



IRAQ

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

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 Iraq 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 **13** per 1,000 live births (2023), compared to 15 in 2018. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Children who are developmentally on track.** In 2018, **79%** of children (ages 36-59 months) were developmentally on track in health, learning and psychosocial well-being. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **DTP vaccination rate, third dose.** In 2024, **90%** of infants received the third dose of the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine, compared to 84% in 2019. 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 lower than the regional average.
- **Children engaged in child labor.** The share of children (ages 5-17) who are engaged in economic activities is **3%** (2018). The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Schools with basic sanitation services.** The share of schools with sanitation facilities is **57%** (2023). This remains unchanged since 2018. The indicator is lower than the regional average.

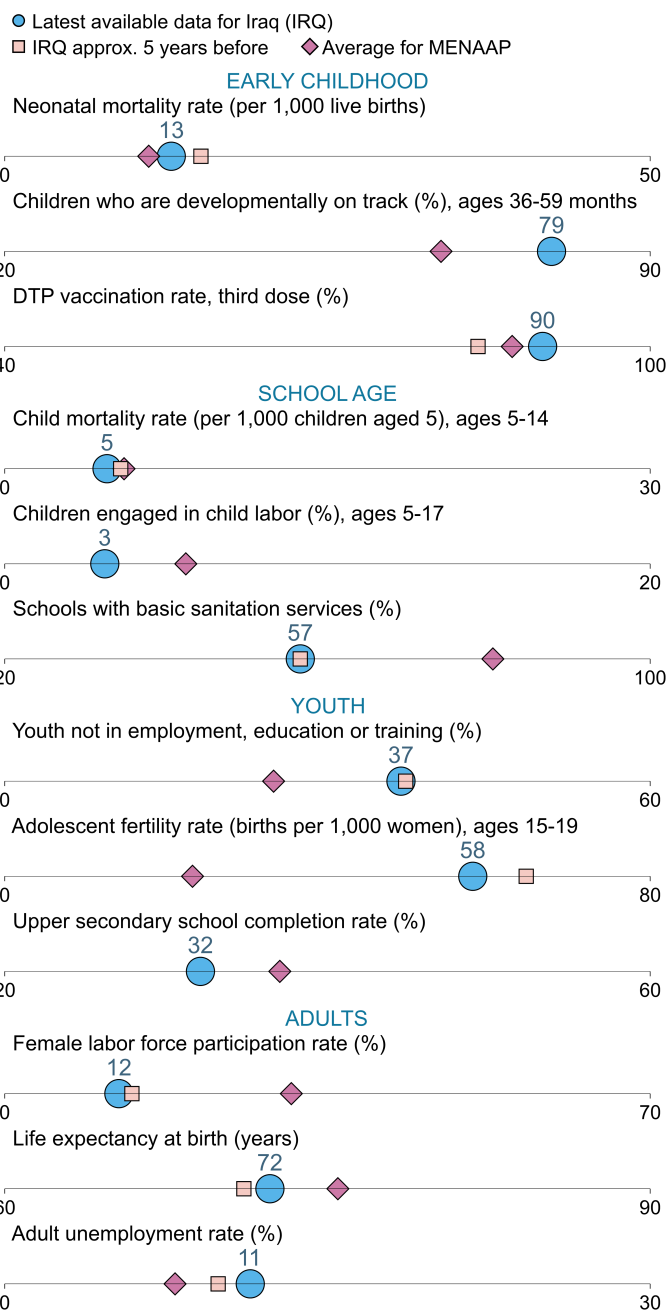
YOUTH

- **Youth not in employment, education or training.** In 2024, **37%** of youth (ages 15-24) were not in employment, education or training. This remains unchanged since 2019. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Adolescent fertility rate.** The number of births for every 1,000 women ages 15-19 is **58** (2023), compared to 65 in 2018. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Upper secondary school completion rate.** The upper secondary completion rate is **32%** (at ages 3-5 years above the intended age for the last grade of that level) (2018). The indicator is lower 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 **12%** (2024), compared to 14% in 2019. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Life expectancy at birth.** Life expectancy at birth is **72** years (2023), compared to 71 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 **11%** (2024), compared to 10% 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.

