



Gambia Contraception within the context of adolescents' sexual and reproductive lives: Country profile

SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

	Both Sexes	Female		Male	
	10-19 years	10-14 years	15-19 years	10-14 years	15-19 years
Total population of adolescents (millions) ¹ (2020)	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
% of total population that are adolescents ¹ (2020)	23.0	12.2	10.5	12.6	10.7
% of adolescents that live in rural areas ² (2014)	39.9	40.6	36.7	43.3	38.0
% of total rural population that are adolescents ² (2014)	23.0	12.2	9.5	14.0	10.4
% of total urban population that are adolescents ² (2014)	23.5	12.5	11.4	12.0	11.1
% national monetary child poverty ³ (2017)	No data				
Completion rate for lower secondary school ⁴ (2013)	Female	47.3			
	Male	49.5			
Completion rate for upper secondary school ⁴ (2013)	Female	27.8			
	Male	32.8			
Out of school rate	Female	No data			
	Male	No data			

CHILD MARRIAGE/UNION STATUS⁵ (2018)

	Female	Male
Adolescents, 15-19, who are married/ in union (%)	17.1	0.1
% married/in union before age 15 (aged 20-24)	7.5	0.0
% married/in union before age 18 (aged 20-24)	25.7	0.2

FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATIO⁵ (2018)

	10-14 years	15-19 years
% of girls who have undergone female genital mutilation/cutting	68.4	75.0

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE⁶ (2013)

% of girls who report experiencing:	10-14 years	15-19 years
Physical violence in the last 12 months	No data	12.6
Sexual violence in the last 12 months	No data	0.8
% of adolescents (aged 15-19) who think a husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife in certain circumstances ⁵ (2018)		
Female	Male	
54.1	44.8	

SEXUAL ACTIVITY⁶ (2013)

	Female		Male	
	10-14 years	15-19 years	10-14 years	15-19 years
% of adolescents engaged in pre-coital physical behavior	No data	No data	No data	No data
% of adolescents that ever-had sex	No data	24.8	No data	22.7
% of adolescents having had sex by age 15	No data	5.7	No data	6.1
% of adolescents sexually active in the last month	No data	12.6	No data	4.8

CHILDBEARING

% of adolescent girls who have begun childbearing ⁷ (2019-20)	10-14 years	No data
	15-19 years	13.8
% of women (aged 20-24) who gave birth before 18 years ⁵ (2018)		17.3
Number of births per 1,000 girls, 15-19 ⁶ (2019)		65.8
% of adolescent girls (aged 15-19) with live births who received antenatal care (ANC4+ visits) ⁷ (2019-20)		75.8
% of births among girls (aged 15-19) attended by skilled health personnel ⁷ (2019-20)		85.6

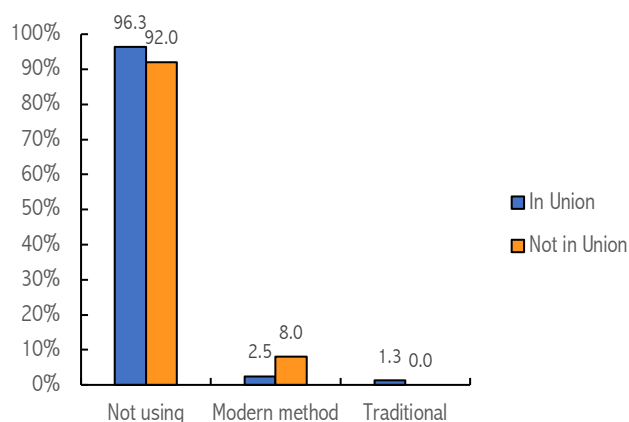
ABORTION

	10-14 years	15-19 years
Abortion rate per 1,000 girls	No data	No data

FERTILITY INTENTIONS & CONTRACEPTIVE USE^{6,9} (2013)

% of most recent pregnancies experienced by adolescent girls aged 15-19, including current pregnancies by planning status	Married/ In union	Unmarried/ not in union
Last pregnancy wanted (<2 years)	92.8	38.8
Last pregnancy wanted later (>=2 years)	7.2	61.2
Last pregnancy not wanted at all	0.0	0.0
% of adolescent girls (aged 15-19) with an unmet need for modern methods of contraception ⁷ (2019-20)	29.3	No data
% of sexually active unmarried adolescent girls (aged 15-19) who currently use at least one method of modern contraception ⁵ (2018)s	2.6	

Current use and non-use of contraception, 15-19 years⁹ (2013)



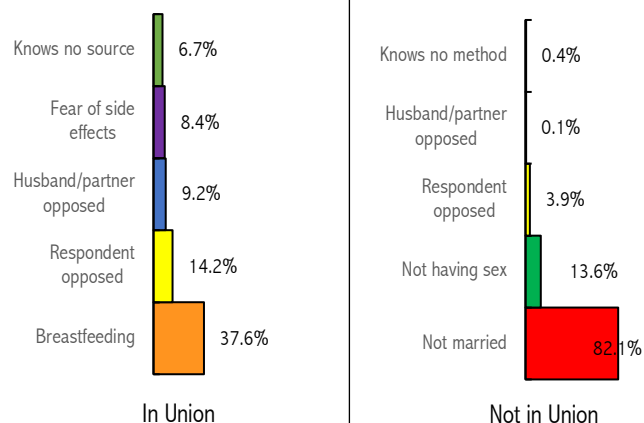
Contraceptive method mix, 15-19 years⁹ (2013)

No data available

Main sources of contraception, 15-19 years

No data available

Main reasons for not intending to use contraception, 15-19 years⁹ (2013)



HIV/AIDS, SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS (STIs) AND HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS (HPV)

	Female			Male		
	10-19 years	10-14 years	15-19 years	10-19 years	10-14 years	15-19 years
Number of adolescents living with HIV ¹⁰ (2020)	580	<500	<500	<500	<500	<200
Number of new HIV infections among adolescents per year ¹⁰ (2020)	<100	No data	<100	<100	No data	<100
% of adolescents with comprehensive knowledge about AIDS ⁷ (2019-20)	No data	No data	19.1	No data	No data	15.0
% prevalence of sexually transmitted infections among adolescents ⁶ (2013)	No data	No data	6.4	No data	No data	3.0
% of sexually active adolescents who had an HIV test in the last 12 months and received the results ⁶ (2013)	No data	No data	21.0	No data	No data	4.3
% of girls, 15 or older, who have completed the full three dose vaccination schedule for HPV	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data

MENSTRUAL HEALTH⁵(2018)

	10-14 years	15-19 years
% of adolescent girls who were aware of menstruation before the onset of their first menstruation	No data	No data
% of adolescent girls who did not participate in social activities, school, or work due to their last menstruation in the last 12 months	No data	32.5

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