# SENEGAL

Region: Sub-Saharan Africa

Income Category: Lower Middle Income



Human capital – knowledge, skills, and good health – empowers people to achieve their potential and drives economic growth. This brief tracks progress by Senegal 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**

- Children who are developmentally on track. In 2019, 67% of children (ages 36-59 months) were developmentally on track in health, learning and psychosocial well-being. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- Neonatal mortality rate. The neonatal mortality rate is 22 per 1,000 live births (2023), compared to 27 in 2018. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **DTP vaccination rate, third dose.** In 2024, **91%** 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**

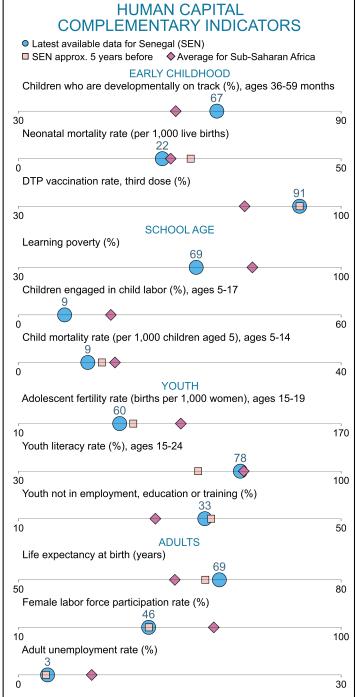
- Learning poverty. In 2019, 69% of children could not read and understand a simple text, by age 10. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- Children engaged in child labor. The share of children (ages 5-17) who are engaged in economic activities is **9%** (2022). The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Child mortality rate.** The mortality rate for children ages 5-14 is **9** per 1,000 children aged 5 (2023), compared to 10 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 **60** (2023), compared to 67 in 2018. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- Youth literacy rate. The share of youth (ages 15-24) who are literate is **78%** (2022), compared to 69% in 2017. The indicator is below the regional average.
- Youth not in employment, education or training. In 2024, 33% of youth (ages 15-24) were not in employment, education or training, compared to 34% in 2019. The indicator is higher than the regional average.

## **ADULTS**

- Life expectancy at birth. Life expectancy at birth is 69 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 46% (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 **3%** (2024). This remains unchanged since 2019. The indicator is lower than the regional average.



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



