



ROMANIA

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 Romania 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). This remains unchanged since 2018. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **DTP vaccination rate, third dose.** In 2024, **79%** of infants received the third dose of the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine, compared to 88% in 2019. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Pre-primary school gross enrollment ratio.** The pre-primary school gross enrollment ratio is **95%** (by the official age) (2020), compared to 85% in 2015. The indicator is higher than the regional average.

SCHOOL AGE

- **Child mortality rate.** The mortality rate for children ages 5-14 is **1** per 1,000 children aged 5 (2023), compared to 2 in 2018. The indicator is similar to the regional average.
- **Primary school completion rate.** The primary school completion rate is **83%** (by the official entrance age of the last grade) (2022), compared to 89% in 2016. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Net school enrollment rate, lower secondary.** The percentage of lower secondary school-aged children enrolled is **91%** (2018), compared to 95% in 2015. 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 **34** (2023), compared to 37 in 2018. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **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, **17%** of youth (ages 15-24) were not in employment, education or training, compared to 15% in 2019. The indicator is higher than the regional average.

ADULTS

- **Life expectancy at birth.** Life expectancy at birth is **77** years (2023), compared to 75 in 2018. The indicator is lower 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 **45%** (2024), compared to 46% in 2019. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Adult unemployment rate.** Unemployed adults as a share of the adult labor force (ages 25+) is **4%** (2024), compared to 3% in 2019. The indicator is lower than the regional average.

HUMAN CAPITAL
COMPLEMENTARY INDICATORS

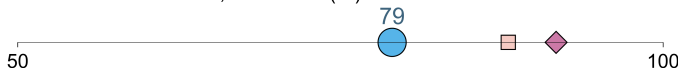
● Latest available data for Romania (ROU)
 ■ ROU approx. 5 years before ◆ Average for Europe & Central Asia

EARLY CHILDHOOD

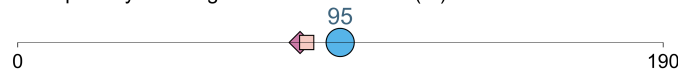
Neonatal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)



DTP vaccination rate, third dose (%)



Pre-primary school gross enrollment ratio (%)

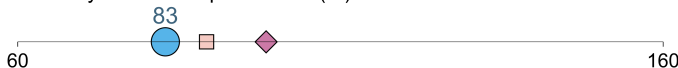


SCHOOL AGE

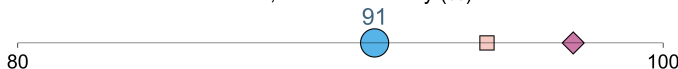
Child mortality rate (per 1,000 children aged 5, ages 5-14)



Primary school completion rate (%)

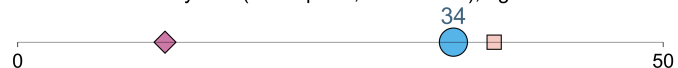


Net school enrollment rate, lower secondary (%)



YOUTH

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



Youth literacy rate (%), ages 15-24

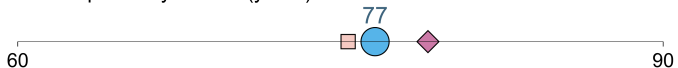


Youth not in employment, education or training (%)

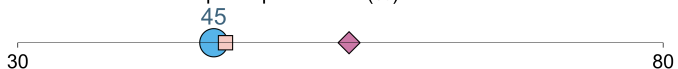


ADULTS

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.

