



# Solomon Islands 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) <sup>1</sup> (2019)	0.1	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.04
% of total population that are adolescents <sup>1</sup> (2019)	21.7	11.3	10.0	11.6	10.4
% of adolescents that live in rural areas <sup>2</sup> (2014)	77.7	78.8	76.1	79.1	76.6
% of total rural population that are adolescents <sup>2</sup> (2014)	22.9	12.1	10.3	12.5	10.9
% of total urban population that are adolescents <sup>2</sup> (2014)	22.8	11.4	11.3	11.4	11.4
% national monetary child poverty <sup>3</sup> (2017)	No data				
Completion rate for lower secondary school	Female	No data			
	Male	No data			
Completion rate for upper secondary school	Female	No data			
	Male	No data			
Out of school rate	Female	No data			
	Male	No data			

## CHILD MARRIAGE/UNION STATUS<sup>5</sup> (2015)

	Female	Male
Adolescents, 15-19, who are married/ in union (%)	11.4	1.7
% married/in union before age 15 (aged 20-24)	5.6	0.0
% married/in union before age 18 (aged 20-24)	21.3	4.4

## FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

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

## SEXUAL ACTIVITY<sup>5</sup> (2015)

	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	44.4	No data	44.1
% of adolescents having had sex by age 15	No data	10.2	No data	10.6
% of adolescents sexually active in the last month	No data	16.0	No data	18.1

## GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE<sup>5</sup> (2015)

% of girls who report experiencing:	10-14 years	15-19 years
Physical violence in the last 12 months	No data	No recent data
Sexual violence in the last 12 months	No data	No recent data
% of adolescents (aged 15-19) who think a husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife in certain circumstances		
Female	Male	
77.7	59.7	

## CHILDBEARING

% of adolescent girls who have begun childbearing <sup>5</sup> (2015)	10-14 years	No data
	15-19 years	12.3
% of women (aged 20-24) who gave birth before 18 years <sup>5</sup> (2015)	14.9	
Number of births per 1,000 girls, 15-19 <sup>4</sup> (2019)	80.0	
% of adolescent girls (aged 15-19) with live births who received antenatal care (ANC4+ visits)	No recent data	
% of births among girls (aged 15-19) attended by skilled health personnel	88.2	

## ABORTION

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

## FERTILITY INTENTIONS & CONTRACEPTIVE USE<sup>5</sup> (2015)

% of 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 recent data	No recent data
Last pregnancy wanted later (≥2 years)	No recent data	No recent data
Last pregnancy not wanted at all	No recent data	No recent data
% of adolescent girls (aged 15-19) with an unmet need for modern methods of contraception	44.4	91.3
% of sexually active unmarried adolescent girls (aged 15-19) who currently use at least one method of modern contraception	5.0	

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

No recent data available

### Contraceptive method mix, 15-19 years

No recent data available

### Main sources of contraception, 15-19 years

No recent data available

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

No recent data available

## 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	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
Number of new HIV infections among adolescents per year	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
% of adolescents with comprehensive knowledge about AIDS <sup>5</sup> (2015)	No data	No data	36.5	No data	No data	41.9
% prevalence of sexually transmitted infections among adolescents <sup>5</sup> (2015)	No data	No data	3.5	No data	No data	5.9
% 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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