

Country Profiles for Population and Reproductive Health:

Policy Developments and Indicators 2003



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Swaziland

Overview

Swaziland faces a number of population-related challenges. In the past decade, Swaziland has experienced a rapid increase in HIV/AIDS prevalence. Today, it is one of the five most-affected countries in the world. Nearly one half of all young people aged 20 to 24 are HIV-positive. Teenage fertility is another significant problem, with over one half of female students dropping out of high school due to pregnancy. Girls' enrolment in school has also been declining as a result of gender inequality in Swazi society. Under the dual form of government (which consists of both modern and traditional institutions), women have low status. This requires them to secure the consent of either a husband or parent in order to access family planning services, including contraception.

The Government, in collaboration with UNFPA, seeks to reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS and teenage fertility by increasing contraceptive prevalence and the number of youth-friendly reproductive health services. To this end, a UN grant was awarded to Swaziland in 2000 to develop regional capacity in adolescent reproductive health, targeting girls and boys aged 10 to 24. The Family Life Association of Swaziland (FLAS), a member of the International Planned Parenthood Federation, provides information, education and counselling services to youth and adults. FLAS has also conducted valuable sociocultural research on male attitudes toward contraception, the onset of sexual activity in teenagers, and the legal and policy barriers to family planning services.

One of Swaziland's key achievements has been the development of gender awareness materials and training for staff and policy makers in an effort to increase female enrolment in schools. The Government is also taking important steps towards the integration of population and family life education into school curricula.

Statistics

POPULATION

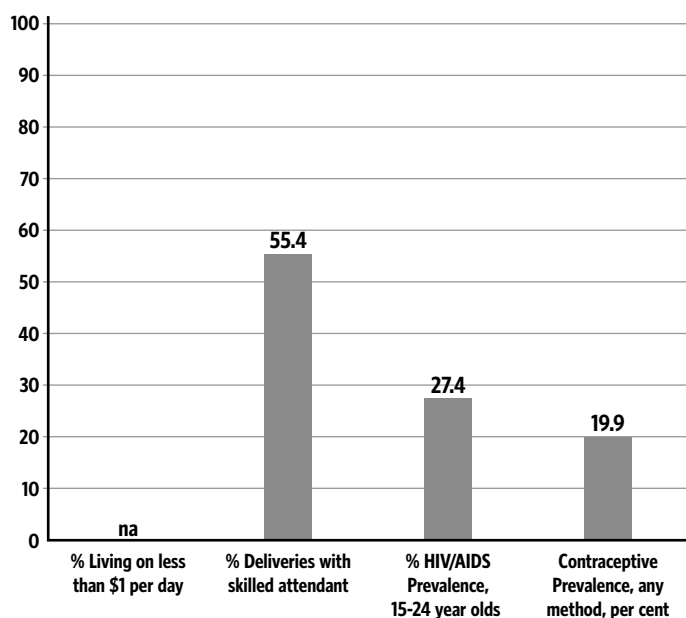
Population in Thousands, 2001, Total, Male	468.4
Population in Thousands, 2001, Total, Female	479.4
Population Growth Rate, Per Cent	2.0
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 Population	35.6
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 Population	14.0
Urban Population, Per Cent	27.1
Sex Ratio at Birth, Male Births per Female Birth	1.03
Women 15-49, Thousands	228.0
Women 15-49, Per Cent	47.6
Total Fertility Rate per Woman 15-49	4.80
Contraceptive Prevalence Rate for Women 15-49, Modern Method, Per Cent	17.2
Contraceptive Prevalence Rate for Women 15-49, Any Method, Per Cent	▲ 19.9
Maternal Mortality Ratio per 100,000 Live Births (MMR)	●▲ 370
MMR, Lower Bound	●▲ 130
MMR, Upper Bound	●▲ 900
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births	●▲ 86.9
Under Age 5 Mortality Rate, Total	●▲ 171
Under Age 5 Mortality Rate, Female	●▲ na
Under Age 5 Mortality Rate, Male	●▲ na
Life Expectancy at Birth, Combined, Years	●▲ 50.8
Life Expectancy at Birth, Female, Years	●▲ 52.2
Life Expectancy at Birth, Male, Years	●▲ 49.3
Population 60 Years and Over, Per Cent	5.7

Estimated Annual Resource Requirements for Population Programmes

Years 2005-2015 (in millions \$US)

Date	2005	2010	2015
Cost	5.49	6.54	7.99

Indicators for Population and Reproductive Health



Indicators

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SOCIO-ECONOMIC & HEALTH

Gross Domestic Product Per Capita, Purchasing Power Parity, International Dollars	4,492
Gross Domestic Product Growth Rate, Annual Per Cent	2.6
Income Group per World Bank Classification	Lower middle income
UNFPA Country Priority Classification	B
Population Below \$1/Day, Per Cent	▲ na
Access to Improved Water Supply, Per Cent	▲ na
Deliveries Attended by Skilled Attendants, Per Cent	● ▲ 55
Family Planning Programme Effort Index, 1999 (Total Mean Score)	na
Illiteracy Rate, Per Cent of Population Age 15 and Over, Male	19
Illiteracy Rate, Per Cent of Population Age 15 and Over, Female	21
Primary School Enrolment, Gross % of School Age Population, Male	● ▲ 121
Primary School Enrolment, Gross % of School Age Population, Female	● ▲ 128
Secondary School Enrolment, Gross Per Cent of School Age Population, Male	● ▲ 56
Secondary School Enrolment, Gross Per Cent of School Age Population, Female	● ▲ 55
Children Underweight Under 5, Male, Per Cent	na
Children Underweight Under 5, Female, Per Cent	na
Stunted Children Under 5, Moderate, Per Cent	na
Stunted Children Under 5, Severe, Per Cent	na
Wasted Children Under 5, Moderate, Per Cent	na
Wasted Children Under 5, Severe, Per Cent	na

● ICPD Goals ▲ MDG Indicators

ADOLESCENT REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Proportion of Population 15-24	20.6
Age-Specific Fertility Rate per 1000 Women, 15-20	81.2
Mean Age at Marriage, Male	29.3
Mean Age at Marriage, Female	26.0
HIV/AIDS Prevalence, 15-24, Lower Bound, Female	● ▲ 31.6
HIV/AIDS Prevalence, 15-24, Upper Bound, Female	● ▲ 47.4
HIV/AIDS Prevalence, 15-24, Lower Bound, Male	● ▲ 12.2
HIV/AIDS Prevalence, 15-24, Upper Bound, Male	● ▲ 18.3

GENDER EQUALITY

Labour Force Participation Rate, 15-64, Total	61.2
Labour Force Participation Rate, 15-64, Male	82.2
Labour Force Participation Rate, 15-64, Female	42.8
Women in Managerial or Technical Positions, Thousands	8.0
Seats in Parliament Held by Women, Per Cent	6.3

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH COMMODITY SECURITY

Projected Increase/Decrease in Women of Reproductive Age 2000-2015, Thousands	25.7
Projected Increase/Decrease in Women of Reproductive Age 2000-2015, Per Cent	11.5
Unmet Need for Family Planning, Spacing, Per Cent	● na
Unmet Need for Family Planning, Limiting, Per Cent	● na
Unmet Need for Family Planning, Total, Per Cent	● na
Unmet Need for Family Planning, Thousands	● na

INTERNAL DISPARITIES

Total Fertility Rate per Woman 15-49:		Adolescent Women 15-19 Begun Childbearing:		Highest Level of Education, Per Cent	na
Urban	na	Urban, Per Cent	na	Provincial Low, Per Cent	na
Rural	na	Rural, Per Cent	na	Provincial High, Per Cent	na
No Education/Primary	na	No Education/Primary, Per Cent	na	Poorest, Per Cent	na
Highest Level of Education	na	Highest Level of Education, Per Cent	na	Richest, Per Cent	na
Provincial Low	na	Provincial Low, Per Cent	na	Children Underweight Under 5, Moderate:	
Provincial High	na	Provincial High, Per Cent	na	Urban, Per Cent	na
Poorest	na	Poorest, Per Cent	na	Rural, Per Cent	na
Richest	na	Richest, Per Cent	na	No Education/Primary, Per Cent	na
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births:		Deliveries Attended by Skilled Attendants:		Highest Level of Education, Per Cent	na
Urban	na	Urban, Per Cent	na	Provincial Low, Per Cent	na
Rural	na	Rural, Per Cent	na	Provincial High, Per Cent	na
No Education/Primary	na	No Education/Primary, Per Cent	na	Poorest, Per Cent	na
Highest Level of Education	na	Highest Level of Education, Per Cent	na	Richest, Per Cent	na
Provincial Low	na	Provincial Low, Per Cent	na	Children Underweight Under 5, Severe:	
Provincial High	na	Provincial High, Per Cent	na	Urban, Per Cent	na
Poorest	na	Poorest, Per Cent	na	Rural, Per Cent	na
Richest	na	Richest, Per Cent	na	No Education/Primary, Per Cent	na
Age-Specific Fertility Rate, 15-19 Years:		Modern Contraceptive Prevalence Rate for Women 15-49:		Highest Level of Education, Per Cent	na
Urban	na	Urban, Per Cent	na	Provincial Low, Per Cent	na
Rural	na	Rural, Per Cent	na	Provincial High, Per Cent	na
Poorest	na	Rural, Per Cent	na	Richest, Per Cent	na
Richest	na	No Education/Primary, Per Cent	na	Poorest, Per Cent	na