



MARSHALL ISLANDS

Region: East Asia and Pacific

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 the Marshall Islands 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.
- **DTP vaccination rate, third dose.** In 2024, **85%** of infants received the third dose of the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine, compared to 79% in 2019. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Pre-primary school gross enrollment ratio.** The pre-primary school gross enrollment ratio is **68%** (by the official age) (2021), compared to 38% in 2016. The indicator is lower than the regional average.

SCHOOL AGE

- **Child mortality rate.** The mortality rate for children ages 5-14 is **6** per 1,000 children aged 5 (2023), compared to 7 in 2018. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Primary school completion rate.** The primary school completion rate is **95%** (by the official entrance age of the last grade) (2022), compared to 98% in 2016. The indicator is similar to the regional average.
- **Net school enrollment rate, lower secondary.** The percentage of lower secondary school-aged children enrolled is **69%** (2019). This remains unchanged since 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 **72** (2023), compared to 74 in 2018. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Gross school enrollment rate, tertiary.** Tertiary school enrollment as a percentage of people ages 18-24 is **54%** (2022), compared to 41% in 2019. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Youth informal employment rate.** The rate of informal employment among working youth (ages 15-24) is **55%** (2021), compared to 31% in 2019. The indicator is lower than the regional average.

ADULTS

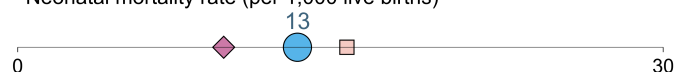
- **Life expectancy at birth.** Life expectancy at birth is **67** years (2023), compared to 66 in 2018. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Adult informal employment rate.** The rate of informal employment among working adults (ages 25+) is **30%** (2021), compared to 23% in 2019. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Prevalence of hypertension.** The prevalence of hypertension among people ages 30-79 is **32%** (2019), compared to 31% in 2015. The indicator is lower than the regional average.

HUMAN CAPITAL COMPLEMENTARY INDICATORS

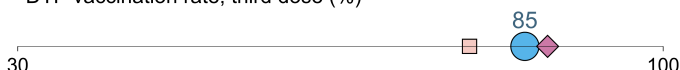
● Latest available data for the Marshall Islands (MHL)
 ■ MHL approx. 5 years before ◆ Average for East Asia & Pacific

EARLY CHILDHOOD

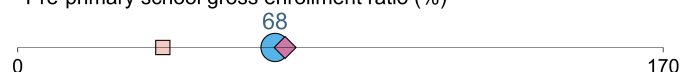
Neonatal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)



DTP vaccination rate, third dose (%)



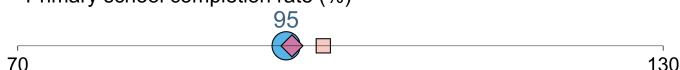
Pre-primary school gross enrollment ratio (%)



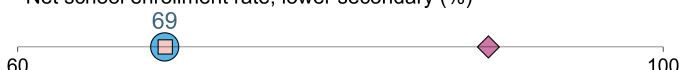
SCHOOL AGE
 Child mortality rate (per 1,000 children aged 5), ages 5-14



Primary school completion rate (%)



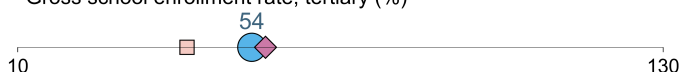
Net school enrollment rate, lower secondary (%)



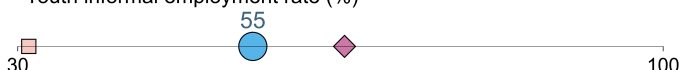
YOUTH
 Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 women), ages 15-19



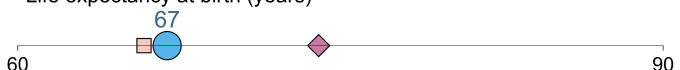
Gross school enrollment rate, tertiary (%)



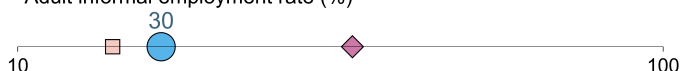
Youth informal employment rate (%)



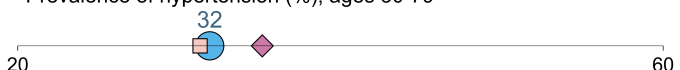
ADULTS
 Life expectancy at birth (years)



Adult informal employment rate (%)



Prevalence of hypertension (%), ages 30-79



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

