



Mauritania 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)	1.0	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
% of total population that are adolescents ¹ (2020)	21.7	11.4	10.0	11.7	10.2
% of adolescents that live in rural areas ² (2014)	38.3	38.1	37.7	40.3	36.8
% of total rural population that are adolescents ² (2014)	21.1	10.9	9.5	12.1	9.8
% of total urban population that are adolescents ² (2014)	22.8	12.2	10.8	11.7	10.9
% national monetary child poverty ³ (2017)	No data				
Completion rate for lower secondary school ⁴ (2015)	Female	42.7			
	Male	50.2			
Completion rate for upper secondary school ⁴ (2015)	Female	20.3			
	Male	29.7			
Out of school rate ⁴ (2018)	Female	45.9			
	Male	50.6			

CHILD MARRIAGE/UNION STATUS⁵ (2015)

	Female	Male
Adolescents, 15-19, who are married/ in union (%)	27.8	0.8
% married/in union before age 15 (aged 20-24)	17.8	0.8
% married/in union before age 18 (aged 20-24)	37.0	2.0

FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION⁵ (2015)

	10-14 years	15-19 years
% of girls who have undergone female genital mutilation/cutting	No data	62.5

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

% of girls who report experiencing:	10-14 years	15-19 years
Physical violence in the last 12 months	No data	No data
Sexual violence in the last 12 months	No data	No data
% of adolescents (aged 15-19) who think a husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife in certain circumstances ⁵ (2015)		
Female	Male	
27.5	20.8	

SEXUAL ACTIVITY

	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	No data	No data	No data
% of adolescents having had sex by age 15	No data	No data	No data	No data
% of adolescents sexually active in the last month	No data	No data	No data	No data

CHILDBEARING

% of adolescent girls who have begun childbearing ⁵ (2015)	10-14 years	No data
	15-19 years	16.7
% of women (aged 20-24) who gave birth before 18 years ⁵ (2015)		21.5
Number of births per 1,000 girls, 15-19 ⁶ (2019)		63.9
% of adolescent girls (aged 15-19) with live births who received antenatal care (ANC4+ visits) ⁵ (2015)		55.7
% of births among girls (aged 15-19) attended by skilled health personnel ⁵ (2015)		66.4

ABORTION

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

FERTILITY INTENTIONS & CONTRACEPTIVE USE⁵ (2015)

% of most recent pregnancies experienced by adolescent girls aged 15-19 in the 5 years preceding the survey, including current pregnancies, by planning status	Married/ In union	Unmarried/ not in union
Last pregnancy wanted (<2 years)	No data	No data
Last pregnancy wanted later (≥ 2 years)	No data	No data
Last pregnancy not wanted at all	No data	No data
% of adolescent girls (aged 15-19) with an unmet need for modern methods of contraception	38.9	No data
% of sexually active unmarried adolescent girls (aged 15-19) who currently use at least one method of modern contraception	No data	

Current use and non-use of contraception, 15-19 years

No recent data

Contraceptive method mix, 15-19 years

No recent data

Main sources of contraception, 15-19 years

No recent data

Main reasons for not intending to use contraception, 15-19 years

No recent data

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 ⁷ (2020)	<200	<100	<100	<200	<100	<100
Number of new HIV infections among adolescents per year ⁷ (2019)	<100	No data	<100	<100	No data	<100
% of adolescents with comprehensive knowledge about AIDS ⁵ (2015)	No data	No data	7.0	No data	No data	7.4
% prevalence of sexually transmitted infections among adolescents ⁵ (2015)	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	7.0
% of sexually active adolescents who had an HIV test in the last 12 months and received the results	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
% 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 HEALTH

	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	No data

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