



SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

Region: Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan, and Pakistan

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 Syria 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 **10** per 1,000 live births (2023), compared to 11 in 2018. The indicator is lower than 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 67% in 2019. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Net enrollment rate, early childhood education.** In 2024, **11%** of children at the official age were enrolled at early childhood education, compared to 10% in 2020. The indicator is lower than the regional average.

SCHOOL AGE

- **Child mortality rate.** The mortality rate for children ages 5-14 is **7** per 1,000 children aged 5 (2023), compared to 10 in 2018. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Primary school completion rate.** The primary school completion rate is **62%** (by the official entrance age of the last grade) (2023), compared to 56% in 2020. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Lower secondary school completion rate.** The lower secondary school completion rate is **42%** (by the official entrance age of the last grade) (2023), compared to 41% in 2020. The indicator is lower than the regional average.

YOUTH

- **Youth literacy rate.** The share of youth (ages 15-24) who are literate is **98%** (2021). The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Youth not in employment, education or training.** In 2024, **39%** of youth (ages 15-24) were not in employment, education or training, compared to 37% in 2019. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Adolescent fertility rate.** The number of births for every 1,000 women ages 15-19 is **39** (2023), compared to 41 in 2018. 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 **15%** (2024). This remains unchanged since 2019. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Life expectancy at birth.** Life expectancy at birth is **72** years (2023), compared to 67 in 2018. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Adult unemployment rate.** Unemployed adults as a share of the adult labor force (ages 25+) is **8%** (2024). This remains unchanged since 2019. The indicator is similar to 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.

