2018. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **DTP vaccination rate, third dose.** In 2024, **97%** 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.
- **Pre-primary school gross enrollment ratio.** The pre-primary school gross enrollment ratio is **71%** (by the official age) (2020). The indicator is higher than the regional average.

SCHOOL AGE

- **Child mortality rate.** The mortality rate for children ages 5-14 is **5** per 1,000 children aged 5 (2023). This remains unchanged since 2018. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Primary school completion rate.** The primary school completion rate is **91%** (by the official entrance age of the last grade) (2023), compared to 98% in 2021. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Lower secondary school completion rate.** The lower secondary school completion rate is **95%** (by the official entrance age of the last grade) (2023), compared to 100% in 2021. 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 **30** (2023). This remains unchanged since 2018. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Gross school enrollment rate, tertiary.** Tertiary school enrollment as a percentage of people ages 18-24 is **35%** (2023). The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Qualified teachers in secondary education.** The share of secondary school teachers who are qualified is **91%** (2023). The indicator is higher than the regional average.

ADULTS

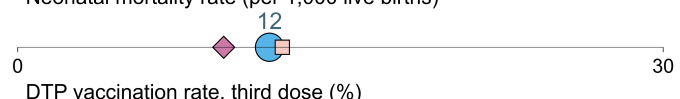
- **Life expectancy at birth.** Life expectancy at birth is **69** years (2023). This remains unchanged since 2018. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Prevalence of hypertension.** The prevalence of hypertension among people ages 30-79 is **44%** (2019). This remains unchanged since 2015. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Prevalence of obesity among adults.** The percentage of adults ages 18+ years who are obese is **41%** (2022), compared to 40% in 2017. The indicator is higher than the regional average.

HUMAN CAPITAL
COMPLEMENTARY INDICATORS

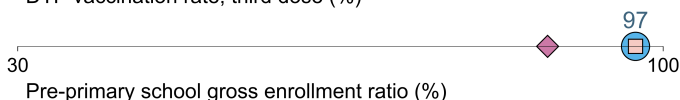
● Latest available data for Palau (PLW)
■ PLW approx. 5 years before ◆ Average for East Asia & Pacific

EARLY CHILDHOOD

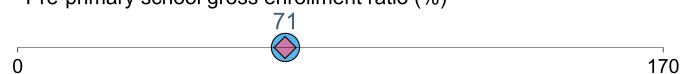
Neonatal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)



DTP vaccination rate, third dose (%)



Pre-primary school gross enrollment ratio (%)

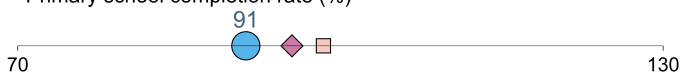


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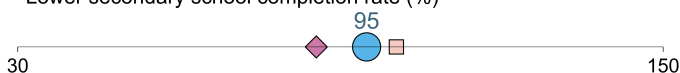
Child mortality rate (per 1,000 children aged 5), ages 5-14



Primary school completion rate (%)

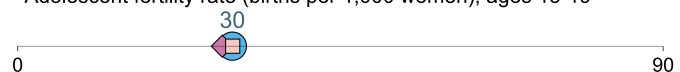


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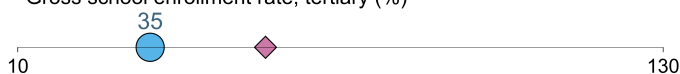


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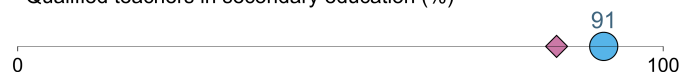
Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women), ages 15-19



Gross school enrollment rate, tertiary (%)

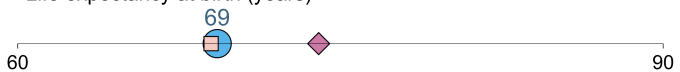


Qualified teachers in secondary education (%)

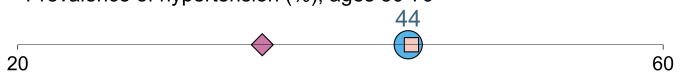


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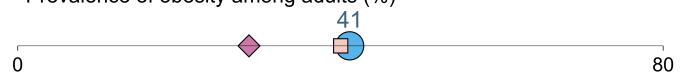
Life expectancy at birth (years)



Prevalence of hypertension (%), ages 30-79



Prevalence of obesity among adults (%)



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

