



CHINA

Region: East Asia and Pacific

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 China 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 **3** per 1,000 live births (2023), compared to 4 in 2018. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Pre-primary school gross enrollment ratio.** The pre-primary school gross enrollment ratio is **93%** (by the official age) (2021), compared to 82% in 2016. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **DTP vaccination rate, third dose.** In 2024, **97%** of infants received the third dose of the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine, compared to 99% in 2019. The indicator is higher than the regional average.

SCHOOL AGE

- **Child mortality rate.** The mortality rate for children ages 5-14 is **2** per 1,000 children aged 5 (2023). This remains unchanged since 2018. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Repetition rate in primary education.** In 2018, **0%** of students in primary school remained in the same grade in the following school year. This remains unchanged since 2015. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Primary school electricity access.** The share of primary schools with access to electricity is **99%** (2019). This remains unchanged since 2017. The indicator is higher than the regional average.

YOUTH

- **Youth not in employment, education or training.** In 2024, **12%** of youth (ages 15-24) were not in employment, education or training, compared to 11% in 2019. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Adolescent fertility rate.** The number of births for every 1,000 women ages 15-19 is **5** (2023), compared to 9 in 2018. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Youth literacy rate.** The share of youth (ages 15-24) who are literate is **100%** (2020). The indicator is higher than the regional average.

ADULTS

- **Life expectancy at birth.** Life expectancy at birth is **78** years (2023). This remains unchanged since 2018. The indicator is higher 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 **62%** (2024), compared to 63% in 2019. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Adult unemployment rate.** Unemployed adults as a share of the adult labor force (ages 25+) is **3%** (2024), compared to 4% in 2019. The indicator is similar to the regional average.

HUMAN CAPITAL
COMPLEMENTARY INDICATORS

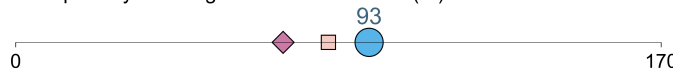
● Latest available data for China (CHN)
 ■ CHN approx. 5 years before ◆ Average for East Asia & Pacific

EARLY CHILDHOOD

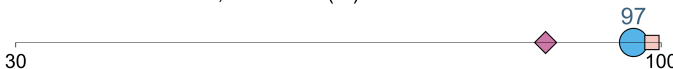
Neonatal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)



Pre-primary school gross enrollment ratio (%)



DTP vaccination rate, third dose (%)



SCHOOL AGE

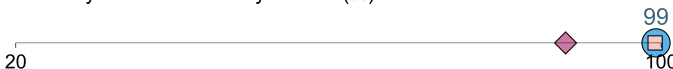
Child mortality rate (per 1,000 children aged 5, ages 5-14)



Repetition rate in primary education (%)



Primary schools electricity access (%)

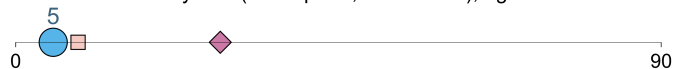


YOUTH

Youth not in employment, education or training (%)



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

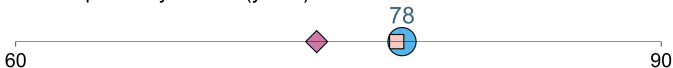


Youth literacy rate (%), ages 15-24

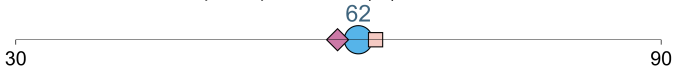


ADULTS

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.

