Region: Europe and Central Asia 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 Portugal 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 **2** per 1,000 live births (2023). This remains unchanged since 2018. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Pre-primary school gross enrollment ratio.** The pre-primary school gross enrollment ratio is **99%** (by the official age) (2020), compared to 93% in 2015. The indicator is above the regional average.
- DTP vaccination rate, third dose. In 2024, 99% of infants received the third dose of the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine. This remains unchanged since 2019. The indicator is higher than the regional average.

## **SCHOOL AGE**

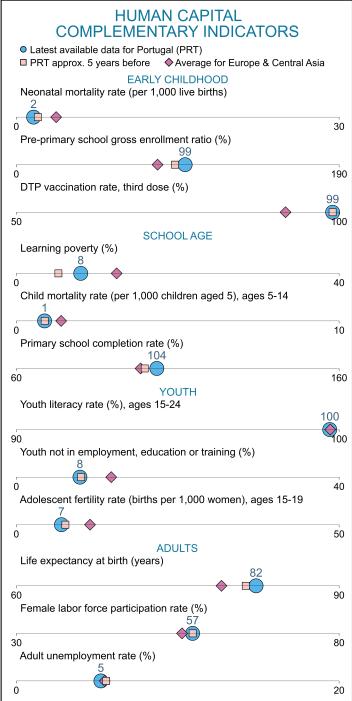
- Learning poverty. In 2021, 8% of children could not read and understand a simple text, by age 10, compared to 5% in 2016. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Child mortality rate.** The mortality rate for children ages 5-14 is **1** per 1,000 children aged 5 (2023). This remains unchanged since 2018. The indicator is similar to the regional average.
- **Primary school completion rate.** The primary school completion rate is **104%** (by the official entrance age of the last grade) (2022), compared to 100% in 2018. The indicator is higher than the regional average.

## **YOUTH**

- Youth literacy rate. The share of youth (ages 15-24) who are literate is **100%** (2021). The indicator is similar to the regional average.
- Youth not in employment, education or training. In 2024, 8% of youth (ages 15-24) were not in employment, education or training. This remains unchanged since 2019. The indicator is below the regional average.
- Adolescent fertility rate. The number of births for every 1,000 women ages 15-19 is 7 (2023), compared to 8 in 2018. The indicator is lower than the regional average.

## **ADULTS**

- Life expectancy at birth. Life expectancy at birth is **82** years (2023), compared to 81 in 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 57% (2024). This remains unchanged since 2019. The indicator is above the regional average.
- Adult unemployment rate. Unemployed adults as a share of the adult labor force (ages 25+) is 5% (2024), compared to 6% in 2019. The indicator is similar to the regional average.



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



