



GABON

Region: Sub-Saharan Africa

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 Gabon 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 **17** per 1,000 live births (2023), compared to 20 in 2018. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **DTP vaccination rate, third dose.** In 2024, **61%** of infants received the third dose of the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine, compared to 70% in 2019. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Pre-primary school gross enrollment ratio.** The pre-primary school gross enrollment ratio is **43%** (by the official age) (2019). The indicator is higher than the regional average.

SCHOOL AGE

- **Learning poverty.** In 2019, **31%** of children could not read and understand a simple text, by age 10. 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 **5%** (2021). The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Child mortality rate.** The mortality rate for children ages 5-14 is **11** per 1,000 children aged 5 (2023), compared to 12 in 2018. The indicator is lower than the regional average.

YOUTH

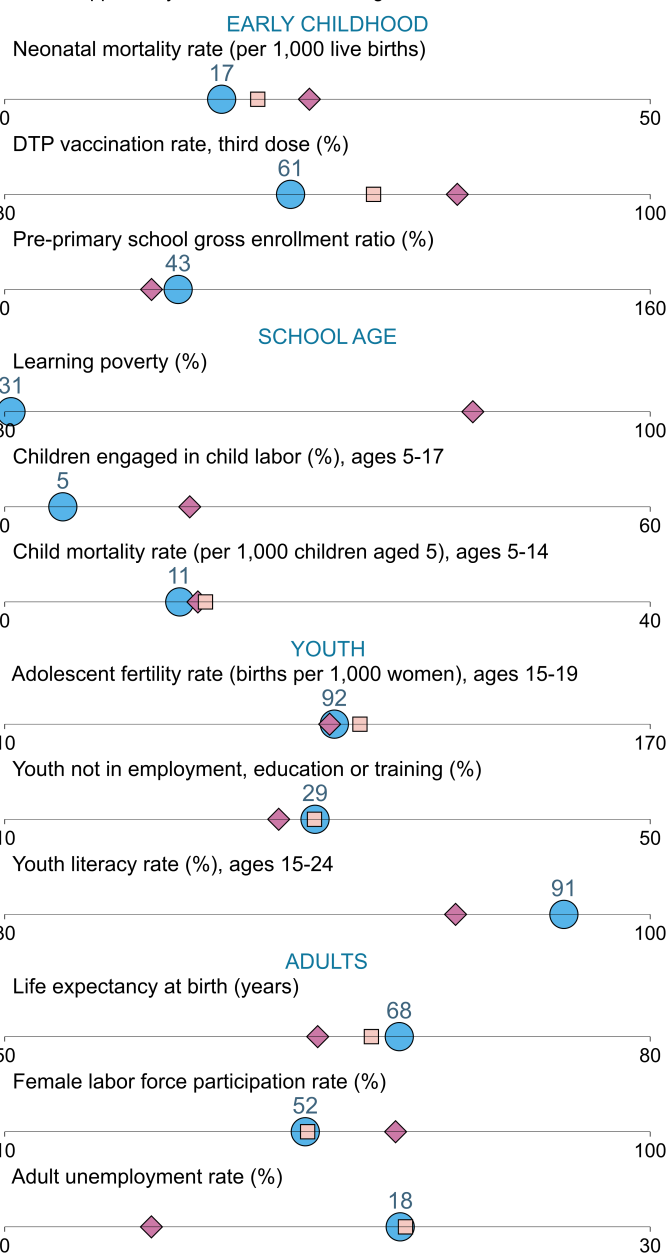
- **Adolescent fertility rate.** The number of births for every 1,000 women ages 15-19 is **92** (2023), compared to 98 in 2018. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Youth not in employment, education or training.** In 2024, **29%** of youth (ages 15-24) were not in employment, education or training. This remains unchanged since 2019. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Youth literacy rate.** The share of youth (ages 15-24) who are literate is **91%** (2022). The indicator is higher than the regional average.

ADULTS

- **Life expectancy at birth.** Life expectancy at birth is **68** years (2023), compared to 67 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 **52%** (2024). This remains unchanged since 2019. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Adult unemployment rate.** Unemployed adults as a share of the adult labor force (ages 25+) is **18%** (2024), compared to 19% in 2019. The indicator is higher than the regional average.

HUMAN CAPITAL COMPLEMENTARY INDICATORS

● Latest available data for Gabon (GAB)
 ■ GAB approx. 5 years before ◆ Average for Sub-Saharan Africa



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

