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## FOREWORD

TThe Gambia Bureau of Statistics (GBoS) is pleased to present the results of the 2019-20 Gambia Demographic and Health Survey (GDHS). The 2019-20 GDHS is the second Demographic and Health Survey conducted in The Gambia and is a follow-on to the 2013 survey. The 2019-20 GDHS provides an opportunity to inform policy and provide data for planning, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation of national health programmes. GBoS wishes to express its appreciation to those who were involved in the implementation of the 2019-20 GDHS and the preparation of this report.

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## ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

| ACRWC | African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child |
| :--- | :--- |
| ACT | artemisinin-based combination therapy |
| AIDS | acquired immunodeficiency syndrome <br> antenatal care <br> ANC |
| ARI | acute respiratory infection |
| ART | antiretroviral therapy |
| ARVs | antiretroviral drugs |
| ASFR | age-specific fertility rate |
| BCG | bacille Calmette-Guérin |
| BFCI | Baby Friendly Community Initiative |
| BMI | body mass index |
| CAPI | computer-assisted personal interviewing |
| CBR | crude birth rate |
| CI | confidence interval |
| CPR | contraceptive prevalence rate |
| CRC | Census and Survey Processing |
| CSPro | design effect |
| DEFT | Demographic and Health Survey |
| DHS | international Conference on Population and Development |
| DPT | interia-pertussis-tetanus |
| Enserticide-treated net |  |


| IUD | intrauterine contraceptive device |
| :---: | :---: |
| IYCF | infant and young child feeding |
| LAM | lactational amenorrhoea method |
| LGA | local government area |
| LLIN | long-lasting insecticidal net |
| LPG | liquefied petroleum gas |
| MAM | moderate acute malnutrition |
| MenA | meningitis A |
| MMR | maternal mortality ratio |
| MoH | Ministry of Health |
| MR | measles/rubella |
| MRC | Medical Research Council |
| MTCT | mother-to-child transmission |
| NaNA | National Nutrition Agency |
| NAR | net attendance ratio |
| NGO | nongovernmental organisation |
| NMCP | National Malaria Control Programme |
| NN | neonatal mortality |
| OPV | oral polio vaccine |
| ORS | oral rehydration salts |
| ORT | oral rehydration therapy |
| PCV | pneumococcal conjugate vaccine |
| Pf | Plasmodium falciparum |
| PNN | postneonatal mortality |
| PRMR | pregnancy-related mortality ratio |
| RCH | reproductive and child health |
| RDT | rapid diagnostic test |
| RHF | recommended homemade fluids |
| RV | rotavirus vaccine |
| SAM | severe acute malnutrition |
| SD | standard deviation |
| SDG | Sustainable Development Goal |
| SDM | standard days method |
| SE | standard error |
| SP | sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine |
| STI | sexually transmitted infection |
| TFR | total fertility rate |
| TOT | training of trainers |
| UNDP | United Nations Development Programme |
| UNFPA | United Nations Population Fund |
| UNICEF | United Nations Children's Fund |
| USAID | United States Agency for International Development |
| VAD | vitamin A deficiency |
| VHW | village health worker |
| VIP | ventilated improved pit latrine |
| WHO | World Health Organization |

# READING AND UNDERSTANDING TABLES FROM THE 2019-20 GAMBIA DEMOGRAPHIC AND HEALTH SURVEY (GDHS) 

TThe 2019-20 GDHS final report is based on approximately 200 tables of data. For quick reference, they are located at the end of each chapter and can be accessed through links in the pertinent text (electronic version). Additionally, this more reader-friendly version features about 90 figures that clearly highlight trends, subnational patterns, and background characteristics. Large, colourful maps display breakdowns for Local Government Areas (LGAs) in The Gambia. The text has been simplified to highlight key points in bullets and to clearly identify indicator definitions in boxes.

While the text and figures featured in each chapter highlight some of the most important findings from the tables, not every finding can be discussed or displayed graphically. For this reason, GDHS data users should be comfortable reading and interpreting tables.

The following pages provide an introduction to the organisation of GHDS tables, the presentation of background characteristics, and a brief summary of sampling and understanding denominators. In addition, this section provides some exercises for users as they practice their new skills in interpreting GDHS tables.


Example 1: Exposure to Mass Media: Women
A Question Asked of All Survey Respondents

| Table 3.4.1 Exposure to mass media: Women |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of women age 15-49 who are exposed to specific media on a weekly basis, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Reads a newspaper at least once a week | Watches television at least once a week | Listens to the radio at least once a week | Accesses all three media at least once a week | Accesses none of the three media at least once a week | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 2.9 | 56.5 | 30.7 | 1.4 | 30.9 | 2,633 |
| 20-24 | 3.9 | 59.4 | 36.5 | 1.0 | 26.1 | 2,181 |
| 25-29 | 3.3 | 57.5 | 37.2 | 1.3 | 27.1 | 2,248 |
| 30-34 | 4.2 | 57.6 | 41.9 | 1.9 | 26.3 | 1,619 |
| 35-39 | 3.3 | 51.9 | 38.4 | 1.5 | 30.0 | 1,438 |
| 40-44 | 3.0 | 47.1 | 47.3 | 1.8 | 30.7 | 1,028 |
| 45-49 | 6.4 | 51.2 | 45.1 | 3.9 | 27.7 | 718 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 4.7 | 65.0 | 36.0 | 2.1 | 22.6 | 8,747 |
| Rural | 0.6 | 29.6 | 42.8 | 0.2 | 44.5 | 3,118 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 7.2 | 79.5 | 32.6 | 3.8 | 12.9 | 163 |
| Kanifing | 4.2 | 75.6 | 30.6 | 1.9 | 18.2 | 2,590 |
| Brikama | 5.3 | 59.1 | 38.8 | 2.3 | 24.7 | 5,299 |
| Mansakonko | 1.2 | 39.4 | 48.3 | 0.2 | 31.5 | 431 |
| Kerewan | 1.0 | 41.2 | 39.3 | 0.4 | 37.9 | 1,129 |
| Kuntaur | 0.3 | 29.3 | 44.5 | 0.1 | 42.7 | 522 |
| Janjanbureh | 0.3 | 26.4 | 47.4 | 0.3 | 43.6 | 595 |
| Basse | 0.6 | 39.0 | 35.9 | 0.1 | 45.2 | 1,137 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.0 | 41.5 | - 37.6 | 0.0 | 38.6 | 4,119 |
| Primary | 0.1 | 54.0 | 538.2 | 0.0 | 30.0 | 1,854 |
| Secondary or higher | 7.2 | 66.2 | 37.7 | 3.2 | 20.7 | 5,892 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.7 | 17.2 | 42.6 | 0.0 | 50.9 | 1,998 |
| Second | 0.8 | 32.2 | 40.0 | 0.2 | 43.4 | 2,135 |
| Middle | 1.5 | 60.1 | 35.6 | 0.4 | 28.4 | 2,292 |
| Fourth | 2.3 | 76.8 | 34.4 | 0.7 | 15.4 | 2,591 |
| Highest | 10.6 | 77.6 | 37.5 | 5.4 | 12.9 | 2,849 |
| Total | 4.6 | 55.7 | 37.8 | 1.6 | 28.4 | 11,865 |

Step 1: Read the title and subtitle, highlighted in orange in the table above. They tell you the topic and the specific population group being described. In this case, the table is about women age 15-49 and their exposure to different types of media. All eligible female respondents age 15-49 were asked these questions.

Step 2: Scan the column headings-highlighted in green in Example 1. They describe how the information is categorised. In this table, the first three columns of data show different types of media that women access at least once a week. The fourth column shows women who access all three types of media, while the fifth column shows women who do not access any of the three types of media on a weekly basis. The last column lists the number of women age 15-49 interviewed in the survey.

Step 3: Scan the row headings-the first vertical column highlighted in blue in Example 1. These show the different ways the data are divided into categories based on population characteristics. In this case, the table presents women's exposure to media by age, urban-rural residence, Local Government Area, level of education, and wealth quintile. Most of the tables in the GDHS report will be divided into these same categories.

Step 4: Look at the row at the bottom of the table highlighted in pink. These percentages represent the totals of all women age 15-49 and their weekly access to different types of media. In this case, 3.6\%* of
women age 15-49 read a newspaper at least once a week, $55.7 \%$ watch television at least weekly, and $37.8 \%$ listen to the radio on a weekly basis.

Step 5: To find out what percentage of women with a secondary education or higher listen to the radio on a weekly basis, draw two imaginary lines, as shown on the table. This shows that $37.7 \%$ of women age 1549 with a secondary education or higher listen to the radio at least once a week.

By looking at patterns by background characteristics, we can see how exposure to mass media varies across The Gambia. Mass media are often used to communicate health messages. Knowing how mass media exposure varies among different groups can help programme planners and policymakers determine how to most effectively reach their target populations.
*For the purpose of this document, data are presented exactly as they appear in the table including decimal places. However, the text in the remainder of this report rounds data to the nearest whole percentage point.

Practice: Use the table in Example 1 to answer the following questions:
a) What percentage of women in The Gambia do not access any of the three media at least once a week?
b) Which age group has the highest percentage of women who watch television at least once a week?
c) Compare women in urban areas to women in rural areas-which group has a higher percentage of women who read a newspaper at least once a week?
d) What are the lowest and highest percentages (range) of women who do not access any of the three media at least once a week by Local Government Area?
e) Is there a clear relationship in exposure to newspapers on a weekly basis by educational level?
f) Is there a clear relationship in exposure to television on a weekly basis by wealth quintile?





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Example 2: Prevalence and Treatment of Symptoms of ARI A Question Asked of a Subgroup of Survey Respondents

| Table 10.5 Prevalence and treatment of symptoms of ARI |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Among children under age 5 , percentage who had symptoms of acute respiratory infection (ARI) in the 2 weeks preceding the survey; and among children with symptoms of ARI in the 2 weeks preceding the survey, percentage for whom advice or treatment was sought, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Among children under age 5: |  | Among children under age 5 with symptoms of ARI: |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Percentage with symptoms of $A R I^{1}$ | Number of children | Percentage for whom advice or treatment was sought ${ }^{2}$ | Percentage for whom treatment was sought same or next day ${ }^{2}$ | Number of children |
| Age in months |  |  |  |  |  |
| <6 | 3.8 | 910 | 64.4 | 30.9 | 35 |
| 6-11 | 5.9 | 751 | 84.6 | 48.8 | 44 |
| 12-23 | 4.8 | 1,456 | 69.5 | 45.7 | 70 |
| 24-35 | 4.3 | 1,432 | 76.5 | 58.6 | 62 |
| 36-47 | 4.5 | 1,449 | 68.3 | 42.1 | 65 |
| 48-59 | 4.3 | 1,300 | 59.4 | 50.8 | 56 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 5.2 | 3,777 | 72.8 | 48.0 | 196 |
| Female | 3.9 | 3,521 | 66.7 | 45.9 | 137 |
| Cooking fuel |  |  |  |  |  |
| Electricity or gas | 1.2 | 134 | * | * | 2 |
| Kerosene | * | 11 | * | - ${ }^{*}$ | 2 |
| Charcoal | 5.3 | 2,201 | 77.6 | 47.0 | 116 |
| Wood/straw ${ }^{3}$ | 4.3 | 4,920 | 66.4 | 46.7 | 210 |
| Sawdust | * | 17 | * | * | 2 |
| No food cooked in household | * | 13 | * | * | 0 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 4.3 | 4,796 | 71.3 | 48.1 | 204 |
| Rural | 5.1 | 2,501 | 68.7 | 45.6 | 128 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 5.8 | 71 | (69.5) | (45.5) | 4 |
| Kanifing | 7.8 | 1,248 | 64.3 | 40.0 | 98 |
| Brikama | 2.8 | 3,005 | (79.6) | (59.4) | 85 |
| Mansakonko | 4.8 | 314 | - (61.9) | (32.7) | 15 |
| Kerewan | 3.4 | 866 | - (64.1) | (53.0) | 29 |
| Kuntaur | 9.7 | 443 | 671 | 43.8 | 43 |
| Janjanbureh | 2.4 | 455 | * | * | 11 |
| Basse | 5.3 | 895 | 76.0 | 45.8 | 47 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 4.5 | 3,377 | 67.9 | 41.1 | 153 |
| Primary | 3.5 | 1,310 | 60.5 | 39.4 | 46 |
| Secondary or higher | 5.1 | 2,610 | 76.5 | 56.7 | 133 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 4.4 | 1,630 | 66.8 | 46.7 | 71 |
| Second | 4.2 | 1,548 | 75.7 | 51.6 | 65 |
| Middle | 4.8 | 1,518 | 73.7 | 50.4 | 72 |
| Fourth | 4.3 | 1,362 | (57.1) | (34.9) | 59 |
| Highest | 5.2 | 1,240 | (77.2) | (50.7) | 65 |
| Total | 34.6 | 7,297 | 70.3 | 47.1 | 332 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
Symptoms of ARI include short, rapid breathing which was chest-related and/or difficult breathing which was chestrelated.
${ }^{2}$ Includes advice or treatment from the following sources: public sector, private medical sector, or shop. Excludes advice or treatment from a traditional practitioner.
${ }^{3}$ Includes grass, shrubs, and crop residues

Step 1: Read the title and subtitle. In this case, the table is about two separate groups of children: all children under age 5 (a) and children under age 5 with symptoms of acute respiratory infection (ARI) in the 2 weeks before the survey (b).

Step 2: Identify the two panels. First, identify the columns that refer to all children under age 5 (a), and then isolate the columns that refer only to children under age 5 with symptoms of ARI in the 2 weeks before the survey (b).

Step 3: Look at the first panel. What percentage of children under age 5 had symptoms of ARI in the 2 weeks before the survey? It's $4.6 \%$. Now look at the second panel. How many children under age 5 are there who had symptoms of ARI in the 2 weeks before the survey? It's 332 children, or $4.6 \%$ of the 7,297 children under age 5 (with rounding). The second panel is a subset of the first panel.

Step 4: Only $4.6 \%$ of children under age 5 had symptoms of ARI in the 2 weeks before the survey. Once these children are further divided into the background characteristic categories, there may be too few cases for the percentages to be reliable.

- Among children under age 5 with symptoms of ARI in the 2 weeks before the survey in Banjul, what percentage of children under age 5 had treatment or advice sought? It's $69.5 \%$. This percentage is in parentheses because there are between 25 and 49 cases (unweighted) in this category. Readers should use this number with caution-it may not be reliable. (For more information on weighted and unweighted numbers, see Example 3.)
- Among children under age 5 with symptoms of ARI in the 2 weeks before the survey, what percentage of children in Janjanbureh had treatment or advice sought? There is no number in this cell-only an asterisk. This is because fewer than 25 children under age 5 had recent symptoms of ARI in Janjanbureh. Results for this group are not reported. The subgroup is too small, and therefore the data are not reliable.

Note: When parentheses or asterisks are used in a table, the explanation will be noted under the table. If there are no parentheses or asterisks in a table, you can proceed with confidence that enough cases were included in all categories that the data are reliable.

## Example 3: Understanding Sampling Weights in GDHS Tables

A sample is a group of people who have been selected for a survey. In the GDHS, the sample is designed to represent the national population age 15-49. In addition to national data, most countries want to collect and report data on smaller geographical or administrative areas. However, doing so requires a large enough sample size in each area. For the 2019-20 GDHS, the survey sample is representative at the national level, for urban and rural areas, and for the eight Local Government Areas.

To generate statistics that are representative of the country as a whole and the eight LGAs, the number of women surveyed in each LGA should contribute to the size of the total (national) sample in proportion to size of the LGA. However, if some Local Government Areas have small populations, then a sample allocated in proportion to each LGA's population may not include sufficient women from each LGA for analysis. To solve this problem, Local Government Areas with small populations are oversampled. For example, let's say that you have enough money to interview 11,865 women and want to produce results that are
 representative of The Gambia as a whole and its Local Government Areas (as in modified Table 3.1). However, the total population of The Gambia is not evenly distributed among the LGAs: some LGAs, such as Brikama, are heavily populated while others, such as Banjul, are not. Thus, Banjul must be oversampled.

A sampling statistician determines how many women should be interviewed in each Local Government Area in order to get reliable statistics. The blue column (1) in the table above shows the actual number of women interviewed in each LGA. The number of women interviewed per LGA ranges from 947 in Banjul to 2,355 in Brikama. The number of interviews is sufficient to get reliable results in each LGA.

With this distribution of interviews, some LGAs are overrepresented and some LGAs are underrepresented. For example, the population in Brikama is about $45 \%$ of the population in The Gambia, while Banjul's population represents only $1 \%$ of the population in The Gambia. But as the blue column shows, the number of women interviewed in Brikama accounts for only about $20 \%$ of the total sample of women interviewed $(2,355 / 11,865)$ and the number of women interviewed in Banjul accounts for $8 \%$ of women interviewed $(947 / 11,865)$. This unweighted distribution of women does not accurately represent the population.

In order to get statistics that are representative of The Gambia, the distribution of the women in the sample needs to be weighted (or mathematically adjusted) such that it resembles the true distribution in the country. Women from a small LGA, like Banjul, should contribute only a small amount to the national total. Women from a large LGA, like Brikama, should contribute much more. Therefore, DHS statisticians mathematically calculate a "weight" that is used to adjust the number of women from each LGA so that each LGA's contribution to the total is proportional to the actual population of the Local Government Area. The numbers in the purple column (2) represent the "weighted" values. The weighted values can be smaller or larger than the unweighted values at the LGA level. The total national sample size of 11,865 women has not changed after weighting, but the distribution of the women in the LGAs has been changed to represent their contribution to the total population size.

How do statisticians weight each category? They take into account the probability that a woman was selected in the sample. If you were to compare the green column (3) to the actual population distribution of The Gambia, you would see that women in each LGA are contributing to the total sample with the same weight that they contribute to the population of the country. The weighted number of women in the survey
now accurately represents the proportion of women who live in Brikama and the proportion of women who live in Banjul.

With sampling and weighting, it is possible to interview enough women to provide reliable statistics at national and LGA levels. In general, only the weighted numbers are shown in each of the GDHS tables, so don't be surprised if these numbers seem low: they may actually represent a larger number of women interviewed.

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL INDICATORS

| Indicator |  | Sex |  | Total | DHS table number |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female |  |  |
| 2. Zero hunger |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.2.1 | Prevalence of stunting among children under 5 years of age | 18.5 | 16.4 | 17.5 | 11.1 |
| 2.2.2 | Prevalence of malnutrition among children under 5 years of age | 7.9 | 6.4 | 7.2 | na |
|  | a) Prevalence of wasting among children under 5 years of age | 5.9 | 4.1 | 5.1 | 11.1 |
|  | b) Prevalence of overweight among children under 5 years of age | 2.0 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 11.1 |
| 3. Good health and well-being |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3.1.1 | Maternal mortality ratio ${ }^{1}$ | na | na | 289 | 14.4 |
| 3.1.2 | Proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel | na | na | 83.8 | 9.6 |
| 3.2.1 | Under-five mortality rate ${ }^{2}$ | 60 | 52 | 56 | 8.2 |
| 3.2.2 | Neonatal mortality rate ${ }^{2}$ | 31 | 26 | 29 | 8.2 |
| 3.7.1 | Proportion of women of reproductive age (aged 15-49 years) who have their need for family planning satisfied with modern methods | na | 41.3 | na | 7.13.2 |
| 3.7.2 | Adolescent birth rates per 1,000 women |  |  |  |  |
|  | a) Girls aged 10-14 years ${ }^{3}$ | na | 1 | na | 5.1 |
|  | b) Women aged 15-19 years ${ }^{4}$ | na | 65 | na | 5.1 |
| 3.a. 1 | Age-standardised prevalence of current tobacco use among persons aged 15 years and older ${ }^{5}$ | 18.9 | 0.6 | $9.8{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 3.10.1, 3.10.2 |
| 3.b. 1 | Proportion of the target population covered by all vaccines included in their national programme |  |  |  |  |
|  | a) Coverage of DPT-containing vaccine ( $3^{\text {rd }}$ dose $)^{6}$ | 92.0 | 93.5 | 92.8 | 10.3 |
|  | b) Coverage of measles-containing vaccine ( $2^{\text {nd }}$ dose) $)^{7}$ | 72.3 | 68.6 | 70.5 | 10.3 |
|  | c) Coverage of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (last dose in schedule) ${ }^{8}$ | 91.7 | 92.9 | 92.3 | 10.3 |
| 5. Gender equality |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5.2.1 | Proportion of ever-partnered women and girls aged 15 years and older subjected to physical, sexual or psychological violence by a current or former intimate partner in the |  |  |  |  |
|  | previous 12 months ${ }^{9}, 10$ | na | 17.3 9.0 | na | 16.12 16.12 |
|  | a) Physical violence | na | 9.0 2.4 | na | 16.12 16.12 |
|  | b) Pexual violence | na | 13.7 | na | 16.12 |
| 5.3.1 | Proportion of women aged 20-24 years who were married or in a union before age 15 and before age 18 |  |  |  |  |
|  | a) Before age 15 | na | 5.6 | na | 4.3 |
|  | b) Before age 18 | na | 23.1 | na | 4.3 |
| 5.3.2 | Proportion of girls and women aged 15-49 years who have undergone female genital mutilation/cutting | na | 72.6 | na | 17.2 |
| 5.6.1 | Proportion of women aged 15-49 years who make their own informed decisions regarding |  |  |  |  |
|  | sexual relations, contraceptive use and reproductive health care ${ }^{11}$ | na | 19.5 | na | na |
| 5.b. 1 | Proportion of individuals who own a mobile telephone ${ }^{12}$ | 85.6 | 76.4 | $81.0^{\text {a }}$ | 15.6.1, 15.6.2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Indicator |  | Urban | Rural | Total | DHS table number |
| 7. Affordable clean energy |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7.1.1 | Proportion of population with access to electricity | 78.6 | 24.7 | 62.1 | 2.4 |
| 7.1.2 | Proportion of population with primary reliance on clean fuels and technology ${ }^{13}$ | 3.5 | 0.1 | 2.5 | 2.4 |
|  |  | Sex |  |  |  |
| Indicator |  | Male | Female | Total | DHS table number |
| 8. Decent work and economic growth |  |  |  |  |  |
| $8.10 .2$ | Proportion of adults (15 years and older) with an account at a bank or other financial institution or with a mobile-money-service provider ${ }^{14}$ | 28.7 | 17.2 | $23.0{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 15.6.1, 15.6.2 |
| 16. Peace, justice, and strong institutions |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16.9.1 | Proportion of children under 5 years of age whose births have been registered with a civil authority | 60.3 | 57.7 | 59.0 | 2.11 |
| 17. Partnerships for the goals |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17.8.1 | Proportion of individuals using the Internet ${ }^{15}$ | 73.3 | 61.8 | $67.6^{\text {a }}$ | 3.5 |
| na $=$ Not applicable |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{1}$ Expressed in terms of maternal deaths per 100,000 live births in the 7-year period preceding the survey |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{2}$ Expressed in terms of deaths per 1,000 live births for the 5 -year period preceding the survey |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{3}$ Equivalent to the age-specific fertility rate for girls age 10-14 for the 3-year period preceding the survey, expressed in terms of births per 1,000 girls age 10-14 |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{4}$ Equivalent to the age-specific fertility rate for women age 15-19 for the 3-year period preceding the survey, expressed in terms of births per 1,000 women age 15-19 |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{5}$ Data are not age-standardised and are available for women and men age 15-49 only. |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{6}$ The percentage of children age 12-23 months who received three doses of DPT-HepB-Hib |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{7}$ The percentage of children age 24-35 months who received two doses of measles or measles/rubella |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{8}$ The percentage of children age 12-23 months who received three doses of pneumococcal vaccine |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{9}$ Data are available for women age 15-49 who have ever been in union only. |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{10}$ In the DHS, psychological violence is termed emotional violence. |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{11}$ Data are available for currently married women who are not pregnant only. |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{13}^{12}$ Data are available for women and men age 15-49 only. |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{13}$ Measured as the percentage of the population using clean fuel for cooking |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{14}$ Data are available for women and men age 15-49 who have and use an account at a bank or other financial institution; information on use of a mobile-money-service provider is not available. |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{15}$ Data are available for women and men age 15-49 who have used the internet in the past 12 months. |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{\text {a }}$ The total is calculated as the simple arithmetic mean of the percentages in the columns for males and females. |  |  |  |  |  |

## THE GAMBIA



## INTRODUCTION AND SURVEY METHODOLOGY

TThe 2019-20 Gambia Demographic and Health Survey (GDHS) was implemented by The Gambia Bureau of Statistics (GBoS) in collaboration with the Ministry of Health ( MoH ). Data collection took place from 21 November 2019 to 30 March 2020. ICF provided technical assistance through The DHS Program, a United States Agency for International Development (USAID)-funded program that supports the implementation of population and health surveys in countries worldwide. The 2019-20 GDHS received substantial funding from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), which supported the survey from its initiation to its completion, assisting with coordination, mobilisation and management of funds, advocacy with the government, and communication. Other agencies and organisations that facilitated the successful implementation of the survey through technical or financial support were the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Health Organization (WHO), the ActionAid International The Gambia, the Network Against Gender Based Violence, the National Nutrition Agency (NaNA), and The Government of The Republic of The Gambia.

### 1.1 Survey Objectives

The primary objective of the 2019-20 GDHS is to provide up-to-date estimates of basic demographic and health indicators. Specifically, the 2019-20 GDHS:

- collected data on fertility levels and preferences; contraceptive use; maternal and child health; infant, child, and neonatal mortality levels; maternal mortality; gender; nutrition; awareness about HIV/AIDS; self-reported sexually transmitted infections (STIs); and other health issues relevant to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- obtained information on the availability of, access to, and use of mosquito nets as part of the National Malaria Control Programme
- gathered information on other health issues such as injections, tobacco use, hypertension, diabetes, and health insurance
- collected data on women's empowerment, domestic violence, fistula, and female genital mutilation/cutting
- tested household salt for the presence of iodine
- obtained data on child feeding practices, including breastfeeding, and conducted anthropometric measurements to assess the nutritional status of children under age 5 and women age 15-49
- conducted anaemia testing of women age 15-49 and children age 6-59 months
- conducted malaria testing of children age 6-59 months

The information collected through the 2019-20 GDHS is intended to assist policymakers and program managers in evaluating and designing programs and strategies for improving the health of the country's population.

### 1.2 Sample Design

The sampling frame used for the 2019-20 GDHS was based on an updated version of the 2013 Gambia Population and Housing Census ( 2013 GPHC) conducted by GBoS. The census counts were updated in 2015-16 based on district-level projected counts from the 2015-16 Integrated Household Survey (IHS). Administratively, The Gambia is divided into eight Local Government Areas (LGAs). Each LGA is subdivided into districts and each district is subdivided into settlements. A settlement, a group of small settlements, or a part of a large settlement can form an enumeration area (EA). These units allow the country to be easily separated into small geographical area units, each with an urban or rural designation. There are 48 districts, 120 wards, and 4,098 EAs in The Gambia; the EAs have an average size of 68 households.

The sample for the 2019-20 GDHS was a stratified sample selected in two stages. In the first stage, EAs were selected with a probability proportional to their size within each sampling stratum. A total of 281 EAs were selected.

In the second stage, the households were systematically sampled. A household listing operation was undertaken in all of the selected clusters. The resulting lists of households served as the sampling frame from which a fixed number of 25 households were systematically selected per cluster, resulting in a total sample size of 7,025 selected households. Results from this sample are representative at the national, urban, and rural levels and at the LGA levels.

All women age 15-49 who were either permanent residents of the selected households or visitors who stayed in the households the night before the survey were eligible to be interviewed. Additionally, in half of the selected households, men age 15-59 were eligible to be interviewed. In the households selected for male interviews, biomarker tests were also performed. Haemoglobin testing for anaemia was done in each of these households among eligible women age 18-49 and young emancipated women age 15-17 who consented to being tested. With the parent's or guardian's consent, children age 6-59 months and young non-emancipated women age 15-17 were also tested for anaemia in each household. In addition, with parental consent, children age 6-59 months were eligible for malaria testing using a rapid diagnostic test (RDT). Height and weight measurements were conducted on children age 0-59 months and women age 1549. Finally, one eligible woman in each household from which the male sample was drawn was randomly selected to be asked questions about domestic violence.

### 1.3 Questionnaires

Five questionnaires were used for the 2019-20 GDHS: the Household Questionnaire, the Woman's Questionnaire, the Man's Questionnaire, the Biomarker Questionnaire, and the Fieldworker Questionnaire. These questionnaires, based on The DHS Program's standard questionnaires, were adapted to reflect the population and health issues relevant to The Gambia. Suggestions were solicited from various stakeholders representing government ministries, departments, and agencies; nongovernmental organisations; and international donors. All questionnaires were written in English, and interviewers translated the questions into the appropriate local language to carry out the interview.

The Household Questionnaire listed all members of and visitors to the selected households. Basic demographic information was collected on each person listed, including age, sex, marital status, education, and relationship to the head of the household. For children under age 18, parents' survival status was determined. The data on age and sex of household members were used to identify women and men eligible for individual interviews. The Household Questionnaire also collected information on characteristics of the household's housing unit, such as source of water; type of toilet facilities; materials used for flooring, external walls, and roofing; ownership of various household goods; access to and use of mosquito nets; and the iodine content in household salt.

The Woman's Questionnaire was used to collect information from all eligible women age 15-49. These women were asked questions on the following topics:

- Background characteristics (including age, education, and media exposure)
- Reproduction and child mortality
- Contraception
- Antenatal, delivery, and postnatal care
- Vaccinations and childhood illnesses
- Maternal and child health and nutrition
- Marriage, sexual activity, and fistula
- Fertility preferences
- Women's work and husbands' background characteristics
- Knowledge, awareness, and behaviour regarding HIV/AIDS and other STIs
- Other health issues (e.g., injections, smoking, and health insurance)
- Noncommunicable diseases (e.g., hypertension and diabetes)
- Female genital mutilation/cutting
- Adult and maternal mortality
- Domestic violence

The Man's Questionnaire was used to collect information from all eligible men age 15-59 in half of the sampled households. These men were asked questions on:

- Background characteristics
- Reproduction
- Contraception
- Marriage and sexual activity
- Fertility preferences
- Employment and gender roles
- HIV/AIDS
- Other health issues (e.g., injections, smoking, female genital mutilation/cutting, hypertension, diabetes, and health insurance)

The Biomarker Questionnaire was used to record the results of the anthropometric measurements and haemoglobin and malaria testing.

The Fieldworker Questionnaire served as a tool for conducting analyses of data quality. Fieldworkers filled out a two-page self-administered questionnaire on their general background characteristics after the main training and before fieldworkers entered the field. No personal identifiers were attached to the GDHS fieldworkers' data file.

The Household, Woman's, and Man's Questionnaires were programmed into tablet computers to facilitate computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI) for data collection purposes. The Biomarker
Questionnaire was completed on paper during data collection and then entered into the CAPI system in the field before the data collection teams completed each cluster.

The protocols for survey methodology, biomarker measurements, and all instruments were approved by institutional review boards (IRBs) at ICF and The Gambia Government/Medical Research Council (MRC) Joint Ethics Committee in The Gambia. Both IRBs approved the protocols before the commencement of data collection activities.

### 1.4 Anthropometry, Malaria Testing, and Anaemia Testing

The 2019-20 GDHS incorporated three biomarkers: anthropometry, malaria testing, and anaemia testing, the results of which were recorded in the Biomarker Questionnaire. For anaemia and malaria testing, a
consent statement was read to all eligible respondents or to the parent or adult responsible for children and young non-emancipated women age 15-17 and the women themselves. This statement explained the purpose of the tests, informed them that the results would be made available as soon as the test was completed, and requested permission for the test to be carried out. All households in which anthropometry measurements, anaemia testing, malaria testing, or all three were conducted were given a brochure explaining the causes of and ways to prevent anaemia and malaria.

### 1.4.1 Anthropometric Measurements

In households selected for biomarker collection, height and weight measurements were recorded for children age 0-59 months and women age 15-49. Weight measurements were obtained using lightweight, electronic SECA 878 scales with a digital screen and a mother and child function. Height measurements were carried out with measuring boards made by Weigh and Measure, LLC. Children younger than age 24 months were measured while lying down on the board, while standing height was measured for older children and for women.

The 2019-20 GDHS included quality assurance procedures to improve the data quality of anthropometric measurements. These procedures, undertaken in real time during data collection, included re-measurement of all children with data outside of pre-specified flagged values on a subsequent day and re-measurement of $10 \%$ of a random sample of children on a subsequent day. Fieldworkers were blinded to the reason for re-measurement.

### 1.4.2 Malaria Testing

Malaria testing was carried out among children age 6-59 months using SD Bioline Ag P.f/Pan RDTs, which provided respondents with immediate feedback regarding their malaria status. Results of the RDTs were given to the child's parent or another adult who was responsible for the child's care. Children with a positive malaria test were offered a full course of treatment according to the standard malaria treatment protocols in The Gambia, and those with severe malaria were referred to a nearby health facility for treatment. The results are being used to calculate the overall prevalence of malaria among children in this age group.

### 1.4.3 Anaemia Testing

Blood specimens were collected from all children age 6-59 months and women age 15-49 who consented to testing for anaemia. For non-emancipated young women age 15-17 who had never been married, the consent of a parent or guardian was sought first, followed by youth assent. For children age 6-59 months, consent was provided by a parent or guardian.

Blood samples were drawn from a drop of blood taken from a finger prick (or a heel prick for young children age 6-11 months or very thin children with small fingers) and collected in a microcuvette. Haemoglobin analysis was carried out on-site using a battery-operated portable HemoCue 201+ analyser, which produces a result in less than 1 minute. Results were given verbally and in writing. Parents of children with a haemoglobin level below $8 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ were advised to take the child to a health facility for follow-up care. Likewise, non-pregnant women and pregnant women were referred for follow-up care if their haemoglobin levels were below $8 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ and $9 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$, respectively.

Lancets and other supplies and equipment used during sample collection (HemoCue microcuvettes, gloves, gauze, alcohol swabs, bandage packaging, and waste collection bags) were disposed of safely, usually by taking the materials to a nearby health facility that uses proper protocols for the disposal of biohazardous waste.

### 1.5 Pretest

Fifteen participants ( 10 females and 5 males) took part in training to pretest the GDHS survey questionnaires over a 4-week period from 27 August to 21 September 2019. The first 2 weeks featured classroom training focused on questionnaire content. On 8 September, all participants took part in 1 day of field practice using paper questionnaires. Using the paper questionnaires filled out during the field practice, participants were trained on the CAPI system, an electronic data capture system programmed on tablet computers, from 10-17 September.

On 11 September, all participants received a half day of training on anthropometry and their role as assistants in taking measurements. They practiced measuring adults as if they were children and then practiced on children under age 5 both standing and lying down. Seven participants also practiced as assistants during the standardisation exercise on 14 September.

DHS Program staff and consultants co-facilitated the training with GBoS personnel in English. The training consisted of classroom lectures and discussions, mock interview demonstrations in front of the class, and interview practice in pairs in English and in local languages. Tests and quizzes were given throughout training to monitor progress and identify gaps in understanding. Furthermore, four guest lecturers made presentations on mosquito net programmes and malaria treatment, family planning methods, immunisation, and domestic violence.

The biomarker technician training was held from 10-21 September 2019 at the same venue in a separate room. Five participants (two women and three men), as well as two biomarker coordinators (one woman and one man), were trained on the paper Biomarker Questionnaires and on biomarker collection. The training utilised a variety of different learning tools such as formal lectures on the technical aspects of biomarker collection, instructions on how to fill out the questionnaires, informal discussions using case scenarios, videos to demonstrate the process of biomarker collection, demonstrations using adults, and hands-on practice with children and adults. In addition to the aforementioned training, the biomarker technicians participated in anthropometry standardisation exercises, one with adults on 13 September and another with children on 14 September. After all exercises, there was group discussion, and feedback was provided to technicians.

From 18-20 September, interviewers and biomarker technicians conducted practice fieldwork to solidify skills learned during pretest training and to provide a simulated fieldwork experience to test survey materials. Three teams composed of one supervisor, three female interviewers, one male interviewer, and one or two biomarker technicians practiced data collection in the field in three communities in Brikama LGA, with data being gathered in both urban and rural areas. Each team was assigned a cluster and returned to that same cluster each day. Each team was expected to complete 16 households, half of which were selected for the Man's Questionnaire and biomarkers. Feedback was provided to individuals and teams during this exercise and during daily debriefings. The questionnaires were modified based on lessons learned from the exercise.

### 1.6 Training of Field Staff

The 2019-20 GDHS main training was held from 16 October to 14 November 2019. Eighty-eight participants ( 60 women and 28 men ) were trained on the paper questionnaires and the CAPI system, including 1 day of paper-based fieldwork and 4 days of CAPI-based fieldwork. The training for biomarker technicians was held from 30 October to 14 November at the same venue in a separate room. Eighteen participants (seven women and 11 men ) were trained on the paper Biomarker Questionnaires and on biomarker collection.

A training of trainers (TOT) was conducted on 14 and 15 October for the four master trainers from GBoS. The purpose of this training was to prepare the master trainers for the main training. Topics included adult learning principles, effective facilitation, and expectations for trainers and participants.

The main fieldwork training was led by the master trainers and backstopped by DHS Program staff and consultants. The interviewer training was conducted in English, and sessions discussed concepts, procedures, and methodology related to conducting the survey. Participants were guided through the questionnaires. As there were no translations to local languages, 1 day was devoted to reviewing the questionnaires in the most common local languages to discuss and agree upon the verbal translations. In addition, three guest lecturers offered presentations on mosquito net programmes and malaria treatment, family planning methods, and immunisation.

The training included presentations, lectures, hands-on exercises, mock interviews, role-plays, group work, and quizzes. In-class exercises included probing for age, checking age consistencies, copying information from the vaccination cards, completing the reproductive calendar, and practicing interviews. All participants also received training on how to test household salt for iodine. Tests and quizzes were given throughout training to monitor progress and identify gaps in understanding.

On 31 October, all participants took part in 1 day of field practice using the paper questionnaires. Each participant was expected to complete at least one household and one individual questionnaire. These questionnaires were later used during the CAPI training.

On 1 November, all supervisors, all male enumerators, and 18 female enumerators received a half day of training on anthropometry and their role as assistants in taking measurements. They practiced measuring adults as if they were children and then practiced on children under age 5 both standing and lying down. These participants also practiced as assistants in anthropometry on 7 and 8 November, as well as during the CAPI field practice. This allowed each team to have three trained assistants for anthropometry, with the male enumerator serving as the primary assistant and the supervisor and one female enumerator as a backup.

Once training on use of paper questionnaires concluded, data processing staff from The DHS Program and information technology (IT) personnel from GBoS conducted weeklong training on CAPI. From 2-8 November, participants learned about features of the data collection system, different scenarios, technical issues typically encountered during fieldwork, and ways to resolve issues.

The biomarker classroom portion of the training commenced from 30 October to 14 November and was attended by 18 participants, all of whom were community health nurses. The training was led by DHS Program staff and consultants, with the assistance of two biomarker coordinators from NaNA and the laboratory at the Edward Francis Teaching Hospital in Banjul and with the support of GBoS staff. Biomarker training included classroom instruction on anthropometric measurements, anaemia testing, malaria testing, appropriate procedures for obtaining informed consent, recording biomarker information in the Biomarker Questionnaire; and reporting results back to respondents with referrals as needed.
Additionally, daily break-out sessions were held during which trainees had the opportunity for hands-on practice with both adults and children.

A child anthropometry standardisation exercise was carried out on 5 November. Biomarker teams worked in pairs to measure children at 10 stations (five children less than age 24 months and five children age 2459 months). Each team performed two independent measurements on each child. This was then repeated on 10 different children with the pair reversing roles (i.e., with the assistant as the main measurer and vice versa). Following the standardisation exercise, the results of the exercise were presented, and feedback was provided. All trainees passed the standardisation exercise, and there was no need for re-standardisation.

Team supervisors received additional training that covered supervisors' roles and responsibilities, including how they should organise fieldwork, monitor interviews, and conduct quality control checks on paper and CAPI questionnaires. Additionally, team supervisors, as well as field coordinators and quality control monitors, were trained on the use of the Biomarker Procedural Checklist. Biomarker field coordinators were trained on the Biomarker Technical Checklist. All sections on each item in the checklist were reviewed to ensure that they were fully understood.

From 9-13 November, interviewers and biomarker technicians conducted practice fieldwork to solidify skills learned during the training and to provide a simulated fieldwork experience to test survey materials. Sixteen teams comprising one supervisor, three female interviewers, one male interviewer, and one or two biomarker technicians practiced data collection in the field in two communities in Brikama LGA, (in both urban and rural areas). Each team was expected to complete 16 households in its assigned cluster, half of which were selected for the Man's Questionnaire and biomarkers. Feedback was provided during the exercise and debriefings. All teams successfully closed their clusters and sent the data to the central office.

On 14 November, the teams came together for a final debriefing session to provide feedback about the questionnaires, the CAPI system, interviewer/biomarker technician interchanges, language issues, field procedures, and any other issues encountered during the field exercise. The DHS Program and GBoS addressed all of the issues and remaining questions before fieldwork launched.

### 1.7 FieLDWORK

Fieldwork was carried out from 21 November 2019 to 30 March 2020 by 15 teams. Each team consisted of six members, typically with the following composition: one supervisor, three female interviewers, one male interviewer, and one biomarker technician.

All 15 teams initially began work in and around the Banjul and Kanifing LGAs, followed by a short break from 15 December to 6 January to observe the holidays. A 1-day refresher training session was held on 7 January to ensure that all aspects of the survey were well understood by all, review team performance, discuss common mistakes and issues, highlight best practices, and clarify any questions. Teams were then deployed to the various LGAs to resume fieldwork.

Fieldwork monitoring was an integral part of the 2019-20 GDHS. Two quality control teams, each composed of one female monitor, one male monitor, and one biomarker monitor, were continuously in the field visiting teams to closely monitor data collection and quality, review their work, identify any issues, and provide feedback. In addition to quality control teams, fieldwork coordinators also visited teams regularly to monitor their work, resolve any issues that arose, and provide support as needed. During field visits, monitors provided the teams they visited with critical feedback to improve their performance. All monitors used the GDHS field-check tables, based on data from the completed clusters, to illustrate problems specific to each team visited.

### 1.8 Data Processing

All electronic data files were transferred via the Internet File Streaming System (IFSS) to the GBoS central office. The IFSS automatically encrypts the data and sends the data to a server, and the server in turn downloads the data to the data processing supervisor's password-protected computer in the central office. The data processing operation included secondary editing, which required resolution of computeridentified inconsistencies and coding of open-ended questions. The data were processed by two IT specialists and three secondary editors who took part in the main fieldwork training; they were supervised remotely by staff from The DHS Program. Data editing was accomplished using CSPro software. During the fieldwork, field-check tables were generated to check various data quality parameters, and specific feedback was given to the teams to improve performance. Secondary editing and data processing were initiated in November 2019 and completed in May 2020.

### 1.9 Response Rates

Table 1.1 shows response rates for the 2019-20 GDHS. All 6,985 households in the selected housing units were eligible for the survey, of which 6,736 were occupied. Of the occupied households, 6,549 were successfully interviewed, yielding a response rate of $97 \%$. Among the households successfully interviewed, 1,948 interviews were completed in 2019 and 4,601 in 2020.

In the interviewed households, 12,481 women age 15-49 were identified for individual interviews; interviews were completed with 11,865 women, yielding a response rate of $95 \%$, a 4 percentage point increase from the 2013 GDHS. Among men, 5,337 were eligible for individual interviews, and 4,636 completed an interview; this yielded a response rate of $87 \%$, a 5 percentage point increase from the previous survey.

Table 1.1 Results of the household and individual interviews
Number of households, number of interviews, and response rates, according to residence (unweighted), The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Result | Residence |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban | Rural |  |
| Household interviews |  |  |  |
| Households selected | 4,322 | 2,663 | 6,985 |
| Households occupied | 4,146 | 2,590 | 6,736 |
| Households interviewed | 3,969 | 2,580 | 6,549 |
| Household response rate ${ }^{1}$ | 95.7 | 99.6 | 97.2 |
| Interviews with women age 15-49 |  |  |  |
| Number of eligible women | 6,906 | 5,575 | 12,481 |
| Number of eligible women interviewed | 6,510 | 5,355 | 11,865 |
| Eligible women response rate ${ }^{2}$ | 94.3 | 96.1 | 95.1 |
| Household interviews in subsample |  |  |  |
| Households selected | 2,158 | 1,333 | 3,491 |
| Households occupied | 2,078 | 1,313 | 3,391 |
| Households interviewed | 2,003 | 1,308 | 3,311 |
| Household response rate in subsample ${ }^{1}$ | 96.4 | 99.6 | 97.6 |
| Interviews with men age 15-59 |  |  |  |
| Number of eligible men | 3,252 | 2,085 | 5,337 |
| Number of eligible men interviewed | 2,732 | 1,904 | 4,636 |
| Eligible men response rate ${ }^{2}$ | 84.0 | 91.3 | 86.9 |

Note: No interviews could take place in one of the enumeration areas as a result of lack of accessibility due to COVID-19.
${ }^{1}$ Households interviewed/households occupied
${ }^{2}$ Respondents interviewed/eligible respondents

## Key Findings

- Drinking water: In The Gambia, 95\% of households have an improved source for drinking water.
- Sanitation: 72\% of households have an improved toilet facility that members of the household usually use.
- Electricity: 66\% of households have electricity (79\% in urban areas and 23\% in rural areas).
- Household population and composition: The population of The Gambia is relatively young; almost half of the population ( $45 \%$ ) is age $0-14$, while only $4 \%$ is age 65 or older.

Information on the socioeconomic characteristics of the household population in the 2019-20 GDHS provides a context to interpret demographic and health indicators and can furnish an approximate indication of the representativeness of the survey. In addition, this information sheds light on the living conditions of the population.

This chapter presents information on sources of drinking water, sanitation, exposure to smoke inside the home, wealth, handwashing, household population and composition, educational attainment, school attendance, birth registration, and family living arrangements.

### 2.1 Drinking Water Sources and Treatment

## Improved sources of drinking water

Include piped water, public taps, standpipes, tube wells, boreholes, protected dug wells, and bottled water.
Sample: Households

In The Gambia, $95 \%$ of households have an improved drinking water source, with access being similar among urban ( $96 \%$ ) and rural (92\%) households (Table 2.1.1 and Figure 2.1). The most common sources of drinking water in urban households are water piped into the household's dwelling, yard, or plot (61\%) and water piped to a neighbour ( $16 \%$ ). Rural households obtain their drinking water mainly from a public tap/standpipe (55\%) or tube well/borehole (19\%). The higher the wealth quintile, the lower the percentage of the population with an unimproved source of drinking water (Table 2.1.2).

Figure 2.1 Household drinking water by residence


Note: Figures may not add up to $100 \%$ due to rounding.

Fetching drinking water is an additional chore that can be a great burden on household members, depending on the time spent doing so. Less than $1 \%$ of urban households and $9 \%$ of rural households report having to travel more than 30 minutes (round trip) to obtain drinking water (Table 2.1.1).

Trends: The percentage of households using an improved source of drinking water increased slightly from $91 \%$ in 2013 to $95 \%$ in 2019-20.

## Basic drinking water service

Drinking water from an improved source, provided either water is on the premises or round-trip collection time is 30 minutes or less.
Sample: De jure population

## Limited drinking water service

Drinking water from an improved source, and round-trip collection time is more than 30 minutes.
Sample: De jure population

Table 2.1.2 shows that $91 \%$ of the population has basic drinking water service, while $3 \%$ has limited drinking water service. Access to basic drinking water service varies widely by LGA, from $79 \%$ in Kuntaur and Janjanbureh to greater than $99 \%$ in Banjul and Kanifing. Access to basic drinking water service increases with increasing wealth, from $80 \%$ among those in the lowest wealth quintile to more than $99 \%$ among those in the highest quintile.

Table 2.1.3 shows that only 5\% of the population ( $6 \%$ in urban areas and $3 \%$ in rural areas) uses an appropriate water treatment method such as boiling, bleaching, filtering, and/or solar disinfecting.

### 2.2 SANITATION

## Improved toilet facilities

Include flush/pour flush toilets that flush water and waste to a piped sewer system, septic tank, pit latrine, or unknown destination; ventilated improved pit (VIP) latrines; pit latrines with slabs; or composting toilets.
Sample: Households

In The Gambia, the Ministry of Fisheries, Water Resources and National Assembly Matters has embarked on the implementation of the 2018-2021 National Development Plan, the goal of which is to achieve improved, equitable access to safe and affordable water and sanitation, good hygiene practices, and environmental protection for all segments of the population. To that end, the Ministry of Fisheries, Water Resources and National Assembly Matters will strengthen the implementation of national, urban, periurban, and rural water supply and sanitation programs, which involves water supply and sanitation infrastructure development, water quality monitoring and chlorination, potable water supply provision, basic sanitation, and hygiene promotion. The targets of these efforts are to provide access to a potable water supply to $100 \%$ of the population, provide access to basic sanitation to $75 \%$ of the population, and increase the percentage of households with a place for handwashing with soap and water from $30 \%$ to $60 \%$ in urban areas and from $26 \%$ to $50 \%$ in rural areas by December 2021 (MoFEA 2018).

Table 2.3.1 and Figure 2.2 provide an overview of the types of sanitation facilities used in the surveyed households at the time of data collection. Nearly three quarters ( $72 \%$ ) of households use an improved sanitation facility, although use of such facilities is higher in urban ( $80 \%$ ) than rural ( $44 \%$ ) areas, where the majority of households ( $54 \%$ ) use unimproved sanitation facilities. Almost equal percentages of the household population use a pit latrine without a slab ( $31 \%$; an unimproved facility), a pit latrine with slab ( $30 \%$; an improved facility), or a toilet that flushes to a septic tank ( $27 \%$; an improved facility).

Among household members in The Gambia with a toilet/latrine facility, only $3 \%$ use a facility that is

Figure 2.2 Household toilet facilities by residence

not in the dwelling or the yard/plot of the dwelling.
Twenty percent use a facility that is in the dwelling, and $77 \%$ use a facility that is in the yard/plot.
Trends: The percentage of households with an improved sanitation facility increased from $61 \%$ in 2013 to $72 \%$ in 2019-20.

## Basic sanitation service

Use of improved facilities that are not shared with other households.
Sample: De jure population

## Limited sanitation service

Use of improved facilities shared by two or more households.
Sample: De jure population
In The Gambia, $17 \%$ of the household population has limited sanitation service and $51 \%$ has basic sanitation service. By residence, $59 \%$ of the population in urban areas has basic sanitation service, as compared with $32 \%$ of the rural population (Table 2.3.1). The percentage of the household population with basic sanitation service ranges from $18 \%$ in Janjanbureh to $63 \%$ in Kanifing (Table 2.3.2). Although nationally only $1 \%$ of the population engages in open defecation, the percentage is $10 \%$ in Kuntaur.

### 2.3 Exposure to Smoke inside the Home

Exposure to smoke inside the home, from either cooking with solid fuels or smoking tobacco, has potentially harmful health effects. In The Gambia, $7 \%$ of households cook inside the house, and $85 \%$ use solid fuel for cooking; only $6 \%$ of households use clean fuel for cooking. Tobacco is smoked in the home daily in $17 \%$ of households (Table 2.4).

## Other Housing Characteristics

The 2019-20 GDHS also collected data on access to electricity, flooring materials, and the number of rooms used for sleeping. Sixty-six percent of households in The Gambia have access to electricity ( $79 \%$ in urban areas and $23 \%$ in rural areas). The flooring materials most commonly used are ceramic tiles (35\%) and cement/concrete ( $30 \%$ ). Usage of these materials varies widely by residence, with $54 \%$ of rural households using cement/concrete and $44 \%$ of urban households using ceramic tiles (Table 2.4).

### 2.4 Household Wealth

### 2.4.1 Household Durable Goods

Table 2.5 shows information on ownership of various household effects, means of transportation, agricultural land, and livestock/farm animals. Urban households are generally more likely to own most household effects; for example, $73 \%$ of urban households own television sets, as compared with $28 \%$ of rural households. However, rural households are more likely to own agricultural land (74\%) and farm animals ( $89 \%$ ) than urban households ( $14 \%$ and $40 \%$, respectively).

### 2.4.2 Wealth Index


#### Abstract

Wealth index Households are given scores based on the number and kinds of consumer goods they own, ranging from a television to a bicycle or car, and housing characteristics such as source of drinking water, toilet facilities, and flooring materials. These scores are derived using principal component analysis. National wealth quintiles are compiled by assigning the household score to each usual (de jure) household member, ranking each person in the household population by her or his score, and then dividing the distribution into five equal categories, each comprising $20 \%$ of the population.


Sample: Households

Table 2.6 presents wealth quintiles according to urban-rural residence and LGA. The table also includes the Gini coefficient, a measure of disparity in wealth. The Gini coefficient ranges from $0-1$, with 0 implying an equal distribution of wealth and 1 implying a totally unequal distribution.

Figure 2.3 shows that 29\% of the de jure population in urban areas are in the highest quintile, as compared with less than $1 \%$ in rural areas. Over four fifths of the rural population are in either the lowest ( $56 \%$ ) or second lowest ( $29 \%$ ) wealth quintile.

Kuntaur has the highest percentage of the population in the lowest wealth quintile ( $74 \%$ ). The percentage of the population in the highest wealth quintile is highest in Kanifing (42\%) and Banjul (36\%) (Table 2.6).

### 2.5 Handwashing

To obtain handwashing information, interviewers asked to see the place where members of the household most often wash their hands. Interviewers were able to observe a place for handwashing in $90 \%$ of households; there was a fixed place for handwashing in $19 \%$ of households ( $25 \%$ in urban areas and 5\% in rural areas). However, only $36 \%$ of households in which a place for handwashing was observed had water available at the time of observation, and soap or another cleansing agent was available at the place for handwashing in only 13\% of households (Table 2.7).

### 2.6 Household Population and Composition

## Household

A person or group of related or unrelated persons who live together in the same dwelling unit(s), who acknowledge one adult male or female as the head of the household, who share the same housekeeping arrangements, and who are considered a single unit.

## De facto population

All persons who stayed in the selected households the night before the interview (whether usual residents or visitors).

## De jure population

All persons who are usual residents of the selected households, whether or not they stayed in the household the night before the interview.

## How data are calculated

All tables are based on the de facto population unless otherwise specified.

The 2019-20 GDHS included a total of 52,227 de facto persons in the households, of whom 24,684 were male and 27,543 were female. Table 2.8 shows that $45 \%$ of the population is age $0-14,51 \%$ is age $15-64$, and only $4 \%$ is age 65 and above.

Figure 2.4 shows the de facto household population by 5-year age groups according to sex. The broad base of the pyramid demonstrates that the population of The Gambia is largely young. This kind of distribution is characteristic of developing countries with high fertility and low life expectancy.

Table 2.9 shows that women head $22 \%$ of households in The Gambia. Urban households are smaller (7.3 persons) than rural households (10.4 persons). Overall, $41 \%$ of households in The Gambia include children who are orphans or not living with either biological parent.

Figure 2.4 Population pyramid
Percent distribution of the household population


Trends: The age composition of the de facto population has remained relatively constant since 2013.

### 2.7 Children’s Living Arrangements and Parental Survival

## Orphan

A child with one or both parents who are dead.
Sample: Children under age 18

Eighteen percent of children under age 18 are not living with a biological parent, and $9 \%$ are orphans (i.e., one or both parents are dead). The percentage of children not living with a biological parent and the percentage of children with one or both parents dead increases with age; among children age 15-17, one-
third ( $34 \%$ ) do not live with a biological parent, and for one-fifth ( $20 \%$ ) one or both parents are deceased (Table 2.10).

Trends: The percentage of children under age 18 who do not live with a biological parent increased slightly from $15 \%$ in 2013 to $18 \%$ in 2019-20.

### 2.8 Birth Registration

## Registered birth

Child has a birth certificate or child does not have a birth certificate, but his/her birth is registered with the civil authorities.
Sample: De jure children under age 5

The global concern regarding the need to have all births registered by 2030 is evident in targets 16.9 and 17.19 of the SDGs. This is important given the need to protect all children because a child who is not registered is in danger of being shut out of society-denied the right to an official identity, a recognised name, and a nationality.

In The Gambia, birth registration and certification for children under age 5 are governed by the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1990. Under the procedure of registration, children are expected to be registered by their father within 14 days after birth or by their mother within 30 days of birth. The registration and certification processes in The Gambia are carried out at the central level (Registry of Births and Deaths Unit in Banjul) and in the 69 public health registration centres and 252 outreach stations throughout the country. At the regional level, children are registered and birth certificates are issued after 2 weeks or the next visit to a clinic. However, at the central level, children are registered and issued birth certificates on the day of registration.

Table 2.11 presents information on birth registration of children under age 5. At the time of the survey, $59 \%$ of children's births were registered with the civil authorities. Children under age $2(48 \%)$ are less likely to have their birth registered than children age 2-4 (67\%). The percentage of children whose birth is registered is slightly lower in urban areas ( $57 \%$ ) than in rural areas ( $63 \%$ ).

There are large variations by LGA in the percentage of children under age 5 whose births are registered with the civil authorities, from 55\% in Brikama to 74\% in Mansakonko (Figure 2.5).

Trends: The percentage of children under age 5 whose births are registered with the civil authorities declined from $72 \%$ in 2013 to $59 \%$ in 2019-20.

Figure 2.5 Birth registration by Local Government Area
Percentage of de jure children under age 5 whose births are registered with the civil authorities


### 2.9 Education

### 2.9.1 Educational Attainment

## Median educational attainment

Half of the population has completed less than the median number of years of schooling, and half of the population has completed more than the median number of years of schooling.
Sample: De facto household population age 6 and older

Education is one of the most important aspects of social and economic development. Education improves capabilities and is strongly associated with various socioeconomic variables such as lifestyle, income, and fertility for both individuals and societies. The majority of the population either have no formal education or have attained only some primary education. Specifically, $65 \%$ of females and $60 \%$ of males age 6 and over have either no education ( $39 \%$ and $35 \%$, respectively) or only some primary education ( $27 \%$ and $26 \%$, respectively) (Table 2.12.1 and 2.12.2). The median number of years of completed education is 1.6 among women and 2.2 among men.

Trends: The percentage of females age 6 and over with no education decreased from $52 \%$ in 2013 to $39 \%$ in 2019-20; the percentage of males age 6 and over with no education declined less dramatically, from $43 \%$ to $35 \%$. Over the same period, the median number of years of schooling increased from 0.0 to 1.6 among females and from 1.1 to 2.2 among males.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Urban residents are better educated than rural residents. Around half of females (53\%) and males $(48 \%)$ in rural areas have no education, as compared with approximately one-third of females (33\%) and males (30\%) in urban areas.
- Among both women and men, median number of years of education increases with increasing wealth.


### 2.9.2 School Attendance

## Net attendance ratio (NAR)

Percentage of the school-age population that attends primary or secondary school.
Sample: Children age 7-12 for primary school NAR and children age 13-18 for secondary school NAR

## Gross attendance ratio (GAR)

The total number of children attending primary school divided by the official primary school-age population and the total number of children attending secondary school divided by the official secondary school-age population.
Sample: Children age 7-12 for primary school GAR and children age 13-18 for secondary school GAR

In The Gambia, the primary school net attendance ratio (NAR) for children age 7-12 is 74\% ( $78 \%$ for girls and $70 \%$ for boys). The secondary school NAR drops drastically to $46 \%$ ( $50 \%$ for girls and $42 \%$ for boys). The variation in the secondary school NAR by residence is large, with a difference of 18 percentage points between urban (51\%) and rural (33\%) areas (Table 2.13).

Figure 2.6 shows the secondary school NAR among children age 13-18 by wealth quintile. Sixty-five percent of girls in the highest wealth quintile attend secondary school, as compared with $32 \%$ of those in the lowest wealth quintile. Boys follow a similar pattern ( $57 \%$ in the highest wealth quintile and $25 \%$ in the lowest quintile). Across all wealth quintiles, the secondary school NAR is higher among girls than boys.

The gross attendance ratio (GAR) is also presented in Table 2.13. A primary school GAR value of more than $100 \%$ means that some primary school students are not of the official primary school age. Similar to the NAR, the GAR is higher for girls than boys at both the primary ( $104 \%$ and $96 \%$, respectively) and secondary ( $65 \%$ and $59 \%$, respectively) levels.

Figure 2.6 Secondary school attendance by household wealth

Net attendance ratio for secondary school among children age 13-18

■ Girls ■Boys


## Gender parity index (GPI)

The ratio of female to male students attending primary school and the ratio of female to male students attending secondary school. The index reflects the magnitude of the gender gap.
Sample: Primary school students and secondary school students

A GPI of 1 indicates parity or equality between male and female school participation. A GPI lower than 1 indicates a gender disparity in favour of males, with a higher proportion of males than females attending the specified level of schooling. A GPI higher than 1 indicates a gender disparity in favour of females. In The Gambia, the overall disparity in school attendance favours girls in both primary school and secondary school. Specifically, the NAR-based GPI is 1.12 for primary school and 1.19 for secondary school, while the GAR-based GPI is 1.08 for primary school and 1.10 for secondary school.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The NAR- and GAR-based GPIs at the primary level are highest in Kuntaur (1.34 and 1.31, respectively). The NAR- and GAR-based GPIs at the secondary level are highest in Janjanbureh (1.32 and 1.29 , respectively).
- There is no clear pattern between wealth and either the NAR- or GAR-based GPI


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## Table 2.1.1 Household drinking water

Percent distribution of households and de jure population by source of drinking water and by time to obtain drinking water; percentage of households and de jure population with basic drinking water service, and percentage with limited drinking water service, according to residence, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Characteristic | Households |  |  | Population |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban | Rural | Total | Urban | Rural | Total |
| Source of drinking water |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Improved source | 95.7 | 92.4 | 94.9 | 94.7 | 92.7 | 94.1 |
| Piped into dwelling | 9.2 | 0.8 | 7.2 | 6.6 | 0.9 | 4.8 |
| Piped into yard/plot | 51.4 | 11.0 | 41.8 | 54.0 | 10.0 | 40.5 |
| Piped to neighbour | 16.1 | 1.8 | 12.7 | 15.0 | 1.4 | 10.8 |
| Public tap/standpipe | 6.5 | 55.1 | 18.0 | 6.7 | 57.9 | 22.4 |
| Tube well/borehole | 9.0 | 19.3 | 11.4 | 9.1 | 18.4 | 12.0 |
| Protected dug well | 1.7 | 4.3 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 4.1 | 3.3 |
| Bottled water | 1.8 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Unimproved source | 4.3 | 7.6 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 7.2 | 5.8 |
| Unprotected dug well | 4.3 | 7.6 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 7.2 | 5.8 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Time to obtain drinking water (round trip) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Water on premises ${ }^{1}$ | 85.7 | 18.4 | 69.7 | 85.1 | 16.5 | 64.0 |
| 30 minutes or less | 13.3 | 72.6 | 27.5 | 13.5 | 74.4 | 32.2 |
| More than 30 minutes | 0.7 | 8.5 | 2.6 | 1.2 | 8.6 | 3.5 |
| Don't know | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Percentage with basic drinking water service ${ }^{2}$ | 94.8 | 84.4 | 92.3 | 93.5 | 84.5 | 90.7 |
| Percentage with limited drinking water service ${ }^{3}$ | 0.9 | 8.0 | 2.6 | 1.3 | 8.1 | 3.4 |
| Number of households/population | 4,989 | 1,560 | 6,549 | 36,581 | 16,236 | 52,817 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes water piped to a neighbour and those reporting a round-trip collection time of zero minutes
${ }^{2}$ Defined as drinking water from an improved source, provided either water is on the premises or round-trip collection time is 30 minutes or less. Includes safely managed drinking water, which is not shown separately.
${ }^{3}$ Drinking water from an improved source, and round-trip collection time is more than 30 minutes or is unknown

## Table 2.1.2 Drinking water according to Local Government Area and wealth

Percent distribution of de jure population by drinking water source, percentage of de jure population with basic drinking water service, and percentage with limited drinking water service, according to Local Government Area and wealth quintile, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Improved source of drinking water ${ }^{1}$ | Unimproved source of drinking water ${ }^{2}$ | Total | Percentage with basic drinking water service ${ }^{3}$ | Percentage with limited drinking water service ${ }^{4}$ | Number of persons |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 100.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 696 |
| Kanifing | 100.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 99.7 | 0.3 | 10,327 |
| Brikama | 91.6 | 8.4 | 100.0 | 89.8 | 1.8 | 22,408 |
| Mansakonko | 90.4 | 9.6 | 100.0 | 84.7 | 5.7 | 2,194 |
| Kerewan | 96.8 | 3.2 | 100.0 | 89.2 | 7.5 | 5,803 |
| Kuntaur | 89.4 | 10.6 | 100.0 | 78.5 | 10.9 | 2,598 |
| Janjanbureh | 86.4 | 13.6 | 100.0 | 79.0 | 7.4 | 3,071 |
| Basse | 97.5 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 92.6 | 4.9 | 5,718 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 87.4 | 12.6 | 100.0 | 79.5 | 7.9 | 10,561 |
| Second | 91.6 | 8.4 | 100.0 | 86.1 | 5.4 | 10,555 |
| Middle | 93.8 | 6.2 | 100.0 | 91.5 | 2.3 | 10,565 |
| Fourth | 97.7 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 96.7 | 1.0 | 10,570 |
| Highest | 100.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 99.7 | 0.3 | 10,564 |
| Total | 94.1 | 5.9 | 100.0 | 90.7 | 3.4 | 52,817 |

${ }^{1}$ See Table 2.1.1 for definition of an improved source.
${ }^{2}$ See Table 2.1.1 for definition of an unimproved source
${ }^{3}$ Defined as drinking water from an improved source, provided either water is on the premises or round-trip collection time is 30 minutes or less. Includes safely managed drinking water, which is not shown separately.
${ }^{4}$ Drinking water from an improved source, and round-trip collection time is more than 30 minutes or is unknown

Table 2.1.3 Treatment of household drinking water
Percentage of households and de jure population using various methods to treat drinking water, and percentage using an appropriate treatment method, according to residence, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Water treatment method | Households |  |  | Population |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban | Rural | Total | Urban | Rural | Total |
| Boil | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Bleach/chlorine added | 5.1 | 3.2 | 4.6 | 5.4 | 2.7 | 4.6 |
| Strain through cloth | 6.4 | 21.4 | 10.0 | 8.2 | 21.6 | 12.3 |
| Ceramic, sand, or other filter | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| Solar disinfection | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Let it stand and settle | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Other | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| No treatment | 87.8 | 75.6 | 84.9 | 86.7 | 76.0 | 83.4 |
| Percentage using an appropriate treatment method ${ }^{1}$ | 6.3 | 3.5 | 5.7 | 6.3 | 3.0 | 5.3 |
| Number of households/population | 4,989 | 1,560 | 6,549 | 36,581 | 16,236 | 52,817 |

Note: Respondents may report multiple treatment methods, so the sum of treatment may exceed $100 \%$.
Appropriate water treatment methods are boiling, bleaching, filtering, and solar disinfecting.

## Table 2.2 Availability of water

Percent distribution of households and de jure population using piped water or water from a tube well or borehole, by availability of water in the last 2 weeks, according to residence, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Availability of water in last 2 weeks | Households |  |  | Population |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban | Rural | Total | Urban | Rural | Total |
| Not available for at least 1 day | 24.6 | 31.5 | 26.2 | 23.5 | 31.3 | 25.9 |
| Available with no interruption of at least 1 day | 73.7 | 67.9 | 72.4 | 75.9 | 68.4 | 73.6 |
| Don't know | 1.6 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of households/population using piped water or water from a tube well ${ }^{1}$ | 4,675 | 1,373 | 6,048 | 33,579 | 14,374 | 47,953 |

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## Table 2.3.1 Household sanitation facilities

Percent distribution of households and de jure population by type of toilet/latrine facilities, percent distribution of households and de jure population with a toilet/latrine facility by location of the facility, percentage of households and de jure population with basic sanitation service, and percentage with limited sanitation service, according to residence, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Type and location of toilet/ latrine facility | Households |  |  | Population |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban | Rural | Total | Urban | Rural | Total |
| Improved sanitation facility | 80.2 | 43.9 | 71.5 | 78.2 | 44.4 | 67.8 |
| Flush/pour flush to piped sewer system | 3.3 | 0.1 | 2.5 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 1.5 |
| Flush/pour flush to septic tank | 41.4 | 3.0 | 32.3 | 38.2 | 2.8 | 27.3 |
| Flush/pour flush to pit latrine | 7.1 | 3.3 | 6.2 | 7.8 | 2.8 | 6.2 |
| Flush/pour flush, don't know where | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Ventilated improved pit (VIP) latrine | 3.7 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.1 |
| Pit latrine with slab | 24.6 | 34.5 | 27.0 | 26.9 | 35.5 | 29.6 |
| Unimproved sanitation facility | 19.4 | 53.6 | 27.6 | 21.6 | 53.6 | 31.5 |
| Flush/pour flush not to sewer/septic tank/ pit latrine | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Pit latrine without slab/open pit | 19.3 | 53.3 | 27.4 | 21.5 | 53.3 | 31.3 |
| Other | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Open defecation (no facility/bush/field) | 0.4 | 2.5 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 2.0 | 0.8 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of households/population | 4,989 | 1,560 | 6,549 | 36,581 | 16,236 | 52,817 |
| Location of toilet facility |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| In own dwelling | 31.1 | 4.7 | 24.9 | 27.4 | 4.1 | 20.3 |
| In own yard/plot | 67.2 | 88.2 | 72.1 | 70.9 | 90.0 | 76.7 |
| Elsewhere | 1.8 | 7.1 | 3.0 | 1.7 | 5.9 | 3.0 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of households/population with a toilet/latrine facility | 4,970 | 1,521 | 6,491 | 36,501 | 15,903 | 52,404 |
| Percentage with basic sanitation service ${ }^{1}$ | 54.4 | 29.9 | 48.5 | 59.4 | 32.3 | 51.1 |
| Percentage with limited sanitation service ${ }^{2}$ | 25.8 | 14.0 | 23.0 | 18.8 | 12.1 | 16.7 |
| Number of households/population | 4,989 | 1,560 | 6,549 | 36,581 | 16,236 | 52,817 |

${ }^{1}$ Defined as use of improved facilities that are not shared with other households. Includes safely managed sanitation service, which is not shown separately.
${ }^{2}$ Defined as use of improved facilities shared by 2 or more households

## Table 2.3.2 Sanitation facility type according to Local Government Area and wealth

Percent distribution of de jure population by type of sanitation, percentage of de jure population with basic sanitation service, and percentage with limited sanitation service, according to Local Government Area and wealth quintile, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Type of sanitation |  |  | Total | Percentage with basic sanitation service ${ }^{3}$ | Percentage with limited sanitation service ${ }^{4}$ | Number of persons |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Improved sanitation facility ${ }^{1}$ | Unimproved sanitation facility ${ }^{2}$ | Open defecation |  |  |  |  |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 98.1 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 54.6 | 43.5 | 696 |
| Kanifing | 91.1 | 8.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 62.6 | 28.5 | 10,327 |
| Brikama | 74.0 | 25.7 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 57.7 | 16.3 | 22,408 |
| Mansakonko | 49.3 | 49.7 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 38.6 | 10.6 | 2,194 |
| Kerewan | 59.9 | 39.2 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 46.3 | 13.6 | 5,803 |
| Kuntaur | 40.3 | 49.5 | 10.2 | 100.0 | 23.1 | 17.3 | 2,598 |
| Janjanbureh | 23.4 | 76.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 17.8 | 5.7 | 3,071 |
| Basse | 48.9 | 51.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 43.9 | 5.0 | 5,718 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 32.5 | 64.3 | 3.2 | 100.0 | 19.0 | 13.6 | 10,561 |
| Second | 54.1 | 45.4 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 35.7 | 18.4 | 10,555 |
| Middle | 68.4 | 31.3 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 44.2 | 24.3 | 10,565 |
| Fourth | 85.7 | 14.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 62.4 | 23.3 | 10,570 |
| Highest | 98.1 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 94.0 | 4.1 | 10,564 |
| Total | 67.8 | 31.5 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 51.1 | 16.7 | 52,817 |

${ }^{1}$ See Table 2.3.1 for definition of an improved facility.
${ }^{2}$ See Table 2.3.1 for definition of an unimproved facility.
${ }^{3}$ Defined as use of improved facilities that are not shared with other households. Includes safely managed sanitation service, which is not shown separately.
${ }^{4}$ Defined as use of improved facilities shared by 2 or more households

Table 2.4 Household characteristics
Percent distribution of households and de jure population by housing characteristics, percentage using solid fuel for cooking, percentage using clean fuel for cooking, and percent distribution by frequency of smoking in the home, according to residence, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Housing characteristic | Households |  |  | Population |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban | Rural | Total | Urban | Rural | Total |
| Electricity |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 79.1 | 22.5 | 65.6 | 78.6 | 24.7 | 62.1 |
| No | 20.9 | 77.5 | 34.4 | 21.4 | 75.3 | 37.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Flooring material |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Earth, sand | 1.5 | 21.6 | 6.2 | 1.6 | 20.3 | 7.4 |
| Dung | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.3 |
| Parquet or polished wood | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Vinyl/Iinoleum/plastic carpet | 28.9 | 16.5 | 25.9 | 24.1 | 14.0 | 21.0 |
| Ceramic tiles | 43.8 | 7.1 | 35.1 | 47.0 | 6.5 | 34.5 |
| Cement/concrete | 22.3 | 53.7 | 29.8 | 24.6 | 58.0 | 34.9 |
| Carpet | 3.2 | 0.2 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 0.1 | 1.6 |
| Other | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Rooms used for sleeping |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| One | 21.0 | 6.0 | 17.4 | 6.6 | 1.8 | 5.1 |
| Two | 25.7 | 13.8 | 22.9 | 16.2 | 6.8 | 13.3 |
| Three or more | 53.3 | 80.2 | 59.7 | 77.2 | 91.4 | 81.6 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Place for cooking |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| In the house | 8.1 | 1.5 | 6.5 | 4.3 | 0.8 | 3.2 |
| In a separate building | 50.7 | 83.3 | 58.4 | 68.5 | 89.0 | 74.8 |
| Outdoors | 30.2 | 13.0 | 26.1 | 24.9 | 9.8 | 20.3 |
| No food cooked in household | 10.9 | 2.2 | 8.8 | 2.3 | 0.3 | 1.7 |
| Other | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Cooking fuel |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Electricity | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| LPG/biogas | 7.7 | 0.4 | 5.9 | 3.2 | 0.1 | 2.2 |
| Kerosene | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Charcoal | 47.1 | 4.3 | 36.9 | 43.2 | 2.8 | 30.8 |
| Wood | 33.3 | 93.0 | 47.5 | 50.1 | 96.7 | 64.5 |
| Straw/shrubs/grass | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Sawdust | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| Other fuel | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| No food cooked in household | 10.9 | 2.2 | 8.8 | 2.3 | 0.3 | 1.7 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Percentage using solid fuel for cooking ${ }^{1}$ | 80.7 | 97.3 | 84.7 | 93.9 | 99.5 | 95.6 |
| Percentage using clean fuel for cooking ${ }^{2}$ | 7.9 | 0.4 | 6.1 | 3.5 | 0.1 | 2.5 |
| Frequency of smoking in the home |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Daily | 16.4 | 17.8 | 16.7 | 19.2 | 19.2 | 19.2 |
| Weekly | 4.0 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 4.2 | 4.1 | 4.1 |
| Monthly | 1.3 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 0.8 | 1.3 |
| Less than once a month | 2.3 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 1.3 | 1.9 |
| Never | 76.1 | 75.3 | 75.9 | 72.8 | 74.7 | 73.4 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of households/ population | 4,989 | 1,560 | 6,549 | 36,581 | 16,236 | 52,817 |

[^1]
## Table 2.5 Household possessions

Percentage of households possessing various household effects, means of transportation, agricultural land, and livestock/farm animals, according to residence, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  | Residence |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Possession | Urban | Rural | Total |
| Household effects |  |  |  |
| Radio | 60.4 | 66.8 | 62.0 |
| Television | 73.1 | 27.9 | 62.4 |
| Mobile phone | 98.3 | 97.0 | 98.0 |
| Computer or tablet | 21.8 | 2.9 | 17.3 |
| Non-mobile telephone | 1.8 | 0.5 | 1.5 |
| Refrigerator | 53.0 | 14.3 | 43.8 |
| Sofa | 65.1 | 25.8 | 55.7 |
| Wardrobe | 60.5 | 29.9 | 53.2 |
| Bed | 92.4 | 86.9 | 91.1 |
| Table | 78.2 | 57.4 | 73.2 |
| Chair | 88.0 | 68.2 | 83.3 |
| Fan | 67.2 | 16.8 | 55.2 |
| Generator or solar panel | 11.2 | 32.3 | 16.2 |
| Microwave oven | 11.0 | 0.1 | 8.4 |
| DVD/VCD player | 30.2 | 7.6 | 24.8 |
| Satellite dish | 60.3 | 18.3 | 50.3 |
| Washing machine | 3.6 | 0.2 | 2.8 |
| Clock | 22.5 | 8.4 | 19.1 |
| Watch | 62.7 | 43.5 | 58.1 |
| Means of transport |  |  |  |
| Bicycle | 50.5 | 55.6 | 51.7 |
| Animal-drawn cart | 4.5 | 49.6 | 15.2 |
| Motorcycle/scooter | 12.1 | 24.4 | 15.0 |
| Car/truck | 5.3 | 18.4 |  |
| Boat with a motor | 0.9 | 5.3 | 0.9 |
| Boat without a motor | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| Ownership of agricultural land | 13.9 | 73.5 | 28.1 |
| Ownership of farm animals ${ }^{1}$ | 40.1 | 88.7 | 51.7 |
| Number of households | 4,989 | 1,560 | 6,549 |

${ }^{1}$ Cows, bulls, other cattle, horses, donkeys, mules, goats, sheep, chickens, ducks, guinea fowl, or pigs

Table 2.6 Wealth quintiles
Percent distribution of the de jure population by wealth quintiles and the Gini coefficient, according to residence and Local Government Area, The Gambia DHS 2019-20
$\left.\begin{array}{lrrrrrrrr}\hline \begin{array}{l}\text { Residence/Local } \\ \text { Government Area }\end{array} & \text { Lowest } & \text { Second } & \text { Middle } & \text { Fourth } & \text { Highest } & & & \text { Total }\end{array} \begin{array}{c}\text { Number of } \\ \text { persons }\end{array} \begin{array}{c}\text { Gini } \\ \text { coefficient }\end{array}\right]$

Table 2.7 Handwashing
Percentage of the de jure population for whom the place most often used for washing hands was observed, by whether the location was fixed or mobile; total percentage of the de jure population for whom the place for handwashing was observed; among the de jure population for whom the place for handwashing was observed, percentage with water available, percentage with soap available, and percentage with a cleansing agent other than soap available; percentage of the de jure population with a basic handwashing facility; and percentage with a limited handwashing facility, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Percentage of the de jure population for whom place for washing hands was observed and: |  |  | Place for handwashing observed and: |  |  |  | Number of persons for whom place for handwashing was observed | Percentage of the de jure population with a basic handwashing facility ${ }^{3}$ | Percentage of the de jure population with a limited handwashing facility ${ }^{4}$ | Number of persons for whom a place for handwashing was <br> observed or with no place for handwashing in the dwelling, yard, or plot |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Place for handwashing was a fixed place | Place for handwashing was mobile | Total | Number of persons | Water available | Soap available ${ }^{1}$ | Cleansing agent other than soap available ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 25.0 | 65.7 | 90.7 | 36,581 | 37.6 | 14.2 | 0.2 | 33,163 | 9.6 | 83.7 | 35,535 |
| Rural | 4.7 | 85.0 | 89.7 | 16,236 | 31.1 | 8.8 | 0.5 | 14,559 | 5.8 | 86.6 | 15,754 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 41.2 | 43.9 | 85.0 | 696 | 54.6 | 18.3 | 0.4 | 592 | 13.0 | 74.4 | 677 |
| Kanifing | 32.1 | 59.2 | 91.3 | 10,327 | 43.2 | 22.0 | 0.2 | 9,429 | 16.6 | 78.0 | 9,967 |
| Brikama | 23.3 | 67.3 | 90.6 | 22,408 | 35.3 | 11.8 | 0.2 | 20,299 | 7.1 | 85.9 | 21,838 |
| Mansakonko | 13.6 | 74.9 | 88.5 | 2,194 | 42.5 | 7.1 | 0.5 | 1,942 | 4.2 | 84.8 | 2,180 |
| Kerewan | 5.5 | 79.8 | 85.2 | 5,803 | 25.5 | 5.2 | 1.3 | 4,947 | 4.0 | 89.2 | 5,309 |
| Kuntaur | 2.8 | 87.3 | 90.1 | 2,598 | 25.3 | 15.5 | 0.1 | 2,340 | 10.0 | 80.8 | 2,577 |
| Janjanbureh | 4.8 | 85.1 | 89.9 | 3,071 | 35.8 | 9.0 | 0.0 | 2,761 | 5.4 | 84.6 | 3,066 |
| Basse | 4.5 | 90.2 | 94.7 | 5,718 | 32.7 | 7.9 | 0.0 | 5,413 | 5.7 | 89.6 | 5,675 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 4.3 | 85.6 | 89.9 | 10,561 | 25.8 | 8.0 | 0.3 | 9,495 | 4.2 | 87.2 | 10,392 |
| Second | 6.0 | 80.5 | 86.5 | 10,555 | 25.8 | 7.7 | 0.2 | 9,127 | 4.4 | 85.5 | 10,149 |
| Middle | 11.0 | 80.9 | 91.8 | 10,565 | 31.4 | 7.0 | 0.4 | 9,700 | 4.0 | 91.7 | 10,137 |
| Fourth | 20.7 | 71.0 | 91.7 | 10,570 | 37.6 | 11.0 | 0.4 | 9,689 | 6.9 | 86.7 | 10,353 |
| Highest | 51.8 | 40.1 | 91.9 | 10,564 | 56.7 | 28.9 | 0.2 | 9,710 | 22.7 | 71.9 | 10,258 |
| Total | 18.7 | 71.6 | 90.4 | 52,817 | 35.6 | 12.6 | 0.3 | 47,722 | 8.5 | 84.6 | 51,289 |

[^2]
## Table 2.8 Household population by age, sex, and residence

Percent distribution of the de facto household population by various age groups and percentage of the de facto household population age 10-19, according to sex and residence, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Age | Urban |  |  | Rural |  |  | Total |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| <5 | 15.0 | 13.2 | 14.1 | 19.7 | 15.5 | 17.5 | 16.4 | 13.9 | 15.1 |
| 5-9 | 15.9 | 14.5 | 15.2 | 20.8 | 17.9 | 19.2 | 17.4 | 15.6 | 16.4 |
| 10-14 | 12.7 | 12.7 | 12.7 | 15.7 | 14.0 | 14.8 | 13.6 | 13.1 | 13.3 |
| 15-19 | 10.9 | 11.1 | 11.0 | 9.1 | 9.3 | 9.2 | 10.3 | 10.5 | 10.5 |
| 20-24 | 9.6 | 9.5 | 9.6 | 5.2 | 7.0 | 6.2 | 8.3 | 8.8 | 8.5 |
| 25-29 | 6.9 | 9.7 | 8.3 | 4.5 | 6.9 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 8.8 | 7.6 |
| 30-34 | 5.6 | 6.7 | 6.2 | 4.1 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 6.3 | 5.7 |
| 35-39 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 3.8 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 5.6 | 5.3 |
| 40-44 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.0 |
| 45-49 | 3.6 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 3.0 |
| 50-54 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.2 | 3.8 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 3.3 | 2.9 |
| 55-59 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 2.0 |
| 60-64 | 2.1 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 1.9 |
| 65-69 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.3 |
| 70-74 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| 75-79 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| 80+ | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| Don't know | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Dependency age groups |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-14 | 43.6 | 40.4 | 42.0 | 56.2 | 47.4 | 51.5 | 47.4 | 42.6 | 44.9 |
| 15-64 | 53.0 | 56.3 | 54.7 | 38.9 | 48.2 | 43.9 | 48.8 | 53.8 | 51.4 |
| $65+$ | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.7 |
| Don't know | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Child and adult populations |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-17 | 50.0 | 46.9 | 48.3 | 61.9 | 53.1 | 57.2 | 53.5 | 48.8 | 51.0 |
| 18+ | 49.9 | 53.1 | 51.6 | 38.1 | 46.9 | 42.8 | 46.4 | 51.2 | 48.9 |
| Don't know | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Adolescents 10-19 | 23.5 | 23.8 | 23.7 | 24.9 | 23.4 | 24.1 | 23.9 | 23.7 | 23.8 |
| Number of persons | 17,301 | 18,985 | 36,286 | 7,383 | 8,558 | 15,941 | 24,684 | 27,543 | 52,227 |

Table 2.9 Household composition
Percent distribution of households by sex of head of household and by household size, mean size of households, and percentage of households with children under age 18 who are orphans or not living with a biological parent, according to residence, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Characteristic | Residence |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban | Rural |  |
| Household headship |  |  |  |
| Male | 76.1 | 84.3 | 78.0 |
| Female | 23.9 | 15.7 | 22.0 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of usual members |  |  |  |
| 0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| 1 | 11.6 | 3.5 | 9.7 |
| 2 | 8.2 | 2.7 | 6.9 |
| 3 | 8.4 | 3.2 | 7.2 |
| 4 | 9.4 | 5.6 | 8.5 |
| 5 | 9.8 | 7.1 | 9.2 |
| 6 | 9.0 | 8.7 | 8.9 |
| 7 | 7.1 | 8.6 | 7.5 |
| 8 | 6.6 | 8.2 | 7.0 |
| $9+$ | 29.8 | 52.4 | 35.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Mean size of households | 7.3 | 10.4 | 8.1 |
| Percentage of households with children under age 18 who are orphans or not living with a biological parent |  |  |  |
| Double orphans | 1.3 | 2.1 | 1.5 |
| Single orphans ${ }^{1}$ | 16.2 | 23.8 | 18.0 |
| Children not living with a biological parent ${ }^{2}$ | 34.0 | 44.9 | 36.5 |
| Orphans and/or children not living with a biological parent | 38.4 | 51.0 | 41.4 |
| Number of households | 4,989 | 1,560 | 6,549 |

Note: Table is based on de jure household members, i.e., usual residents. ${ }^{1}$ Includes children with one dead parent and an unknown survival status of the other parent
${ }^{2}$ Children not living with a biological parent are those under age 18 living in households with neither their mother nor their father present.

Table 2.10 Children's living arrangements and orphanhood
Percent distribution of de jure children under age 18 by living arrangements and survival status of parents, percentage of children not living with a biological parent, and percentage of children with one or both parents dead, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Living with both parents | Living with mother but not with father |  | Living with father but not with mother |  | Not living with either parent |  |  |  |  |  | Percentage not living with a biological parent | Percentage with one or both parents dead ${ }^{1}$ | Number of children |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Father alive | Father dead | Mother alive | Mother dead | Both alive | Only father alive | Only mother alive | Both dead | Missing information on father/ mother | Total |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-4 | 66.7 | 25.3 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 5.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 5.5 | 2.0 | 7,881 |
| <2 | 68.9 | 29.2 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 3,261 |
| 2-4 | 65.1 | 22.6 | 2.1 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 8.1 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 8.9 | 2.9 | 4,620 |
| 5-9 | 59.1 | 17.8 | 3.7 | 2.4 | 0.5 | 14.2 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 16.4 | 6.4 | 8,575 |
| 10-14 | 51.3 | 13.2 | 6.0 | 3.1 | 1.4 | 19.0 | 1.4 | 3.6 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 24.9 | 13.3 | 6,977 |
| 15-17 | 40.9 | 12.1 | 8.4 | 2.9 | 1.9 | 24.3 | 2.2 | 6.2 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 33.9 | 19.8 | 3,211 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 58.1 | 18.0 | 4.2 | 2.8 | 1.0 | 12.3 | 0.7 | 2.4 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 15.9 | 8.8 | 13,229 |
| Female | 56.2 | 18.2 | 4.2 | 1.6 | 0.5 | 15.7 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 19.2 | 8.3 | 13,414 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 55.8 | 18.4 | 4.1 | 2.3 | 0.8 | 14.9 | 0.9 | 2.3 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 18.6 | 8.6 | 17,461 |
| Rural | 59.6 | 17.6 | 4.5 | 2.0 | 0.7 | 12.3 | 0.9 | 1.9 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 15.5 | 8.4 | 9,183 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 55.8 | 20.4 | 4.0 | 2.6 | 0.5 | 13.5 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 16.6 | 7.5 | 275 |
| Kanifing | 51.1 | 22.8 | 4.0 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 15.1 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 19.3 | 9.0 | 4,441 |
| Brikama | 57.4 | 16.0 | 4.2 | 2.5 | 0.8 | 15.2 | 0.9 | 2.5 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 19.0 | 8.9 | 11,064 |
| Mansakonko | 54.2 | 17.6 | 4.1 | 1.7 | 0.4 | 16.6 | 1.0 | 3.6 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 21.7 | 9.6 | 1,188 |
| Kerewan | 57.9 | 18.7 | 3.7 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 14.7 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 17.6 | 7.1 | 3,237 |
| Kuntaur | 68.7 | 11.2 | 3.3 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 12.4 | 0.7 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 14.9 | 6.7 | 1,473 |
| Janjanbureh | 63.7 | 13.5 | 4.6 | 3.8 | 0.5 | 10.5 | 0.7 | 2.2 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 13.9 | 8.5 | 1,707 |
| Basse | 56.3 | 23.9 | 5.3 | 2.1 | 0.8 | 9.0 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 11.6 | 8.6 | 3,259 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 64.6 | 13.2 | 5.0 | 2.0 | 0.9 | 11.3 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 14.2 | 8.9 | 5,977 |
| Second | 57.3 | 16.8 | 4.5 | 2.7 | 0.7 | 14.5 | 0.8 | 2.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 17.9 | 8.6 | 5,683 |
| Middle | 56.6 | 17.9 | 3.9 | 2.2 | 0.7 | 15.0 | 0.8 | 2.2 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 18.6 | 8.3 | 5,379 |
| Fourth | 56.1 | 18.9 | 4.6 | 1.9 | 0.8 | 13.5 | 1.2 | 2.6 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 17.7 | 9.5 | 5,117 |
| Highest | 48.8 | 25.7 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 0.5 | 16.1 | 1.1 | 2.2 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 20.0 | 7.1 | 4,488 |
| Total <15 | 59.4 | 18.9 | 3.6 | 2.1 | 0.6 | 12.6 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 15.3 | 7.0 | 23,433 |
| Total <18 | 57.1 | 18.1 | 4.2 | 2.2 | 0.8 | 14.0 | 0.9 | 2.2 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 17.5 | 8.5 | 26,643 |

[^3]${ }^{1}$ Includes children with father dead, mother dead, both dead, and one parent dead but missing information on survival status of the other parent

Table 2.11 Birth registration of children under age 5
Percentage of de jure children under age 5 whose births are registered with the civil authorities, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Percentage of children whose births are registered and who: |  |  | Number of children |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Had a birth certificate | Did not have a birth certificate | Total percentage of children whose births are registered |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| <2 | 34.6 | 13.5 | 48.0 | 3,261 |
| 2-4 | 57.1 | 9.7 | 66.8 | 4,620 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 49.8 | 10.5 | 60.3 | 4,057 |
| Female | 45.6 | 12.1 | 57.7 | 3,823 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 45.4 | 11.3 | 56.7 | 5,066 |
| Rural | 52.1 | 11.2 | 63.3 | 2,814 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 61.9 | 10.2 | 72.1 | 77 |
| Kanifing | 50.3 | 8.8 | 59.1 | 1,340 |
| Brikama | 41.9 | 13.5 | 55.4 | 3,139 |
| Mansakonko | 58.6 | 15.6 | 74.1 | 351 |
| Kerewan | 56.0 | 6.2 | 62.2 | 994 |
| Kuntaur | 51.9 | 9.4 | 61.3 | 488 |
| Janjanbureh | 45.4 | 20.1 | 65.5 | 512 |
| Basse | 49.0 | 7.5 | 56.5 | 981 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 48.3 | 11.7 | 60.0 | 1,815 |
| Second | 43.8 | 11.6 | 55.3 | 1,686 |
| Middle | 44.2 | 12.6 | 56.9 | 1,618 |
| Fourth | 51.3 | 11.0 | 62.3 | 1,458 |
| Highest | 52.7 | 9.0 | 61.6 | 1,303 |
| Total | 47.8 | 11.3 | 59.0 | 7,881 |

Table 2.12.1 Educational attainment of the female household population
Percent distribution of the de facto female household population age 6 and over by highest level of schooling attended or completed and median years completed, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | No education | Some primary | Completed primary ${ }^{1}$ | Some secondary | Completed secondary ${ }^{2}$ | More than secondary | Don't know/ missing | Total | Number | Median years completed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6-9 | 40.6 | 59.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 3,381 | 0.0 |
| 10-14 | 12.6 | 69.6 | 2.8 | 14.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 3,610 | 2.9 |
| 15-19 | 17.5 | 14.1 | 3.2 | 59.9 | 3.0 | 1.7 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 2,905 | 6.8 |
| 20-24 | 25.1 | 10.2 | 4.2 | 32.0 | 16.3 | 11.1 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 2,414 | 8.0 |
| 25-29 | 30.1 | 11.9 | 4.4 | 27.0 | 16.1 | 9.1 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 2,434 | 6.5 |
| 30-34 | 39.2 | 10.7 | 3.8 | 23.1 | 12.4 | 9.3 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 1,732 | 4.7 |
| 35-39 | 54.2 | 10.2 | 4.6 | 16.2 | 8.0 | 5.7 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 1,530 | 0.0 |
| 40-44 | 61.5 | 7.8 | 6.7 | 13.4 | 6.1 | 4.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1,072 | 0.0 |
| 45-49 | 60.1 | 9.0 | 6.6 | 10.2 | 7.8 | 4.7 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 723 | 0.0 |
| 50-54 | 81.3 | 4.7 | 3.1 | 4.6 | 2.2 | 3.1 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 903 | 0.0 |
| 55-59 | 83.9 | 2.6 | 1.8 | 4.4 | 2.6 | 3.1 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 610 | 0.0 |
| 60-64 | 89.7 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 482 | 0.0 |
| $65+$ | 90.8 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 993 | 0.0 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 32.6 | 25.6 | 3.3 | 24.0 | 7.9 | 5.6 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 15,887 | 3.1 |
| Rural | 53.2 | 28.5 | 2.7 | 12.4 | 2.0 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 6,911 | 0.0 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 26.0 | 21.2 | 3.7 | 29.6 | 12.6 | 6.2 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 285 | 5.4 |
| Kanifing | 27.6 | 22.3 | 4.1 | 26.3 | 11.0 | 7.6 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 4,499 | 4.9 |
| Brikama | 32.2 | 27.3 | 3.0 | 24.3 | 7.0 | 5.3 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 9,687 | 3.0 |
| Mansakonko | 44.0 | 31.3 | 2.3 | 17.5 | 2.8 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 910 | 0.2 |
| Kerewan | 51.6 | 25.0 | 3.5 | 14.4 | 3.3 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 2,484 | 0.0 |
| Kuntaur | 65.8 | 22.5 | 1.7 | 7.9 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,128 | 0.0 |
| Janjanbureh | 53.9 | 26.6 | 2.5 | 13.8 | 2.1 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,301 | 0.0 |
| Basse | 52.0 | 32.7 | 2.8 | 10.4 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 2,503 | 0.0 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 55.7 | 28.4 | 2.5 | 10.9 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 4,412 | 0.0 |
| Second | 46.4 | 29.9 | 2.5 | 17.2 | 2.5 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 4,337 | 0.0 |
| Middle | 40.0 | 28.7 | 3.1 | 20.6 | 4.3 | 2.3 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 4,447 | 1.2 |
| Fourth | 31.3 | 26.2 | 3.7 | 26.3 | 8.2 | 3.6 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 4,708 | 3.3 |
| Highest | 23.3 | 20.0 | 3.7 | 26.4 | 13.3 | 12.4 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 4,895 | 6.1 |
| Total | 38.9 | 26.5 | 3.1 | 20.5 | 6.1 | 4.1 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 22,799 | 1.6 |

Note: Total includes 9 respondents for whom information on age is missing.
${ }^{1}$ Completed grade 6 at the primary level
${ }^{2}$ Completed grade 12 at the secondary level

Table 2.12.2 Educational attainment of the male household population
Percent distribution of the de facto male household population age 6 and over by highest level of schooling attended or completed and median years completed, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | No education | Some primary | Completed primary ${ }^{1}$ | Some secondary | Completed secondary ${ }^{2}$ | More than secondary | Don't know/ missing | Total | Number | Median years completed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6-9 | 46.2 | 53.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 3,399 | 0.0 |
| 10-14 | 19.0 | 65.5 | 2.7 | 12.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 3,353 | 2.6 |
| 15-19 | 20.8 | 15.9 | 4.3 | 55.0 | 2.6 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 2,553 | 6.2 |
| 20-24 | 25.4 | 7.0 | 3.8 | 36.9 | 16.6 | 8.4 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 2,044 | 8.2 |
| 25-29 | 29.9 | 7.5 | 3.9 | 24.8 | 17.9 | 12.3 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 1,521 | 8.0 |
| 30-34 | 29.9 | 7.1 | 2.9 | 23.1 | 19.3 | 12.7 | 5.0 | 100.0 | 1,265 | 8.1 |
| 35-39 | 36.1 | 7.1 | 3.9 | 17.3 | 20.0 | 10.6 | 4.9 | 100.0 | 1,225 | 5.8 |
| 40-44 | 37.8 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 18.3 | 16.7 | 11.6 | 4.4 | 100.0 | 1,033 | 5.6 |
| 45-49 | 40.4 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 20.2 | 11.4 | 10.7 | 6.9 | 100.0 | 839 | 5.1 |
| 50-54 | 47.5 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 11.1 | 15.5 | 12.3 | 5.6 | 100.0 | 611 | 0.0 |
| 55-59 | 57.4 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 10.4 | 14.3 | 10.9 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 416 | 0.0 |
| 60-64 | 65.2 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 8.2 | 9.8 | 9.1 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 531 | 0.0 |
| $65+$ | 78.3 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 6.3 | 2.8 | 100.0 | 925 | 0.0 |
| Don't know/missing | (68.8) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (10.4) | (7.9) | (0.0) | (12.9) | 100.0 | 21 | * |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 29.6 | 23.4 | 3.2 | 23.5 | 10.6 | 6.9 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 14,119 | 3.8 |
| Rural | 47.9 | 30.5 | 2.4 | 12.5 | 3.4 | 2.4 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 5,615 | 0.0 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 28.8 | 21.1 | 3.6 | 25.6 | 11.8 | 6.7 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 305 | 4.6 |
| Kanifing | 25.8 | 19.0 | 4.0 | 26.4 | 13.1 | 8.6 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 4,045 | 5.5 |
| Brikama | 29.6 | 25.1 | 2.7 | 23.3 | 10.0 | 6.6 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 8,662 | 3.4 |
| Mansakonko | 38.0 | 34.0 | 2.1 | 15.4 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 808 | 0.8 |
| Kerewan | 41.7 | 29.5 | 3.9 | 15.9 | 4.8 | 3.1 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 2,026 | 0.7 |
| Kuntaur | 68.1 | 19.1 | 1.7 | 7.5 | 2.2 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 831 | 0.0 |
| Janjanbureh | 53.7 | 26.5 | 2.2 | 11.6 | 3.2 | 2.3 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,086 | 0.0 |
| Basse | 44.7 | 35.5 | 2.1 | 11.4 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 1,971 | 0.0 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 52.5 | 29.1 | 2.2 | 11.9 | 2.2 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 3,709 | 0.0 |
| Second | 43.2 | 27.2 | 3.0 | 16.9 | 4.4 | 3.2 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 4,016 | 0.3 |
| Middle | 34.4 | 27.2 | 3.3 | 21.5 | 7.2 | 4.4 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 3,944 | 2.2 |
| Fourth | 26.8 | 24.4 | 3.3 | 24.8 | 12.6 | 5.7 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 3,984 | 4.4 |
| Highest | 18.8 | 19.8 | 3.0 | 26.2 | 15.7 | 13.4 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 4,081 | 7.0 |
| Total | 34.8 | 25.5 | 3.0 | 20.4 | 8.5 | 5.6 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 19,734 | 2.2 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ Completed grade 6 at the primary level
${ }^{2}$ Completed grade 12 at the secondary level

Table 2.13 School attendance ratios
Net attendance ratios (NAR) and gross attendance ratios (GAR) for the de facto household population by sex and level of schooling, and the gender parity index (GPI), according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Net attendance ratio ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  | Gross attendance ratio ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Gender parity index ${ }^{3}$ | Male | Female | Total | Gender parity index ${ }^{3}$ |
| PRIMARY SCHOOL |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 71.2 | 80.9 | 76.2 | 1.14 | 99.6 | 106.2 | 103.0 | 1.07 |
| Rural | 67.3 | 73.1 | 70.2 | 1.09 | 90.4 | 99.6 | 94.9 | 1.10 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 81.5 | 83.8 | 82.7 | 1.03 | 117.0 | 108.1 | 112.3 | 0.92 |
| Kanifing | 75.4 | 80.4 | 78.1 | 1.07 | 107.1 | 104.7 | 105.8 | 0.98 |
| Brikama | 70.5 | 82.5 | 76.6 | 1.17 | 97.4 | 107.9 | 102.7 | 1.11 |
| Mansakonko | 73.9 | 78.7 | 76.1 | 1.06 | 108.3 | 109.1 | 108.7 | 1.01 |
| Kerewan | 71.5 | 75.6 | 73.5 | 1.06 | 91.1 | 99.8 | 95.4 | 1.10 |
| Kuntaur | 42.4 | 56.8 | 50.1 | 1.34 | 56.7 | 74.6 | 66.3 | 1.31 |
| Janjanbureh | 63.2 | 70.3 | 66.8 | 1.11 | 83.4 | 95.7 | 89.7 | 1.15 |
| Basse | 71.1 | 77.2 | 74.1 | 1.09 | 101.3 | 109.2 | 105.2 | 1.08 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 64.5 | 71.2 | 67.9 | 1.11 | 87.8 | 95.2 | 91.6 | 1.08 |
| Second | 63.8 | 77.3 | 70.2 | 1.21 | 89.4 | 106.0 | 97.3 | 1.18 |
| Middle | 72.9 | 80.1 | 76.6 | 1.10 | 102.9 | 103.1 | 103.0 | 1.00 |
| Fourth | 76.4 | 82.9 | 79.8 | 1.09 | 101.4 | 112.3 | 107.1 | 1.11 |
| Highest | 74.6 | 81.5 | 78.1 | 1.09 | 103.8 | 104.9 | 104.4 | 1.01 |
| Total | 69.7 | 78.2 | 74.1 | 1.12 | 96.2 | 103.9 | 100.1 | 1.08 |
| SECONDARY SCHOOL |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 45.8 | 56.5 | 51.4 | 1.23 | 65.4 | 75.7 | 70.7 | 1.16 |
| Rural | 31.6 | 34.9 | 33.4 | 1.10 | 43.5 | 42.2 | 42.8 | 0.97 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 54.8 | 67.2 | 61.4 | 1.23 | 75.0 | 88.9 | 82.3 | 1.18 |
| Kanifing | 48.1 | 58.2 | 53.4 | 1.21 | 70.3 | 77.0 | 73.8 | 1.10 |
| Brikama | 45.8 | 58.4 | 52.4 | 1.27 | 67.2 | 79.6 | 73.7 | 1.18 |
| Mansakonko | 36.3 | 45.3 | 40.7 | 1.25 | 46.5 | 53.7 | 50.0 | 1.15 |
| Kerewan | 44.7 | 44.3 | 44.5 | 0.99 | 57.8 | 54.5 | 56.1 | 0.94 |
| Kuntaur | 19.9 | 21.6 | 20.9 | 1.08 | 27.5 | 25.4 | 26.2 | 0.92 |
| Janjanbureh | 26.3 | 34.8 | 30.9 | 1.32 | 33.2 | 42.7 | 38.3 | 1.29 |
| Basse | 27.2 | 27.8 | 27.5 | 1.02 | 35.2 | 32.1 | 33.6 | 0.91 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 25.3 | 32.4 | 29.2 | 1.28 | 35.5 | 37.7 | 36.7 | 1.06 |
| Second | 35.0 | 42.5 | 38.7 | 1.21 | 47.0 | 57.2 | 52.0 | 1.22 |
| Middle | 41.1 | 50.6 | 46.2 | 1.23 | 57.0 | 66.4 | 62.0 | 1.17 |
| Fourth | 49.4 | 58.6 | 54.5 | 1.19 | 72.1 | 77.5 | 75.1 | 1.07 |
| Highest | 56.8 | 64.6 | 60.7 | 1.14 | 82.6 | 87.6 | 85.1 | 1.06 |
| Total | 41.8 | 49.9 | 46.1 | 1.19 | 59.2 | 65.4 | 62.5 | 1.10 |

${ }^{1}$ The NAR for primary school is the percentage of the primary school-age ( $7-12$ years) population that is attending primary school. The NAR for secondary school is the percentage of the secondary school-age ( $13-18$ years) population that is attending secondary school. By definition, the NAR cannot exceed 100.0.
${ }_{2}$ The GAR for primary school is the total number of primary school students, expressed as a percentage of the official primary school-age population. The GAR for secondary school is the total number of secondary school students, expressed as a percentage of the official secondary school-age population. If there are significant numbers of overage and underage students at a given level of schooling, the GAR can exceed 100.0.
${ }^{3}$ The gender parity index for primary school is the ratio of the primary school NAR (GAR) for females to the NAR (GAR) for males. The gender parity index for secondary school is the ratio of the secondary school NAR (GAR) for females to the NAR (GAR) for males.

## Key Findings

- Literacy: 47\% of women and 67\% of men age 15-49 are literate.
- Exposure to mass media: Only 2\% of women and 7\% of men access all three specified types of mass media (newspaper, television, and radio) on a weekly basis.
- Internet use: Overall, 62\% of women and $73 \%$ of men age 15-49 have used the internet in the past 12 months.
- Employment: 51\% of women age 15-49 are currently employed, as compared with $76 \%$ of men age $15-49$. Of those employed in the 12 months preceding the survey, $55 \%$ of women and $53 \%$ of men work in sales and services.
- Health insurance: Health insurance coverage is low, with only $3 \%$ of women and $4 \%$ of men age 15-49 having any type of health insurance.
- Tobacco: $1 \%$ of women and $19 \%$ of men age 15-49 smoke tobacco.

TThis chapter presents information on the demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of the survey respondents such as age, education, place of residence, marital status, employment, and wealth status. This information is useful for understanding the factors that affect use of reproductive health services, contraceptive use, and other health behaviours.

### 3.1 Basic Characteristics of Survey Respondents

A total of 11,865 women age 15-49 and 4,636 men age 15-59 were interviewed in the 2019-20 GDHS.
Table 3.1 shows the distribution of women and men age 15-49 interviewed by background characteristics. For the most part, the female and male populations have similar distributions. In both populations, the proportion of women and men in each age group generally decreases with increasing age, reflecting the comparatively young age structure of the population in The Gambia.

A majority of women ( $96 \%$ ) and men ( $97 \%$ ) are Muslim. Four percent of women and $3 \%$ of men are Christian, while less than $1 \%$ of women and men either are a member of another religion or have no religion. Table 3.1 shows that about 3 in 10 women ( $31 \%$ ) and 6 in 10 men ( $60 \%$ ) have never been married. More than half of women ( $63 \%$ ) and $39 \%$ of men are either currently married or living with someone as if married; $4 \%$ of women and $1 \%$ of men are divorced or separated, and $2 \%$ of women and less than $1 \%$ of men are widowed.

Roughly three quarters of women and men ( $74 \%$ and $78 \%$, respectively) live in urban areas.
By LGA, the largest proportion of female and male respondents ( $45 \%$ and $46 \%$, respectively) live in Brikama, while the smallest proportion of women (1\%) and men ( $2 \%$ ) reside in Banjul.

### 3.2 Education and Literacy

## Literacy

Respondents who have attended higher than secondary school are assumed to be literate. All other respondents, shown a typed sentence to read aloud, are considered literate if they could read all or part of the sentence.
Sample: Women and men age 15-49

Education is an important factor influencing an individual's attitudes and opportunities. Tables 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 show that men have slightly greater educational attainment than women; the median number of years of schooling completed among men is 7.4 , as compared with 5.6 among women. In addition, $35 \%$ of women have no formal education, compared with only $22 \%$ of men. Sixteen percent of women and $17 \%$ of men have attended or completed primary school, and $42 \%$ of women and $51 \%$ of men have attended or completed secondary school. Higher education is relatively rare; only $7 \%$ of women and $10 \%$ of men have attended or completed more than secondary school (Figure 3.1).

Literacy follows a similar pattern, with only $47 \%$ of

Figure 3.1 Education of survey respondents
Percent distribution of women and men age 15-49 by highest level of schooling attended or completed
 women being literate, as compared with $67 \%$ of men (Tables 3.3.1 and 3.3.2).

Trends: The percentage of women who attended at least some secondary education increased from $40 \%$ in 2013 to $50 \%$ in 2019-20. Among men, the percentage increased from $56 \%$ to $62 \%$. The percentage of women and men with no education declined between 2013 ( $47 \%$ and $31 \%$, respectively) and 2019-20 ( $35 \%$ and $22 \%$, respectively).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Median number of years of education among women declines with age, from 7.2 years among those $15-24$ to 0.0 years among those age 35-39 and older.
- Urban women have on average completed more years of education (7.0) than their rural counterparts (0.0). A similar pattern is observed between urban (8.2) and rural (3.4) men.
- There is considerable variation in educational attainment across LGAs. The proportions of women and men with no education are largest in Kuntaur ( $71 \%$ and $61 \%$, respectively) and smallest in Kanifing ( $22 \%$ and $12 \%$, respectively).
- The proportion of respondents who have completed secondary school or higher increases with increasing wealth. Thirty-six percent of women and $37 \%$ of men in the highest wealth quintile have completed secondary school or higher, as compared with $4 \%$ of women and $6 \%$ of men in the lowest wealth quintile (Figure 3.2).
- Literacy among women decreases with age, from $67 \%$ among those age $15-19$ to $23 \%$ among those age 45-49 (Table 3.3.1).


### 3.3 Mass Media Exposure

## Exposure to mass media

Respondents were asked how often they read a newspaper, listened to the radio, or watched television. Those who responded at least once a week are considered regularly exposed to that form of media.
Sample: Women and men age 15-49

Access to information is essential in increasing people's knowledge and awareness of important issues. Data on women's and men's exposure to mass media are especially crucial in the development of health education programmes and the dissemination of information, particularly on family planning, nutrition, HIV/AIDS, and other essential topics.

Television is the dominant medium of information for women and men, as $56 \%$ of women and $69 \%$ of men age 15-49 watch television at least once a week (Tables 3.4.1 and 3.4.2). Men are more likely (7\%) than women ( $2 \%$ ) to access all three forms of media (newspaper, television, and radio) on a weekly basis. Twenty-eight percent of women and $13 \%$ of men do not access any of the three media on a weekly basis
(Figure 3.3).
The internet is also a critical tool through which people access and share information. Internet use includes accessing web pages, email, and social media. Among all women and men age 15-49, $62 \%$ and $73 \%$ have used the internet in the last 12 months, respectively. Of those who have accessed the internet in the past 12 months, a greater percentage of men ( $65 \%$ ) than women ( $60 \%$ ) use the internet on a daily basis (Tables 3.5.1 and 3.5.2).

Trends: The percentage of women age 15-49 with no weekly exposure to mass media decreased from $30 \%$ in 2013 to $28 \%$ in 2019-20. Among men, the percentage decreased from $16 \%$ to $13 \%$.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Both men and women in urban areas are more likely to have accessed all three forms of mass media in the last week than those in rural areas ( $2 \%$ versus less than $1 \%$ among women and $8 \%$ versus $3 \%$ among men) (Tables 3.4.1 and 3.4.2)
- Among women, exposure to the three forms of mass media increases only marginally with increasing education, from less than $1 \%$ among those with no education to $3 \%$ among those with a secondary education or higher. Among men, the corresponding increase is larger (less than $1 \%$ to $11 \%$ ).
- Internet use in the last 12 months is more common in urban areas ( $70 \%$ of women and $78 \%$ of men) than in rural areas ( $39 \%$ of women and $57 \%$ of men) (Tables 3.5.1 and 3.5.2).
- Internet usage among women and men generally increases with increasing education and household wealth. Seventy-four percent of women and $82 \%$ of men with a secondary education or higher used the internet in the past 12 months, as compared with $46 \%$ of women and $58 \%$ of men with no education. Similarly, $86 \%$ of women and $90 \%$ of men in the highest wealth quintile used the internet during the past 12 months, compared with $28 \%$ of women and $47 \%$ of men in the lowest wealth quintile


### 3.4 Employment

## Currently employed

Respondents who were employed in the 7 days before the survey.
Sample: Women and men age 15-49

Men are more likely ( $76 \%$ ) to be currently employed than women ( $51 \%$ ) (Tables 3.6.1 and 3.6.2). Sixteen percent of men and $40 \%$ of women were not employed in the 12 months preceding the survey.

Trends: The percentage of women who are currently employed increased from $43 \%$ in 2013 to $51 \%$ in 2019-20. Among men, the percentage increased from $66 \%$ to $76 \%$ over the same period.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The percentage of women currently employed increases with age, from 20\% among those age 15-19 to $77 \%$ among those age 45-49. Among men, the percentage rises from $47 \%$ among those age $15-19$ to $95 \%$ among those age $35-39$, at which point it remains uniformly high across all remaining age groups.
- The percentage of currently employed women declines with increasing education, from $57 \%$ among those with no education to $45 \%$ among those with a secondary education or higher.
- There is only a small difference between urban and rural areas in the percentages of women who are currently employed ( $51 \%$ versus $48 \%$ ). There is no difference in the percentage of currently employed men ( $76 \%$ each) (Figure 3.4).

Figure 3.4 Employment status by residence

Percentage of women and men age 15-49 who are currently employed

■ Women ■ Men


### 3.5 Occupation

## Occupation

Categorised as professional/technical/managerial, clerical, sales and services, skilled manual, unskilled manual, agriculture, and other.
Sample: Women and men age 15-49 who were currently employed or had worked in the 12 months before the survey

Over half of women (55\%) and men (53\%) age 15-49 work in sales and services. Twenty-eight percent of women work in agriculture, and $13 \%$ of men work in professional, technical, and managerial jobs (Tables 3.7.1 and 3.7.2).

Nineteen percent of employed women in The Gambia are not paid for the work they do. Women engaged in agricultural work are more likely (39\%) than women performing nonagricultural work ( $11 \%$ ) to not be paid for their work. Sixty-four percent of women who worked in the past year are self-employed (Table 3.8).

Trends: The proportion of women employed in agriculture declined from $41 \%$ in 2013 to $28 \%$ in 2019-20; the corresponding decrease among men was from $19 \%$ to $12 \%$. The proportion of women working in professional, technical, and managerial occupations increased between 2013 and 2019-20, from $5 \%$ to $8 \%$.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Women in urban areas are more likely to work in sales and services (67\%) than women in rural areas ( $28 \%$ ), while rural women are more likely to work in agriculture ( $68 \%$ ) than their urban counterparts (11\%) (Table 3.7.1).
- Women and men with a secondary education or higher are much more likely to work in professional, technical, and managerial occupations than women and men with no education or a primary education.


### 3.6 Health Insurance Coverage

Only $3 \%$ of women and $4 \%$ of men age 15-49 have any type of health insurance (Tables 3.9.1 and 3.9.2).
Trends: The percentage of women without health insurance decreased slightly from $98 \%$ in 2013 to $97 \%$ in 2019-20, while the percentage among men decreased from $97 \%$ to $96 \%$ over the same period.

### 3.7 Tobacco Use

One percent of women age 15-49 smoke any kind of tobacco (Table 3.10.1), as compared with $19 \%$ of men (Table 3.10.2). Sixteen percent of men smoke daily, and $3 \%$ are occasional smokers. Nearly three quarters $(73 \%)$ of men who are daily smokers reported that they smoke on average five or more cigarettes per day (Table 3.11).

Trends: Smoking among women is uncommon in The Gambia; since 2013, 1\% or less of women have reported that they smoke. The proportion of men who reported smoking any type of tobacco decreased from $21 \%$ in 2013 to $19 \%$ in 2019-20.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The percentage of men who use any type of tobacco increases from 6\% among those age 15-19 to a peak of $33 \%$ among those age 40-44 before declining to $28 \%$ among those age 45-49.
- There is little difference in the percentage of urban (19\%) and rural ( $18 \%$ ) men who smoke any type of tobacco.
- The percentage of men who smoke any type of tobacco generally declines with rising wealth, from $22 \%$ among those in the lowest wealth quintile to $17 \%$ among those in the highest quintile.


### 3.8 History of Diabetes

With rapid urbanisation, sedentary lifestyles, and increasing rates of obesity, the prevalence of diabetes has increased over the years both worldwide and in The Gambia. Diabetes mellitus is a group of diseases that are characterised by elevated blood glucose levels due to defects in insulin secretion or insulin action (ADA 2004, ADA 2014). As a result, blood glucose levels remain abnormally high over a prolonged period of time. If left untreated, diabetes can cause many complications, including heart attack, stroke, kidney failure, loss of vision, leg amputation, nerve damage, and premature death. The diagnosis of diabetes is usually made when classic diabetes signs and symptoms are associated with abnormal blood glucose (Pippitt et al. 2016). Blood glucose levels are determined through tests conducted in the laboratory by a health provider or self-tests administered at home.

Twenty-five percent of women and $21 \%$ of men age 15-49 report having ever had their blood sugar measured by a health care provider, while only $1 \%$ and less than $1 \%$, respectively, report having ever been told that they have high blood sugar or diabetes (Tables 3.13.1 and 3.13.2). Among women who have ever been informed that they have high blood sugar or diabetes, $60 \%$ were informed in the 12 months preceding the survey, $69 \%$ were prescribed medication to control their blood sugar, and $57 \%$ were taking medication to control their blood sugar at the time of the survey. Among men age 15-59, the corresponding percentages are $84 \%, 96 \%$, and $58 \%$, although these figures should be interpreted with caution due to the small sample size.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- There are only small differences between urban and rural areas in the percentages of women (25\% versus $24 \%$ ) and men ( $22 \%$ versus $18 \%$ ) who have been tested for diabetes.
- The proportions of women and men who have had their blood sugar measured are lowest in Janjanbureh ( $9 \%$ and $10 \%$, respectively); the proportions are highest among women in Basse ( $42 \%$ ) and men in Kuntaur ( $31 \%$ ).
- In general, the percentage of women and men who have been tested for diabetes increases with rising wealth. Among women, the percentage increases from $20 \%$ among those in the lowest quintile to $32 \%$ among those in the highest quintile. The corresponding percentages among men are $17 \%$ and $26 \%$.


### 3.9 History of High Blood Pressure

High blood pressure or hypertension is among the major risk factors for cardiovascular disease. The 201920 GDHS included questions to determine if respondents' blood pressure had ever been measured by a doctor or other health care provider and if they had ever been diagnosed as hypertensive. Tables 3.14.1 and 3.14.2 summarise the results of the questions relating to hypertension.

Sixty-nine percent of women and $55 \%$ of men age 15-49 report ever having had their blood pressure measured by a doctor or other health care provider, while $14 \%$ of women and $3 \%$ of men report ever having been told by a doctor or other health provider that their blood pressure was high. Among women who have ever been informed that they have high blood pressure or hypertension, $58 \%$ were informed in the 12 months preceding the survey, $84 \%$ were prescribed medication to control their blood pressure, and $52 \%$ were taking medication to control their blood pressure at the time of the survey.

Among men who have ever been informed that they have high blood pressure or hypertension, $66 \%$ were informed in the 12 months preceding the survey, $86 \%$ were prescribed medication to control their blood pressure, and $28 \%$ were taking medication to control their blood pressure at the time of the survey

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The percentages of women and men who have ever had their blood pressure measured by a health care provider generally increase with age.
- The percentages of women and men who have had their blood pressure measured are lowest among those who live in Brikama ( $62 \%$ and $39 \%$, respectively).
- Women ( $66 \%$ ) and men (52\%) in urban areas are less likely to be measured for high blood pressure than their rural counterparts ( $75 \%$ and $65 \%$ ).
- The percentage of women who have ever had their blood pressure measured generally declines with increasing education and wealth.


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Table 3.1 Background characteristics of respondents
Percent distribution of women and men age 15-49 by selected background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Women |  |  | Men |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Weighted percent | Weighted number | Unweighted number | Weighted percent | Weighted number | Unweighted number |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 22.2 | 2,633 | 2,687 | 25.8 | 1,097 | 1,079 |
| 20-24 | 18.4 | 2,181 | 2,082 | 18.8 | 802 | 731 |
| 25-29 | 18.9 | 2,248 | 2,194 | 14.9 | 634 | 641 |
| 30-34 | 13.6 | 1,619 | 1,626 | 12.3 | 524 | 519 |
| 35-39 | 12.1 | 1,438 | 1,485 | 11.7 | 499 | 506 |
| 40-44 | 8.7 | 1,028 | 1,054 | 8.4 | 357 | 365 |
| 45-49 | 6.0 | 718 | 737 | 8.0 | 342 | 360 |
| Religion |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Islam | 96.4 | 11,443 | 11,584 | 96.5 | 4,104 | 4,087 |
| Christianity | 3.5 | 418 | 278 | 3.4 | 143 | 108 |
| Other | 0.0 | 3 | 2 | 0.0 | 2 | 3 |
| No religion | 0.0 | 1 | 1 | 0.1 | 6 | 3 |
| Ethnic group |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mandinka/Jahanka | 33.4 | 3,961 | 3,701 | 33.1 | 1,408 | 1,231 |
| Wollof | 12.5 | 1,487 | 1,679 | 13.8 | 587 | 615 |
| Jola/Karoninka | 11.1 | 1,311 | 782 | 11.0 | 470 | 283 |
| Fula/Tukulur/Lorobo | 18.2 | 2,156 | 2,569 | 18.2 | 774 | 959 |
| Serere | 3.6 | 425 | 376 | 3.3 | 139 | 137 |
| Sarahule | 7.3 | 868 | 1,143 | 7.0 | 297 | 354 |
| Creole/Aku Marabout | 0.5 | 55 | 64 | 0.6 | 24 | 35 |
| Manjago | 1.2 | 143 | 105 | 1.5 | 63 | 47 |
| Bambara | 1.2 | 147 | 161 | 1.5 | 63 | 73 |
| Other | 0.9 | 110 | 82 | 0.9 | 37 | 31 |
| Non-Gambian | 10.1 | 1,201 | 1,203 | 9.2 | 393 | 436 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 31.2 | 3,704 | 3,226 | 60.0 | 2,552 | 2,377 |
| Married | 63.2 | 7,501 | 8,067 | 38.5 | 1,637 | 1,768 |
| Living together | 0.2 | 25 | 16 | 0.2 | 7 | 3 |
| Divorced/separated | 3.8 | 453 | 390 | 1.1 | 45 | 43 |
| Widowed | 1.5 | 182 | 166 | 0.3 | 13 | 10 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 73.7 | 8,747 | 6,510 | 77.6 | 3,299 | 2,496 |
| Rural | 26.3 | 3,118 | 5,355 | 22.4 | 955 | 1,705 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 1.4 | 163 | 947 | 1.9 | 80 | 467 |
| Kanifing | 21.8 | 2,590 | 1,612 | 24.4 | 1,040 | 634 |
| Brikama | 44.7 | 5,299 | 2,355 | 46.2 | 1,967 | 884 |
| Mansakonko | 3.6 | 431 | 1,030 | 3.1 | 134 | 331 |
| Kerewan | 9.5 | 1,129 | 1,391 | 8.2 | 351 | 466 |
| Kuntaur | 4.4 | 522 | 1,319 | 3.3 | 142 | 374 |
| Janjanbureh | 5.0 | 595 | 1,262 | 4.8 | 202 | 453 |
| Basse | 9.6 | 1,137 | 1,949 | 8.0 | 340 | 592 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 34.7 | 4,119 | 4,963 | 21.6 | 921 | 1,251 |
| Primary | 15.6 | 1,854 | 1,972 | 16.8 | 716 | 748 |
| Secondary | 42.3 | 5,021 | 4,315 | 51.2 | 2,178 | 1,847 |
| More than secondary | 7.3 | 871 | 615 | 10.3 | 440 | 355 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 16.8 | 1,998 | 3,334 | 14.8 | 632 | 1,068 |
| Second | 18.0 | 2,135 | 2,253 | 18.0 | 768 | 863 |
| Middle | 19.3 | 2,292 | 2,270 | 19.9 | 848 | 834 |
| Fourth | 21.8 | 2,591 | 2,035 | 20.6 | 875 | 684 |
| Highest | 24.0 | 2,849 | 1,973 | 26.6 | 1,132 | 752 |
| Total 15-49 | 100.0 | 11,865 | 11,865 | 100.0 | 4,255 | 4,201 |
| 50-59 | na | na | na | na | 381 | 435 |
| Total 15-59 | na | na | na | na | 4,636 | 4,636 |

Note: Education categories refer to the highest level of education attended, whether or not that level was completed.
na $=$ Not applicable

Table 3.2.1 Educational attainment: Women
Percent distribution of women age 15-49 by highest level of schooling attended or completed, and median years completed, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Highest level of schooling |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Median years completed | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | No education | Some primary | Completed primary ${ }^{1}$ | Some secondary | Completed secondary ${ }^{2}$ | More than secondary |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 20.2 | 11.8 | 3.9 | 49.3 | 8.2 | 6.6 | 100.0 | 7.2 | 4,814 |
| 15-19 | 16.5 | 14.1 | 3.7 | 60.9 | 3.1 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 6.8 | 2,633 |
| 20-24 | 24.7 | 8.9 | 4.2 | 35.2 | 14.4 | 12.5 | 100.0 | 8.2 | 2,181 |
| 25-29 | 30.4 | 11.9 | 5.2 | 29.5 | 13.4 | 9.7 | 100.0 | 6.3 | 2,248 |
| 30-34 | 38.4 | 11.2 | 3.5 | 25.8 | 11.0 | 10.1 | 100.0 | 5.1 | 1,619 |
| 35-39 | 52.2 | 11.4 | 4.7 | 18.7 | 7.3 | 5.7 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 1,438 |
| 40-44 | 62.2 | 7.5 | 5.8 | 13.3 | 5.8 | 5.5 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 1,028 |
| 45-49 | 62.9 | 10.3 | 4.8 | 11.9 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 718 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 27.6 | 10.3 | 4.4 | 37.2 | 11.1 | 9.4 | 100.0 | 7.0 | 8,747 |
| Rural | 54.7 | 13.6 | 4.5 | 22.1 | 3.5 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 3,118 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 23.8 | 6.4 | 4.7 | 38.3 | 16.5 | 10.2 | 100.0 | 8.3 | 163 |
| Kanifing | 21.5 | 9.1 | 4.9 | 37.9 | 13.9 | 12.6 | 100.0 | 8.2 | 2,590 |
| Brikama | 27.7 | 10.4 | 4.2 | 38.8 | 10.2 | 8.8 | 100.0 | 6.8 | 5,299 |
| Mansakonko | 39.4 | 17.6 | 4.5 | 31.0 | 4.5 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 4.0 | 431 |
| Kerewan | 48.2 | 10.8 | 4.8 | 27.4 | 6.1 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 2.1 | 1,129 |
| Kuntaur | 71.0 | 9.7 | 3.0 | 13.1 | 2.5 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 522 |
| Janjanbureh | 58.7 | 9.9 | 3.8 | 22.1 | 3.8 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 595 |
| Basse | 54.7 | 19.6 | 5.1 | 17.5 | 2.6 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 1,137 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 60.4 | 12.0 | 4.6 | 19.2 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 1,998 |
| Second | 47.1 | 13.4 | 4.3 | 29.1 | 4.3 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 2.2 | 2,135 |
| Middle | 38.0 | 14.4 | 3.7 | 33.0 | 7.1 | 3.7 | 100.0 | 4.6 | 2,292 |
| Fourth | 24.6 | 10.4 | 5.3 | 41.3 | 12.0 | 6.5 | 100.0 | 7.1 | 2,591 |
| Highest | 14.0 | 7.2 | 4.1 | 39.1 | 16.3 | 19.3 | 100.0 | 9.1 | 2,849 |
| Total | 34.7 | 11.2 | 4.4 | 33.2 | 9.1 | 7.3 | 100.0 | 5.6 | 11,865 |

[^4]Table 3.2.2 Educational attainment: Men
Percent distribution of men age 15-49 by highest level of schooling attended or completed, and median years completed, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Highest level of schooling |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Median years completed | Number of men |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | No education | Some primary | Completed primary ${ }^{1}$ | Some secondary | Completed secondary ${ }^{2}$ | More than secondary |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 15.1 | 14.7 | 3.8 | 52.6 | 8.7 | 5.1 | 100.0 | 7.2 | 1,898 |
| 15-19 | 14.3 | 18.4 | 3.3 | 59.6 | 3.2 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 6.4 | 1,097 |
| 20-24 | 16.1 | 9.6 | 4.5 | 42.9 | 16.3 | 10.7 | 100.0 | 8.6 | 802 |
| 25-29 | 22.1 | 13.3 | 3.6 | 26.6 | 17.1 | 17.4 | 100.0 | 8.2 | 634 |
| 30-34 | 24.0 | 7.4 | 5.2 | 30.9 | 15.8 | 16.8 | 100.0 | 8.3 | 524 |
| 35-39 | 29.3 | 11.1 | 3.4 | 25.1 | 19.8 | 11.4 | 100.0 | 7.2 | 499 |
| 40-44 | 30.4 | 11.3 | 7.2 | 22.2 | 15.6 | 13.4 | 100.0 | 6.5 | 357 |
| 45-49 | 33.2 | 7.1 | 8.7 | 19.2 | 20.2 | 11.7 | 100.0 | 6.0 | 342 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 16.0 | 11.3 | 4.7 | 40.5 | 15.9 | 11.7 | 100.0 | 8.2 | 3,299 |
| Rural | 41.1 | 15.7 | 4.2 | 27.6 | 5.9 | 5.6 | 100.0 | 3.4 | 955 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 27.1 | 8.8 | 4.4 | 36.9 | 12.7 | 10.1 | 100.0 | 7.5 | 80 |
| Kanifing | 11.5 | 8.8 | 4.1 | 40.9 | 19.0 | 15.5 | 100.0 | 8.8 | 1,040 |
| Brikama | 16.2 | 11.5 | 5.1 | 41.9 | 15.2 | 10.2 | 100.0 | 8.1 | 1,967 |
| Mansakonko | 33.4 | 14.7 | 3.3 | 31.6 | 9.5 | 7.5 | 100.0 | 5.3 | 134 |
| Kerewan | 30.1 | 14.1 | 4.4 | 34.7 | 8.6 | 8.1 | 100.0 | 5.8 | 351 |
| Kuntaur | 60.8 | 10.9 | 3.4 | 17.9 | 5.3 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 142 |
| Janjanbureh | 56.0 | 11.4 | 3.9 | 19.9 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 100.0 | 0.0 | 202 |
| Basse | 32.9 | 26.3 | 4.5 | 26.3 | 4.2 | 5.9 | 100.0 | 3.8 | 340 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 46.7 | 17.2 | 5.0 | 24.7 | 4.2 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 1.4 | 632 |
| Second | 32.3 | 16.2 | 5.1 | 31.9 | 7.6 | 6.8 | 100.0 | 5.1 | 768 |
| Middle | 20.8 | 14.7 | 4.6 | 36.2 | 12.9 | 10.8 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 848 |
| Fourth | 12.6 | 9.8 | 4.5 | 44.3 | 18.6 | 10.2 | 100.0 | 8.4 | 875 |
| Highest | 8.0 | 6.9 | 4.0 | 44.3 | 19.7 | 17.1 | 100.0 | 9.4 | 1,132 |
| Total 15-49 | 21.6 | 12.3 | 4.6 | 37.6 | 13.6 | 10.3 | 100.0 | 7.4 | 4,255 |
| 50-59 | 45.1 | 5.6 | 4.2 | 15.7 | 12.8 | 16.5 | 100.0 | 4.8 | 381 |
| Total 15-59 | 23.6 | 11.7 | 4.5 | 35.8 | 13.6 | 10.8 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 4,636 |

${ }^{1}$ Completed grade 6 at the primary level
${ }^{2}$ Completed grade 12 at the secondary leve

## Table 3.3.1 Literacy: Women

Percent distribution of women age 15-49 by level of schooling attended and level of literacy, and percentage literate, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Higher than secondary schooling | No schooling, primary or secondary school |  |  |  |  | Total | $\begin{gathered} \text { Percentage } \\ \text { literate }^{1} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Can read a whole sentence | Can read part of a sentence | $\begin{gathered} \text { Cannot read } \\ \text { at all } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | No card with required language | Blind/ visually impaired |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 6.6 | 42.6 | 13.3 | 36.2 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 62.5 | 4,814 |
| 15-19 | 1.7 | 50.0 | 15.0 | 32.1 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 66.6 | 2,633 |
| 20-24 | 12.5 | 33.7 | 11.3 | 41.0 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 57.5 | 2,181 |
| 25-29 | 9.7 | 22.8 | 13.0 | 52.7 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 45.5 | 2,248 |
| 30-34 | 10.1 | 20.6 | 11.7 | 55.9 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 42.4 | 1,619 |
| 35-39 | 5.7 | 17.1 | 9.0 | 66.9 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 31.9 | 1,438 |
| 40-44 | 5.5 | 12.6 | 6.6 | 74.3 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 24.7 | 1,028 |
| 45-49 | 4.8 | 12.3 | 6.3 | 75.0 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 23.3 | 718 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 9.4 | 32.9 | 12.4 | 43.6 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 54.6 | 8,747 |
| Rural | 1.6 | 15.5 | 9.1 | 73.1 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 26.2 | 3,118 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 10.2 | 39.5 | 11.2 | 36.6 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 60.8 | 163 |
| Kanifing | 12.6 | 36.7 | 11.8 | 36.1 | 2.7 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 61.1 | 2,590 |
| Brikama | 8.8 | 32.6 | 13.4 | 43.9 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 54.8 | 5,299 |
| Mansakonko | 3.1 | 20.4 | 11.2 | 63.0 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 34.6 | 431 |
| Kerewan | 2.7 | 24.1 | 10.4 | 61.9 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 37.2 | 1,129 |
| Kuntaur | 0.6 | 9.4 | 6.4 | 83.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 16.4 | 522 |
| Janjanbureh | 1.7 | 12.6 | 9.5 | 76.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 23.8 | 595 |
| Basse | 0.6 | 11.6 | 6.8 | 80.4 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 19.0 | 1,137 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 1.5 | 11.5 | 8.8 | 77.5 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 21.7 | 1,998 |
| Second | 1.8 | 20.3 | 10.6 | 65.5 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 32.8 | 2,135 |
| Middle | 3.7 | 24.9 | 11.7 | 57.8 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 40.4 | 2,292 |
| Fourth | 6.5 | 35.9 | 13.8 | 42.5 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 56.2 | 2,591 |
| Highest | 19.3 | 41.9 | 11.8 | 25.3 | 1.6 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 73.0 | 2,849 |
| Total | 7.3 | 28.3 | 11.5 | 51.4 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 47.2 | 11,865 |

[^5]Table 3.3.2 Literacy: Men
Percent distribution of men age 15-49 by level of schooling attended and level of literacy, and percentage literate, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Higher than secondary schooling | No schooling, primary or secondary school |  |  |  |  | Total | Percentageliterate ${ }^{1}$ | Number of men |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Can read a whole sentence | Can read part of a sentence | Cannot read at all | No card with required language | Blind/ visually impaired |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 5.1 | 47.9 | 17.9 | 27.9 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 70.9 | 1,898 |
| 15-19 | 1.1 | 49.8 | 21.1 | 26.7 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 71.9 | 1,097 |
| 20-24 | 10.7 | 45.5 | 13.4 | 29.4 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 69.5 | 802 |
| 25-29 | 17.4 | 35.4 | 12.4 | 33.0 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 65.2 | 634 |
| 30-34 | 16.8 | 36.0 | 15.4 | 30.1 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 68.2 | 524 |
| 35-39 | 11.4 | 36.0 | 14.3 | 36.3 | 2.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 61.7 | 499 |
| 40-44 | 13.4 | 33.8 | 15.4 | 36.1 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 62.6 | 357 |
| 45-49 | 11.7 | 36.6 | 16.0 | 35.5 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 64.4 | 342 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 11.7 | 43.5 | 16.9 | 26.4 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 72.1 | 3,299 |
| Rural | 5.6 | 32.9 | 12.9 | 47.8 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 51.4 | 955 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 10.1 | 37.0 | 17.0 | 33.2 | 2.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 64.1 | 80 |
| Kanifing | 15.5 | 47.5 | 12.4 | 22.9 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 75.4 | 1,040 |
| Brikama | 10.2 | 42.7 | 19.4 | 26.5 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 72.3 | 1,967 |
| Mansakonko | 7.5 | 46.1 | 9.0 | 34.9 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 62.6 | 134 |
| Kerewan | 8.1 | 36.5 | 16.8 | 37.5 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 61.4 | 351 |
| Kuntaur | 1.7 | 30.5 | 9.4 | 58.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 41.5 | 142 |
| Janjanbureh | 4.3 | 20.0 | 14.2 | 61.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 38.6 | 202 |
| Basse | 5.9 | 33.0 | 12.4 | 46.2 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 51.3 | 340 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 2.1 | 26.7 | 12.8 | 57.8 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 41.5 | 632 |
| Second | 6.8 | 33.3 | 16.3 | 41.1 | 2.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 56.5 | 768 |
| Middle | 10.8 | 37.9 | 19.2 | 30.5 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 67.8 | 848 |
| Fourth | 10.2 | 51.0 | 16.4 | 21.4 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 77.5 | 875 |
| Highest | 17.1 | 49.3 | 14.7 | 17.7 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 81.2 | 1,132 |
| Total 15-49 | 10.3 | 41.1 | 16.0 | 31.2 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 67.4 | 4,255 |
| 50-59 | 16.5 | 34.4 | 8.6 | 38.6 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 59.5 | 381 |
| Total 15-59 | 10.8 | 40.6 | 15.4 | 31.8 | 1.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 66.8 | 4,636 |

${ }^{1}$ Refers to men who attended schooling higher than the secondary level and men who can read a whole sentence or part of a sentence

Table 3.4.1 Exposure to mass media: Women
Percentage of women age 15-49 who are exposed to specific media on a weekly basis, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Reads a newspaper at least once a week | Watches television at least once a week | Listens to the radio at least once a week | Accesses all three media at least once a week | Accesses none of the three media at least once a week | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 2.9 | 56.5 | 30.7 | 1.4 | 30.9 | 2,633 |
| 20-24 | 3.9 | 59.4 | 36.5 | 1.0 | 26.1 | 2,181 |
| 25-29 | 3.3 | 57.5 | 37.2 | 1.3 | 27.1 | 2,248 |
| 30-34 | 4.2 | 57.6 | 41.9 | 1.9 | 26.3 | 1,619 |
| 35-39 | 3.3 | 51.9 | 38.4 | 1.5 | 30.0 | 1,438 |
| 40-44 | 3.0 | 47.1 | 47.3 | 1.8 | 30.7 | 1,028 |
| 45-49 | 6.4 | 51.2 | 45.1 | 3.9 | 27.7 | 718 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 4.7 | 65.0 | 36.0 | 2.1 | 22.6 | 8,747 |
| Rural | 0.6 | 29.6 | 42.8 | 0.2 | 44.5 | 3,118 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 7.2 | 79.5 | 32.6 | 3.8 | 12.9 | 163 |
| Kanifing | 4.2 | 75.6 | 30.6 | 1.9 | 18.2 | 2,590 |
| Brikama | 5.3 | 59.1 | 38.8 | 2.3 | 24.7 | 5,299 |
| Mansakonko | 1.2 | 39.4 | 48.3 | 0.2 | 31.5 | 431 |
| Kerewan | 1.0 | 41.2 | 39.3 | 0.4 | 37.9 | 1,129 |
| Kuntaur | 0.3 | 29.3 | 44.5 | 0.1 | 42.7 | 522 |
| Janjanbureh | 0.3 | 26.4 | 47.4 | 0.3 | 43.6 | 595 |
| Basse | 0.6 | 39.0 | 35.9 | 0.1 | 45.2 | 1,137 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.0 | 41.5 | 37.6 | 0.0 | 38.6 | 4,119 |
| Primary | 0.1 | 54.0 | 38.2 | 0.0 | 30.0 | 1,854 |
| Secondary or higher | 7.2 | 66.2 | 37.7 | 3.2 | 20.7 | 5,892 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.7 | 17.2 | 42.6 | 0.0 | 50.9 | 1,998 |
| Second | 0.8 | 32.2 | 40.0 | 0.2 | 43.4 | 2,135 |
| Middle | 1.5 | 60.1 | 35.6 | 0.4 | 28.4 | 2,292 |
| Fourth | 2.3 | 76.8 | 34.4 | 0.7 | 15.4 | 2,591 |
| Highest | 10.6 | 77.6 | 37.5 | 5.4 | 12.9 | 2,849 |
| Total | 3.6 | 55.7 | 37.8 | 1.6 | 28.4 | 11,865 |

Table 3.4.2 Exposure to mass media: Men
Percentage of men age 15-49 who are exposed to specific media on a weekly basis, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Reads a newspaper at least once a week | Watches television at least once a week | Listens to the radio at least once a week | Accesses all three media at least once a week | Accesses none of the three media at least once a week | Number of men |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 2.2 | 70.2 | 50.3 | 1.6 | 17.2 | 1,097 |
| 20-24 | 8.1 | 71.0 | 65.8 | 5.9 | 13.4 | 802 |
| 25-29 | 11.9 | 68.6 | 64.8 | 7.7 | 13.6 | 634 |
| 30-34 | 14.9 | 65.2 | 72.0 | 11.1 | 11.0 | 524 |
| 35-39 | 12.0 | 68.3 | 72.6 | 9.6 | 8.9 | 499 |
| 40-44 | 20.1 | 68.2 | 81.4 | 16.1 | 8.2 | 357 |
| 45-49 | 13.8 | 64.2 | 76.4 | 7.7 | 11.1 | 342 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 11.6 | 74.5 | 65.5 | 8.3 | 10.4 | 3,299 |
| Rural | 4.1 | 48.2 | 64.9 | 3.0 | 21.9 | 955 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 11.2 | 82.0 | 61.4 | 8.3 | 7.7 | 80 |
| Kanifing | 15.7 | 83.2 | 68.1 | 11.8 | 6.2 | 1,040 |
| Brikama | 10.5 | 69.4 | 66.4 | 7.4 | 12.1 | 1,967 |
| Mansakonko | 5.9 | 55.1 | 69.3 | 3.9 | 13.8 | 134 |
| Kerewan | 5.1 | 67.5 | 68.4 | 4.4 | 12.9 | 351 |
| Kuntaur | 1.2 | 32.5 | 63.2 | 1.0 | 27.0 | 142 |
| Janjanbureh | 2.7 | 34.1 | 57.8 | 1.1 | 29.6 | 202 |
| Basse | 2.8 | 58.2 | 52.4 | 1.4 | 24.0 | 340 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.3 | 50.1 | 64.4 | 0.2 | 21.7 | 921 |
| Primary | 1.6 | 63.4 | 57.5 | 1.1 | 17.5 | 716 |
| Secondary or higher | 15.5 | 76.6 | 67.9 | 11.2 | 8.7 | 2,618 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 1.8 | 36.6 | 62.2 | 0.7 | 27.1 | 632 |
| Second | 5.0 | 48.5 | 67.7 | 3.6 | 19.3 | 768 |
| Middle | 8.5 | 73.2 | 68.9 | 5.4 | 9.8 | 848 |
| Fourth | 12.4 | 81.0 | 65.4 | 10.0 | 8.8 | 875 |
| Highest | 16.9 | 87.2 | 62.9 | 12.2 | 6.4 | 1,132 |
| Total 15-49 | 9.9 | 68.6 | 65.4 | 7.1 | 13.0 | 4,255 |
| 50-59 | 15.2 | 64.9 | 78.1 | 12.3 | 8.3 | 381 |
| Total 15-59 | 10.3 | 68.3 | 66.4 | 7.6 | 12.6 | 4,636 |

Table 3.5.1 Internet usage: Women
Percentage of women age 15-49 who have ever used the internet and percentage who have used the internet in the past 12 months, and among women who have used the internet in the past 12 months, percent distribution by frequency of internet use in the past month, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Ever used the internet | Used the internet in the past 12 months | Number of women | Among respondents who have used the internet in the past 12 months, percentage who, in the past month, used the internet: |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Almost every day | At least once a week | Less than once a week | Not at all | Total | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 50.9 | 46.8 | 2,633 | 47.0 | 32.3 | 13.8 | 6.9 | 100.0 | 1,231 |
| 20-24 | 76.9 | 72.8 | 2,181 | 63.3 | 26.6 | 5.5 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 1,587 |
| 25-29 | 75.9 | 72.3 | 2,248 | 66.2 | 23.4 | 5.7 | 4.7 | 100.0 | 1,625 |
| 30-34 | 70.5 | 67.4 | 1,619 | 63.8 | 25.3 | 6.6 | 4.3 | 100.0 | 1,092 |
| 35-39 | 62.1 | 58.7 | 1,438 | 60.3 | 29.2 | 6.1 | 4.3 | 100.0 | 843 |
| 40-44 | 60.5 | 56.6 | 1,028 | 59.6 | 24.6 | 11.2 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 582 |
| 45-49 | 56.3 | 52.1 | 718 | 57.0 | 30.9 | 9.1 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 374 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 73.4 | 69.8 | 8,747 | 62.0 | 25.9 | 7.5 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 6,107 |
| Rural | 43.6 | 39.4 | 3,118 | 52.1 | 32.3 | 9.6 | 6.0 | 100.0 | 1,227 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 76.0 | 73.4 | 163 | 67.6 | 23.8 | 6.0 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 120 |
| Kanifing | 78.3 | 74.9 | 2,590 | 71.4 | 20.9 | 4.6 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 1,939 |
| Brikama | 69.5 | 66.1 | 5,299 | 56.4 | 29.6 | 9.1 | 4.9 | 100.0 | 3,500 |
| Mansakonko | 50.2 | 47.4 | 431 | 51.3 | 39.6 | 3.3 | 5.9 | 100.0 | 204 |
| Kerewan | 50.6 | 45.5 | 1,129 | 49.5 | 32.3 | 9.7 | 8.6 | 100.0 | 514 |
| Kuntaur | 25.9 | 23.2 | 522 | 48.3 | 30.0 | 11.5 | 10.1 | 100.0 | 121 |
| Janjanbureh | 38.4 | 34.6 | 595 | 39.3 | 36.0 | 14.8 | 9.9 | 100.0 | 206 |
| Basse | 70.2 | 64.3 | 1,137 | 66.4 | 21.3 | 8.0 | 4.4 | 100.0 | 731 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 49.9 | 45.7 | 4,119 | 51.1 | 31.1 | 11.3 | 6.5 | 100.0 | 1,884 |
| Primary | 63.1 | 58.2 | 1,854 | 56.9 | 29.7 | 6.4 | 6.9 | 100.0 | 1,078 |
| Secondary or higher | 77.4 | 74.2 | 5,892 | 65.1 | 24.6 | 6.7 | 3.6 | 100.0 | 4,372 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 31.7 | 28.2 | 1,998 | 44.1 | 33.8 | 12.0 | 10.1 | 100.0 | 564 |
| Second | 53.8 | 49.1 | 2,135 | 47.8 | 35.1 | 9.9 | 7.1 | 100.0 | 1,048 |
| Middle | 66.2 | 61.5 | 2,292 | 53.4 | 31.9 | 9.9 | 4.8 | 100.0 | 1,409 |
| Fourth | 76.4 | 72.4 | 2,591 | 58.8 | 27.5 | 8.3 | 5.4 | 100.0 | 1,876 |
| Highest | 87.8 | 85.6 | 2,849 | 74.6 | 18.8 | 4.3 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 2,437 |
| Total | 65.6 | 61.8 | 11,865 | 60.3 | 27.0 | 7.8 | 4.9 | 100.0 | 7,335 |

Table 3.5.2 Internet usage: Men
Percentage of men age 15-49 who have ever used the internet and percentage who have used the internet in the past 12 months, and among men who have used the internet in the past 12 months, percent distribution by frequency of internet use in the past month, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Ever used the internet | Used the internet in the past 12 months | Number of men | Among respondents who have used the internet in the past 12 months, percentage who, in the past month, used the internet: |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Almost every day | At least once a week | Less than once a week | Not at all | Total | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 57.1 | 50.3 | 1,097 | 45.8 | 30.8 | 14.7 | 8.7 | 100.0 | 552 |
| 20-24 | 90.8 | 87.6 | 802 | 66.0 | 24.0 | 6.0 | 3.9 | 100.0 | 702 |
| 25-29 | 92.2 | 89.3 | 634 | 69.4 | 20.8 | 3.8 | 6.0 | 100.0 | 566 |
| 30-34 | 90.6 | 85.4 | 524 | 74.8 | 17.7 | 1.5 | 6.0 | 100.0 | 448 |
| 35-39 | 82.9 | 76.9 | 499 | 71.1 | 21.0 | 1.9 | 6.0 | 100.0 | 384 |
| 40-44 | 75.1 | 71.8 | 357 | 67.2 | 18.5 | 10.8 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 257 |
| 45-49 | 66.1 | 61.3 | 342 | 71.0 | 19.7 | 5.5 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 209 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 82.2 | 78.0 | 3,299 | 66.8 | 22.0 | 6.8 | 4.3 | 100.0 | 2,574 |
| Rural | 63.8 | 57.0 | 955 | 58.4 | 25.3 | 4.4 | 11.9 | 100.0 | 544 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 86.6 | 84.0 | 80 | 59.7 | 28.1 | 7.4 | 4.8 | 100.0 | 67 |
| Kanifing | 87.4 | 83.4 | 1,040 | 78.2 | 13.6 | 2.5 | 5.7 | 100.0 | 867 |
| Brikama | 78.0 | 73.6 | 1,967 | 60.5 | 26.9 | 9.8 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 1,447 |
| Mansakonko | 61.4 | 56.1 | 134 | 50.8 | 26.2 | 10.4 | 12.6 | 100.0 | 75 |
| Kerewan | 69.3 | 63.6 | 351 | 48.3 | 30.4 | 4.2 | 17.1 | 100.0 | 223 |
| Kuntaur | 56.3 | 52.1 | 142 | 60.8 | 14.2 | 2.2 | 22.8 | 100.0 | 74 |
| Janjanbureh | 67.8 | 53.8 | 202 | 53.3 | 36.4 | 3.9 | 6.4 | 100.0 | 109 |
| Basse | 78.7 | 75.3 | 340 | 76.4 | 15.9 | 2.8 | 4.9 | 100.0 | 256 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 63.4 | 57.7 | 921 | 59.9 | 24.6 | 7.3 | 8.1 | 100.0 | 532 |
| Primary | 68.2 | 61.3 | 716 | 64.1 | 21.5 | 7.0 | 7.4 | 100.0 | 439 |
| Secondary or higher | 85.9 | 82.0 | 2,618 | 67.0 | 22.3 | 6.0 | 4.7 | 100.0 | 2,148 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 55.2 | 47.1 | 632 | 51.2 | 30.3 | 5.5 | 13.0 | 100.0 | 298 |
| Second | 69.5 | 62.2 | 768 | 57.0 | 23.1 | 9.0 | 11.0 | 100.0 | 478 |
| Middle | 77.1 | 72.8 | 848 | 64.0 | 26.3 | 4.1 | 5.6 | 100.0 | 617 |
| Fourth | 85.1 | 81.5 | 875 | 70.5 | 20.5 | 6.3 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 713 |
| Highest | 91.9 | 89.5 | 1,132 | 70.7 | 19.4 | 6.8 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 1,013 |
| Total 15-49 | 78.1 | 73.3 | 4,255 | 65.4 | 22.6 | 6.4 | 5.7 | 100.0 | 3,118 |
| 50-59 | 65.1 | 58.2 | 381 | 68.9 | 26.0 | 3.8 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 222 |
| Total 15-59 | 77.0 | 72.0 | 4,636 | 65.6 | 22.8 | 6.2 | 5.4 | 100.0 | 3,340 |

Table 3.6.1 Employment status: Women
Percent distribution of women age 15-49 by employment status, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Employed in the 12 months preceding the survey |  | Not employed in the 12 months preceding the survey | Total | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Currently employed ${ }^{1}$ | Not currently employed |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 20.2 | 8.5 | 71.3 | 100.0 | 2,633 |
| 20-24 | 39.7 | 8.9 | 51.4 | 100.0 | 2,181 |
| 25-29 | 55.0 | 10.2 | 34.9 | 100.0 | 2,248 |
| 30-34 | 64.1 | 10.7 | 25.2 | 100.0 | 1,619 |
| 35-39 | 70.2 | 9.9 | 19.9 | 100.0 | 1,438 |
| 40-44 | 73.5 | 10.4 | 16.1 | 100.0 | 1,028 |
| 45-49 | 77.0 | 7.5 | 15.5 | 100.0 | 718 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 33.1 | 6.5 | 60.4 | 100.0 | 3,704 |
| Married or living together | 57.0 | 11.1 | 31.9 | 100.0 | 7,526 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 74.6 | 6.9 | 18.5 | 100.0 | 635 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 33.5 | 7.8 | 58.7 | 100.0 | 4,401 |
| 1-2 | 52.6 | 10.1 | 37.3 | 100.0 | 2,841 |
| 3-4 | 60.4 | 9.6 | 30.0 | 100.0 | 2,303 |
| 5+ | 70.2 | 11.8 | 18.0 | 100.0 | 2,320 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 51.4 | 5.9 | 42.7 | 100.0 | 8,747 |
| Rural | 47.8 | 19.6 | 32.6 | 100.0 | 3,118 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 59.7 | 3.9 | 36.4 | 100.0 | 163 |
| Kanifing | 49.1 | 6.6 | 44.3 | 100.0 | 2,590 |
| Brikama | 51.9 | 5.4 | 42.7 | 100.0 | 5,299 |
| Mansakonko | 52.9 | 5.7 | 41.4 | 100.0 | 431 |
| Kerewan | 45.1 | 16.6 | 38.3 | 100.0 | 1,129 |
| Kuntaur | 38.3 | 25.4 | 36.3 | 100.0 | 522 |
| Janjanbureh | 46.6 | 25.8 | 27.6 | 100.0 | 595 |
| Basse | 57.7 | 14.2 | 28.0 | 100.0 | 1,137 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 57.1 | 13.0 | 29.9 | 100.0 | 4,119 |
| Primary | 52.7 | 9.7 | 37.6 | 100.0 | 1,854 |
| Secondary or higher | 45.1 | 7.0 | 47.9 | 100.0 | 5,892 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 43.9 | 21.1 | 35.0 | 100.0 | 1,998 |
| Second | 52.3 | 10.8 | 36.9 | 100.0 | 2,135 |
| Middle | 54.2 | 7.2 | 38.6 | 100.0 | 2,292 |
| Fourth | 52.0 | 6.6 | 41.4 | 100.0 | 2,591 |
| Highest | 49.3 | 4.8 | 45.8 | 100.0 | 2,849 |
| Total | 50.5 | 9.5 | 40.1 | 100.0 | 11,865 |

1 "Currently employed" is defined as having done work in the past 7 days. Includes persons who did not work in the past 7 days but who are regularly employed and were absent from work for leave, illness, vacation, or any other such reason.

Table 3.6.2 Employment status: Men
Percent distribution of men age 15-49 by employment status, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Employed in the 12 months preceding the survey |  | Not employed in the 12 months preceding the survey | Total | Number of men |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Currently employed ${ }^{1}$ | Not currently employed |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 47.1 | 12.6 | 40.3 | 100.0 | 1,097 |
| 20-24 | 68.4 | 9.6 | 22.0 | 100.0 | 802 |
| 25-29 | 86.6 | 7.7 | 5.7 | 100.0 | 634 |
| 30-34 | 93.9 | 4.9 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 524 |
| 35-39 | 94.5 | 4.3 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 499 |
| 40-44 | 93.3 | 5.4 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 357 |
| 45-49 | 90.2 | 6.7 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 342 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 64.0 | 10.2 | 25.8 | 100.0 | 2,552 |
| Married or living together | 93.6 | 5.2 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 1,645 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 82.5 | 11.7 | 5.9 | 100.0 | 58 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 65.9 | 10.1 | 24.0 | 100.0 | 2,717 |
| 1-2 | 93.3 | 4.3 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 606 |
| 3-4 | 92.8 | 5.5 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 463 |
| $5+$ | 92.9 | 5.7 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 468 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 75.5 | 6.8 | 17.8 | 100.0 | 3,299 |
| Rural | 76.4 | 13.6 | 10.0 | 100.0 | 955 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 82.4 | 5.8 | 11.8 | 100.0 | 80 |
| Kanifing | 80.1 | 5.8 | 14.1 | 100.0 | 1,040 |
| Brikama | 70.1 | 6.9 | 23.0 | 100.0 | 1,967 |
| Mansakonko | 78.3 | 7.5 | 14.2 | 100.0 | 134 |
| Kerewan | 86.2 | 7.2 | 6.6 | 100.0 | 351 |
| Kuntaur | 88.1 | 10.5 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 142 |
| Janjanbureh | 72.7 | 21.2 | 6.1 | 100.0 | 202 |
| Basse | 77.2 | 17.5 | 5.3 | 100.0 | 340 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 88.3 | 8.3 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 921 |
| Primary | 80.3 | 7.2 | 12.5 | 100.0 | 716 |
| Secondary or higher | 70.0 | 8.6 | 21.4 | 100.0 | 2,618 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 79.9 | 12.5 | 7.6 | 100.0 | 632 |
| Second | 75.6 | 7.3 | 17.2 | 100.0 | 768 |
| Middle | 78.9 | 6.3 | 14.8 | 100.0 | 848 |
| Fourth | 79.5 | 6.7 | 13.8 | 100.0 | 875 |
| Highest | 68.0 | 9.4 | 22.6 | 100.0 | 1,132 |
| Total 15-49 | 75.7 | 8.3 | 16.0 | 100.0 | 4,255 |
| 50-59 | 86.9 | 7.9 | 5.2 | 100.0 | 381 |
| Total 15-59 | 76.6 | 8.3 | 15.1 | 100.0 | 4,636 |

1 "Currently employed" is defined as having done work in the past 7 days. Includes persons who did not work in the past 7 days but who are regularly employed and were absent from work for leave, illness, vacation, or any other such reason.

Table 3.7.1 Occupation: Women
Percent distribution of women age 15-49 employed in the 12 months preceding the survey by occupation, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 201920

| Background characteristic | Professional/ technical/ managerial | Clerical | Sales and services | Skilled manual | Unskilled manual | Agriculture | Other | Total | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 42.2 | 0.2 | 6.3 | 49.5 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 755 |
| 20-24 | 9.9 | 1.7 | 51.6 | 0.2 | 9.6 | 26.3 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 1,061 |
| 25-29 | 12.3 | 2.0 | 55.0 | 0.1 | 6.1 | 23.6 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 1,465 |
| 30-34 | 10.3 | 1.6 | 57.7 | 0.1 | 6.0 | 23.2 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 1,212 |
| 35-39 | 5.5 | 1.9 | 60.6 | 0.2 | 6.4 | 24.9 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,151 |
| 40-44 | 5.9 | 0.8 | 58.1 | 0.2 | 8.9 | 25.9 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 863 |
| 45-49 | 6.8 | 0.7 | 57.9 | 0.5 | 5.6 | 28.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 607 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 12.6 | 2.1 | 49.8 | 0.2 | 12.4 | 21.7 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 1,467 |
| Married or living together | 6.6 | 1.0 | 55.8 | 0.2 | 4.7 | 31.1 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 5,128 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 9.6 | 3.0 | 63.0 | 0.3 | 14.1 | 9.6 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 517 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 12.7 | 2.5 | 50.8 | 0.1 | 7.8 | 24.7 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 1,818 |
| 1-2 | 11.0 | 2.1 | 54.2 | 0.1 | 7.9 | 23.9 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 1,781 |
| 3-4 | 6.0 | 0.7 | 61.2 | 0.4 | 6.0 | 25.2 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1,611 |
| 5+ | 2.6 | 0.3 | 54.9 | 0.2 | 6.2 | 35.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,903 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 10.4 | 1.9 | 66.7 | 0.0 | 9.5 | 10.6 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 5,012 |
| Rural | 2.6 | 0.1 | 27.6 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 68.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 2,100 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 8.9 | 3.2 | 69.5 | 0.0 | 16.8 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 104 |
| Kanifing | 12.1 | 3.1 | 68.4 | 0.0 | 14.3 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 1,442 |
| Brikama | 10.4 | 1.4 | 64.8 | 0.3 | 7.8 | 14.4 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 3,037 |
| Mansakonko | 5.2 | 0.7 | 49.0 | 0.2 | 1.4 | 42.3 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 253 |
| Kerewan | 4.0 | 0.5 | 38.1 | 0.0 | 2.4 | 54.6 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 696 |
| Kuntaur | 1.5 | 0.3 | 27.2 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 69.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 332 |
| Janjanbureh | 2.5 | 0.2 | 31.4 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 64.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 431 |
| Basse | 2.0 | 0.3 | 34.1 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 62.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 818 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.8 | 0.0 | 52.2 | 0.2 | 6.1 | 40.6 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2,886 |
| Primary | 0.6 | 0.0 | 58.4 | 0.2 | 8.2 | 32.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,156 |
| Secondary or higher | 17.7 | 3.2 | 56.6 | 0.1 | 7.3 | 13.5 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 3,070 |
| Wealth quintile 00.70 .0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 1.9 | 0.2 | 30.3 | 0.7 | 2.9 | 64.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,298 |
| Second | 2.4 | 0.4 | 48.2 | 0.1 | 8.0 | 40.3 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,347 |
| Middle | 5.1 | 0.3 | 58.1 | 0.1 | 7.9 | 27.8 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 1,406 |
| Fourth | 7.5 | 0.9 | 72.1 | 0.0 | 8.4 | 10.1 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 1,519 |
| Highest | 21.5 | 4.7 | 62.6 | 0.0 | 7.2 | 2.8 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 1,543 |
| Total | 8.1 | 1.4 | 55.1 | 0.2 | 7.0 | 27.6 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 7,113 |

Table 3.7.2 Occupation: Men
Percent distribution of men age 15-49 employed in the 12 months preceding the survey by occupation, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Professional/ technical/ managerial | Clerical | Sales and services | Skilled manual | Unskilled manual | Agriculture | Other | Total | Number of men |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 3.6 | 0.8 | 48.4 | 4.4 | 20.1 | 21.2 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 654 |
| 20-24 | 9.2 | 0.9 | 55.8 | 8.0 | 16.4 | 8.7 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 625 |
| 25-29 | 17.8 | 0.0 | 58.1 | 8.3 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 598 |
| 30-34 | 17.9 | 0.5 | 54.1 | 10.1 | 5.1 | 8.9 | 3.4 | 100.0 | 518 |
| 35-39 | 15.8 | 2.4 | 51.7 | 13.4 | 6.2 | 8.9 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 493 |
| 40-44 | 11.9 | 1.0 | 52.8 | 11.1 | 7.2 | 13.2 | 2.8 | 100.0 | 353 |
| 45-49 | 21.8 | 0.7 | 47.6 | 11.1 | 5.3 | 12.7 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 331 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 11.1 | 0.9 | 53.6 | 6.8 | 14.4 | 11.9 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 1,893 |
| Married or living together | 15.4 | 0.9 | 52.1 | 11.6 | 6.1 | 11.4 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 1,625 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 20.1 | 0.0 | 54.3 | 9.8 | 7.1 | 8.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 54 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 10.7 | 0.8 | 54.0 | 6.6 | 13.9 | 12.5 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 2,064 |
| 1-2 | 19.8 | 0.9 | 50.2 | 12.8 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 3.3 | 100.0 | 592 |
| 3-4 | 11.6 | 1.1 | 57.3 | 13.7 | 4.9 | 9.0 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 455 |
| $5+$ | 17.4 | 0.8 | 47.5 | 10.5 | 6.0 | 16.7 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 461 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 14.6 | 1.0 | 56.6 | 9.5 | 10.9 | 5.5 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 2,713 |
| Rural | 8.8 | 0.4 | 41.6 | 7.4 | 9.4 | 30.8 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 860 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 13.1 | 0.5 | 57.5 | 6.2 | 16.3 | 6.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 71 |
| Kanifing | 17.9 | 1.6 | 62.0 | 7.2 | 7.5 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 894 |
| Brikama | 13.4 | 0.8 | 52.7 | 11.6 | 12.7 | 6.4 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 1,515 |
| Mansakonko | 11.8 | 0.3 | 48.1 | 12.3 | 7.8 | 19.3 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 115 |
| Kerewan | 11.3 | 0.3 | 42.5 | 7.1 | 4.4 | 30.6 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 327 |
| Kuntaur | 6.1 | 0.4 | 44.9 | 6.4 | 7.6 | 34.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 140 |
| Janjanbureh | 6.2 | 0.7 | 46.0 | 5.0 | 10.9 | 30.5 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 190 |
| Basse | 9.0 | 0.4 | 48.0 | 7.0 | 15.5 | 20.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 322 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 4.2 | 0.1 | 53.0 | 10.5 | 12.1 | 19.7 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 889 |
| Primary | 3.0 | 0.2 | 56.4 | 14.9 | 11.6 | 13.0 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 627 |
| Secondary or higher | 20.2 | 1.4 | 51.9 | 6.6 | 9.5 | 7.7 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 2,057 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 4.3 | 0.5 | 41.4 | 7.2 | 12.6 | 32.4 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 584 |
| Second | 9.1 | 0.0 | 53.9 | 8.4 | 12.7 | 15.3 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 636 |
| Middle | 12.6 | 0.4 | 58.5 | 9.5 | 7.2 | 9.6 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 722 |
| Fourth | 16.6 | 1.1 | 56.6 | 8.6 | 10.4 | 4.6 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 755 |
| Highest | 19.7 | 1.8 | 52.3 | 10.6 | 10.4 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 876 |
| Total 15-49 | 13.2 | 0.9 | 53.0 | 9.0 | 10.5 | 11.6 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 3,573 |
| 50-59 | 22.7 | 1.4 | 45.4 | 6.4 | 6.0 | 16.3 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 362 |
| Total 15-59 | 14.1 | 0.9 | 52.3 | 8.8 | 10.1 | 12.0 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 3,934 |

Table 3.8 Type of employment: Women
Percent distribution of women age 15-49 employed in the 12 months preceding the survey by type of earnings, type of employer, and continuity of employment, according to type of employment (agricultural or nonagricultural), The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Employment characteristic | Agricultural <br> work | Nonagricultural <br> work | Total |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Type of earnings |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Cash only | 30.1 | 71.9 | 60.4 |
| Cash and in-kind | 27.2 | 15.9 | 19.0 |
| In-kind only | 3.6 | 1.4 | 2.0 |
| $\quad$ Not paid | 39.0 | 10.8 | 18.6 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Type of employer |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Employed by family member | 27.7 | 8.5 | 13.8 |
| Employed by non-family member | 3.3 | 29.1 | 22.0 |
| $\quad$ Self-employed | 69.0 | 62.5 | 64.3 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Continuity of employment |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ All year | 17.7 | 73.9 | 58.4 |
| Seasonal | 79.1 | 16.5 | 33.7 |
| $\quad$ Occasional | 3.2 | 9.6 | 7.9 |
| $\quad$ Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of women employed |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ during the last 12 months | 1,961 | 5,151 | 7,113 |

## Table 3.9.1 Health insurance coverage: Women

Percentage of women age 15-49 with specific types of health insurance coverage, and percentage with any health insurance, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Employerbased insurance | Privately purchased commercial insurance | Other | None | Any health insurance | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 97.9 | 2.1 | 2,633 |
| 20-24 | 1.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 98.2 | 1.8 | 2,181 |
| 25-29 | 2.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 97.4 | 2.6 | 2,248 |
| 30-34 | 4.0 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 95.3 | 4.7 | 1,619 |
| 35-39 | 3.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 96.5 | 3.5 | 1,438 |
| 40-44 | 2.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 97.4 | 2.6 | 1,028 |
| 45-49 | 3.1 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 96.3 | 3.7 | 718 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 3.0 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 96.4 | 3.6 | 8,747 |
| Rural | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 99.4 | 0.6 | 3,118 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 5.9 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 93.0 | 7.0 | 163 |
| Kanifing | 4.0 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 95.2 | 4.8 | 2,590 |
| Brikama | 2.6 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 96.8 | 3.2 | 5,299 |
| Mansakonko | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 98.8 | 1.2 | 431 |
| Kerewan | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 98.9 | 1.1 | 1,129 |
| Kuntaur | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 99.6 | 0.4 | 522 |
| Janjanbureh | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 99.4 | 0.6 | 595 |
| Basse | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 99.7 | 0.3 | 1,137 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 99.4 | 0.6 | 4,119 |
| Primary | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 99.1 | 0.9 | 1,854 |
| Secondary or higher | 4.0 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 95.0 | 5.0 | 5,892 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 99.8 | 0.2 | 1,998 |
| Second | 1.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 98.6 | 1.4 | 2,135 |
| Middle | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 98.9 | 1.1 | 2,292 |
| Fourth | 2.4 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 97.2 | 2.8 | 2,591 |
| Highest | 5.8 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 92.8 | 7.2 | 2,849 |
| Total | 2.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 97.2 | 2.8 | 11,865 |

Table 3.9.2 Health insurance coverage: Men
Percentage of men age 15-49 with specific types of health insurance coverage, and percentage with any health insurance, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Employerbased insurance | Privately purchased commercial insurance | Other | None | Any health insurance | Number of men |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 98.5 | 1.5 | 1,097 |
| 20-24 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 97.9 | 2.1 | 802 |
| 25-29 | 4.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 95.5 | 4.5 | 634 |
| 30-34 | 6.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 94.0 | 6.0 | 524 |
| 35-39 | 7.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 92.5 | 7.5 | 499 |
| 40-44 | 7.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 92.9 | 7.1 | 357 |
| 45-49 | 6.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 93.6 | 6.4 | 342 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 4.6 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 94.9 | 5.1 | 3,299 |
| Rural | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 98.9 | 1.1 | 955 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 3.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 96.6 | 3.4 | 80 |
| Kanifing | 6.6 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 92.7 | 7.3 | 1,040 |
| Brikama | 3.6 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 96.1 | 3.9 | 1,967 |
| Mansakonko | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 98.6 | 1.4 | 134 |
| Kerewan | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 98.0 | 2.0 | 351 |
| Kuntaur | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 99.5 | 0.5 | 142 |
| Janjanbureh | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 99.4 | 0.6 | 202 |
| Basse | 3.5 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 96.3 | 3.7 | 340 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 99.0 | 1.0 | 921 |
| Primary | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 98.7 | 1.3 | 716 |
| Secondary or higher | 5.7 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 93.9 | 6.1 | 2,618 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 99.7 | 0.3 | 632 |
| Second | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 99.2 | 0.8 | 768 |
| Middle | 2.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 97.2 | 2.8 | 848 |
| Fourth | 6.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 93.3 | 6.7 | 875 |
| Highest | 6.8 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 92.3 | 7.7 | 1,132 |
| Total 15-49 | 3.9 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 95.8 | 4.2 | 4,255 |
| 50-59 | 8.6 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 90.3 | 9.7 | 381 |
| Total 15-59 | 4.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 95.4 | 4.6 | 4,636 |

Table 3.10.1 Tobacco smoking: Women
Percentage of women age 15-49 who smoke various tobacco products, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Percentage who smoke: ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cigarettes ${ }^{2}$ | Other type of tobacco ${ }^{3}$ | Any type of tobacco |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 2,633 |
| 20-24 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 2,181 |
| 25-29 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 2,248 |
| 30-34 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 1,619 |
| 35-39 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 1,438 |
| 40-44 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1,028 |
| 45-49 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 718 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 8,747 |
| Rural | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 3,118 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 0.7 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 163 |
| Kanifing | 0.3 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 2,590 |
| Brikama | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 5,299 |
| Mansakonko | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 431 |
| Kerewan | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 1,129 |
| Kuntaur | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 522 |
| Janjanbureh | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 595 |
| Basse | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1,137 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 4,119 |
| Primary | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1,854 |
| Secondary or higher | 0.3 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 5,892 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 1,998 |
| Second | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 2,135 |
| Middle | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 2,292 |
| Fourth | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 2,591 |
| Highest | 0.4 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 2,849 |
| Total | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 11,865 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes daily and occasional (less than daily) use
${ }^{2}$ Includes manufactured cigarettes and hand-rolled cigarettes
${ }^{3}$ Includes pipes full of tobacco, cigars, cheroots, cigarillos, water pipes, and e-cigarettes

Table 3.10.2 Tobacco smoking: Men
Percentage of men age 15-49 who smoke various tobacco products, and percent distribution of men by smoking frequency, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Percentage who smoke: ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | Smoking frequency |  |  | Total | Number of men |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cigarettes ${ }^{2}$ | Other type of tobacco ${ }^{3}$ | Any type of tobacco | Daily smoker | Occasional smoker ${ }^{4}$ | Nonsmoker |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 4.9 | 1.2 | 5.5 | 4.0 | 1.7 | 94.3 | 100.0 | 1,097 |
| 20-24 | 15.2 | 3.9 | 16.2 | 11.0 | 5.5 | 83.5 | 100.0 | 802 |
| 25-29 | 18.7 | 2.4 | 19.4 | 16.8 | 2.6 | 80.6 | 100.0 | 634 |
| 30-34 | 25.7 | 4.3 | 26.4 | 23.8 | 3.1 | 73.1 | 100.0 | 524 |
| 35-39 | 27.7 | 2.2 | 27.9 | 24.5 | 3.9 | 71.6 | 100.0 | 499 |
| 40-44 | 33.4 | 2.6 | 33.4 | 28.3 | 5.0 | 66.6 | 100.0 | 357 |
| 45-49 | 28.0 | 1.4 | 28.4 | 27.0 | 2.1 | 70.9 | 100.0 | 342 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 18.4 | 3.1 | 19.1 | 16.1 | 3.4 | 80.5 | 100.0 | 3,299 |
| Rural | 18.3 | 0.7 | 18.4 | 15.4 | 3.0 | 81.6 | 100.0 | 955 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 19.6 | 2.6 | 20.0 | 14.3 | 5.9 | 79.8 | 100.0 | 80 |
| Kanifing | 19.2 | 3.7 | 20.9 | 16.4 | 5.5 | 78.1 | 100.0 | 1,040 |
| Brikama | 17.8 | 3.0 | 18.0 | 16.0 | 2.2 | 81.8 | 100.0 | 1,967 |
| Mansakonko | 17.9 | 2.2 | 17.9 | 16.2 | 1.7 | 82.1 | 100.0 | 134 |
| Kerewan | 17.6 | 0.6 | 17.6 | 13.5 | 4.1 | 82.4 | 100.0 | 351 |
| Kuntaur | 20.6 | 0.4 | 20.6 | 20.0 | 0.6 | 79.4 | 100.0 | 142 |
| Janjanbureh | 17.8 | 0.5 | 17.8 | 13.2 | 4.6 | 82.2 | 100.0 | 202 |
| Basse | 19.4 | 0.5 | 19.7 | 17.2 | 2.5 | 80.3 | 100.0 | 340 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 17.9 | 1.5 | 18.7 | 16.9 | 2.1 | 81.0 | 100.0 | 921 |
| Primary | 27.0 | 3.7 | 27.0 | 23.2 | 4.1 | 72.7 | 100.0 | 716 |
| Secondary or higher | 16.2 | 2.6 | 16.8 | 13.7 | 3.5 | 82.9 | 100.0 | 2,618 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 21.6 | 1.3 | 21.9 | 19.1 | 2.8 | 78.1 | 100.0 | 632 |
| Second | 20.6 | 1.3 | 20.8 | 17.8 | 3.0 | 79.2 | 100.0 | 768 |
| Middle | 17.8 | 2.9 | 18.1 | 15.9 | 2.6 | 81.5 | 100.0 | 848 |
| Fourth | 18.2 | 3.8 | 19.0 | 16.5 | 3.1 | 80.4 | 100.0 | 875 |
| Highest | 15.6 | 2.8 | 16.6 | 12.6 | 4.5 | 82.9 | 100.0 | 1,132 |
| Total 15-49 | 18.4 | 2.5 | 18.9 | 16.0 | 3.3 | 80.7 | 100.0 | 4,255 |
| 50-59 | 23.8 | 2.6 | 24.0 | 23.4 | 1.0 | 75.6 | 100.0 | 381 |
| Total 15-59 | 18.8 | 2.5 | 19.4 | 16.6 | 3.1 | 80.3 | 100.0 | 4,636 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes daily and occasional (less than daily) use
2 Includes manufactured cigarettes and hand-rolled cigarettes
${ }^{3}$ Includes pipes, cigars, cheroots, cigarillos, and water pipes
${ }^{4}$ Occasional refers to less often than daily use.

Table 3.11 Average number of cigarettes smoked daily: Men
Among men age 15-49 who smoke cigarettes daily, percent distribution by average number of cigarettes smoked per day, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Average number of cigarettes smoked per day ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of men who smoke cigarettes daily ${ }^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | <5 | 5-9 | 10-14 | 15-24 | $\geq 25$ | Don't know/ missing |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | (42.2) | (29.7) | (7.2) | (20.3) | (0.6) | (0.0) | (100.0) | 40 |
| 20-24 | 34.5 | 30.6 | 18.6 | 13.2 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 81 |
| 25-29 | 33.7 | 30.2 | 15.3 | 18.6 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 102 |
| 30-34 | 24.8 | 31.3 | 20.3 | 17.2 | 6.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 123 |
| 35-39 | 17.8 | 25.8 | 25.1 | 27.0 | 4.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 116 |
| 40-44 | 23.2 | 22.2 | 21.7 | 29.4 | 3.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 101 |
| 45-49 | 23.1 | 25.3 | 20.3 | 25.5 | 5.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 91 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 25.5 | 27.6 | 19.1 | 23.1 | 4.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 508 |
| Rural | 31.0 | 28.3 | 21.3 | 17.5 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 146 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 31.5 | 33.5 | 13.0 | 16.5 | 5.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 11 |
| Kanifing | 30.2 | 23.7 | 22.0 | 16.8 | 7.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 156 |
| Brikama | 21.9 | 29.8 | 16.3 | 28.5 | 3.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 305 |
| Mansakonko | 22.8 | 22.9 | 22.2 | 32.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 22 |
| Kerewan | 32.2 | 31.1 | 21.7 | 12.2 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 47 |
| Kuntaur | 27.5 | 32.2 | 23.0 | 13.3 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 28 |
| Janjanbureh | 47.8 | 21.0 | 13.2 | 14.9 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 27 |
| Basse | 28.7 | 26.8 | 30.4 | 13.2 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 57 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 26.5 | 31.0 | 19.6 | 21.9 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 146 |
| Primary | 26.8 | 24.1 | 19.1 | 23.6 | 6.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 164 |
| Secondary or higher | 26.7 | 28.0 | 19.8 | 21.0 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 344 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 31.6 | 30.1 | 18.5 | 19.0 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 119 |
| Second | 29.6 | 30.3 | 18.3 | 19.0 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 136 |
| Middle | 27.7 | 24.4 | 18.0 | 20.7 | 9.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 132 |
| Fourth | 19.6 | 24.7 | 23.8 | 29.1 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 134 |
| Highest | 25.6 | 29.4 | 19.3 | 21.4 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 133 |
| Total 15-49 | 26.7 | 27.7 | 19.6 | 21.9 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 654 |
| 50-59 | 20.6 | 23.9 | 27.9 | 23.6 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 87 |
| Total 15-59 | 26.0 | 27.3 | 20.6 | 22.1 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 741 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.
${ }^{1}$ Includes manufactured cigarettes and hand-rolled cigarettes

Table 3.12 Smokeless tobacco use and any tobacco use
Percentage of women and men age 15-49 who currently use smokeless tobacco, according to type of tobacco product, and percentage who use any type of tobacco, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Tobacco product | Women | Men |
| :--- | :---: | ---: |
| Snuff, by mouth | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Any type of smokeless tobacco ${ }^{1}$ | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Any type of tobacco ${ }^{2}$ | 0.6 | 19.3 |
| Number | 11,865 | 4,255 |

Note: Table includes women and men who use smokeless tobacco daily or occasionally (less than daily).
${ }^{1}$ Includes snuff by mouth, snuff by nose, and chewing tobacco
${ }^{2}$ Includes all types of smokeless tobacco shown in this table plus cigarettes, pipes, cigars, cheroots, cigarillos, water pipes, and e-cigarettes

Table 3.13.1 Blood sugar diagnosis and treatment: Women
Percentage of women age $15-49$ who have ever had their blood sugar measured and percentage who have been told by a health care provider that they have high blood sugar or diabetes, and among women who have been told they have high blood sugar, percentage told in the past 12 months they have high blood sugar or diabetes, percentage prescribed medication to control blood sugar, and percentage taking medication to control blood sugar, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Ever had blood sugar measured by a doctor or other health care worker | Ever told that they have high blood sugar or diabetes by a doctor or other health care worker | Can identify at least three risk factors for diabetes ${ }^{1}$ | Can identify at least three signs or symptoms of diabetes ${ }^{2}$ | Number of women | Among women who have been told by a doctor or other health care worker they have high blood sugar or diabetes, the percentage who were: |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Told in the past 12 months that they have high blood sugar or diabetes | Prescribed medication to control blood sugar | Taking medication to control blood sugar | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 11.4 | 0.4 | 2.3 | 0.3 | 1,368 | * | * | * | 6 |
| 20-24 | 22.4 | 0.3 | 2.6 | 1.1 | 1,140 | * | * | * | 3 |
| 25-29 | 25.7 | 0.6 | 3.8 | 1.0 | 1,145 | * | * | * | 7 |
| 30-34 | 32.6 | 2.3 | 3.5 | 1.9 | 876 | * | * | * | 21 |
| 35-39 | 28.2 | 1.2 | 2.5 | 1.2 | 708 | * | * | * | 9 |
| 40-44 | 35.2 | 2.5 | 3.4 | 1.2 | 562 | * | * | * | 14 |
| 45-49 | 39.7 | 5.7 | 4.7 | 2.6 | 387 | * | * | * | 22 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 25.2 | 1.6 | 2.4 | 1.2 | 4,567 | (59.1) | (66.7) | (55.6) | 75 |
| Rural | 24.1 | 0.4 | 5.0 | 1.1 | 1,619 | * | * | * | 6 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 26.9 | 1.1 | 6.8 | 2.5 | 86 | * | * | * | 1 |
| Kanifing | 38.0 | 1.8 | 4.5 | 1.6 | 1,393 | * | * | * | 25 |
| Brikama | 18.3 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 1.0 | 2,736 | * | * | * | 44 |
| Mansakonko | 19.5 | 0.3 | 7.5 | 3.1 | 230 | * | * | * | 1 |
| Kerewan | 19.0 | 0.9 | 4.2 | 0.6 | 573 | * | * | * | 5 |
| Kuntaur | 22.8 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 263 | * | * | * | 0 |
| Janjanbureh | 8.5 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 307 | * | * | * | 1 |
| Basse | 41.7 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 598 | * | * | * | 4 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 23.6 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 0.4 | 2,135 | * | * | * | 22 |
| Primary | 27.6 | 1.5 | 2.7 | 0.8 | 983 | * | * | * | 14 |
| Secondary or higher | 25.0 | 1.5 | 4.1 | 1.8 | 3,068 | (55.1) | (65.6) | (56.4) | 45 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 19.5 | 0.6 | 3.4 | 0.7 | 1,007 | * | * | * | 6 |
| Second | 23.4 | 0.4 | 2.9 | 0.7 | 1,056 | * | * | * | 4 |
| Middle | 24.4 | 0.9 | 2.3 | 0.7 | 1,247 | * | * | * | 12 |
| Fourth | 22.7 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 1.4 | 1,317 | * | * | * | 20 |
| Highest | 31.8 | 2.5 | 3.9 | 1.9 | 1,559 | * | * | * | 39 |
| Total | 24.9 | 1.3 | 3.1 | 1.1 | 6,186 | 59.5 | 68.9 | 57.2 | 81 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ Risk factors include overweight/obesity, too much sugar, tobacco use, drinking alcohol, unhealthy diet, lack of exercise, family history/genetics, and age.
${ }^{2}$ Signs and symptoms include fatigue/tiredness, increased urination, increased thirst, increased hunger, numbness/tingling/burning, weight loss, and blurred vision.

## Table 3.13.2 Blood sugar diagnosis and treatment: Men

Percentage of men age 15-49 who have ever had their blood sugar measured and percentage who have been told by a health care provider that they have high blood sugar or diabetes, and among men who have been told they have high blood sugar, percentage told in the past 12 months they have high blood sugar or diabetes, percentage prescribed medication to control blood sugar, and percentage taking medication to control blood sugar, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Ever had blood sugar measured by a doctor or other health care worker | Ever told that they have high blood sugar or diabetes by a doctor or other health care worker | Can correctly identify at least three risk factors for diabetes ${ }^{1}$ | Can correctly identify at least three signs or symptoms of diabetes ${ }^{2}$ | Number of men | Among men who have been told by a doctor or other health care worker they have high blood sugar or diabetes, the percentage who were: |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Told in the past 12 months that they have high blood sugar or diabetes | Prescribed medication to control blood sugar | Taking medication to control blood sugar | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 8.6 | 0.3 | 2.5 | 0.6 | 1,097 | * | * | * | 3 |
| 20-24 | 11.1 | 0.3 | 6.8 | 2.4 | 802 | * | * | * | 3 |
| 25-29 | 21.9 | 0.0 | 9.5 | 2.7 | 634 | * | * | * | 0 |
| 30-34 | 25.5 | 0.1 | 9.5 | 3.9 | 524 | * | * | * | 1 |
| 35-39 | 31.8 | 0.2 | 8.9 | 1.8 | 499 | * | * | * | 1 |
| 40-44 | 36.4 | 0.6 | 9.2 | 5.4 | 357 | * | * | * | 2 |
| 45-49 | 43.0 | 1.4 | 11.7 | 5.2 | 342 | * | * | * | 5 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 21.9 | 0.3 | 8.4 | 2.8 | 3,299 | * | * | * | 11 |
| Rural | 17.6 | 0.3 | 3.4 | 1.6 | 955 | * | * | * | 3 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Area <br> Banjul | 26.0 | 0.8 | 9.8 | 1.6 | 80 | * | * | * | 1 |
| Kanifing | 29.6 | 0.5 | 14.0 | 5.0 | 1,040 | * | * | * | 5 |
| Brikama | 17.6 | 0.2 | 5.0 | 1.6 | 1,967 | * | * | * | 4 |
| Mansakonko | 14.7 | 0.5 | 7.4 | 1.2 | 134 | * | * | * | 1 |
| Kerewan | 11.8 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 2.1 | 351 | * | * | * | 0 |
| Kuntaur | 31.1 | 0.3 | 6.2 | 1.9 | 142 | * | * | * | 0 |
| Janjanbureh | 10.1 | 0.3 | 10.2 | 4.7 | 202 | * | * | * | 1 |
| Basse | 26.6 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 340 | * | * | * | 2 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 18.1 | 0.3 | 6.0 | 2.2 | 921 | * | * | * | 3 |
| Primary | 17.0 | 0.4 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 716 | * | * | * | 3 |
| Secondary or higher | 23.0 | 0.3 | 8.5 | 3.2 | 2,618 | * | * | * | 8 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 17.4 | 0.3 | 4.1 | 1.4 | 632 | * | * | * | 2 |
| Second | 15.4 | 0.3 | 4.6 | 1.5 | 768 | * | * | * | 2 |
| Middle | 21.3 | 0.0 | 7.2 | 2.6 | 848 | * | * | * | 0 |
| Fourth | 21.3 | 0.5 | 8.1 | 2.9 | 875 | * | * | * | 4 |
| Highest | 26.2 | 0.5 | 10.4 | 3.6 | 1,132 | * | * | * | 6 |
| Total 15-49 | 21.0 | 0.3 | 7.3 | 2.6 | 4,255 | * | * | * | 14 |
| 50-59 | 52.6 | 6.1 | 10.7 | 8.6 | 381 | * | * | * | 23 |
| Total 15-59 | 23.6 | 0.8 | 7.6 | 3.0 | 4,636 | (83.6) | (95.7) | (58.0) | 37 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ Risk factors include overweight/obesity, too much sugar, tobacco use, drinking alcohol, unhealthy diet, lack of exercise, family history/genetics, and age.
${ }^{2}$ Signs and symptoms include fatigue/tiredness, increased urination, increased thirst, increased hunger, numbness/tingling/burning, weight loss, and blurred vision.

## Table 3.14.1 Blood pressure diagnosis and treatment: Women

Percentage of women age $15-49$ who have ever had their blood pressure measured and percentage who have been told by a health care provider that they have high blood pressure or hypertension, and among women who have been told they have high blood pressure, percentage told in the past 12 months they have high blood pressure or hypertension, percentage prescribed medication to control blood pressure, and percentage taking medication to control blood pressure, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Ever had blood pressure measured by a doctor or other health care worker | Ever told that they have high blood pressure or hypertension by a doctor or other health care worker | Can identify at least three risk factors for hypertension ${ }^{1}$ | Can identify at least three signs or symptoms of hypertension ${ }^{2}$ | Number of women | Among women who have been told by a doctor or other health care worker they have high blood pressure or hypertension, the percentage who were: |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Told in the past 12 months that they have high blood pressure or hypertension | Prescribed medication to control blood pressure | Taking medication to control blood pressure | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 42.0 | 3.7 | 2.5 | 4.6 | 1,368 | (45.5) | (70.7) | (33.3) | 51 |
| 20-24 | 65.3 | 7.6 | 5.1 | 6.2 | 1,140 | 45.6 | 82.2 | 42.8 | 86 |
| 25-29 | 75.9 | 12.6 | 8.1 | 10.0 | 1,145 | 52.2 | 79.9 | 48.1 | 144 |
| 30-34 | 80.2 | 20.7 | 8.7 | 12.4 | 876 | 55.4 | 82.7 | 50.4 | 181 |
| 35-39 | 80.9 | 23.2 | 10.1 | 15.4 | 708 | 62.0 | 85.4 | 55.3 | 164 |
| 40-44 | 80.4 | 24.7 | 7.8 | 13.0 | 562 | 57.5 | 90.6 | 54.1 | 139 |
| 45-49 | 83.6 | 31.5 | 13.1 | 19.5 | 387 | 76.5 | 86.9 | 65.3 | 122 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 66.2 | 14.7 | 6.7 | 9.4 | 4,567 | 57.5 | 81.3 | 51.9 | 673 |
| Rural | 75.1 | 13.3 | 7.6 | 11.6 | 1,619 | 58.8 | 91.8 | 51.5 | 215 |
| Local Government |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 69.2 | 16.4 | 12.5 | 13.1 | 86 | 74.0 | 85.8 | 53.1 | 14 |
| Kanifing | 73.0 | 12.8 | 9.0 | 10.9 | 1,393 | 64.2 | 81.7 | 56.5 | 179 |
| Brikama | 61.7 | 15.3 | 6.1 | 9.0 | 2,736 | 53.5 | 80.6 | 50.3 | 418 |
| Mansakonko | 74.9 | 13.9 | 10.3 | 16.7 | 230 | 54.6 | 81.9 | 23.1 | 32 |
| Kerewan | 70.7 | 16.6 | 10.5 | 14.5 | 573 | 57.1 | 92.1 | 48.7 | 95 |
| Kuntaur | 72.8 | 9.9 | 4.9 | 8.5 | 263 | 54.3 | 98.8 | 58.1 | 26 |
| Janjanbureh | 77.5 | 10.0 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 307 | 60.1 | 93.9 | 54.8 | 31 |
| Basse | 78.2 | 15.6 | 3.0 | 8.5 | 598 | 64.6 | 87.1 | 59.8 | 93 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 75.0 | 17.7 | 5.7 | 10.0 | 2,135 | 58.5 | 87.3 | 56.5 | 377 |
| Primary | 70.1 | 17.1 | 6.2 | 10.7 | 983 | 65.5 | 83.2 | 49.0 | 168 |
| Secondary or higher | 63.5 | 11.2 | 8.0 | 9.7 | 3,068 | 53.3 | 80.3 | 48.1 | 343 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 74.1 | 14.2 | 6.1 | 9.7 | 1,007 | 58.0 | 91.6 | 54.0 | 143 |
| Second | 69.7 | 14.0 | 5.1 | 10.5 | 1,056 | 54.1 | 79.4 | 44.8 | 147 |
| Middle | 67.9 | 14.0 | 7.0 | 9.1 | 1,247 | 56.8 | 83.0 | 45.2 | 174 |
| Fourth | 66.4 | 16.0 | 7.4 | 9.1 | 1,317 | 57.4 | 83.9 | 57.4 | 211 |
| Highest | 66.5 | 13.6 | 8.3 | 11.1 | 1,559 | 61.5 | 82.3 | 55.2 | 211 |
| Total | 68.5 | 14.4 | 6.9 | 9.9 | 6,186 | 57.8 | 83.8 | 51.8 | 888 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.
${ }^{1}$ Risk factors include overweight/obesity, tobacco use, too much salt, unhealthy diet, lack of exercise, drinking alcohol, family history/genetics, age, and stress.
${ }^{2}$ Signs and symptoms include dizziness, headache, fatigue/tiredness, blurry vision, chest pain/pounding in chest, difficulty breathing, and blood in urine.

## Table 3.14.2 Blood pressure diagnosis and treatment: Men

Percentage of men age 15-49 who have ever had their blood pressure measured and percentage who have been told by a health care provider that they have high blood pressure or hypertension, and among men who have been told they have high blood pressure, percentage told in the past 12 months they have high blood pressure or hypertension, percentage prescribed medication to control blood pressure, and percentage taking medication to control blood pressure, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Ever had blood pressure measured by a doctor or other health care worker | Ever told that they have high blood pressure or hypertension by a doctor or other health care worker | Can correctly identify at least three risk factors for hypertension ${ }^{1}$ | Can correctly identify at least three signs or symptoms of hypertension ${ }^{2}$ | Number of men | Among men who have been told by a doctor or other health care worker they have high blood pressure or hypertension, the percentage who were: |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Told in the past 12 months they have high blood pressure or hypertension | Prescribed medication to control blood pressure | Taking medication to control blood pressure | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 32.8 | 0.1 | 3.0 | 3.8 | 1,097 | * | * | * | , |
| 20-24 | 43.2 | 1.7 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 802 | * | * |  | 14 |
| 25-29 | 60.8 | 2.3 | 9.9 | 10.6 | 634 | * | * | * | 15 |
| 30-34 | 64.9 | 3.0 | 8.2 | 7.7 | 524 | (54.9) | (88.2) | (8.3) | 16 |
| 35-39 | 73.2 | 5.3 | 7.1 | 10.5 | 499 | (74.3) | (87.8) | (34.1) | 27 |
| 40-44 | 72.0 | 7.8 | 10.4 | 12.2 | 357 | (64.5) | (89.7) | (21.8) | 28 |
| 45-49 | 80.6 | 8.1 | 12.7 | 16.8 | 342 | (73.9) | (85.8) | (51.5) | 28 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 51.9 | 2.6 | 7.3 | 8.3 | 3,299 | 71.5 | 85.6 | 29.3 | 87 |
| Rural | 64.6 | 4.3 | 5.2 | 6.9 | 955 | 53.2 | 85.9 | 25.9 | 41 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 55.0 | 8.7 | 8.1 | 7.4 | 80 | (60.6) | (72.7) | (34.5) | 7 |
| Kanifing | 70.6 | 2.9 | 12.2 | 12.6 | 1,040 | * |  |  | 30 |
| Brikama | 39.3 | 2.1 | 4.1 | 5.5 | 1,967 | * | * | * | 41 |
| Mansakonko | 45.8 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 6.8 | 134 | * | * | * | 8 |
| Kerewan | 70.3 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.5 | 351 | * | * | * | 15 |
| Kuntaur | 78.0 | 5.8 | 5.1 | 12.9 | 142 | * | * | * | 8 |
| Janjanbureh | 89.1 | 2.3 | 17.8 | 17.1 | 202 | * | * | * | 5 |
| Basse | 53.3 | 4.3 | 3.2 | 5.4 | 340 | (45.0) | (84.0) | (15.3) | 14 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 57.7 | 4.6 | 5.8 | 7.8 | 921 | 70.1 | 82.1 | 32.2 | 42 |
| Primary | 50.5 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 4.8 | 716 | (61.4) | (80.0) | (41.2) | 16 |
| Secondary or higher | 54.9 | 2.7 | 8.7 | 9.0 | 2,618 | 64.0 | 89.1 | 22.8 | 70 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 63.8 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 7.4 | 632 | 52.8 | 88.3 | 28.5 | 26 |
| Second | 52.7 | 3.7 | 4.9 | 6.2 | 768 | (71.9) | (74.6) | (31.7) | 29 |
| Middle | 53.4 | 4.0 | 5.8 | 7.6 | 848 | (68.6) | (94.0) | (18.7) | 34 |
| Fourth | 54.0 | 0.9 | 7.2 | 5.5 | 875 | * | * | * | 8 |
| Highest | 52.7 | 2.8 | 9.9 | 11.8 | 1,132 | (75.0) | (88.6) | (41.0) | 32 |
| Total 15-49 | 54.8 | 3.0 | 6.9 | 8.0 | 4,255 | 65.7 | 85.7 | 28.2 | 128 |
| 50-59 | 83.7 | 18.9 | 9.8 | 17.7 | 381 | 59.7 | 93.1 | 38.9 | 72 |
| Total 15-59 | 57.1 | 4.3 | 7.1 | 8.8 | 4,636 | 63.5 | 88.3 | 32.1 | 201 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ Risk factors include overweight/obesity, tobacco use, too much salt, unhealthy diet, lack of exercise, drinking alcohol, family history/genetics, age, and stress.
${ }^{2}$ Signs and symptoms include dizziness, headache, fatigue/tiredness, blurry vision, chest pain/pounding in chest, difficulty breathing, and blood in urine.

## Key Findings

- Current marital status: $63 \%$ of women and $39 \%$ of men age 15-49 are currently married or living together with their partner as if married.
- Polygyny: 34\% of women age 15-49 report having one or more co-wives, while only $14 \%$ of men report having more than one wife.
- Median age at first marriage: The median age at first marriage among women age $25-49$ is 19.4 years, an increase from 18.6 years in 2013.
- Age at first sexual intercourse: 10\% of women age 25-49 had their first sexual intercourse by exact age 15 , as compared with $5 \%$ of men.
- Median age at first sexual intercourse: The median age at first sexual intercourse is 18.5 years among women age 25-49 and 21.4 years among men age 25-49.

Marriage and sexual activity help determine the extent to which women are exposed to the risk of pregnancy. Thus, they are important determinants of fertility levels. However, the timing and circumstances of marriage and sexual activity also have profound consequences for women's and men's lives.

### 4.1 Marital Status

## Currently married

Women and men who report being married or living together with a partner as though married at the time of the survey.
Sample: Women and men age 15-49
Table 4.1 shows that $63 \%$ of women age 15-49 are married or living together with a partner as if married, $31 \%$ have never been married, $4 \%$ are divorced or separated, and $2 \%$ are widowed. Among men age 15-49, $39 \%$ are married or living together as if married, $60 \%$ have never been married, $1 \%$ are divorced or separated, and less than $1 \%$ are widowed (Figure 4.1).

Figure 4.1 Marital status
Percent distribution of women and men age 15-49


Early marriage among women in The Gambia is relatively common, as roughly one in five young women age 15-19 (19\%) are currently in union, compared with less than $1 \%$ of men in the same age group. The percentage of women who are married increases until age 35-39 and drops slightly thereafter. The percentage of married men continues to increase from age 15-19 to age 45-49.

Trends: The percentage of currently married women has decreased slightly since 2013 , from $66 \%$ to $63 \%$. The percentage of currently married men has remained largely stagnant ( $38 \%$ in 2013 and $39 \%$ in 201920).

### 4.2 Polygyny

## Polygyny

Women who report that their husband or partner has other wives are considered to be in a polygynous marriage.
Men who report that they have more than one wife, or who live with more than one woman as if married, are considered to be in a polygynous marriage.
Sample: Currently married women and men age 15-49

Thirty-four percent of married women report that their husband has more than one wife. Fourteen percent of men report having two or more wives (Table 4.2.1 and Table 4.2.2).

Trends: The percentage of married women in a polygynous union decreased from $39 \%$ in 2013 to $34 \%$ in 2019-20 (Figure 4.2).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- More than half of women age 40-44 (53\%) and age 45-49 (58\%) have one or more co-wives.
- Women in urban areas are less likely to have one or more co-wives than women in rural areas ( $31 \%$ versus $42 \%$ ). The percentage of men with two or more wives is $11 \%$ in urban areas and $21 \%$ in rural areas.

Figure 4.2 Trends in polygyny
Percentage of married women age 15-49 in a polygynous union


- Across LGAs, the percentage of women with co-wives is lowest in Banjul (21\%) and highest in Basse $(47 \%)$. The percentage of men with two or more wives is lowest in Kanifing (7\%) and highest in Janjanbureh and Basse ( $22 \%$ each).
- Forty-four percent of women with no education have one or more co-wives, as compared with $22 \%$ of women with a secondary education or higher. Similarly, $20 \%$ of men with no education have two or more wives, as compared with $9 \%$ of men with a secondary education or higher.
- The percentage of women who have co-wives decreases with increasing wealth, from $39 \%$ among those in the lowest quintile to $29 \%$ among those in the highest quintile. A similar pattern is seen among men, with $19 \%$ of those in the lowest quintile and $7 \%$ of those in the highest quintile having more than one wife.


### 4.3 Age at First Marriage

## Median age at first marriage

Age by which half of respondents have been married.
Sample: Women age 20-49 and 25-49 and men age 20-49, 25-49, 20-59, 2559, 30-59, and 35-59

In The Gambia, women typically marry earlier than men. Since 2016, the legal minimum age at marriage in The Gambia has been 18 years for both women and men. Ten percent of women age 25-49 were first married by age 15 , as compared with less than $1 \%$ of men. The percentage of women married by age 18 increases to $37 \%$. Four in five women ( $81 \%$ ) are married by age 25 . The median age at first marriage among women age 25-49 is 19.4 years (Table 4.3).

Trends: The median age at first marriage among women age 25-49 increased from 18.6 years in 2013 to 19.4 years in 2019-20.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The median age at first marriage among women age 25-49 is lower in rural areas (17.9 years) than in urban areas (20.2 years) (Table 4.4).
- The median age at first marriage among women age 25-49 increases with increasing education, from 17.7 years among those with no education to 22.9 years among those with a secondary education or higher.
- The median age at first marriage among women age 25-49 increases from 17.8 years in the lowest wealth quintile to 22.5 years in the highest wealth quintile.


### 4.4 Age at First Sexual Intercourse

## Median age at first sexual intercourse

Age by which half of respondents have had sexual intercourse.
Sample: Women age 20-49 and 25-49 and men age 20-49, 25-49, 20-59, 25-59, and 30-59

Table 4.5 shows the percentage of women and men who had their first sexual intercourse by exact ages. Ten percent of women age 25-49 had sexual intercourse by age 15 , and $44 \%$ of women age $25-49$ had intercourse by age 18. Eighty-six percent of women had their first sexual intercourse by age 25 . Among men age 25-49, $5 \%$ first had sexual intercourse by age 15, and $67 \%$ had intercourse by age 25 .

On average, initiation of intercourse occurs earlier than marriage among women. The median age at first sexual intercourse among women age $25-49$ is 18.5 years, whereas the median age at first marriage is 19.4 years. Exposure to the risk of childbearing is therefore earlier than the median age at marriage.

Trends: The median age at first sexual intercourse among women age 25-49 remained steady from 2013 ( 18.6 years) to 2019-20 ( 18.5 years). Among men age 25-49, the median age at first sex fell from 23.1 years in 2013 to 21.4 years in 2019-20. The percentage of women age 25-49 who had sexual intercourse by age 18 remained steady from 2013 ( $45 \%$ ) to 2019-20 (44\%), while the percentage of men who had sex by age 18 increased from $13 \%$ to $17 \%$.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The median age at first sexual intercourse among women age $25-49$ is higher in urban areas (19.0 years) than in rural areas (17.1 years) (Table 4.6).
- The median age at first sex increases with increasing education among women but not men. Among women, median age at first sex ranges from 17.0 years among those with no education to 21.2 years among those with a secondary education or higher.
- The median age at first sexual intercourse among women increases with increasing wealth, from 16.9 years among those in the lowest wealth quintile to 21.0 years among those in the highest wealth quintile (Table 4.6).


### 4.5 Recent Sexual Activity

The 2019-20 GDHS collected data on recent sexual activity among women and men age 15-49. Forty-two percent of women reported having sexual intercourse within the 4 weeks preceding the survey, while $29 \%$ of women had never had intercourse. Among men, $32 \%$ had sexual intercourse within the past 4 weeks, while $31 \%$ had never had sex. For more information on recent sexual activity, see Tables 4.7.1 and 4.7.2.

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Table 4.1 Current marital status
Percent distribution of women and men age 15-49 by current marital status, according to age, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Age | Marital status |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Percentage of respondents currently in union | Number of respondents |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never married | Married | Living together | Divorced | Separated | Widowed |  |  |  |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 80.6 | 18.8 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 18.9 | 2,633 |
| 20-24 | 46.4 | 50.8 | 0.3 | 1.9 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 51.1 | 2,181 |
| 25-29 | 18.2 | 77.6 | 0.1 | 3.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 77.8 | 2,248 |
| 30-34 | 6.4 | 84.7 | 0.6 | 6.8 | 0.1 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 85.3 | 1,619 |
| 35-39 | 2.3 | 88.5 | 0.0 | 6.0 | 0.4 | 2.8 | 100.0 | 88.5 | 1,438 |
| 40-44 | 1.7 | 86.3 | 0.1 | 5.8 | 0.9 | 5.1 | 100.0 | 86.4 | 1,028 |
| 45-49 | 0.9 | 86.4 | 0.4 | 4.4 | 0.9 | 6.9 | 100.0 | 86.9 | 718 |
| Total 15-49 | 31.2 | 63.2 | 0.2 | 3.5 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 63.4 | 11,865 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 99.8 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 0.2 | 1,097 |
| 20-24 | 96.1 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 3.9 | 802 |
| 25-29 | 67.7 | 31.7 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 31.7 | 634 |
| 30-34 | 32.0 | 65.8 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 66.5 | 524 |
| 35-39 | 12.1 | 85.2 | 0.4 | 2.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 85.6 | 499 |
| 40-44 | 6.9 | 88.0 | 0.5 | 2.6 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 88.4 | 357 |
| 45-49 | 1.4 | 93.2 | 0.0 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 93.2 | 342 |
| Total 15-49 | 60.0 | 38.5 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 38.7 | 4,255 |
| 50-59 | 0.9 | 94.0 | 0.8 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 94.9 | 381 |
| Total 15-59 | 55.1 | 43.1 | 0.2 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 43.3 | 4,636 |

Table 4.2.1 Number of women's co-wives
Percent distribution of currently married women age 15-49 by number of co-wives, and percentage of currently married women with one or more co-wives, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Number of co-wives |  |  |  | Total | Percentage with one or more cowives ${ }^{1}$ | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2+ | Don't know |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 86.1 | 12.7 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 13.9 | 497 |
| 20-24 | 82.4 | 16.3 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 17.6 | 1,115 |
| 25-29 | 75.1 | 21.7 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 24.9 | 1,749 |
| 30-34 | 64.7 | 30.1 | 5.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 35.3 | 1,381 |
| 35-39 | 55.0 | 34.4 | 10.5 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 44.8 | 1,273 |
| 40-44 | 47.5 | 37.7 | 14.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 52.5 | 889 |
| 45-49 | 42.0 | 41.2 | 16.5 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 57.7 | 623 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 69.2 | 25.0 | 5.7 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 30.7 | 5,133 |
| Rural | 57.9 | 32.8 | 9.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 42.1 | 2,393 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 78.4 | 18.2 | 3.1 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 21.3 | 85 |
| Kanifing | 76.1 | 19.3 | 4.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 23.8 | 1,376 |
| Brikama | 68.3 | 26.0 | 5.7 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 31.7 | 3,143 |
| Mansakonko | 59.8 | 29.1 | 11.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 40.2 | 308 |
| Kerewan | 60.6 | 30.9 | 8.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 39.3 | 813 |
| Kuntaur | 55.0 | 35.0 | 9.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 45.0 | 432 |
| Janjanbureh | 60.5 | 30.4 | 9.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 39.5 | 466 |
| Basse | 53.3 | 37.2 | 9.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 46.7 | 903 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 56.1 | 34.0 | 9.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 43.8 | 3,571 |
| Primary | 67.2 | 26.4 | 6.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 32.8 | 1,298 |
| Secondary or higher | 77.6 | 19.3 | 3.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 22.4 | 2,657 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 61.3 | 32.1 | 6.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 38.7 | 1,536 |
| Second | 62.5 | 29.2 | 8.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 37.5 | 1,475 |
| Middle | 65.0 | 26.6 | 8.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 34.8 | 1,532 |
| Fourth | 67.9 | 25.1 | 7.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 32.1 | 1,495 |
| Highest | 71.4 | 24.4 | 4.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 28.5 | 1,488 |
| Total | 65.6 | 27.5 | 6.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 34.3 | 7,526 |

${ }^{1}$ Excludes women who responded "don't know" when asked if their husband has other wives

Table 4.2.2 Number of men's wives
Percent distribution of currently married men age 15-49 by number of wives, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background <br> characteristic | Number of wives |  |  | Number of <br>  <br>  <br> Age | 1 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| men |  |  |  |  |  |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

Table 4.3 Age at first marriage
Percentage of women and men age 15-49 who were first married by specific exact ages, and median age at first marriage, according to current age, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Current age | Percentage first married by exact age: |  |  |  |  | Percentage never married | Number of respondents | Median age at first marriage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 15 | 18 | 20 | 22 | 25 |  |  |  |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 3.8 | na | na | na | na | 80.6 | 2,633 | a |
| 20-24 | 5.6 | 23.1 | 37.1 | na | na | 46.4 | 2,181 | a |
| 25-29 | 7.6 | 30.6 | 47.1 | 59.0 | 73.6 | 18.2 | 2,248 | 20.4 |
| 30-34 | 8.0 | 34.1 | 51.0 | 65.1 | 79.7 | 6.4 | 1,619 | 19.9 |
| 35-39 | 12.5 | 38.3 | 54.4 | 68.1 | 82.6 | 2.3 | 1,438 | 19.4 |
| 40-44 | 17.0 | 50.7 | 67.1 | 77.7 | 88.6 | 1.7 | 1,028 | 17.9 |
| 45-49 | 11.0 | 43.3 | 65.8 | 77.4 | 88.4 | 0.9 | 718 | 18.6 |
| 20-49 | 9.3 | 33.9 | 50.2 | na | na | 17.1 | 9,232 | 20.0 |
| 25-49 | 10.4 | 37.2 | 54.3 | 66.9 | 80.5 | 8.1 | 7,051 | 19.4 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 0.0 | na | na | na | na | 99.8 | 1,097 | a |
| 20-24 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1.0 | na | na | 96.1 | 802 | a |
| 25-29 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 1.7 | 5.3 | 15.1 | 67.7 | 634 | a |
| 30-34 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 1.7 | 6.1 | 17.1 | 32.0 | 524 | 29.8 |
| 35-39 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 4.3 | 10.3 | 19.5 | 12.1 | 499 | 29.1 |
| 40-44 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 3.4 | 11.5 | 21.2 | 6.9 | 357 | 28.9 |
| 45-49 | 0.0 | 2.4 | 6.4 | 9.8 | 26.1 | 1.4 | 342 | 28.2 |
| 20-49 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 2.6 | na | na | 46.1 | 3,158 | a |
| 25-49 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 3.2 | 8.2 | 19.0 | 29.2 | 2,356 | a |
| 20-59 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 3.1 | na | na | 41.3 | 3,539 | a |
| 25-59 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 3.7 | 8.5 | 20.3 | 25.2 | 2,738 | a |

Note: Age at first marriage is defined as the age at which the respondent began living with her/his first spouse/partner. $\mathrm{na}=$ Not applicable due to censoring
$a=$ Omitted because less than $50 \%$ of the respondents began living with their spouse or partner for the first time before reaching the beginning of the age group

Table 4.4 Median age at first marriage by background characteristics
Median age at first marriage among women age 20-49 and age 25-49, and median age at first marriage among men age $30-59$ and $35-59$, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Women age |  | Men age |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 20-49 | 25-49 | 30-59 | 35-59 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | a | 20.2 | 29.7 | 29.4 |
| Rural | 18.1 | 17.9 | 26.9 | 26.8 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | a | 22.2 | a | 30.3 |
| Kanifing | a | 21.7 | a | 30.2 |
| Brikama | a | 20.0 | 29.4 | 29.0 |
| Mansakonko | 18.3 | 18.0 | 26.5 | 26.0 |
| Kerewan | 18.7 | 18.4 | 27.3 | 27.1 |
| Kuntaur | 17.6 | 17.6 | 26.7 | 26.5 |
| Janjanbureh | 18.0 | 18.0 | 26.5 | 26.6 |
| Basse | 17.9 | 17.7 | 27.8 | 28.1 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 17.7 | 17.7 | 27.5 | 27.5 |
| Primary | 18.4 | 18.3 | 29.3 | 29.5 |
| Secondary or higher | a | 22.9 | 29.7 | 29.2 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 17.9 | 17.8 | 26.8 | 26.7 |
| Second | 18.6 | 18.2 | 27.9 | 27.8 |
| Middle | 19.1 | 18.7 | 29.3 | 29.3 |
| Fourth | a | 20.2 | 29.2 | 28.9 |
| Highest | a | 22.5 | a | 29.8 |
| Total | 20.0 | 19.4 | 29.1 | 28.7 |

Note: Age at first marriage is defined as the age at which the respondent began living with her/his first spouse/partner.
$a=$ Omitted because less than $50 \%$ of the respondents began living with their spouse or partner for the first time before reaching the beginning of the age group

Table 4.5 Age at first sexual intercourse
Percentage of women and men age 15-49 who had first sexual intercourse by specific exact ages, percentage who never had sexual intercourse, and median age at first sexual intercourse, according to current age, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Current age | Percentage who had first sexual intercourse by exact age: |  |  |  |  | Percentage who never had intercourse | Number of respondents | Median age at first intercourse |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 15 | 18 | 20 | 22 | 25 |  |  |  |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 2.3 | na | na | na | na | 80.9 | 2,633 | a |
| 20-24 | 6.1 | 28.5 | 44.9 | na | na | 40.3 | 2,181 | a |
| 25-29 | 7.2 | 35.4 | 55.7 | 67.8 | 79.8 | 13.9 | 2,248 | 19.3 |
| 30-34 | 9.0 | 41.6 | 60.7 | 73.5 | 86.0 | 3.8 | 1,619 | 18.8 |
| 35-39 | 11.6 | 49.4 | 65.5 | 78.1 | 88.5 | 0.7 | 1,438 | 18.1 |
| 40-44 | 14.9 | 57.1 | 77.7 | 86.0 | 94.0 | 0.3 | 1,028 | 17.3 |
| 45-49 | 10.7 | 50.9 | 74.8 | 85.1 | 92.6 | 0.2 | 718 | 17.9 |
| 20-49 | 9.1 | 40.7 | 59.5 | na | na | 13.7 | 9,232 | 18.8 |
| 25-49 | 10.0 | 44.4 | 64.0 | 75.6 | 86.4 | 5.5 | 7,051 | 18.5 |
| 15-24 | 4.0 | na | na | na | na | 62.5 | 4,814 | a |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 8.1 | na | na | na | na | 75.0 | 1,097 | a |
| 20-24 | 9.9 | 28.5 | 45.9 | na | na | 41.1 | 802 | a |
| 25-29 | 7.1 | 20.2 | 34.9 | 52.2 | 68.6 | 20.0 | 634 | 21.4 |
| 30-34 | 4.5 | 15.3 | 30.5 | 50.7 | 62.4 | 6.6 | 524 | 21.9 |
| 35-39 | 2.2 | 17.8 | 33.8 | 52.0 | 65.0 | 2.4 | 499 | 21.3 |
| 40-44 | 4.5 | 15.7 | 36.8 | 56.4 | 68.3 | 0.7 | 357 | 21.0 |
| 45-49 | 4.4 | 11.9 | 35.3 | 55.0 | 74.4 | 0.0 | 342 | 20.9 |
| 20-49 | 6.0 | 19.7 | 37.0 | na | na | 16.0 | 3,158 | a |
| 25-49 | 4.7 | 16.7 | 34.0 | 52.9 | 67.3 | 7.5 | 2,356 | 21.4 |
| 15-24 | 8.9 | na | na | na | na | 60.7 | 1,898 | a |
| 20-59 | 5.5 | 18.6 | 36.0 | na | na | 14.3 | 3,539 | a |
| 25-59 | 4.2 | 15.7 | 33.1 | 51.6 | 66.4 | 6.4 | 2,738 | 21.6 |

na $=$ Not applicable due to censoring
$a=$ Omitted because less than $50 \%$ of the respondents had sexual intercourse for the first time before reaching the beginning of the age group

| Table 4.6 Median age at first sexual intercourse according to background characteristics |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Median age at first sexual intercourse among women age 20-49 and age 25-49, and median age at first sexual intercourse among men age 25-59 and $30-59$, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20 |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Women age |  | Men age |  |
|  | 20-49 | 25-49 | 25-59 | 30-59 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 19.6 | 19.0 | 21.3 | 21.2 |
| Rural | 17.4 | 17.1 | 22.6 | 23.2 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | a | 19.8 | 21.2 | 21.4 |
| Kanifing | a | 19.8 | 21.1 | 21.3 |
| Brikama | 19.4 | 18.9 | 21.2 | 21.0 |
| Mansakonko | 17.9 | 17.5 | 23.2 | 24.2 |
| Kerewan | 18.1 | 17.9 | a | 25.4 |
| Kuntaur | 17.1 | 17.0 | 24.0 | 24.4 |
| Janjanbureh | 17.5 | 17.2 | 20.6 | 20.6 |
| Basse | 17.0 | 16.7 | 21.8 | 22.3 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 17.1 | 17.0 | 22.8 | 22.8 |
| Primary | 17.7 | 17.7 | 21.0 | 21.7 |
| Secondary or higher | a | 21.2 | 21.3 | 21.2 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 17.1 | 16.9 | 21.4 | 22.4 |
| Second | 17.8 | 17.5 | 21.7 | 21.2 |
| Middle | 18.3 | 18.0 | 22.2 | 22.0 |
| Fourth | 19.9 | 19.3 | 21.5 | 21.7 |
| Highest | a | 21.0 | 21.2 | 21.1 |
| Total | 18.8 | 18.5 | 21.6 | 21.7 |

a = Omitted because less than $50 \%$ of the respondents had sexual intercourse for the first time before reaching the beginning of the age group

Table 4.7.1 Recent sexual activity: Women
Percent distribution of women age 15-49 by timing of last sexual intercourse, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Timing of last sexual intercourse |  |  | Never had sexual intercourse | Total | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Within the past 4 weeks | Within 1 year ${ }^{1}$ | One or more years |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 9.7 | 6.7 | 2.7 | 80.9 | 100.0 | 2,633 |
| 20-24 | 29.9 | 19.0 | 10.8 | 40.3 | 100.0 | 2,181 |
| 25-29 | 48.4 | 21.3 | 16.4 | 13.9 | 100.0 | 2,248 |
| 30-34 | 56.0 | 22.7 | 17.5 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 1,619 |
| 35-39 | 64.9 | 19.0 | 15.4 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 1,438 |
| 40-44 | 63.3 | 16.5 | 19.9 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,028 |
| 45-49 | 60.9 | 18.9 | 20.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 718 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 1.7 | 4.6 | 7.4 | 86.3 | 100.0 | 3,704 |
| Married or living together | 64.1 | 22.7 | 10.6 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 7,526 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 5.3 | 21.2 | 71.6 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 635 |
| Marital duration ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-4 years | 55.0 | 27.3 | 8.2 | 9.4 | 100.0 | 1,710 |
| 5-9 years | 59.1 | 25.8 | 13.4 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 1,363 |
| 10-14 years | 64.9 | 21.9 | 13.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,153 |
| 15-19 years | 70.8 | 19.2 | 10.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 838 |
| 20-24 years | 70.9 | 18.3 | 10.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 619 |
| 25+ years | 73.0 | 18.1 | 8.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 637 |
| Married more than once | 69.2 | 20.9 | 9.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,206 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 39.0 | 15.6 | 14.0 | 31.5 | 100.0 | 8,747 |
| Rural | 48.6 | 21.0 | 9.8 | 20.7 | 100.0 | 3,118 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 36.0 | 17.3 | 11.4 | 35.3 | 100.0 | 163 |
| Kanifing | 33.8 | 16.4 | 16.8 | 33.0 | 100.0 | 2,590 |
| Brikama | 40.5 | 14.8 | 12.6 | 32.1 | 100.0 | 5,299 |
| Mansakonko | 48.6 | 16.4 | 11.7 | 23.2 | 100.0 | 431 |
| Kerewan | 50.9 | 18.2 | 7.7 | 23.2 | 100.0 | 1,129 |
| Kuntaur | 54.6 | 22.9 | 5.7 | 16.8 | 100.0 | 522 |
| Janjanbureh | 50.9 | 21.4 | 9.1 | 18.7 | 100.0 | 595 |
| Basse | 41.5 | 22.5 | 16.5 | 19.5 | 100.0 | 1,137 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 57.7 | 21.2 | 13.0 | 8.1 | 100.0 | 4,119 |
| Primary | 43.3 | 19.9 | 14.6 | 22.2 | 100.0 | 1,854 |
| Secondary or higher | 29.6 | 13.1 | 12.3 | 45.0 | 100.0 | 5,892 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 50.0 | 21.0 | 9.6 | 19.4 | 100.0 | 1,998 |
| Second | 45.2 | 19.2 | 10.8 | 24.8 | 100.0 | 2,135 |
| Middle | 45.9 | 17.3 | 11.4 | 25.4 | 100.0 | 2,292 |
| Fourth | 38.5 | 13.3 | 14.4 | 33.8 | 100.0 | 2,591 |
| Highest | 31.9 | 15.7 | 16.5 | 35.9 | 100.0 | 2,849 |
| Total | 41.5 | 17.0 | 12.9 | 28.6 | 100.0 | 11,865 |

${ }^{1}$ Excludes women who had sexual intercourse within the last 4 weeks
${ }^{2}$ Excludes women who are not currently married

Table 4.7.2 Recent sexual activity: Men
Percent distribution of men age 15-49 by timing of last sexual intercourse, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Timing of last sexual intercourse |  |  | Never had sexual intercourse | Total | Number of men |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Within the past 4 weeks | Within 1 year ${ }^{1}$ | One or more years |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 4.4 | 9.7 | 10.9 | 75.0 | 100.0 | 1,097 |
| 20-24 | 11.0 | 24.7 | 23.3 | 41.1 | 100.0 | 802 |
| 25-29 | 28.1 | 31.1 | 20.8 | 20.0 | 100.0 | 634 |
| 30-34 | 50.6 | 29.2 | 13.6 | 6.6 | 100.0 | 524 |
| 35-39 | 62.5 | 29.0 | 6.1 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 499 |
| 40-44 | 69.0 | 20.3 | 9.9 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 357 |
| 45-49 | 68.6 | 21.4 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 342 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 8.9 | 19.9 | 19.5 | 51.7 | 100.0 | 2,552 |
| Married or living together | 69.1 | 25.1 | 5.4 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,645 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 16.4 | 43.2 | 38.8 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 58 |
| Marital duration ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-4 years | 60.9 | 32.7 | 5.1 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 473 |
| 5-9 years | 68.8 | 27.8 | 3.1 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 341 |
| 10-14 years | 68.6 | 21.8 | 9.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 284 |
| 15-19 years | 77.3 | 18.0 | 4.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 176 |
| 20-24 years | 81.7 | 10.4 | 7.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 113 |
| 25+ years | (75.8) | (18.8) | (5.4) | (0.0) | 100.0 | 32 |
| Married more than once | 73.6 | 23.1 | 3.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 226 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 30.8 | 23.3 | 15.0 | 30.9 | 100.0 | 3,299 |
| Rural | 37.4 | 18.3 | 11.9 | 32.4 | 100.0 | 955 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 30.6 | 29.6 | 17.2 | 22.6 | 100.0 | 80 |
| Kanifing | 29.5 | 25.8 | 14.9 | 29.8 | 100.0 | 1,040 |
| Brikama | 30.9 | 21.9 | 15.3 | 31.9 | 100.0 | 1,967 |
| Mansakonko | 33.1 | 17.0 | 10.9 | 38.9 | 100.0 | 134 |
| Kerewan | 32.6 | 18.9 | 14.9 | 33.6 | 100.0 | 351 |
| Kuntaur | 42.6 | 19.1 | 9.9 | 28.4 | 100.0 | 142 |
| Janjanbureh | 41.0 | 16.2 | 11.1 | 31.6 | 100.0 | 202 |
| Basse | 38.7 | 21.4 | 10.5 | 29.4 | 100.0 | 340 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 44.4 | 19.6 | 12.3 | 23.7 | 100.0 | 921 |
| Primary | 28.4 | 22.0 | 13.5 | 36.2 | 100.0 | 716 |
| Secondary or higher | 29.1 | 23.2 | 15.3 | 32.5 | 100.0 | 2,618 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 37.2 | 19.6 | 12.6 | 30.6 | 100.0 | 632 |
| Second | 32.9 | 19.9 | 11.7 | 35.4 | 100.0 | 768 |
| Middle | 34.9 | 24.1 | 13.7 | 27.4 | 100.0 | 848 |
| Fourth | 31.8 | 21.0 | 16.9 | 30.2 | 100.0 | 875 |
| Highest | 27.5 | 24.7 | 15.5 | 32.4 | 100.0 | 1,132 |
| Total 15-49 | 32.3 | 22.2 | 14.3 | 31.2 | 100.0 | 4,255 |
| 50-59 | 72.0 | 19.8 | 8.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 381 |
| Total 15-59 | 35.5 | 22.0 | 13.8 | 28.6 | 100.0 | 4,636 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.
${ }^{1}$ Excludes men who had sexual intercourse within the last 4 weeks
${ }^{2}$ Excludes men who are not currently married

## Key Findings

- Total fertility rate (TFR): The TFR in The Gambia is 4.4 children per woman. Urban areas have a lower TFR (3.9) than rural areas (5.9).
- Median birth interval: The median birth interval in The Gambia is 35.3 months.
- Menopause: The percentage of women who are menopausal ranges from 2\% among those age 30-34 to $37 \%$ among those age 48-49.
- Median age at first birth: The median age at first birth among women age 25-49 is 20.7 years.
- Teenage motherhood: Overall, 14\% of adolescents have begun childbearing. The percentage of teenagers who have begun childbearing is higher in rural areas (20\%) than in urban areas (11\%).

TThe number of children that a woman bears depends on many factors, including the age she begins childbearing, how long she waits between births, and her fecundity. Postponing first births and extending the interval between births have played a role in reducing fertility levels in many countries. These factors also have positive health consequences. In contrast, short birth intervals (of less than 24 months) can lead to harmful outcomes for both newborns and their mothers, such as preterm birth, low birth weight, and death. Childbearing at a very young age is associated with an increased risk of complications during pregnancy and childbirth and higher rates of neonatal mortality.

This chapter describes the current level of fertility in The Gambia and some of its proximate determinants. It presents information on the total fertility rate, birth intervals, insusceptibility to pregnancy (due to postpartum amenorrhoea, postpartum abstinence, or menopause), age at first birth, and teenage childbearing.

### 5.1 Current Fertility

## Total fertility rate

The average number of children a woman would have by the end of her childbearing years if she bore children at the current age-specific fertility rates. Age-specific fertility rates are calculated for the 3 years before the survey, based on detailed birth histories provided by women.
Sample: Women age 15-49

The total fertility rate (TFR) in The Gambia is 4.4 children per woman. Age-specific fertility rates are highest among women age 25-29 (227 births per 1,000 women) and lowest among women less than age 15 ( 1 birth per 1,000 women) and those age 45-49 ( 19 births per 1,000 women) (Table 5.1). For more information on age-specific fertility for 5 -year periods before the survey, see Table 5.3.1.

Trends: The TFR in The Gambia has decreased by more than one child since 2013 (from 5.6 to 4.4 children per woman) (Table 5.3.2). Fertility has declined in both urban areas (from 4.7 to 3.9 children per woman) and rural areas (from 6.8 to 5.9 children per woman) (Figure 5.1).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The TFR is two children lower in urban areas (3.9 children per woman) than in rural areas (5.9 children per woman).
- By LGA, the TFR ranges from a low of 3.1 children per woman in Banjul to a high of 6.4 children per woman in Kuntaur (Table 5.2 and Figure 5.2).

Figure 5.2 Fertility by Local Government Area
Total fertility rate for the 3 years before the survey


- The average number of children per woman decreases with increasing education. Women with no education have an average of 5.7 children, as compared with 3.4 children among women with a secondary education or higher.
- Women in the lowest wealth quintile (6.0) have almost three more children than those in the highest wealth quintile (3.2).


### 5.2 Children Ever Born and Living

The 2019-20 GDHS collected data on the number of children ever born to women age 15-49 and whether each child was still alive at the time of the survey. On average, women have given birth to 2.5 children, of whom 2.3 were still living at the time of the survey (Table 5.4). The mean number of children ever born increases with women's age; women age 45-49 have given birth to an average of 6.1 children, among whom 5.4 were still living at the time of the survey. Currently married women age 15-49 have had an average of 3.5 children, of whom 3.3 were still living at the time of the survey.

### 5.3 BIRTH InTERVALS

## Median birth interval

Number of months since the preceding birth by which half of children are born.
Sample: Non-first births in the 5 years before the survey

After a live birth, the recommended interval before the next pregnancy is at least 24 months in order to reduce the risk of adverse maternal, perinatal, and infant outcomes (WHO 2005b). In The Gambia, the median birth interval is 35.3 months. Fourteen percent of births occurred less than the recommended 24 months after the preceding birth ( $4 \%$ occurred $7-$ 17 months after the preceding birth, and $10 \%$ occurred 18-23 months after the preceding birth)
(Table 5.5 and Figure 5.3).

Trends: The median birth interval in The Gambia has exceeded the WHO-recommended 24 months after the preceding birth since 2013. Between 2013 and 2019-20, the median birth interval increased by

Figure 5.3 Birth intervals
 1.1 months (from 34.2 months to 35.3 months).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Birth intervals increase with age, from 32.7 months among women age 20-29 to 41.5 months among women age 40-49 (Table 5.5).
- The median birth interval varies only slightly according to the sex of the preceding birth.
- The median birth interval is shorter ( 29.6 months) if the child from the preceding birth is dead than if the child is alive ( 35.5 months).
- Birth intervals increase slightly with number of children, rising from a median of 34.8 months among women with two or three children to 36.1 months among those with seven or more children.
- The median birth interval is longer in urban areas (36.1 months) than in rural areas (33.7 months).
- Median birth intervals increase with increasing household wealth, from 33.3 months among women in the lowest wealth quintile to 36.9 months among women in the highest wealth quintile.


### 5.4 Insusceptibility to Pregnancy

## Postpartum amenorrhoea

The period of time after the birth of a child and before the resumption of menstruation.

## Postpartum abstinence

The period of time after the birth of a child and before the resumption of sexual intercourse.

## Postpartum insusceptibility

The period of time during which a woman is considered not at risk of pregnancy because she is postpartum amenorrhoeic and/or abstaining from sexual intercourse postpartum.

## Median duration of postpartum amenorrhoea

Number of months after childbirth by which time half of women have begun menstruating.
Sample: Women who gave birth in the 3 years before the survey

## Median duration of postpartum insusceptibility

Number of months after childbirth by which time half of women are no longer protected against pregnancy by either postpartum amenorrhoea or abstinence from sexual intercourse.
Sample: Women who gave birth in the 3 years before the survey

Postpartum amenorrhoea refers to the interval between childbirth and the return of menstruation. During this period, the risk of pregnancy is reduced. Among women who are not using contraception, exposure to the risk of pregnancy in the period following childbirth is determined by two major factors, namely breastfeeding and sexual abstinence. Postpartum protection from conception can be prolonged by the length and intensity of breastfeeding or by delayed resumption of sexual activities (postpartum abstinence). The median duration of postpartum amenorrhoea among women who gave birth in the 3 years before the survey is 9.5 months, while the median durations of abstinence and insusceptibility are 5.0 months and 12.0 months, respectively (Table 5.6).

Trends: Median durations of postpartum amenorrhoea, abstinence, and insusceptibility have decreased from 2013 to 2019-20. The median duration of postpartum amenorrhoea has declined from 11.7 months to 9.5 months, while the median duration of postpartum abstinence has declined from 6.0 months to 5.0 months. Over the same period, the median duration of postpartum insusceptibility has decreased from 14.0 months to 12.0 months.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Median durations of postpartum amenorrhoea, abstinence, and insusceptibility are longer among women in rural areas than among those in urban areas (Table 5.7).
- Median duration of postpartum insusceptibility generally decreases with increasing household wealth, from 14.7 months among women in the lowest wealth quintile to 9.5 months among women in the highest wealth quintile.


## Menopause

Women are considered to have reached menopause if they are neither pregnant nor postpartum amenorrhoeic and have not had a menstrual period in the 6 months before the survey, if they report being menopausal or having had a hysterectomy, or if they have never menstruated.
Sample: Women age 30-49

The 2019-20 GDHS results show that $7 \%$ of women age 30-49 are menopausal. By age group, the percentage of women who are menopausal ranges from $2 \%$ among those age $30-34$ to $37 \%$ among those age 48-49 (Table 5.8).

### 5.5 Age At First Birth

## Median age at first birth

Age by which half of women have had their first child.
Sample: Women age 20-49 and 25-49

The age at which childbearing commences has a direct influence on a woman's cumulative fertility, particularly when there is little or no contraceptive use. The earlier a woman begins childbearing, the greater her likelihood of having many children. Also, having children at too young an age can have negative repercussions for the mother's health and can put her child's health at risk. In The Gambia, the median age at first birth among women age 25-49 is 20.7 years (Table 5.9).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Among women age 25-49, the median age at first birth is higher in urban areas (21.4 years) than in rural areas (19.5 years) (Table 5.10).
- Across the LGAs, the median age at first birth is lowest in Janjanbureh (19.3 years) and highest in Kanifing (22.3 years).
- The median age at first birth increases with increasing education, from 19.2 years among women with no education to 23.6 years among women with a secondary education or higher.
- Median age at first birth also increases with wealth, rising from 19.2 years among women in the lowest wealth quintile to 23.6 years among those in the highest wealth quintile (Figure 5.4).

Figure 5.4 Median age at first birth by household wealth

Median age at first birth among women age 25-49


### 5.6 Teenage Childbearing

## Teenage childbearing

Percentage of women age 15-19 who have given birth or are pregnant with their first child.
Sample: Women age 15-19

Adolescent pregnancy undermines girls' human rights and compromises their opportunity to fully realise their socioeconomic development potential. Teenagers who have early exposure to sexual intercourse are at risk of pregnancy and childbearing. The 2019-20 GDHS collected data on pregnancy in adolescence (age 15-19). The results showed that $14 \%$ of adolescents had begun childbearing at the time of the survey. Eleven percent had given birth, while $3 \%$ were pregnant with their first child (Table 5.11).

Trends: Teenage childbearing decreased from 18\% in 2013 to 14\% in 2019-20.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The percentage of women age 15-19 who have begun childbearing increases with age, from $1 \%$ among those age 15 to $29 \%$ among those age 19 (Table 5.11).
- The percentage of teenagers who have begun childbearing is higher in rural areas (20\%) than in urban areas (11\%) (Figure 5.5).
- Across the LGAs, the percentage of teenagers who have begun childbearing ranges from $9 \%$ in Brikama to $29 \%$ in Kuntaur (Table 5.11).
- The percentage of women age 15-19 who have begun childbearing decreases with increasing education and household wealth. Thirty-six percent of young women with no education have begun childbearing, as compared with $6 \%$ of those with a secondary education or higher. Similarly, $22 \%$ of young women in the lowest wealth quintile have begun childbearing, as compared with $6 \%$ of those in the highest quintile.


## Figure 5.5 Teenage pregnancy and motherhood by residence

Percentage of women age 15-19 who have begun childbearing


### 5.7 Sexual and Reproductive Behaviours Before Age 15

Among women and men age $15-19,2 \%$ of women and $8 \%$ of men had sexual intercourse before age 15 . Only $4 \%$ of women and less than $1 \%$ of men age $15-19$ were married before age 15 . One percent of women and less than $1 \%$ of men age 15-19 gave birth or fathered a child before age 15 (Table 5.12).

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Table 5.1 Current fertility
Age-specific and total fertility rates, general fertility rate, and crude birth rate for the 3 years preceding the survey, according to residence, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  | Residence |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age group | Urban | Rural | Total |
| $10-14$ | $[1]$ | $[1]$ | $[1]$ |
| $15-19$ | 51 | 103 | 65 |
| $20-24$ | 151 | 249 | 174 |
| $25-29$ | 211 | 275 | 227 |
| $30-34$ | 176 | 251 | 196 |
| $35-39$ | 128 | 183 | 143 |
| $40-44$ | 49 | 89 | 60 |
| $45-49$ | $[16]$ | $[28]$ | $[19]$ |
| TFR (15-49) | 3.9 | 5.9 | 4.4 |
| GFR | 131 | 196 | 148 |
| CBR | 32.5 | 38.9 | 34.4 |

Note: Age-specific fertility rates are per 1,000 women. Estimates in brackets are truncated Rates are for the period 1-36 months preceding the interview. Rates for the 10-14 age group are based on retrospective data from women age 15-17
TFR: Total fertility rate, expressed per woman
GFR: General fertility rate, expressed per 1,000
women age 15-44
CBR: Crude birth rate, expressed per 1,000
population

## Table 5.2 Fertility by background characteristics

Total fertility rate for the 3 years preceding the survey, percentage of women age 15-49 currently pregnant, and mean number of children ever born to women age 40-49, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Total fertility rate | Percentage of women age 15-49 currently pregnant | Mean number of children ever born to women age 40-49 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Residence |  |  |  |
| Urban | 3.9 | 6.7 | 5.3 |
| Rural | 5.9 | 9.3 | 7.2 |
| Local Government |  |  |  |
| Area |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 3.1 | 5.3 | 4.2 |
| Kanifing | 3.3 | 5.7 | 4.5 |
| Brikama | 4.1 | 6.9 | 5.7 |
| Mansakonko | 5.4 | 9.7 | 7.1 |
| Kerewan | 5.4 | 8.2 | 6.9 |
| Kuntaur | 6.4 | 11.9 | 7.2 |
| Janjanbureh | 5.7 | 8.7 | 7.0 |
| Basse | 5.7 | 9.6 | 6.5 |
| Education |  |  |  |
| No education | 5.7 | 9.2 | 6.5 |
| Primary | 5.1 | 8.0 | 5.7 |
| Secondary or higher | 3.4 | 6.0 | 4.1 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 6.0 | 9.4 | 7.3 |
| Second | 5.2 | 9.2 | 6.4 |
| Middle | 4.6 | 8.2 | 5.8 |
| Fourth | 3.8 | 5.6 | 5.7 |
| Highest | 3.2 | 5.7 | 4.1 |
| Total | 4.4 | 7.4 | 5.8 |

Note: Total fertility rates are for the period 1-36 months prior to the interview.

Table 5.3.1 Trends in age-specific fertility rates
Age-specific fertility rates for 5-year periods preceding the survey, according to age group, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  | Number of years preceding survey |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age group | $0-4$ | $5-9$ | $10-14$ | $15-19$ |
| $10-14$ | $[1]$ | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| $15-19$ | 65 | 95 | 104 | 114 |
| $20-24$ | 182 | 223 | 232 | 243 |
| $25-29$ | 220 | 266 | 269 | 268 |
| $30-34$ | 201 | 242 | 239 | $[250]$ |
| $35-39$ | 142 | 186 | $[187]$ |  |
| $40-44$ | 67 | $[110]$ |  |  |
| $45-49$ | $[23]$ |  |  |  |

Note: Age-specific fertility rates are per 1,000 women. Estimates in brackets are truncated. Rates exclude the month of the interview. For the 0-4 year period, rates for the 10-14 age group are based on retrospective data from women age 15-19

## Table 5.3.2 Trends in age-specific

 and total fertility ratesAge-specific and total fertility rates (TFR) for the 3 -year period preceding two surveys, according to mother's age at the time of the birth, The Gambia DHS 201920

| Mother's <br> age at birth | 2013 <br> GDHS | $2019-20$ <br> GDHS |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $15-19$ | 88 | 65 |
| $20-24$ | 215 | 174 |
| $25-29$ | 271 | 227 |
| $30-34$ | 237 | 196 |
| $35-39$ | 185 | 143 |
| $40-44$ | 99 | 60 |
| $45-49$ | $[24]$ | $[19]$ |
| TFR (15-49) | 5.6 | 4.4 |

Note: Age-specific fertility rates are per 1,000 women. Rates for the 45-49 age group may be slightly biased due to truncation.

Table 5.4 Children ever born and living
Percent distribution of all women and currently married women age 15-49 by number of children ever born, mean number of children ever born, and mean number of living children, according to age group, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Age | Number of children ever born |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of women | Mean number of children ever born | Mean number of living children |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10+ |  |  |  |  |
| ALL WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 89.4 | 9.4 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,633 | 0.12 | 0.11 |
| 20-24 | 54.2 | 24.0 | 13.6 | 6.6 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,181 | 0.77 | 0.73 |
| 25-29 | 23.2 | 16.0 | 20.6 | 20.8 | 11.8 | 5.5 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,248 | 2.08 | 1.96 |
| 30-34 | 9.2 | 10.5 | 14.7 | 18.0 | 17.6 | 16.3 | 8.8 | 3.8 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,619 | 3.35 | 3.13 |
| 35-39 | 4.6 | 5.5 | 9.1 | 11.0 | 14.1 | 17.1 | 15.0 | 13.0 | 6.1 | 3.1 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 1,438 | 4.70 | 4.31 |
| 40-44 | 3.5 | 4.7 | 5.4 | 7.8 | 10.6 | 13.3 | 13.8 | 14.8 | 12.9 | 6.9 | 6.3 | 100.0 | 1,028 | 5.67 | 5.11 |
| 45-49 | 2.2 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 8.4 | 11.5 | 13.7 | 8.9 | 14.2 | 13.6 | 11.3 | 8.5 | 100.0 | 718 | 6.05 | 5.37 |
| Total | 36.4 | 12.3 | 10.4 | 10.2 | 8.2 | 7.4 | 5.0 | 4.3 | 2.9 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 11,865 | 2.45 | 2.25 |
| CURRENTLY MARRIED WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 54.7 | 39.3 | 5.4 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 497 | 0.52 | 0.48 |
| 20-24 | 26.6 | 33.7 | 24.7 | 12.2 | 2.5 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,115 | 1.31 | 1.24 |
| 25-29 | 10.5 | 16.0 | 23.4 | 25.5 | 14.9 | 7.0 | 1.8 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,749 | 2.51 | 2.36 |
| 30-34 | 4.5 | 8.8 | 14.0 | 18.8 | 19.6 | 18.4 | 10.1 | 4.3 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,381 | 3.66 | 3.42 |
| 35-39 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 7.6 | 11.2 | 14.9 | 18.0 | 15.7 | 14.1 | 6.8 | 3.5 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 1,273 | 4.96 | 4.54 |
| 40-44 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 4.0 | 6.7 | 11.0 | 13.9 | 15.0 | 15.6 | 13.7 | 7.7 | 7.1 | 100.0 | 889 | 5.98 | 5.40 |
| 45-49 | 2.1 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 8.3 | 10.5 | 12.8 | 8.5 | 15.7 | 15.1 | 11.3 | 9.3 | 100.0 | 623 | 6.22 | 5.52 |
| Total | 11.8 | 14.1 | 14.0 | 14.6 | 12.1 | 10.8 | 7.4 | 6.4 | 4.3 | 2.5 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 7,526 | 3.54 | 3.26 |

Table 5.5 Birth intervals
Percent distribution of non-first births in the 5 years preceding the survey by number of months since preceding birth, and median number of months since preceding birth, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Months since preceding birth |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of non-first births | Median number of months since preceding birth |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 7-17 | 18-23 | 24-35 | 36-47 | 48-59 | 60+ |  |  |  |
| Mother's age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | (15.5) | (22.9) | (48.6) | (2.0) | (4.8) | (6.2) | 100.0 | 34 | (25.0) |
| 20-29 | 4.6 | 13.7 | 42.6 | 23.5 | 8.8 | 6.8 | 100.0 | 2,483 | 32.7 |
| 30-39 | 2.9 | 8.5 | 36.9 | 23.7 | 12.4 | 15.6 | 100.0 | 2,856 | 36.5 |
| 40-49 | 0.9 | 3.9 | 32.8 | 23.1 | 13.5 | 25.8 | 100.0 | 646 | 41.5 |
| Sex of preceding birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 3.2 | 9.7 | 39.5 | 23.5 | 11.4 | 12.7 | 100.0 | 3,006 | 35.4 |
| Female | 3.7 | 10.8 | 38.3 | 23.3 | 10.6 | 13.4 | 100.0 | 3,013 | 35.1 |
| Survival of preceding birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Living | 2.2 | 10.1 | 39.4 | 23.9 | 11.3 | 13.1 | 100.0 | 5,660 | 35.5 |
| Dead | 22.4 | 13.3 | 30.9 | 15.6 | 6.0 | 11.8 | 100.0 | 360 | 29.6 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2-3 | 3.8 | 11.6 | 38.4 | 22.6 | 10.5 | 13.1 | 100.0 | 2,717 | 34.8 |
| 4-6 | 3.6 | 9.9 | 38.9 | 22.7 | 11.6 | 13.3 | 100.0 | 2,373 | 35.2 |
| 7+ | 1.9 | 7.2 | 40.3 | 27.6 | 10.9 | 12.1 | 100.0 | 929 | 36.1 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 3.6 | 10.2 | 35.8 | 23.8 | 11.6 | 15.0 | 100.0 | 3,863 | 36.1 |
| Rural | 3.2 | 10.4 | 44.4 | 22.7 | 9.8 | 9.5 | 100.0 | 2,156 | 33.7 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 3.2 | 7.6 | 26.4 | 24.5 | 14.5 | 23.8 | 100.0 | 57 | 41.3 |
| Kanifing | 3.4 | 10.9 | 34.3 | 20.5 | 11.5 | 19.4 | 100.0 | 935 | 36.7 |
| Brikama | 3.6 | 9.7 | 35.6 | 25.2 | 12.3 | 13.6 | 100.0 | 2,483 | 36.3 |
| Mansakonko | 5.0 | 8.0 | 41.8 | 23.8 | 11.0 | 10.4 | 100.0 | 269 | 34.9 |
| Kerewan | 3.0 | 13.7 | 45.2 | 21.3 | 7.6 | 9.2 | 100.0 | 745 | 32.6 |
| Kuntaur | 3.5 | 13.0 | 47.5 | 20.2 | 8.2 | 7.6 | 100.0 | 381 | 32.5 |
| Janjanbureh | 3.4 | 7.8 | 41.4 | 24.9 | 11.6 | 10.9 | 100.0 | 387 | 34.9 |
| Basse | 2.9 | 8.6 | 43.4 | 23.6 | 10.4 | 11.0 | 100.0 | 762 | 34.7 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 3.1 | 9.5 | 41.0 | 23.0 | 11.1 | 12.3 | 100.0 | 3,045 | 35.0 |
| Primary | 3.3 | 9.6 | 39.4 | 24.4 | 9.2 | 14.0 | 100.0 | 1,092 | 35.4 |
| Secondary or higher | 4.2 | 11.8 | 35.1 | 23.4 | 11.9 | 13.5 | 100.0 | 1,883 | 35.7 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 3.3 | 10.5 | 45.1 | 22.6 | 9.6 | 8.7 | 100.0 | 1,430 | 33.3 |
| Second | 3.7 | 9.7 | 39.2 | 25.0 | 9.1 | 13.2 | 100.0 | 1,298 | 35.2 |
| Middle | 3.9 | 10.4 | 36.9 | 23.7 | 11.7 | 13.3 | 100.0 | 1,264 | 35.5 |
| Fourth | 2.8 | 9.6 | 37.5 | 22.3 | 13.2 | 14.7 | 100.0 | 1,073 | 36.1 |
| Highest | 3.4 | 11.1 | 33.2 | 23.2 | 12.2 | 16.9 | 100.0 | 954 | 36.9 |
| Total | 3.5 | 10.2 | 38.9 | 23.4 | 11.0 | 13.0 | 100.0 | 6,019 | 35.3 |

Note: First-order births are excluded. The interval for multiple births is the number of months since the preceding pregnancy that ended in a live birth. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.

Table 5.6 Postpartum amenorrhoea, abstinence, and insusceptibility
Percentage of births in the 3 years preceding the survey for which mothers are postpartum amenorrhoeic, abstaining, and insusceptible, according to number of months since birth, and median and mean durations, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Months |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| since birth |$\quad$| Percentage of births for which the mother is: |  | Number of <br> births |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $<2$ | Amenorrhoeic |  | Insusceptible ${ }^{1}$ |  |
| $2-3$ | 93.0 | 89.5 | 97.6 | 324 |
| $4-5$ | 75.3 | 61.3 | 88.1 | 296 |
| $6-7$ | 64.1 | 46.7 | 76.7 | 303 |
| $8-9$ | 58.5 | 39.0 | 74.7 | 201 |
| $10-11$ | 50.9 | 29.9 | 61.4 | 271 |
| $12-13$ | 49.6 | 18.9 | 58.7 | 293 |
| $14-15$ | 27.7 | 20.7 | 40.1 | 273 |
| $16-17$ | 27.7 | 20.1 | 40.7 | 294 |
| $18-19$ | 20.6 | 13.5 | 32.4 | 265 |
| $20-21$ | 13.6 | 21.4 | 28.8 | 213 |
| $22-23$ | 11.2 | 13.2 | 21.8 | 195 |
| $24-25$ | 8.5 | 8.2 | 15.0 | 254 |
| $26-27$ | 2.6 | 11.3 | 13.5 | 269 |
| $28-29$ | 3.0 | 9.1 | 12.1 | 275 |
| $30-31$ | 1.7 | 9.6 | 10.1 | 218 |
| $32-33$ | 1.9 | 4.4 | 6.3 | 194 |
| $34-35$ | 1.3 | 5.6 | 6.8 | 246 |
| Total | 1.4 | 4.9 | 6.3 | 271 |
| Median | 30.8 | 25.4 | 40.7 | 4,658 |
| Mean | 9.5 | 5.0 | 12.0 | na |
|  | 11.2 | 9.5 | 14.8 | na |

Note: Estimates are based on status at the time of the survey.
na $=$ Not applicable
${ }^{1}$ Includes births for which mothers are either still amenorrhoeic or still abstaining (or both) following birth

Table 5.7 Median duration of amenorrhoea, postpartum abstinence,
and postpartum insusceptibility
Median number of months of postpartum amenorrhoea, postpartum abstinence, and postpartum insusceptibility following births in the 3 years preceding the survey, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Postpartum amenorrhoea | Postpartum abstinence | Postpartum insusceptibility ${ }^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mother's age |  |  |  |
| 15-29 | 9.0 | 5.3 | 11.1 |
| 30-49 | 10.8 | 4.7 | 12.8 |
| Residence |  |  |  |
| Urban | 8.3 | 4.6 | 11.4 |
| Rural | 10.6 | 6.2 | 13.1 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |
| Banjul | (6.0) | (4.7) | (9.3) |
| Kanifing | 6.1 | 5.4 | 12.6 |
| Brikama | 10.0 | 4.3 | 11.3 |
| Mansakonko | 10.9 | 5.6 | 13.0 |
| Kerewan | 10.3 | 3.5 | 11.7 |
| Kuntaur | 8.9 | 5.0 | 10.7 |
| Janjanbureh | 10.9 | 5.9 | 15.3 |
| Basse | 10.5 | 8.6 | 13.7 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |
| No education | 10.3 | 5.2 | 13.4 |
| Primary | 10.4 | 6.1 | 12.5 |
| Secondary or higher | 7.9 | 4.6 | 10.6 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 10.8 | 5.6 | 14.7 |
| Second | 11.3 | 6.1 | 12.7 |
| Middle | 7.0 | 6.0 | 10.9 |
| Fourth | 9.4 | 3.6 | 11.9 |
| Highest | 6.0 | 4.5 | 9.5 |
| Total | 9.5 | 5.0 | 12.0 |

Note: Medians are based on status at the time of the survey (current status).
Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.
${ }^{1}$ Includes births for which mothers are either still amenorrhoeic or still abstaining (or both) following birth

## Table 5.8 Menopause

Percentage of women age 30-49 who are menopausal, according to age, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Age | Percentage <br> menopausal ${ }^{1}$ | Number of <br> women |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $30-34$ | 2.3 | 1,619 |
| $35-39$ | 2.3 | 1,438 |
| $40-41$ | 7.3 | 475 |
| $42-43$ | 7.8 | 385 |
| $44-45$ | 10.7 | 346 |
| $46-47$ | 23.6 | 276 |
| $48-49$ | 37.2 | 263 |
| Total | 7.0 | 4,803 |

1 Percentage of women (1) who are not pregnant, (2) who have had a birth in the past 5 years and are not postpartum amenorrhoeic, and (3) for whom one of the following additional conditions applies: (a) their last menstrual period occurred 6 or more months preceding the survey, (b) they declared that they are in menopause or have had a hysterectomy, or (c) they have never menstruated

## Table 5.9 Age at first birth

Percentage of women age 15-49 who gave birth by specific exact ages, percentage who have never given birth, and median age at first birth, according to current age, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Current age | Percentage who gave birth by exact age |  |  |  |  | Percentage who have never given birth | Number of women | Median age at first birth |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 15 | 18 | 20 | 22 | 25 |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 0.7 | na | na | na | na | 89.4 | 2,633 | a |
| 20-24 | 2.2 | 14.3 | 29.8 | na | na | 54.2 | 2,181 | a |
| 25-29 | 2.8 | 18.8 | 35.9 | 53.5 | 69.5 | 23.2 | 2,248 | 21.5 |
| 30-34 | 2.9 | 22.5 | 40.9 | 57.6 | 75.5 | 9.2 | 1,619 | 21.0 |
| 35-39 | 4.8 | 25.8 | 43.2 | 59.8 | 78.3 | 4.6 | 1,438 | 20.8 |
| 40-44 | 6.4 | 33.1 | 55.8 | 72.4 | 86.8 | 3.5 | 1,028 | 19.4 |
| 45-49 | 4.5 | 27.1 | 50.8 | 68.6 | 82.5 | 2.2 | 718 | 19.9 |
| 20-49 | 3.5 | 21.7 | 39.9 | na | na | 21.3 | 9,232 | a |
| 25-49 | 3.9 | 24.0 | 43.0 | 60.0 | 76.5 | 11.2 | 7,051 | 20.7 |

na $=$ Not applicable due to censoring
$\mathrm{a}=$ Omitted because less than $50 \%$ of women had a birth before reaching the beginning of the age group

Table 5.10 Median age at first birth
Median age at first birth among women age 20-49 and age 25-49, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background <br> characteristic | Women age <br> $20-49$ | Women age <br> $25-49$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | a | 21.4 |
| Rural | 19.6 | 19.5 |
| Local Government |  |  |
| $\quad$ Area |  |  |
| Banjul | a | 21.7 |
| Kanifing | a | 22.3 |
| Brikama | a | 21.1 |
| Mansakonko | 20.0 | 19.6 |
| Kerewan | a | 20.1 |
| Kuntaur | 19.6 | 19.6 |
| Janjanbureh | 19.4 | 19.3 |
| $\quad$ Basse | 19.7 | 19.5 |
| Education |  |  |
| $\quad$ No education | 19.3 | 19.2 |
| Primary | 19.9 | 19.9 |
| Secondary or higher | a | 23.6 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |
| Lowest | 19.3 | 19.2 |
| Second | 20.0 | 19.8 |
| Middle | a | 20.1 |
| Fourth | a | 21.5 |
| Highest | a | 23.6 |
| Total | a | 20.7 |

$a=$ Omitted because less than $50 \%$ of women had $a$ birth before reaching the beginning of the age group

Table 5.11 Teenage pregnancy and motherhood
Percentage of women age 15-19 who have had a live birth or who are pregnant with their first child, and percentage who have begun childbearing, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Percentage of women age 15-19 who: |  | Percentage who have begun childbearing | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Have had a live birth | Are pregnant with first child |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-17 | 4.2 | 2.0 | 6.2 | 1,584 |
| 15 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 468 |
| 16 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 4.4 | 565 |
| 17 | 9.1 | 3.2 | 12.4 | 551 |
| 18 | 15.9 | 5.1 | 21.1 | 519 |
| 19 | 24.8 | 4.5 | 29.3 | 529 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 8.5 | 2.8 | 11.3 | 1,901 |
| Rural | 16.2 | 4.1 | 20.2 | 732 |
| Local Government |  |  |  |  |
| Kanifing | 9.0 | 3.3 | 12.3 | 535 |
| Brikama | 6.9 | 2.5 | 9.4 | 1,174 |
| Mansakonko | 14.0 | 3.6 | 17.6 | 98 |
| Kerewan | 13.5 | 2.2 | 15.7 | 259 |
| Kuntaur | 21.3 | 7.2 | 28.5 | 129 |
| Janjanbureh | 17.5 | 5.0 | 22.4 | 142 |
| Basse | 17.9 | 3.5 | 21.4 | 261 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 28.6 | 7.6 | 36.2 | 435 |
| Primary | 17.9 | 3.2 | 21.1 | 470 |
| Secondary or higher | 4.1 | 2.0 | 6.1 | 1,728 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 16.4 | 5.3 | 21.7 | 463 |
| Second | 15.0 | 4.2 | 19.2 | 486 |
| Middle | 13.6 | 3.7 | 17.3 | 521 |
| Fourth | 5.8 | 1.9 | 7.8 | 604 |
| Highest | 4.4 | 1.2 | 5.7 | 558 |
| Total | 10.6 | 3.1 | 13.8 | 2,633 |

Table 5.12 Sexual and reproductive health behaviours before age 15
Among women and men age 15-19, percentage who initiated sexual intercourse, were married, and had a live birth/fathered a child before age 15, according to sex, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  | Had sexual <br> intercourse <br> before age 15 | Married before <br> age 15 | Gave birth/ <br> fathered a <br> child before <br> age 15 | Number of <br> respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sex | 2.3 | 3.8 | 0.7 | 2,633 |
| Women | 8.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1,097 |

## Key Findings

- Desire for another child: Overall, $35 \%$ of currently married women want to have another child soon, and $37 \%$ want to wait at least 2 years.
- Limiting childbearing: 18\% of currently married women want no more children or are sterilised, whereas only $4 \%$ of currently married men want no more children.
- Ideal family size: On average, men want more children than women ( 7.6 children versus 5.8 children).
- Unwanted births: Of all births in the past 5 years and current pregnancies, $81 \%$ were wanted at the time of conception, $17 \%$ were mistimed, and $2 \%$ were unwanted.
- Wanted fertility: The total wanted fertility rate (4.0 children) is lower than the actual total fertility rate (4.4 children).

Information on fertility preferences can help family planning programme planners assess the desire for children, the extent of mistimed and unwanted pregnancies, and the demand for contraception to space or limit births. This information may suggest the direction that fertility patterns will take in the future.

This chapter presents information on whether and when married women and men want more children, ideal family size, whether the last birth was wanted, and the theoretical fertility rate if all unwanted births were prevented.

### 6.1 Desire for Another Child

## Desire for another child

Women and men were asked whether they wanted more children and, if so, how long they would prefer to wait before the birth of the next child. Women and men who are sterilised are assumed not to want any more children.
Sample: Currently married women and men age 15-49
Over three quarters ( $78 \%$ ) of currently married women age $15-49$ want to have another child; $35 \%$ want another child within the next 2 years, $37 \%$ would prefer to wait at least 2 years, and $6 \%$ are undecided about when they want another child. Seventeen percent of currently married women do not want any more children, and $1 \%$ are sterilised. Among currently married men age $15-49,38 \%$ want to have another child soon, while $51 \%$ want to wait at least 2 years for another child. Only $4 \%$ of currently married men want no more children or are sterilised (Table 6.1).

Trends: The proportion of currently married women who want no more children (including those who are sterilised) increased by 2 percentage points between 2013 and 2019-20, from $16 \%$ to $18 \%$. Among currently married men, the proportion who want no more children remained relatively unchanged ( $3 \%$ and $4 \%$, respectively).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Among currently married women, the desire to limit childbearing increases with increasing number of living children, from less than $1 \%$ among women with no children to $56 \%$ among women with six or more children (Figure 6.1).
- The percentage of currently married women who want no more children is slightly higher in rural areas (19\%) than in urban areas (17\%) (Table 6.2.1). However, the opposite pattern is observed among currently married men. Five percent of men in urban areas want no more children, as compared with $2 \%$ of men in rural areas (Table 6.2.2).
- The desire to limit childbearing decreases with increasing education among women but not among men.
- The proportion of women who want no more children decreases with increasing household wealth, from $20 \%$ among those in the lowest wealth quintile to $16 \%$ among those in the highest quintile. Conversely, the proportion of men who want no more children generally increases with increasing household wealth, from $2 \%$ in the lowest quintile to $8 \%$ in the highest quintile.


### 6.2 Ideal Family Size

## Ideal family size

Respondents with no children were asked "If you could choose exactly the number of children to have in your whole life, how many would that be?" Respondents who had children were asked "If you could go back to the time when you did not have any children and could choose exactly the number of children to have in your whole life, how many would that be?"
Sample: Women and men age 15-49
Table 6.3 shows that, on average, women desire fewer children than men ( 5.8 versus 7.6). Ideal family size is larger among women and men who are currently married than among all women and men age 15-49 (Figure 6.2).

Trends: Mean ideal number of children has decreased slightly since 2013 , from 6.0 to 5.8 among all women age $15-49$ and from 6.5 to 6.3 among currently married women age 15-49.

Figure 6.2 Ideal family size
Mean ideal number of children among women and men age 15-49 ■ Women ■Men


## Patterns by background characteristics

- In general, the more children respondents already have, the more children they consider ideal. Women who have no children consider 5.2 children to be ideal, whereas women with six or more children consider 7.1 children to be ideal. Among men and women with the same number of children, men consistently consider a higher number of children to be ideal than women (Figure 6.3).
- Older women prefer larger families. Ideal family size increases from 5.3 children among women age 15-19 to 6.4 children among women age 45-49 (Table 6.4).

Figure 6.3 Ideal family size by number of living children
Mean ideal number of children ■ Women ■Men


- The mean ideal number of children among women is lower in urban areas ( 5.5 children) than in rural areas ( 6.6 children).
- Ideal family size varies by LGA, from 4.7 children in Banjul to 6.9 children in Mansakonko, Kuntaur, and Janjanbureh.
- Women with a secondary education or higher consider 5.2 children to be the ideal family size, as compared with an ideal family size of 6.6 children among women with no education.
- Mean ideal number of children decreases with increasing household wealth, from 6.7 children among women in the lowest wealth quintile to 5.0 children among women in the highest quintile (Table 6.4).


### 6.3 Fertility Planning Status

## Planning status of births/pregnancies

Women reported whether their births/pregnancies were wanted at the time (planned birth), at a later time (mistimed birth), or not at all (unwanted birth).
Sample: Current pregnancies and births in the 5 years before the survey to women age 15-49

Most births or current pregnancies in the 5 years before the survey were wanted at the time of conception ( $81 \%$ ), while $17 \%$ were mistimed (that is, wanted at a later date). Only $2 \%$ of births or current pregnancies were not wanted at all (Table 6.5 and Figure 6.4).

Trends: The proportion of births or current pregnancies wanted at the time of conception dropped from $86 \%$ in 2013 to $81 \%$ in 2019-20. The proportion of births or current pregnancies that were mistimed increased from $12 \%$ to $17 \%$ over that period.

Figure 6.4 Fertility planning status
Percent distribution of births to women age 15-49 in the 5 years before the survey (including current pregnancies) by planning status of births


## Patterns by background characteristics

- Women with four or more children are more likely (4\%) to describe births in the last 5 years or current pregnancies as unwanted than women with fewer children ( $1 \%$ or less).
- The percentage of births or current pregnancies that are mistimed generally decreases with increasing mother's age at the time of the birth, from $21 \%$ among mothers under age 20 to $7 \%$ among mothers age 45-49. Conversely, the proportion of births or current pregnancies described as unwanted increases sharply from $1 \%$ or less among mothers under age 35 to $22 \%$ among mothers age 45-49.


### 6.4 Wanted Fertility Rates

## Unwanted birth

Any birth in excess of the number of children a woman reported as her ideal number.

## Wanted birth

Any birth fewer than or equal to the number of children a woman reported as her ideal number.

## Wanted fertility rate

The average number of children a woman would have by the end of her childbearing years if she bore children at the current age-specific fertility rates, excluding unwanted births.
Sample: Women age 15-49

The wanted fertility rate reflects what fertility would be if women had only the children they desired. The total wanted fertility rate in The Gambia is 4.0 children, as compared with the actual total fertility rate of 4.4 children (Table 6.6). This indicates that women in The Gambia have on average 0.4 more children than they want to have.

Trends: The total wanted fertility rate decreased from 4.9 children in 2013 to 4.0 children in 2019-20. In this same time period, the gap between wanted and actual fertility decreased by 0.3 children (Figure 6.5).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The difference between wanted fertility and actual fertility is higher in rural areas $(0.6$ children) than in urban areas ( 0.3 children).
- By LGA, the total wanted fertility rate is highest in Kuntaur ( 5.9 children) and lowest in Banjul ( 2.9 children). The largest gap between wanted and actual fertility is in Basse ( 0.8 children), while the smallest gap is in Banjul and Kanifing ( 0.2 children each).
- The gap between wanted and actual fertility is 0.2 children among women with a secondary education or higher, as compared with 0.5 children among women with a primary education or no education.


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Table 6.1 Fertility preferences by number of living children
Percent distribution of currently married women and currently married men age 15-49 by desire for children, according to number of living children, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Desire for children | Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ 15-49 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ 15-59 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6+ |  |  |
| WOMEN ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Have another soon ${ }^{2}$ | 78.4 | 43.6 | 38.7 | 34.0 | 29.3 | 24.3 | 12.3 | 34.7 | na |
| Have another later ${ }^{3}$ | 7.6 | 46.3 | 48.9 | 45.9 | 45.6 | 36.2 | 20.3 | 36.6 | na |
| Have another, undecided when | 12.1 | 7.5 | 6.0 | 9.0 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 1.7 | 6.2 | na |
| Undecided | 0.8 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 7.8 | 3.5 | na |
| Want no more | 0.0 | 0.6 | 2.8 | 6.3 | 14.5 | 27.3 | 54.3 | 16.9 | na |
| Sterilised ${ }^{4}$ | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 0.6 | na |
| Declared infecund | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 1.5 | na |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | na |
| Number | 745 | 1,184 | 1,143 | 1,178 | 1,008 | 804 | 1,464 | 7,526 | na |
| MEN ${ }^{5}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Have another soon ${ }^{2}$ | 92.4 | 33.3 | 28.6 | 33.6 | 36.3 | 33.1 | 33.5 | 37.9 | 38.8 |
| Have another later ${ }^{3}$ | 5.7 | 59.0 | 64.4 | 56.1 | 54.2 | 50.2 | 47.3 | 51.2 | 45.9 |
| Have another, undecided when | 0.9 | 5.0 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 4.2 | 4.9 |
| Undecided | 1.0 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 3.3 | 2.5 | 0.9 | 3.1 | 2.4 | 3.4 |
| Want no more | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 11.5 | 10.6 | 4.1 | 6.7 |
| Sterilised ${ }^{4}$ | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Declared infecund | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number | 137 | 283 | 271 | 259 | 196 | 166 | 331 | 1,645 | 2,006 |

na = Not applicable
${ }^{1}$ The number of living children includes the current pregnancy.
${ }^{2}$ Wants next birth within 2 years
${ }^{3}$ Wants to delay next birth for 2 or more years
${ }^{4}$ Includes both female and male sterilisation
${ }^{5}$ The number of living children includes one additional child if the respondent's wife is pregnant (or if any wife is pregnant for men with more than one current wife).

## Table 6.2.1 Desire to limit childbearing: Women

Percentage of currently married women age 15-49 who want no more children, by number of living children, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Number of living children ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6+ |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 0.3 | 0.5 | 3.0 | 7.8 | 17.3 | 31.6 | 56.0 | 16.7 |
| Rural | 0.0 | 0.7 | 2.2 | 4.5 | 10.2 | 21.1 | 55.6 | 19.3 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | (2.7) | 1.5 | 6.7 | 21.6 | 34.4 | (42.0) | (66.3) | 22.5 |
| Kanifing | 0.0 | 1.0 | 4.7 | 14.1 | 24.0 | 36.2 | 62.0 | 17.1 |
| Brikama | 0.5 | 0.0 | 2.9 | 4.6 | 14.0 | 28.8 | 56.3 | 16.9 |
| Mansakonko | 0.0 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 5.3 | 7.7 | 18.4 | 50.4 | 16.8 |
| Kerewan | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 7.3 | 10.7 | 30.4 | 61.9 | 22.6 |
| Kuntaur | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 3.2 | 13.2 | 20.1 | 45.0 | 15.8 |
| Janjanbureh | 0.0 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 4.6 | 10.8 | 21.0 | 44.1 | 15.8 |
| Basse | 0.0 | 1.0 | 2.6 | 3.6 | 12.2 | 23.0 | 57.7 | 17.1 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.0 | 1.3 | 2.4 | 4.8 | 10.7 | 27.6 | 56.6 | 23.2 |
| Primary | 0.0 | 0.2 | 3.5 | 5.4 | 13.6 | 24.3 | 55.8 | 15.3 |
| Secondary or higher | 0.5 | 0.2 | 2.9 | 9.8 | 22.1 | 31.8 | 50.9 | 10.9 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.0 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 3.9 | 10.0 | 18.7 | 55.1 | 20.4 |
| Second | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1.9 | 4.7 | 12.7 | 20.7 | 53.1 | 17.5 |
| Middle | 0.0 | 0.3 | 1.7 | 5.3 | 14.2 | 33.5 | 50.4 | 17.0 |
| Fourth | 0.1 | 0.6 | 5.0 | 7.9 | 13.7 | 29.7 | 60.2 | 16.8 |
| Highest | 0.7 | 0.5 | 3.3 | 11.8 | 24.0 | 40.7 | 70.3 | 15.8 |
| Total | 0.2 | 0.6 | 2.8 | 7.0 | 15.1 | 28.1 | 55.8 | 17.5 |

Note: Women who have been sterilised are considered to want no more children. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.
${ }^{1}$ The number of living children includes the current pregnancy

Table 6.2.2 Desire to limit childbearing: Men
Percentage of currently married men age 15-49 who want no more children, by number of living children, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Number of living children ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6+ |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 15.2 | 14.3 | 5.2 |
| Rural | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 5.4 | 2.1 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | * | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (8.8) | * | (12.9) | 4.1 |
| Kanifing | * | (0.0) | (1.9) | (6.5) | * | * | * | 4.2 |
| Brikama | (0.0) | 0.0 | 1.9 | (2.0) | (3.8) | (19.8) | 15.8 | 6.4 |
| Mansakonko | * | (0.0) | * | * | * | * | (6.9) | 2.4 |
| Kerewan | * |  | (0.0) | (0.0) | (3.0) | (3.3) | 7.3 | 2.8 |
| Kuntaur | * | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | * | * | 2.1 | 0.6 |
| Janjanbureh | * | (0.0) | (0.0) | (4.1) | (0.0) | ** | 4.7 | 1.9 |
| Basse | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | 1.6 | 0.4 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 3.9 | 6.6 | 2.3 |
| Primary | (0.0) | 0.0 | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (5.7) | 5.2 | 1.7 |
| Secondary or higher | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 19.0 | 17.3 | 6.4 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | (0.0) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 1.9 | (2.4) | 5.8 | 2.2 |
| Second | (0.0) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 | (0.0) | (10.6) | 10.8 | 4.1 |
| Middle | (0.0) | 0.0 | 3.4 | 5.3 | (0.0) | (0.3) | 9.7 | 3.4 |
| Fourth | * | (0.0) | (3.1) | (4.8) | (0.4) | (7.0) | (11.4) | 3.6 |
| Highest | * | (0.0) | 0.0 | (2.8) | * | (31.2) | * | 7.9 |
| Total 15-49 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 11.5 | 10.8 | 4.3 |
| 50-59 | * | * | * | (17.6) | (23.4) | (7.9) | 21.1 | 18.5 |
| Total 15-59 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 4.4 | 6.3 | 11.0 | 15.0 | 6.9 |

Note: Men who have been sterilised or who state in response to the question about desire for children that their wife has been sterilised are considered to want no more children. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ The number of living children includes one additional child if the respondent's wife is pregnant (or if any wife is pregnant for men with more than one current wife).

Table 6.3 Ideal number of children according to number of living children
Percent distribution of women and men age 15-49 by ideal number of children and mean ideal number of children for all respondents and for currently married respondents, according to number of living children, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Ideal number of children | Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6+ |  |
| WOMEN ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.3 |
| 1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| 2 | 2.9 | 1.5 | 2.2 | 0.2 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 1.9 |
| 3 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 4.8 | 4.2 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 6.2 |
| 4 | 24.2 | 20.0 | 20.8 | 11.5 | 10.6 | 4.7 | 5.8 | 16.8 |
| 5 | 25.8 | 24.1 | 24.3 | 23.8 | 18.6 | 15.3 | 9.4 | 21.6 |
| $6+$ | 28.9 | 35.6 | 38.1 | 48.0 | 52.0 | 57.3 | 58.9 | 40.9 |
| Non-numeric responses | 8.3 | 9.2 | 9.7 | 11.7 | 14.4 | 18.3 | 21.5 | 11.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of women | 4,185 | 1,571 | 1,352 | 1,282 | 1,072 | 865 | 1,538 | 11,865 |
| Mean ideal number of children for women 15-49 ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All women | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.7 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 6.7 | 7.1 | 5.8 |
| Number of women | 3,836 | 1,427 | 1,220 | 1,132 | 918 | 706 | 1,208 | 10,448 |
| Currently married women | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 6.8 | 7.1 | 6.3 |
| Number of currently married women | 672 | 1,063 | 1,023 | 1,039 | 863 | 659 | 1,153 | 6,473 |
| MEN ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 1 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 2 | 2.0 | 2.9 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 0.1 | 1.8 |
| 3 | 7.1 | 7.6 | 4.9 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 5.6 |
| 4 | 13.3 | 13.9 | 13.6 | 4.9 | 6.4 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 11.2 |
| 5 | 22.4 | 22.6 | 20.2 | 15.2 | 8.6 | 9.7 | 3.0 | 19.1 |
| $6+$ | 45.5 | 40.3 | 43.4 | 63.8 | 63.2 | 64.3 | 69.6 | 49.5 |
| Non-numeric responses | 9.4 | 12.3 | 16.3 | 10.9 | 19.7 | 20.8 | 25.0 | 12.3 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of men | 2,633 | 360 | 287 | 276 | 200 | 168 | 331 | 4,255 |
| Mean ideal number of children for men 15-49 ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All men | 7.0 | 6.7 | 7.5 | 7.4 | 9.5 | 9.6 | 12.1 | 7.6 |
| Number of men | 2,386 | 316 | 240 | 245 | 160 | 133 | 249 | 3,730 |
| Currently married men | 8.8 | 7.0 | 7.7 | 7.5 | 9.6 | 9.7 | 12.1 | 8.8 |
| Number of currently married men | 116 | 245 | 225 | 230 | 157 | 131 | 249 | 1,353 |
| Mean ideal number of children for men 15-59 ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All men | 7.0 | 6.6 | 7.3 | 7.5 | 9.2 | 9.7 | 11.5 | 7.7 |
| Number of men | 2,392 | 325 | 265 | 270 | 197 | 155 | 399 | 4,002 |
| Currently married men | 8.7 | 7.0 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 9.2 | 9.8 | 11.6 | 8.9 |
| Number of currently married men | 118 | 253 | 242 | 253 | 192 | 153 | 399 | 1,611 |

${ }^{1}$ The number of living children includes the current pregnancy.
${ }^{2}$ Means are calculated excluding respondents who gave non-numeric responses
${ }^{3}$ The number of living children includes one additional child if the respondent's wife is pregnant (or if any wife is pregnant for men with more than one current wife).

| Table 6.4 Mean ideal number of children |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| according to background characteristics |  |  |
| Mean ideal number of children for all women age 15 49, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20 |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Mean | Number of women ${ }^{1}$ |
| Age |  |  |
| 15-19 | 5.3 | 2,369 |
| 20-24 | 5.5 | 2,002 |
| 25-29 | 5.8 | 2,009 |
| 30-34 | 6.0 | 1,462 |
| 35-39 | 6.2 | 1,208 |
| 40-44 | 6.4 | 817 |
| 45-49 | 6.4 | 581 |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 5.5 | 7,709 |
| Rural | 6.6 | 2,739 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |
| Banjul | 4.7 | 154 |
| Kanifing | 5.1 | 2,252 |
| Brikama | 5.7 | 4,727 |
| Mansakonko | 6.9 | 412 |
| Kerewan | 6.0 | 893 |
| Kuntaur | 6.9 | 372 |
| Janjanbureh | 6.9 | 565 |
| Basse | 6.3 | 1,074 |
| Education |  |  |
| No education | 6.6 | 3,361 |
| Primary | 6.0 | 1,617 |
| Secondary or higher | 5.2 | 5,470 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |
| Lowest | 6.7 | 1,728 |
| Second | 6.1 | 1,853 |
| Middle | 6.0 | 1,998 |
| Fourth | 5.6 | 2,282 |
| Highest | 5.0 | 2,587 |
| Total | 5.8 | 10,448 |
| ${ }^{1}$ Number of women who gave a numeric response |  |  |

Table 6.5 Fertility planning status
Percent distribution of births to women age 15-49 in the 5 years preceding the survey (including current pregnancies), by planning status of the birth, according to birth order and mother's age at birth, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  | Planning status of birth |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| Birth order and <br> mother's age at birth | Wanted <br> then | Wanted <br> later | Wanted no <br> more | Total | Number of <br> births |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 82.7 | 16.3 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 1,836 |
| 2 | 82.7 | 17.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,569 |
| 3 | 85.0 | 14.5 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,443 |
| $4+$ | 78.8 | 17.4 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 3,687 |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |
| $<20$ | 77.8 | 21.2 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 912 |
| $20-24$ | 81.2 | 18.4 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 2,236 |
| $25-29$ | 83.9 | 15.7 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 2,329 |
| $30-34$ | 84.4 | 14.4 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 1,668 |
| $35-39$ | 77.5 | 15.6 | 6.9 | 100.0 | 1,022 |
| $40-44$ | 74.3 | 13.5 | 12.3 | 100.0 | 319 |
| $45-49$ | 70.5 | 7.4 | 22.1 | 100.0 | 46 |
| Total | 81.4 | 16.6 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 8,533 |

[^6] age at the time of the birth.

## Table 6.6 Wanted fertility rates

Total wanted fertility rates and total fertility rates for the 3 years preceding the survey, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 201920

| Background <br> characteristic | Total <br> wanted <br> fertility rate | Total fertility <br> rate |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Residence |  |  |
| $\quad$ Urban |  |  |
| Rural | 3.6 | 3.9 |
| Local Government Area |  | 5.9 |
| $\quad$ Banjul | 2.9 | 3.1 |
| Kanifing | 3.1 | 3.3 |
| Brikama | 3.8 | 4.1 |
| Mansakonko | 4.9 | 5.4 |
| Kerewan | 4.8 | 5.4 |
| Kuntaur | 5.9 | 6.4 |
| Janjanbureh | 5.3 | 5.7 |
| Basse | 4.9 | 5.7 |
| Education |  |  |
| $\quad$ No education | 5.2 | 5.7 |
| Primary | 4.6 | 5.1 |
| $\quad$ Secondary or higher | 3.2 | 3.4 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |
| Lowest | 5.3 | 6.0 |
| Second | 4.6 | 5.2 |
| Middle | 4.3 | 4.6 |
| Fourth | 3.6 | 3.8 |
| Highest | 2.9 | 3.2 |
| Total | 4.0 | 4.4 |

Note: Rates are calculated based on births to women age $15-49$ in the period 1-36 months preceding the survey. The total fertility rates are the same as those presented in Table 5.2.

## Key Findings

- Contraceptive use: $19 \%$ of currently married women use a method of contraception. Injectables (8\%) and implants (6\%) are the most commonly used methods.
- Contraceptive discontinuation: In the 5 years preceding the survey, $42 \%$ of episodes of contraceptive use were discontinued within 12 months. The most common reason for discontinuation was wanting to become pregnant (37\%).
- Demand for family planning: The total demand for family planning among currently married women increased from $34 \%$ in 2013 to $43 \%$ in 2019-20; $40 \%$ of the total demand is satisfied by modern methods.
- Unmet need for family planning: $24 \%$ of currently married women and $45 \%$ of sexually active unmarried women have an unmet need for family planning.
- Future use of contraception: Only 3 in 10 (31\%) currently married women who are not using contraception intend to use family planning in the future.

Couples can use contraceptive methods to limit or space the number of children they have. This chapter presents information on knowledge of contraceptive methods, use and sources of contraceptive methods, informed choice of methods, and rates and reasons for discontinuing contraceptives. It also examines the potential demand for family planning, exposure to family planning messages in the media, and how much contact nonusers have with family planning providers.

In 2017, as part of its National Reproductive Maternal, Neonatal, Child and Adolescent Health Policy, 2017-2026, The Gambia committed to increasing the contraceptive prevalence rate from $9 \%$ to $35 \%$ by 2026 (MoH\&SW 2017a). To operationalise its commitments, the country developed the National Family Planning Policy 2019-2026 and Costed Implementation Plan 2019-2022 (MoH\&SW 2018). In addition, the Reproductive Health Commodity Security Improvement Plan has been integrated into the Reproductive Maternal, Neonatal, Child and Adolescent Health Strategic Plan, 2017-2021 (MoH\&SW 2017b).

### 7.1 Contraceptive Knowledge and Use

Knowledge of contraceptive methods is nearly universal in The Gambia, with $99 \%$ of women and men age 15-49 having heard of at least one contraceptive method. Injectables, male condoms, and the pill are the most well-known contraceptive methods among both women and men. For more information on contraceptive knowledge by method and by background characteristics, see Table 7.1 and Table 7.2.

## Contraceptive prevalence rate

Percentage of women who use any contraceptive method.
Sample: All women age 15-49, currently married women age 15-49, and sexually active unmarried women age 15-49

The contraceptive prevalence rate (CPR) among currently married women age 15-49 is $19 \%$ (Table 7.3). Most currently married women using contraception use a modern method ( $17 \%$ ), while $2 \%$ use a traditional method. Forty-one percent of sexually active unmarried women use a method of contraception, all of which are modern methods.

## Modern methods

Include male and female sterilisation, injectables, intrauterine devices (IUDs), contraceptive pills, implants, female and male condoms, the standard days method, the lactational amenorrhoea method, and emergency contraception.

Injectables and implants are the most commonly used methods of contraception among both currently married women ( $8 \%$ and $6 \%$, respectively) and sexually active unmarried women ( $11 \%$ and $20 \%$, respectively). Five percent each of sexually active unmarried women use the pill and male condoms (Table 7.3 and Table 7.4). Less than $1 \%$ of all women have been sterilised.

Trends: Overall, contraceptive use has more than doubled from 2013 to 2019-20. This can be primarily attributed to increased use of modern methods (from $8 \%$ in 2013 to $17 \%$ in 2019-20) (Table 7.5 and Figure 7.1).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Contraceptive use increases from 5\% among currently married women age 15-19 to a peak of $24 \%$ among women age $35-39$ before decreasing to $18 \%$ among women age 45-59 (Table 7.3).
- The proportion of women using a modern method of contraception increases from $1 \%$ among those with no living children to $26 \%$ among those with five or more living children (Figure 7.2).
- Modern contraceptive methods are more commonly used by women in urban areas (18\%) than women in rural areas (15\%) (Table 7.4).
- By LGA, use of modern methods is highest in Banjul (22\%) and Kerewan (21\%) and lowest in Basse (8\%) (Figure 7.3).
- Currently married women in the fourth ( $21 \%$ ) and highest ( $18 \%$ ) wealth quintiles are more likely to use modern methods than women in the second ( $15 \%$ ) and lowest ( $16 \%$ ) wealth quintiles.

Figure 7.3 Modern contraceptive use by Local Government Area
Percentage of currently married women age 15-49


## Knowledge of the Fertile Period

Only $17 \%$ of women age 15-49 have correct knowledge of the fertile period during the ovulatory cycle (halfway between two menstrual periods). Almost half ( $48 \%$ ) of women incorrectly believe that the fertile period is right after a woman's menstrual period ends (Table 7.6). Twenty-one percent of women age 3034 have correct knowledge of the fertile period, as compared with only 15\% of women age 15-19 (Table 7.7).

### 7.2 Source of Modern Contraceptive Methods

## Source of modern contraceptives

The place where the modern method currently being used was obtained the last time it was acquired.
Sample: Women age 15-49 currently using a modern contraceptive method

The majority ( $76 \%$ ) of women who currently use a modern method of contraception last obtained that method from a public sector source, primarily from a government health centre ( $47 \%$ ), while $22 \%$ obtained their method from the private sector (Figure 7.4).

While the majority of implants were obtained from the public sector ( $92 \%$ ), pills are more evenly split between the public and private sectors; $57 \%$ of women last obtained pills from a public sector source, and $40 \%$ obtained them from a private sector source (Table 7.8). Ninety percent of pill users use Microgynon, and $9 \%$ use Microlut (Table 7.9).

Figure 7.4 Source of modern contraceptive methods

Percent distribution of current users of modern methods age 15-49 by most recent source of method


### 7.3 Informed Choice

## Informed choice

Informed choice indicates that women were informed about their method's side effects, about what to do if they experience side effects, and about other methods they could use.
Sample: Women age 15-49 who are currently using selected modern contraceptive methods and who started the last episode of use within the 5 years before the survey

Three quarters ( $76 \%$ ) of women currently using modern methods of contraception were informed about side effects or other problems associated with the method they used, and $69 \%$ were told what to do if they experienced side effects. Seventy-six percent of women were informed by a health or family planning worker about other contraceptive methods available. Overall, $58 \%$ of women currently using a modern contraceptive method were informed about the entire method information index (side effects of the method, what to do if they experience side effects, and other available methods) at the time they started their last episode of use (Table 7.10).

### 7.4 Discontinuation of Contraceptives

## Contraceptive discontinuation rate

Percentage of contraceptive use episodes discontinued within 12 months.
Sample: Episodes of contraceptive use in the 5 years before the survey experienced by women who are currently age 15-49 (one woman may contribute more than one episode)

Four out of every 10 times ( $42 \%$ ) that women started using a contraceptive method in the 5 years before the survey, they discontinued the method within 12 months. Discontinuation rates for the two most common contraceptive methods (injectables and implants) were $52 \%$ and $18 \%$, respectively (Table 7.11 and Figure 7.5). The most common reasons for contraceptive discontinuation in the 5 years before the survey were a desire to become pregnant ( $37 \%$ ) and side effects or health concerns (25\%) (Table 7.12).

Figure 7.5 Contraceptive discontinuation rates

Percentage of contraceptive episodes discontinued within 12 months among women age 15-49


### 7.5 Demand for Family Planning

## Unmet need for family planning

Proportion of women who (1) are not pregnant and not postpartum amenorrhoeic and are considered fecund and want to postpone their next birth for 2 or more years or stop childbearing altogether but are not using a contraceptive method, or (2) have a mistimed or unwanted current pregnancy, or (3) are postpartum amenorrhoeic and their most recent birth in the last 2 years was mistimed or unwanted.
Sample: All women age 15-49, currently married women age 15-49, and sexually active unmarried women age 15-49

## Demand for

 family planning:Unmet need for family planning

+ current contraceptive use (any method)

Proportion of Current contraceptive use (any method)
demand satisfied: Unmet need + current contraceptive use (any method)
$\begin{array}{lc}\begin{array}{l}\text { Proportion of } \\ \text { demand satisfied }\end{array} & \text { Current contraceptive use (any modern method) } \\ \\ \text { by modern } \\ \text { methods: }\end{array}$

In The Gambia, 43\% of currently married women have a demand for family planning; $32 \%$ want to space births, and $11 \%$ want to limit births. One-fifth ( $19 \%$ ) of currently married women are already using contraception either to space ( $13 \%$ ) or to limit ( $6 \%$ ) births (Figure 7.6). However, 24\% of women have an unmet need for family planning. Overall, $44 \%$ of the demand for family planning is satisfied, primarily by modern methods ( $40 \%$ ) (Table 7.13.1).

Table 7.13.2 presents information on need and demand for family planning among all women and sexually active unmarried women according to various background characteristics.

Trends: Demand for family planning among currently married women increased from $34 \%$ in 2013 to $43 \%$ in 2019-20. Over the same period, the total demand satisfied by modern methods increased from $24 \%$ to $40 \%$.

Figure 7.6 Demand for family planning


Note: Figures may not add up to $100 \%$ due to rounding.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Unmet need for spacing births decreases with increasing age, from $29 \%$ among currently married women age 15-19 to $5 \%$ among women age 45-49, while unmet need for limiting births increases with age.
- Unmet need for family planning varies by LGA, ranging from a high of $30 \%$ in Basse to a low of $18 \%$ in Janjanbureh (Figure 7.7).
- The percentage of the demand for family planning that is satisfied is higher among currently married women with a secondary education or higher (47\%) than among women with a primary education $(40 \%)$ or no education (43\%).

Figure 7.7 Unmet need by Local Government Area
Percentage of currently married women age 15-49 with unmet need for family planning


### 7.5.1 Decision Making about Family Planning

Among currently married women using contraception, $53 \%$ said the decision to use contraception was made jointly with their husband, $33 \%$ reported that it was mainly their own decision, and $14 \%$ said that it was mainly their husband's decision. Among women not using any family planning method, $66 \%$ reported that it was primarily their own decision, $21 \%$ said that they decided jointly with their husband, and $10 \%$ said that it was mainly their husband's decision (Table 7.14).

### 7.5.2 Future Use of Contraception

Overall, $31 \%$ of currently married women not using any contraceptive method intend to use contraception in the future. Six in every 10 nonusers ( $61 \%$ ) do not plan to use contraception in the future, and $9 \%$ are unsure. The proportion of women who intend to use family planning in the future generally increases with increasing number of living children, from $23 \%$ among those with no children to $34 \%$ among those with four or more children (Table 7.15).

### 7.5.3 Exposure to Family Planning Messages in the Media

The survey also collected information on exposure to family planning messages in the media and other sources among women and men age 15-49. The radio was the most common media source of family planning messages among both women ( $24 \%$ ) and men ( $20 \%$ ) in The Gambia. Seventeen percent of women and $11 \%$ of men saw a family planning message on television in the past few months. Among women, $2 \%$ each reported having seen a family planning message in a newspaper or magazine and on a mobile phone; among men, $2 \%$ saw a message in a newspaper or magazine and $3 \%$ saw one on a mobile phone. On the other hand, $70 \%$ of women and $73 \%$ of men have not been exposed to family planning messages through any of the four media sources (radio, television, newspaper or magazine, or mobile phone) in the past few months. Among other sources of information, women reported exposure to family
planning messages from friends and family ( $61 \%$ ), health workers or health personnel (34\%), and traditional communicators ( $13 \%$ ) as well as through peer health education ( $11 \%$ ). Overall, $28 \%$ of women and $47 \%$ of men were not exposed to family planning messages from any source in the last few months
(Table 7.16.1 and Table 7.16.2).

### 7.6 Contact of Nonusers with Family Planning Providers

Contact of nonusers with family planning providers
Respondent discussed family planning in the 12 months before the survey with a fieldworker or during a visit to a health facility.
Sample: Women age 15-49 who are not currently using any contraceptive methods

Eighty-five percent of women who are not currently using any contraceptive method reported that they did not discuss family planning with a fieldworker or during a health facility visit in the 12 months preceding the survey. Fourteen percent visited a health facility and discussed family planning, and $50 \%$ visited a facility but did not discuss family planning. Only $2 \%$ of women were visited by a fieldworker who discussed family planning (Table 7.17).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The proportion of women who did not discuss family planning either with a fieldworker or at a health facility is higher in urban areas ( $88 \%$ ) than in rural areas ( $77 \%$ ).
- The percentage of women who discussed family planning during a health facility visit ranges from $9 \%$ in Kanifing to $27 \%$ in Kerewan.
- The proportion of women who did not discuss family planning with a fieldworker or at a health facility increases with increasing education, from $79 \%$ among those with no education to $89 \%$ among those with a secondary education or higher.
- Women in the lowest wealth quintile were more likely to discuss family planning either with a fieldworker (5\%) or during a health facility visit ( $22 \%$ ) than those in the highest quintile ( $1 \%$ and $10 \%$, respectively).


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Table 7.1 Knowledge of contraceptive methods
Percentage of all respondents, currently married respondents, and sexually active unmarried respondents age 15-49 who have heard of any contraceptive method, according to specific method, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Method | Women |  |  | Men |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | All women | Currently married women | Sexually active unmarried women ${ }^{1}$ | All men | Currently married men | Sexually active unmarried men ${ }^{1}$ |
| Any method | 98.5 | 99.3 | 99.1 | 99.0 | 99.9 | 99.8 |
| Any modern method | 98.4 | 99.3 | 99.1 | 99.0 | 99.9 | 99.8 |
| Female sterilisation | 79.0 | 83.6 | 86.5 | 61.7 | 70.7 | 66.4 |
| Male sterilisation | 20.0 | 20.9 | 27.7 | 19.3 | 21.9 | 21.4 |
| Pill | 93.1 | 96.7 | 98.7 | 87.6 | 94.8 | 93.8 |
| IUD | 51.9 | 59.1 | 65.7 | 40.2 | 47.8 | 40.7 |
| Injectables | 95.9 | 98.2 | 97.9 | 87.7 | 95.9 | 93.3 |
| Implants | 89.8 | 95.9 | 99.1 | 63.8 | 80.9 | 76.0 |
| Male condom | 93.1 | 94.5 | 99.1 | 98.3 | 99.3 | 99.8 |
| Female condom | 35.9 | 36.6 | 50.5 | 47.2 | 55.9 | 54.9 |
| Emergency contraception | 18.8 | 19.9 | 31.3 | 28.3 | 34.4 | 37.4 |
| Standard days method (SDM) | 13.4 | 14.7 | 13.7 | 14.6 | 21.6 | 18.1 |
| Lactational amenorrhoea (LAM) | 53.1 | 62.3 | 64.6 | 36.0 | 54.6 | 28.6 |
| Other modern method | 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 2.4 |
| Any traditional method | 69.4 | 78.3 | 89.3 | 75.7 | 89.1 | 87.6 |
| Rhythm | 41.5 | 45.5 | 55.7 | 43.4 | 55.5 | 44.9 |
| Withdrawal | 55.4 | 63.6 | 84.3 | 70.3 | 82.5 | 85.5 |
| Other traditional method | 26.9 | 35.5 | 14.5 | 9.5 | 16.6 | 4.2 |
| Mean number of methods known by respondents 15-49 | 7.7 | 8.3 | 8.9 | 7.1 | 8.3 | 7.7 |
| Number of respondents | 11,865 | 7,526 | 101 | 4,255 | 1,645 | 237 |
| Mean number of methods known by respondents 15-59 | na | na | na | 7.2 | 8.4 | 7.7 |
| Number of respondents | na | na | na | 4,636 | 2,006 | 240 |

na $=$ Not applicable
${ }^{1}$ Had last sexual intercourse within 30 days preceding the survey

Table 7.2 Knowledge of contraceptive methods according to background characteristics
Percentage of currently married women and currently married men age 15-49 who have heard of at least one contraceptive method and who have heard of at least one modern method, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Women |  |  | Men |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Heard of any method | Heard of any modern method ${ }^{1}$ | Number | Heard of any method | Heard of any modern method ${ }^{1}$ | Number |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 96.7 | 96.4 | 497 | * | * | 2 |
| 20-24 | 99.2 | 99.0 | 1,115 | (98.2) | (98.2) | 31 |
| 25-29 | 99.7 | 99.6 | 1,749 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 201 |
| 30-34 | 99.6 | 99.5 | 1,381 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 349 |
| 35-39 | 99.6 | 99.6 | 1,273 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 428 |
| 40-44 | 99.2 | 99.2 | 889 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 316 |
| 45-49 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 623 | 99.7 | 99.7 | 318 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 99.4 | 99.3 | 5,133 | 100.0 | 99.9 | 1,189 |
| Rural | 99.3 | 99.2 | 2,393 | 99.7 | 99.7 | 455 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 98.6 | 98.6 | 85 | 98.4 | 97.9 | 34 |
| Kanifing | 98.5 | 98.2 | 1,376 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 347 |
| Brikama | 99.7 | 99.7 | 3,143 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 717 |
| Mansakonko | 98.9 | 98.9 | 308 | 99.1 | 99.1 | 59 |
| Kerewan | 99.6 | 99.6 | 813 | 99.6 | 99.6 | 150 |
| Kuntaur | 98.5 | 98.4 | 432 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 79 |
| Janjanbureh | 99.5 | 99.3 | 466 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 97 |
| Basse | 99.5 | 99.5 | 903 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 161 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 99.2 | 99.1 | 3,571 | 99.7 | 99.7 | 534 |
| Primary | 99.3 | 99.2 | 1,298 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 271 |
| Secondary or higher | 99.6 | 99.6 | 2,657 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 840 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 99.1 | 98.9 | 1,536 | 99.6 | 99.5 | 297 |
| Second | 99.3 | 99.2 | 1,475 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 317 |
| Middle | 99.1 | 99.0 | 1,532 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 391 |
| Fourth | 99.6 | 99.6 | 1,495 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 299 |
| Highest | 99.7 | 99.7 | 1,488 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 340 |
| Total 15-49 | 99.3 | 99.3 | 7,526 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 1,645 |
| 50-59 | na | na | na | 99.9 | 99.9 | 362 |
| Total 15-59 | na | na | na | 99.9 | 99.9 | 2,006 |

na $=$ Not applicable
Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ Female sterilisation, male sterilisation, pill, IUD, injectables, implants, male condom, female condom, emergency contraception, standard days method (SDM), lactational amenorrhoea method (LAM), and other modern methods
Table 7.3 Current use of contraception according to age
Percent distribution of all women, currently married women, and sexually active unmarried women age 15-49 by contraceptive method currently used, according to age, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Age | Any method | Any modern method | Modern method |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Any traditional method | Traditional method |  |  | Not currently using | Total | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { women } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Female sterilisation | Male sterilisation | Pill | IUD | Inject ables | Implants | Male condom | Female condom | SDM | LAM |  | Rhythm | Withdrawal | Other |  |  |  |
| ALL WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 98.4 | 100.0 | 2,633 |
| 20-24 | 8.7 | 7.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 91.3 | 100.0 | 2,181 |
| 25-29 | 16.2 | 14.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 7.0 | 5.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 83.8 | 100.0 | 2,248 |
| 30-34 | 20.9 | 20.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 2.1 | 0.5 | 9.4 | 6.8 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 79.1 | 100.0 | 1,619 |
| 35-39 | 22.9 | 20.9 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 2.8 | 1.3 | 10.3 | 5.2 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 2.0 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 77.1 | 100.0 | 1,438 |
| 40-44 | 20.1 | 19.4 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 1.2 | 6.1 | 7.7 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 79.9 | 100.0 | 1,028 |
| 45-49 | 16.9 | 15.6 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 0.4 | 6.1 | 4.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 83.1 | 100.0 | 718 |
| Total | 13.4 | 12.2 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 5.6 | 4.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 86.6 | 100.0 | 11,865 |


|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $15-19$ | 5.4 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 3.5 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 94.6 | 100.0 | 497 |
| $20-24$ | 13.4 | 10.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 5.9 | 3.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 3.1 | 0.4 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 86.6 | 100.0 | 1,115 |
| $25-29$ | 18.9 | 16.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 8.4 | 6.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 81.1 | 100.0 | 1,749 |
| $30-34$ | 21.7 | 20.8 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 2.1 | 0.5 | 10.2 | 6.7 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 78.3 | 100.0 | 1,381 |
| $35-39$ | 23.6 | 21.5 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 1.3 | 10.5 | 5.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 2.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 1.6 | 76.4 | 100.0 | 1,273 |
| $40-44$ | 22.6 | 21.8 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 2.8 | 1.4 | 6.8 | 8.5 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 77.4 | 100.0 | 889 |
| $45-49$ | 18.3 | 16.8 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 0.5 | 7.0 | 5.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 81.7 | 100.0 | 623 |
| Total | 18.9 | 17.1 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 0.6 | 8.1 | 5.5 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 81.1 | 100.0 | 7,526 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | SEXUALLY ACTIVE UNMARRIED WOMEN ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 41.4 | 41.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.9 | 0.2 | 10.9 | 19.9 | 5.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 58.6 | 100.0 | 101 |

[^7]LAM = Lactational amenorrhoea method
${ }^{1}$ Women who have had sexual intercourse
Table 7.4 Current use of contraception according to background characteristics
Percent distribution of currently married women and sexually active unmarried women age 15-49 by contraceptive method currently used, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Any | Any modern method | Modern method |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Any traditional method | Traditional method |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Not } \\ \text { currently } \\ \text { using } \end{gathered}$ | Total | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Female sterilisation | $\begin{gathered} \text { Male } \\ \text { sterili- } \\ \text { sation } \end{gathered}$ | Pill | IUD | Inject- | Implants | $\begin{gathered} \text { Male } \\ \text { condom } \end{gathered}$ | Female condom | SDM | LAM |  | Rhythm | Withdrawal | Other |  |  |  |
| CURRENTLY MARRIED WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 98.4 | 100.0 | 939 |
| 1-2 | 15.2 | 13.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 7.2 | 3.5 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 84.8 | 100.0 | 2,268 |
| 3-4 | 21.5 | 19.3 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 1.0 | 9.1 | 5.9 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 2.2 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 78.5 | 100.0 | 2,134 |
| $5+$ | 27.7 | 25.9 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 0.6 | 11.2 | 9.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 1.4 | 72.3 | 100.0 | 2,185 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 20.0 | 17.9 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 0.8 | 8.4 | 5.6 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 2.0 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 80.0 | 100.0 | 5,133 |
| Rural | 16.7 | 15.3 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 0.2 | 7.4 | 5.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 83.3 | 100.0 | 2,393 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 23.0 | 21.7 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 5.1 | 0.7 | 7.8 | 6.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 77.0 | 100.0 | 85 |
| Kanifing | 17.2 | 15.9 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 7.4 | 5.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 82.8 | 100.0 | 1,376 |
| Brikama | 22.2 | 19.7 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 2.0 | 0.8 | 9.7 | 5.7 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 77.8 | 100.0 | 3,143 |
| Mansakonko | 15.2 | 14.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 7.6 | 4.5 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 84.8 | 100.0 | 308 |
| Kerewan | 22.2 | 20.8 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 0.2 | 9.2 | 7.7 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 77.8 | 100.0 | 813 |
| Kuntaur | 15.9 | 14.1 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 8.4 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.6 | 84.1 | 100.0 | 432 |
| Janjanbureh | 20.2 | 18.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 2.1 | 0.8 | 8.0 | 6.6 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 1.9 | 79.8 | 100.0 | 466 |
| Basse | 8.6 | 7.8 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 0.1 | 2.2 | 3.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 91.4 | 100.0 | 903 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 18.4 | 16.8 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 7.9 | 5.9 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 81.6 | 100.0 | 3,571 |
| Primary | 17.6 | 15.2 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 7.0 | 5.3 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 2.4 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 82.4 | 100.0 | 1,298 |
| Secondary or higher | 20.2 | 18.4 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 2.6 | 1.1 | 8.9 | 4.9 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 79.8 | 100.0 | 2,657 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 17.5 | 15.7 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 7.7 | 5.7 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 1.4 | 82.5 | 100.0 | 1,536 |
| Second | 18.0 | 15.3 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 0.3 | 7.1 | 5.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 82.0 | 100.0 | 1,475 |
| Middle | 17.9 | 16.2 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 8.0 | 5.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 1.6 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 82.1 | 100.0 | 1,532 |
| Fourth | 22.5 | 20.5 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 0.8 | 10.5 | 5.2 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 77.5 | 100.0 | 1,495 |
| Highest | 18.8 | 17.7 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 2.5 | 1.2 | 7.0 | 5.9 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 81.2 | 100.0 | 1,488 |
| Total | 18.9 | 17.1 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 0.6 | 8.1 | 5.5 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 81.1 | 100.0 | 7,526 |
| SEXUALLY ACTIVE UNMARRIED WOMEN ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 41.4 | 41.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.9 | 0.2 | 10.9 | 19.9 | 5.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 58.6 | 100.0 | 101 |

[^8]Table 7.5 Trends in current use of contraception
Percent distribution of currently married women age 15-49 by contraceptive method currently used, according to two surveys

| Method | 2013 <br> GDHS | $2019-20$ <br> GDHS |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Any method | 9.0 | 18.9 |
| Any modern method | 8.1 | 17.1 |
| Modern method |  |  |
| Female sterilisation | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Male sterilisation | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Pill | 2.1 | 1.9 |
| IUD | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| Injectables | 3.9 | 8.1 |
| Implants | 0.6 | 5.5 |
| Male condom | 0.6 | 0.3 |
| SDM | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| LAM | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Any traditional method | 0.9 | 1.8 |
| Traditional method |  |  |
| Rhythm | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Withdrawal | 0.3 | 0.7 |
| Other | 0.4 | 1.0 |
| Not currently using | 91.0 | 81.1 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of women | 6,791 | 7,526 |

SDM = Standard days method
LAM = Lactational amenorrhoea method

| Table 7.6 Knowledge of fertile period |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Percent distribution of all women age 15-49 by |  |
| knowledge of the fertile period during the |  |
| ovulatory cycle, The Gambia DHS 2019-20 |  |
| Perceived fertile period | All women |
| Just before her menstrual |  |
| period begins <br> During her menstrual period <br> Right after her menstrual | 13.6 |
| period has ended | 2.3 |
| Halfway between two | 48.0 |
| menstrual periods |  |
| Other | 17.3 |
| No specific time | 0.1 |
| Don't know | 5.8 |
| Total | 12.9 |
| Number of women | 100.0 |
|  | 11,865 |

Table 7.7 Knowledge of fertile period by age
Percentage of women age 15-49 with correct knowledge of the fertile period during the ovulatory cycle, according to age, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  | Percentage with <br> correct <br> knowledge of the <br> fertile period | Number of <br> women |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Age | 14.9 | 2,633 |
| $15-19$ | 16.6 | 2,181 |
| $20-24$ | 17.4 | 2,248 |
| $25-29$ | 20.7 | 1,619 |
| $30-34$ | 19.2 | 1,438 |
| $35-39$ | 16.4 | 1,028 |
| $40-44$ | 17.4 | 718 |
| $45-49$ | 17.3 | 11,865 |
| Total |  |  |

Note: Correct knowledge of the fertile period is defined as "halfway between two menstrual periods."

## Table 7.8 Source of modern contraceptive methods

Percent distribution of users of modern contraceptive methods age 15-49 by most recent source of the method, according to method, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Source | Female sterilisation | IUD | Injectables | Implants | Pill | Male condom | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Public sector | (99.6) | (51.1) | 73.6 | 92.2 | 56.9 | (8.1) | 76.1 |
| Government hospital | (96.6) | (12.0) | 11.7 | 25.1 | 7.7 | (8.1) | 18.2 |
| Government health centre | (3.0) | (38.1) | 46.8 | 59.1 | 38.8 | (0.0) | 47.0 |
| Government health post | (0.0) | (1.1) | 12.2 | 7.0 | 7.7 | (0.0) | 8.8 |
| RCH outreach clinic | (0.0) | (0.0) | 2.8 | 1.1 | 2.1 | (0.0) | 1.9 |
| Fieldworker/VHW | (0.0) | (0.0) | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.5 | (0.0) | 0.1 |
| Private medical sector | (0.4) | (42.5) | 25.7 | 6.4 | 39.7 | (76.5) | 21.8 |
| Private hospital/clinic | (0.4) | (42.5) | 4.9 | 5.9 | 4.0 | (0.0) | 6.2 |
| Private pharmacy | (0.0) | (0.0) | 20.1 | 0.0 | 35.3 | (76.5) | 15.1 |
| Private doctor | (0.0) | (0.0) | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | (0.0) | 0.2 |
| Private mobile clinic | (0.0) | (0.0) | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.0 | (0.0) | 0.2 |
| Private fieldworker | (0.0) | (0.0) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | (0.0) | 0.0 |
| NGO medical sector | (0.0) | (6.4) | 0.5 | 0.7 | 2.1 | (1.0) | 1.0 |
| NGO hospital/clinic | (0.0) | (6.0) | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | (0.0) | 0.4 |
| NGO family planning clinic | (0.0) | (0.4) | 0.2 | 0.4 | 2.1 | (1.0) | 0.5 |
| Other source | (0.0) | (0.0) | 0.1 | 0.7 | 1.4 | (14.4) | 1.2 |
| Friend/relative | (0.0) | (0.0) | 0.1 | 0.0 | 1.4 | (8.2) | 0.7 |
| Other | (0.0) | (0.0) | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | (6.2) | 0.5 |
| Total | (100.0) | (100.0) | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | (100.0) | 100.0 |
| Number of women | 43 | 49 | 662 | 488 | 155 | 40 | 1,444 |

Note: Total includes other modern methods not listed separately but excludes lactational amenorrhoea method (LAM). Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.
RCH = Reproductive and child health
VHW = Village health worker
NGO = Nongovernmental organisation

## Table 7.9 Use of social marketing brand pills

Percentage of pill users age 15-49 using a specific social marketing brand, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background <br> characteristic | Microgynon | Microlut | Number of <br> women |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Residence |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Urban | 89.3 | 8.7 | 113 |
| Rural | 91.0 | 9.0 | 40 |
| Education |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ No education | 87.9 | 8.5 | 62 |
| Primary | $\star$ | $\star$ | 16 |
| $\quad$ Secondary or higher | 89.6 | 10.4 | 74 |
| Total | 89.7 | 8.8 | 152 |

Note: Table excludes pill users who do not know the brand name. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

## Table 7.10 Informed choice

Among current users of selected modern methods age 15-49 who started the last episode of use within the 5 years preceding the survey, percentage who were informed about possible side effects or problems of that method, percentage who were informed about what to do if they experienced side effects, percentage who were informed about other methods they could use, and percentage who were informed of all three, according to method and initial source, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  | Among women who started last episode of modern contraceptive method within |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 years preceding the survey: |  |  |  |  |  |

Note: Table includes users of only the methods listed individually. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.
RCH = Reproductive and child health
${ }^{1}$ Source at start of current episode of use. Includes only sources of methods with at least 25 unweighted users.

## Table 7.11 Twelve-month contraceptive discontinuation rates

Among episodes of contraceptive use experienced within the 5 years preceding the survey, percentage of episodes discontinued within 12 months, according to reason for discontinuation and specific method, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Method | Reason for discontinuation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of episodes of use ${ }^{5}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Method failure | Desire to become pregnant | Other fertilityrelated reasons ${ }^{1}$ | Side effects/ health concerns | Wanted more effective method | Other methodrelated reasons ${ }^{2}$ | Other reasons | Any reason ${ }^{3}$ | Switched to another method ${ }^{4}$ |  |
| Injectables | 1.0 | 13.8 | 4.7 | 17.5 | 1.5 | 3.3 | 9.8 | 51.6 | 4.1 | 1,464 |
| Implants | 0.1 | 5.8 | 1.1 | 6.1 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 3.5 | 17.7 | 0.8 | 771 |
| Pill | 1.9 | 12.8 | 8.9 | 15.3 | 2.4 | 6.6 | 7.2 | 55.1 | 4.8 | 417 |
| Other ${ }^{6}$ | 4.6 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 3.3 | 5.4 | 1.2 | 7.4 | 38.5 | 7.2 | 470 |
| All methods | 1.4 | 10.9 | 4.9 | 12.3 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 7.5 | 41.7 | 3.8 | 3,122 |

Note: Figures are based on life table calculations using information on episodes of use that occurred 3-62 months preceding the survey.
1 Includes infrequent sex/husband away, difficult to get pregnant/menopausal, and marital dissolution/separation
${ }^{2}$ Includes lack of access/too far, costs too much, and inconvenient to use
${ }^{3}$ Reasons for discontinuation are mutually exclusive and add to the total given in this column.
${ }^{4}$ A woman is considered to have switched to another method if she used a different method in the month following discontinuation or if she gave "wanted a more effective method" as the reason for discontinuation and started another method within 2 months of discontinuation
${ }^{5}$ All episodes of use that occurred within the 5 years preceding the survey are included. Episodes of use include both episodes that were discontinued during the period of observation and episodes that were not discontinued during the period of observation.
${ }^{6}$ Includes female sterilisation, IUD, male condom, female condom, emergency contraception, standard days method (SDM), rhythm, withdrawal, and lactational amenorrhoea method (LAM)

## Table 7.12 Reasons for discontinuation

Percent distribution of discontinuations of contraceptive methods in the 5 years preceding the survey by main reason stated for discontinuation, according to specific method, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Reason | IUD | Injectables | Implants | Pill | Male condom | Withdrawal | Other ${ }^{1}$ | All methods |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Became pregnant while using | (0.0) | 1.9 | 0.2 | 7.0 | 7.4 | (19.8) | 17.4 | 4.0 |
| Wanted to become pregnant | (41.5) | 36.5 | 40.4 | 33.3 | 13.9 | (26.2) | 51.7 | 36.5 |
| Husband/partner disapproved | (1.2) | 5.1 | 10.2 | 5.9 | 8.4 | (11.6) | 7.8 | 6.6 |
| Wanted a more effective method | (5.8) | 2.6 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 16.5 | (10.4) | 4.4 | 3.8 |
| Side effects/health concerns | (43.1) | 30.2 | 27.6 | 22.3 | 7.7 | (0.0) | 0.1 | 25.3 |
| Lack of access/too far | (0.0) | 1.7 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 0.5 | (0.0) | 0.0 | 1.2 |
| Cost too much | (0.0) | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | (0.0) | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Inconvenient to use | (0.4) | 4.2 | 2.2 | 8.5 | 2.9 | (3.0) | 2.0 | 4.2 |
| Up to God/fatalistic | (0.0) | 0.5 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 0.0 | (0.0) | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| Difficult to get pregnant/ menopausal | (0.0) | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | (0.0) | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Infrequent sex/husband away | (4.0) | 6.3 | 5.1 | 9.5 | 39.1 | (19.2) | 3.5 | 7.9 |
| Marital dissolution/separation | (0.0) | 0.6 | 1.1 | 1.7 | 0.0 | (0.0) | 0.0 | 0.8 |
| Other | (4.1) | 8.8 | 6.8 | 4.4 | 0.4 | (9.6) | 11.8 | 7.5 |
| Don't know | (0.0) | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 2.4 | (0.0) | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Missing | (0.0) | 1.1 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 0.8 | (0.2) | 0.7 | 0.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of discontinuations | 41 | 1,057 | 383 | 337 | 70 | 67 | 110 | 2,065 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.
Includes lactational amenorrhoea method (LAM), emergency contraception, standard days method (SDM), and rhythm

Table 7.13.1 Need and demand for family planning among currently married women
Percentage of currently married women age 15-49 with unmet need for family planning, percentage with met need for family planning, total demand for family planning, and percentage of the demand for family planning that is satisfied, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Unmet need for family planning |  |  | Met need for family planning (currently using) |  |  | Total demand for family planning ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | Number of women | Percentage of demand satisfied ${ }^{2}$ | Percentage of demand satisfied by modernmethods $^{3}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | For spacing | For limiting | Total | For spacing | For limiting | Total | For spacing | For limiting | Total |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 29.3 | 0.0 | 29.3 | 5.4 | 0.0 | 5.4 | 34.8 | 0.0 | 34.8 | 497 | 15.7 | 13.0 |
| 20-24 | 23.2 | 0.0 | 23.2 | 13.1 | 0.3 | 13.4 | 36.3 | 0.3 | 36.6 | 1,115 | 36.5 | 28.1 |
| 25-29 | 23.0 | 0.9 | 23.9 | 18.4 | 0.6 | 18.9 | 41.3 | 1.5 | 42.8 | 1,749 | 44.2 | 38.6 |
| 30-34 | 20.8 | 2.3 | 23.1 | 17.9 | 3.8 | 21.7 | 38.7 | 6.1 | 44.8 | 1,381 | 48.5 | 46.3 |
| 35-39 | 16.6 | 8.9 | 25.4 | 14.6 | 9.1 | 23.6 | 31.1 | 17.9 | 49.1 | 1,273 | 48.2 | 43.9 |
| 40-44 | 7.2 | 17.1 | 24.3 | 7.4 | 15.2 | 22.6 | 14.6 | 32.3 | 46.9 | 889 | 48.2 | 46.5 |
| 45-49 | 5.1 | 17.1 | 22.2 | 1.7 | 16.6 | 18.3 | 6.8 | 33.7 | 40.5 | 623 | 45.2 | 41.5 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 18.7 | 5.3 | 23.9 | 14.7 | 5.3 | 20.0 | 33.3 | 10.6 | 43.9 | 5,133 | 45.5 | 40.8 |
| Rural | 18.4 | 6.3 | 24.7 | 10.5 | 6.2 | 16.7 | 28.9 | 12.4 | 41.4 | 2,393 | 40.3 | 37.0 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 16.2 | 8.5 | 24.6 | 13.8 | 9.3 | 23.0 | 30.0 | 17.7 | 47.7 | 85 | 48.3 | 45.5 |
| Kanifing | 19.6 | 5.7 | 25.3 | 11.9 | 5.3 | 17.2 | 31.5 | 11.0 | 42.5 | 1,376 | 40.5 | 37.3 |
| Brikama | 17.9 | 5.0 | 22.9 | 16.7 | 5.6 | 22.2 | 34.5 | 10.6 | 45.2 | 3,143 | 49.3 | 43.6 |
| Mansakonko | 19.0 | 6.0 | 25.0 | 11.2 | 4.0 | 15.2 | 30.2 | 10.0 | 40.2 | 308 | 37.9 | 36.0 |
| Kerewan | 17.6 | 7.0 | 24.6 | 12.8 | 9.4 | 22.2 | 30.5 | 16.3 | 46.8 | 813 | 47.4 | 44.4 |
| Kuntaur | 18.2 | 5.7 | 23.9 | 11.2 | 4.7 | 15.9 | 29.4 | 10.4 | 39.8 | 432 | 39.9 | 35.4 |
| Janjanbureh | 14.0 | 3.9 | 17.9 | 14.2 | 6.0 | 20.2 | 28.2 | 9.9 | 38.1 | 466 | 53.0 | 47.8 |
| Basse | 23.2 | 6.3 | 29.5 | 5.6 | 3.0 | 8.6 | 28.8 | 9.3 | 38.1 | 903 | 22.5 | 20.5 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 16.9 | 7.3 | 24.2 | 11.6 | 6.8 | 18.4 | 28.5 | 14.1 | 42.6 | 3,571 | 43.2 | 39.4 |
| Primary | 22.0 | 4.7 | 26.7 | 12.7 | 4.9 | 17.6 | 34.8 | 9.5 | 44.3 | 1,298 | 39.7 | 34.3 |
| Secondary or higher | 19.3 | 3.7 | 22.9 | 16.0 | 4.3 | 20.2 | 35.2 | 7.9 | 43.2 | 2,657 | 46.9 | 42.6 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 16.7 | 6.5 | 23.2 | 11.3 | 6.2 | 17.5 | 28.0 | 12.8 | 40.8 | 1,536 | 43.0 | 38.5 |
| Second | 20.3 | 5.0 | 25.2 | 12.4 | 5.5 | 18.0 | 32.7 | 10.5 | 43.2 | 1,475 | 41.6 | 35.4 |
| Middle | 19.6 | 5.8 | 25.4 | 13.1 | 4.8 | 17.9 | 32.6 | 10.7 | 43.3 | 1,532 | 41.3 | 37.5 |
| Fourth | 16.9 | 5.0 | 21.9 | 16.6 | 5.9 | 22.5 | 33.5 | 10.9 | 44.4 | 1,495 | 50.6 | 46.1 |
| Highest | 19.6 | 5.5 | 25.1 | 13.3 | 5.4 | 18.8 | 32.9 | 10.9 | 43.8 | 1,488 | 42.8 | 40.5 |
| Total | 18.6 | 5.6 | 24.2 | 13.3 | 5.6 | 18.9 | 31.9 | 11.1 | 43.1 | 7,526 | 43.9 | 39.6 |

[^9]${ }^{1}$ Total demand is the sum of unmet need and met need.
${ }^{2}$ Percentage of demand satisfied is met need divided by total demand.
${ }^{3}$ Modern methods include female sterilisation, male sterilisation, pill, IUD, injectables, implants, male condom, female condom, emergency contraception, standard days method (SDM), and lactational amenorrhoea method (LAM).

Table 7.13.2 Need and demand for family planning for all women and for sexually active unmarried women
Percentage of all women and sexually active unmarried women age 15-49 with unmet need for family planning, percentage with met need for family planning, total demand for family planning, and percentage of the demand for family planning that is satisfied, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Unmet need for family planning |  |  | Met need for family planning (currently using) |  |  | Total demand for family planning ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | Number of women | Percentage of demand satisfied ${ }^{2}$ | Percentage of demand satisfied by modern methods ${ }^{3}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | For spacing | For limiting | Total | For spacing | For limiting | Total | For spacing | For limiting | Total |  |  |  |
| ALL WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 6.6 | 0.1 | 6.7 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 8.2 | 0.1 | 8.2 | 2,633 | 18.9 | 16.8 |
| 20-24 | 13.5 | 0.1 | 13.7 | 8.5 | 0.3 | 8.7 | 22.0 | 0.4 | 22.4 | 2,181 | 39.0 | 32.0 |
| 25-29 | 18.9 | 0.7 | 19.6 | 15.7 | 0.5 | 16.2 | 34.6 | 1.2 | 35.8 | 2,248 | 45.2 | 39.8 |
| 30-34 | 17.9 | 2.0 | 20.0 | 17.5 | 3.4 | 20.9 | 35.5 | 5.4 | 40.9 | 1,619 | 51.2 | 49.1 |
| 35-39 | 15.0 | 7.9 | 22.8 | 14.7 | 8.2 | 22.9 | 29.7 | 16.1 | 45.7 | 1,438 | 50.1 | 45.7 |
| 40-44 | 6.2 | 14.8 | 21.0 | 6.8 | 13.3 | 20.1 | 13.0 | 28.1 | 41.1 | 1,028 | 49.0 | 47.2 |
| 45-49 | 4.6 | 14.9 | 19.5 | 2.5 | 14.4 | 16.9 | 7.2 | 29.3 | 36.4 | 718 | 46.5 | 42.9 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 11.9 | 3.1 | 15.0 | 10.3 | 3.2 | 13.5 | 22.2 | 6.3 | 28.6 | 8,747 | 47.3 | 43.0 |
| Rural | 14.5 | 4.9 | 19.4 | 8.4 | 4.8 | 13.2 | 22.9 | 9.7 | 32.6 | 3,118 | 40.4 | 37.1 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 9.6 | 4.4 | 14.0 | 10.3 | 5.2 | 15.5 | 19.9 | 9.6 | 29.5 | 163 | 52.6 | 49.6 |
| Kanifing | 11.8 | 3.2 | 14.9 | 9.0 | 3.0 | 12.0 | 20.8 | 6.1 | 26.9 | 2,590 | 44.5 | 41.6 |
| Brikama | 11.4 | 3.0 | 14.4 | 11.1 | 3.4 | 14.5 | 22.6 | 6.4 | 28.9 | 5,299 | 50.2 | 45.0 |
| Mansakonko | 14.2 | 4.5 | 18.7 | 9.4 | 2.9 | 12.2 | 23.6 | 7.3 | 30.9 | 431 | 39.6 | 37.5 |
| Kerewan | 13.3 | 5.2 | 18.4 | 9.7 | 6.7 | 16.5 | 23.0 | 11.9 | 34.9 | 1,129 | 47.2 | 44.1 |
| Kuntaur | 15.4 | 4.8 | 20.1 | 9.4 | 3.9 | 13.4 | 24.8 | 8.7 | 33.5 | 522 | 39.9 | 35.5 |
| Janjanbureh | 11.4 | 3.2 | 14.5 | 11.4 | 4.9 | 16.3 | 22.7 | 8.1 | 30.9 | 595 | 52.9 | 47.9 |
| Basse | 18.7 | 5.0 | 23.7 | 4.8 | 2.3 | 7.1 | 23.5 | 7.4 | 30.9 | 1,137 | 23.1 | 21.1 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 15.0 | 6.4 | 21.4 | 10.6 | 5.9 | 16.6 | 25.7 | 12.3 | 38.0 | 4,119 | 43.6 | 39.9 |
| Primary | 15.7 | 3.3 | 19.0 | 10.5 | 3.6 | 14.1 | 26.2 | 6.9 | 33.1 | 1,854 | 42.6 | 37.4 |
| Secondary or higher | 10.0 | 1.7 | 11.7 | 9.0 | 2.0 | 11.0 | 19.0 | 3.7 | 22.7 | 5,892 | 48.5 | 44.6 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 13.2 | 5.1 | 18.4 | 9.2 | 4.9 | 14.0 | 22.4 | 10.0 | 32.4 | 1,998 | 43.3 | 39.0 |
| Second | 15.0 | 3.5 | 18.5 | 9.6 | 3.8 | 13.5 | 24.7 | 7.3 | 32.0 | 2,135 | 42.1 | 36.3 |
| Middle | 14.3 | 3.9 | 18.2 | 10.3 | 3.4 | 13.6 | 24.5 | 7.3 | 31.8 | 2,292 | 42.8 | 39.2 |
| Fourth | 10.3 | 2.9 | 13.2 | 11.3 | 3.4 | 14.7 | 21.7 | 6.3 | 27.9 | 2,591 | 52.7 | 48.6 |
| Highest | 11.1 | 3.0 | 14.1 | 8.6 | 3.0 | 11.6 | 19.7 | 6.0 | 25.7 | 2,849 | 45.1 | 42.8 |
| Total | 12.6 | 3.6 | 16.2 | 9.8 | 3.6 | 13.4 | 22.4 | 7.2 | 29.6 | 11,865 | 45.3 | 41.3 |
| SEXUALLY ACTIVE UNMARRIED WOMEN ${ }^{4}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 44.2 | 0.9 | 45.1 | 41.4 | 0.0 | 41.4 | 85.6 | 0.9 | 86.5 | 101 | 47.9 | 47.9 |

Note: Numbers in this table correspond to the revised definition of unmet need described in Bradley et al. 2012.
${ }^{1}$ Total demand is the sum of unmet need and met need.
${ }^{2}$ Percentage of demand satisfied is met need divided by total demand.
${ }^{3}$ Modern methods include female sterilisation, male sterilisation, pill, IUD, injectables, implants, male condom, female condom, emergency contraception, standard days method (SDM), and lactational amenorrhoea method (LAM)
${ }^{4}$ Women who have had sexual intercourse within 30 days preceding the survey

Table 7.14 Decision making about family planning
Among currently married women age 15-49 who are current users of family planning, percent distribution by who makes the decision to use family planning, and among currently married women who are not currently using family planning, percent distribution by who makes the decision not to use family planning, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Among currently married women who are current users of family planning |  |  |  | Total | Number of women | Among currently married women who are not currently using family planning |  |  |  | Total | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mainly wife | Wife and husband jointly | Mainly husband | Other |  |  | Mainly wife | Wife and husband jointly | Mainly husband | Other |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | (11.9) | (72.9) | (7.5) | (7.7) | (100.0) | 27 | 61.5 | 22.2 | 9.9 | 6.4 | 100.0 | 375 |
| 20-24 | 17.7 | 59.4 | 22.3 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 149 | 62.5 | 22.0 | 12.2 | 3.3 | 100.0 | 772 |
| 25-29 | 23.2 | 60.2 | 16.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 331 | 64.8 | 21.2 | 12.3 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 1,198 |
| 30-34 | 38.3 | 48.3 | 12.9 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 300 | 64.2 | 23.8 | 10.2 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 913 |
| 35-39 | 35.3 | 53.1 | 11.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 301 | 69.5 | 19.7 | 9.8 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 850 |
| 40-44 | 44.1 | 47.6 | 7.7 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 201 | 71.5 | 17.9 | 7.2 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 653 |
| 45-49 | 43.3 | 41.4 | 15.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 114 | 72.3 | 17.0 | 9.1 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 503 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | * | * | * | * | * | 15 | 60.4 | 24.2 | 8.1 | 7.3 | 100.0 | 730 |
| 1-2 | 24.8 | 58.5 | 15.9 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 344 | 65.1 | 21.0 | 11.9 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 1,644 |
| 3-4 | 26.6 | 57.0 | 16.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 459 | 67.7 | 21.4 | 9.8 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 1,464 |
| 5+ | 42.0 | 46.8 | 11.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 605 | 69.7 | 18.1 | 10.4 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 1,425 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 32.8 | 52.4 | 14.6 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,024 | 66.9 | 20.3 | 9.9 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 3,557 |
| Rural | 32.4 | 54.9 | 11.8 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 399 | 65.4 | 21.9 | 11.4 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 1,706 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 32.7 | 40.5 | 25.4 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 20 | 58.2 | 21.0 | 17.2 | 3.6 | 100.0 | 57 |
| Kanifing | 33.9 | 47.8 | 17.6 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 237 | 57.0 | 28.8 | 10.8 | 3.4 | 100.0 | 1,013 |
| Brikama | 32.0 | 54.1 | 13.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 699 | 72.2 | 16.7 | 8.4 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 2,092 |
| Mansakonko | 35.8 | 56.9 | 7.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 47 | 64.9 | 23.1 | 10.3 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 220 |
| Kerewan | 25.8 | 61.6 | 11.2 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 181 | 61.5 | 26.5 | 9.3 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 542 |
| Kuntaur | 30.3 | 56.0 | 12.8 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 69 | 58.5 | 30.7 | 9.2 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 302 |
| Janjanbureh | 43.5 | 47.8 | 8.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 94 | 66.3 | 24.3 | 8.6 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 320 |
| Basse | 38.9 | 44.3 | 15.3 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 78 | 70.9 | 10.4 | 17.3 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 717 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 36.9 | 48.6 | 13.9 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 658 | 67.3 | 19.9 | 10.6 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 2,541 |
| Primary | 31.7 | 52.9 | 15.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 228 | 71.0 | 17.0 | 10.0 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 925 |
| Secondary or higher | 27.9 | 58.6 | 13.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 537 | 62.7 | 23.9 | 10.3 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 1,796 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 36.7 | 54.0 | 9.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 269 | 65.1 | 22.0 | 11.0 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 1,081 |
| Second | 39.1 | 49.3 | 10.5 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 265 | 68.3 | 17.8 | 11.6 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 1,024 |
| Middle | 30.8 | 51.1 | 17.9 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 274 | 67.1 | 20.0 | 11.2 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 1,082 |
| Fourth | 33.4 | 53.7 | 12.5 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 336 | 64.7 | 21.2 | 10.6 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 1,018 |
| Highest | 24.0 | 56.9 | 19.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 279 | 66.8 | 22.8 | 7.7 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 1,057 |
| Total | 32.7 | 53.1 | 13.8 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,423 | 66.4 | 20.8 | 10.4 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 5,263 |

Note: Table excludes women who are currently pregnant. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

## Table 7.15 Future use of contraception

Percent distribution of currently married women age 15-49 who are not using a contraceptive method by intention to use in the future, according to number of living children, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Intention to use | Number of living children ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| in the future | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | $4+$ | Total |
| Intends to use | 22.7 | 27.1 | 32.1 | 30.0 | 33.8 | 30.5 |
| Unsure | 15.0 | 10.4 | 10.2 | 6.4 | 6.3 | 8.6 |
| Does not intend to use | 62.4 | 62.5 | 57.7 | 63.6 | 59.9 | 60.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of women | 730 | 1,044 | 939 | 933 | 2,457 | 6,103 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes current pregnancy

Table 7.16.1 Exposure to family planning messages: Women
Percentage of women age 15-49 who heard or saw a family planning message on the radio, on television, in a newspaper or magazine, or on a mobile phone in the past few months, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Media sources |  |  |  |  | Other sources |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Radio | Television | Newspaper/ magazine | Mobile phone | None of these four media sources ${ }^{1}$ | Peer health education | Friends/ relatives | Traditional communicators | Health personnel/ workers | Internet/ social media | None of these sources ${ }^{2}$ | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 13.9 | 8.8 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 81.6 | 14.9 | 52.0 | 6.3 | 12.7 | 2.2 | 39.1 | 2,633 |
| 20-24 | 20.6 | 14.3 | 1.9 | 3.0 | 71.8 | 13.5 | 63.0 | 11.8 | 31.3 | 7.4 | 26.9 | 2,181 |
| 25-29 | 25.1 | 18.0 | 1.6 | 2.9 | 68.5 | 8.0 | 65.5 | 14.6 | 43.7 | 5.7 | 22.7 | 2,248 |
| 30-34 | 30.8 | 24.3 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 61.4 | 9.3 | 62.1 | 14.4 | 43.4 | 5.1 | 23.4 | 1,619 |
| 35-39 | 29.5 | 22.6 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 62.8 | 9.1 | 64.7 | 18.6 | 47.4 | 3.9 | 21.2 | 1,438 |
| 40-44 | 29.5 | 22.3 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 63.4 | 9.9 | 62.5 | 17.4 | 41.3 | 3.6 | 25.4 | 1,028 |
| 45-49 | 31.7 | 23.0 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 61.7 | 9.4 | 60.6 | 19.6 | 33.3 | 2.8 | 30.0 | 718 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 23.4 | 20.4 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 68.4 | 10.9 | 60.6 | 12.8 | 30.0 | 5.7 | 28.1 | 8,747 |
| Rural | 25.1 | 8.9 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 72.6 | 11.6 | 61.7 | 14.5 | 45.7 | 1.5 | 26.6 | 3,118 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 16.4 | 24.1 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 68.6 | 10.6 | 56.6 | 8.7 | 23.7 | 8.3 | 33.2 | 163 |
| Kanifing | 18.6 | 20.7 | 2.6 | 3.1 | 70.7 | 8.5 | 52.9 | 5.3 | 26.9 | 7.7 | 33.9 | 2,590 |
| Brikama | 25.5 | 20.6 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 67.4 | 13.4 | 64.9 | 19.1 | 32.2 | 5.1 | 24.5 | 5,299 |
| Mansakonko | 13.3 | 9.0 | 0.8 | 2.2 | 81.2 | 10.8 | 59.7 | 13.0 | 41.6 | 4.2 | 31.3 | 431 |
| Kerewan | 34.3 | 13.1 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 63.9 | 8.4 | 55.5 | 11.7 | 50.8 | 1.7 | 28.2 | 1,129 |
| Kuntaur | 28.4 | 8.2 | 0.4 | 2.4 | 69.3 | 18.1 | 54.1 | 17.4 | 42.8 | 1.3 | 27.7 | 522 |
| Janjanbureh | 21.8 | 5.2 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 77.2 | 5.6 | 69.7 | 3.0 | 43.4 | 1.1 | 22.5 | 595 |
| Basse | 22.2 | 11.7 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 73.7 | 8.6 | 65.5 | 9.9 | 33.0 | 0.9 | 28.3 | 1,137 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 25.2 | 13.8 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 70.9 | 6.7 | 58.8 | 13.6 | 39.8 | 1.1 | 29.2 | 4,119 |
| Primary | 22.8 | 16.4 | 0.5 | 1.7 | 70.7 | 7.0 | 58.9 | 13.0 | 36.5 | 1.4 | 31.3 | 1,854 |
| Secondary or higher | 23.3 | 20.2 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 68.1 | 15.5 | 63.1 | 13.1 | 29.4 | 8.0 | 25.5 | 5,892 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 24.4 | 6.4 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 73.7 | 11.2 | 58.5 | 12.8 | 43.1 | 1.4 | 28.7 | 1,998 |
| Second | 23.8 | 9.4 | 0.6 | 1.4 | 73.4 | 10.6 | 62.8 | 14.3 | 37.5 | 2.4 | 27.3 | 2,135 |
| Middle | 23.9 | 19.5 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 70.0 | 9.7 | 60.6 | 13.7 | 32.9 | 2.2 | 29.3 | 2,292 |
| Fourth | 23.5 | 22.7 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 68.1 | 10.6 | 63.5 | 13.0 | 30.9 | 4.7 | 25.9 | 2,591 |
| Highest | 23.9 | 24.5 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 64.5 | 13.0 | 59.1 | 12.5 | 29.2 | 10.3 | 27.7 | 2,849 |
| Total | 23.9 | 17.4 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 69.5 | 11.1 | 60.9 | 13.2 | 34.1 | 4.6 | 27.7 | 11,865 |

[^10]Table 7.16.2 Exposure to family planning messages: Men
Percentage of men age 15-49 who heard or saw a family planning message on the radio, on television, in a newspaper or magazine, or on a mobile phone in the past few months, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Media sources |  |  |  |  | Other sources |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Radio | Television | Newspaper/ magazine | Mobile phone | None of these four media sources ${ }^{1}$ | Peer health education | Friends/ relatives | Traditional communicators | Health personnel/ workers | Internet/ social media | None of these sources ${ }^{2}$ | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 9.8 | 6.6 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 84.5 | 12.6 | 32.2 | 3.0 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 53.1 | 1,097 |
| 20-24 | 16.0 | 9.6 | 1.8 | 4.1 | 77.3 | 8.9 | 38.8 | 4.0 | 7.6 | 11.7 | 48.8 | 802 |
| 25-29 | 17.6 | 9.8 | 2.2 | 4.2 | 74.9 | 7.4 | 42.3 | 6.1 | 13.4 | 10.9 | 44.9 | 634 |
| 30-34 | 23.5 | 10.5 | 2.6 | 3.8 | 70.3 | 6.2 | 35.3 | 6.3 | 14.5 | 11.1 | 44.2 | 524 |
| 35-39 | 29.7 | 15.4 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 60.6 | 4.4 | 36.4 | 4.7 | 13.4 | 8.1 | 40.8 | 499 |
| 40-44 | 30.2 | 17.1 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 60.1 | 4.8 | 39.2 | 7.4 | 17.3 | 7.7 | 39.3 | 357 |
| 45-49 | 32.9 | 12.3 | 4.7 | 0.8 | 62.3 | 5.4 | 37.0 | 5.0 | 16.8 | 4.7 | 43.1 | 342 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 18.8 | 11.3 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 73.4 | 7.3 | 35.4 | 3.1 | 7.9 | 8.6 | 47.7 | 3,299 |
| Rural | 23.1 | 7.6 | 1.4 | 2.5 | 73.1 | 11.0 | 41.6 | 10.7 | 19.6 | 6.1 | 42.7 | 955 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 23.4 | 17.3 | 4.7 | 3.2 | 67.4 | 5.9 | 41.4 | 3.8 | 12.2 | 11.2 | 42.5 | 80 |
| Kanifing | 16.7 | 12.3 | 3.7 | 3.5 | 74.0 | 8.1 | 33.6 | 3.8 | 8.4 | 11.2 | 48.4 | 1,040 |
| Brikama | 19.9 | 11.0 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 73.0 | 7.7 | 35.3 | 2.4 | 6.3 | 7.5 | 48.2 | 1,967 |
| Mansakonko | 16.9 | 8.3 | 2.1 | 3.2 | 76.3 | 10.8 | 28.1 | 9.4 | 14.8 | 8.0 | 51.6 | 134 |
| Kerewan | 23.5 | 7.1 | 1.7 | 4.2 | 71.1 | 14.5 | 24.7 | 9.7 | 13.1 | 7.8 | 53.3 | 351 |
| Kuntaur | 14.8 | 4.9 | 1.5 | 3.7 | 81.9 | 7.9 | 41.9 | 7.1 | 12.2 | 6.1 | 44.4 | 142 |
| Janjanbureh | 38.6 | 12.3 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 58.6 | 5.8 | 58.3 | 18.0 | 25.9 | 2.5 | 30.9 | 202 |
| Basse | 15.4 | 5.9 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 80.8 | 5.5 | 55.5 | 6.2 | 27.5 | 5.4 | 34.0 | 340 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 22.5 | 5.8 | 0.5 | 2.4 | 73.4 | 2.8 | 31.4 | 4.7 | 9.4 | 3.1 | 51.6 | 921 |
| Primary | 18.5 | 9.2 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 77.0 | 3.5 | 38.7 | 5.3 | 8.4 | 3.2 | 49.0 | 716 |
| Secondary or higher | 19.1 | 12.5 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 72.3 | 11.3 | 38.2 | 4.7 | 11.5 | 11.1 | 44.1 | 2,618 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 25.4 | 4.7 | 0.8 | 2.3 | 72.4 | 8.7 | 38.0 | 10.0 | 14.4 | 4.6 | 45.9 | 632 |
| Second | 20.8 | 7.9 | 0.8 | 2.0 | 75.0 | 7.3 | 38.4 | 6.0 | 14.0 | 5.7 | 46.3 | 768 |
| Middle | 22.3 | 12.8 | 1.3 | 2.6 | 71.3 | 6.6 | 36.7 | 3.8 | 9.2 | 7.6 | 44.0 | 848 |
| Fourth | 16.0 | 12.6 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 75.4 | 8.7 | 33.4 | 3.2 | 8.3 | 8.1 | 51.0 | 875 |
| Highest | 16.8 | 12.0 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 72.6 | 9.1 | 37.8 | 3.0 | 8.9 | 11.8 | 45.6 | 1,132 |
| Total 15-49 | 19.7 | 10.5 | 2.3 | 3.0 | 73.3 | 8.2 | 36.8 | 4.8 | 10.6 | 8.0 | 46.6 | 4,255 |
| 50-59 | 37.5 | 19.4 | 4.8 | 2.2 | 55.0 | 7.8 | 36.2 | 8.0 | 17.8 | 3.6 | 38.1 | 381 |
| Total 15-59 | 21.2 | 11.2 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 71.8 | 8.1 | 36.8 | 5.0 | 11.2 | 7.7 | 45.9 | 4,636 |

${ }^{1}$ Radio, television, newspaper or magazine, or mobile phone
${ }^{2}$ Includes those with no exposure to any source (radio, television, newspaper or magazine, mobile phone, peer health education, friends or relatives, traditional communicators, health personnel or health workers, or Internet or social media)

Table 7.17 Contact of nonusers with family planning providers
Among women age 15-49 who are not using contraception, percentage who during the past 12 months were visited by a fieldworker who discussed family planning, percentage who visited a health facility and discussed family planning, percentage who visited a health facility but did not discuss family planning, and percentage who did not discuss family planning either with a fieldworker or at a health facility, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Percentage of women who were visited by a fieldworker who discussed family planning | Percentage of women who visited a health facility in the past 12 months and who: |  | Percentage of women who did not discuss family planning either with a fieldworker or at a health facility | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Discussed family planning | Did not discuss family planning |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 0.5 | 2.8 | 38.5 | 96.9 | 2,592 |
| 20-24 | 1.6 | 11.2 | 54.6 | 88.1 | 1,990 |
| 25-29 | 2.6 | 22.9 | 54.4 | 76.4 | 1,885 |
| 30-34 | 3.6 | 23.0 | 54.3 | 75.8 | 1,280 |
| 35-39 | 2.5 | 25.3 | 51.7 | 73.9 | 1,108 |
| 40-44 | 3.4 | 16.5 | 51.2 | 82.5 | 821 |
| 45-49 | 2.3 | 7.8 | 57.5 | 90.5 | 596 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 1.1 | 12.0 | 50.1 | 87.6 | 7,565 |
| Rural | 4.8 | 21.3 | 49.8 | 76.8 | 2,708 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 2.1 | 9.6 | 53.9 | 89.6 | 137 |
| Kanifing | 0.6 | 8.5 | 54.2 | 91.3 | 2,279 |
| Brikama | 1.2 | 14.1 | 47.6 | 85.4 | 4,529 |
| Mansakonko | 3.3 | 23.1 | 45.9 | 75.5 | 378 |
| Kerewan | 5.5 | 26.9 | 44.4 | 70.9 | 943 |
| Kuntaur | 6.7 | 19.7 | 53.2 | 76.9 | 452 |
| Janjanbureh | 4.6 | 15.6 | 46.0 | 83.4 | 498 |
| Basse | 2.2 | 12.1 | 58.2 | 87.0 | 1,055 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 3.0 | 19.8 | 52.2 | 79.1 | 3,437 |
| Primary | 1.8 | 15.2 | 50.1 | 83.9 | 1,592 |
| Secondary or higher | 1.5 | 10.6 | 48.6 | 88.8 | 5,244 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 5.0 | 21.5 | 47.7 | 76.4 | 1,718 |
| Second | 2.4 | 18.6 | 48.1 | 80.6 | 1,848 |
| Middle | 1.6 | 15.1 | 49.2 | 84.4 | 1,980 |
| Fourth | 1.2 | 10.1 | 50.8 | 89.4 | 2,210 |
| Highest | 0.9 | 9.9 | 53.1 | 89.8 | 2,518 |
| Total | 2.0 | 14.4 | 50.1 | 84.8 | 10,273 |

## Key Findings

- Current levels: In the 5 years before the survey, the neonatal, infant, and under-5 mortality rates were 29,42 , and 56 deaths per 1,000 live births, respectively.
- Trends: From 2013 to 2019-20, under-5 mortality increased from 54 to 56 deaths per 1,000 live births, infant mortality increased from 34 to 42 deaths per 1,000 live births, and neonatal mortality rose from 22 to 29 deaths per 1,000 live births.
- Perinatal mortality: The perinatal mortality rate for the 5 years before the survey was 41 deaths per 1,000 pregnancies of 7 or more months' duration.

Information on infant and child mortality is relevant to a demographic assessment of a country's population and is an important indicator of the country's socioeconomic development and quality of life. It can also help identify children who may be at higher risk of death and lead to strategies to reduce this risk, such as promoting birth spacing.

This chapter presents information on levels, trends, and differentials in perinatal, neonatal, infant, and under-5 mortality rates. It also examines biodemographic factors and fertility behaviours that increase mortality risks for infants and children. The information was collected as part of a retrospective birth history in which female respondents listed all of the children to whom they had given birth, along with each child's date of birth, survivorship status, and current age or age at death, supplemented by additional questions on non-live births.

The quality of mortality estimates calculated from birth histories depends on the mother's ability to recall all of the children she has given birth to, as well as their birth dates and ages at death. Potential data quality problems include:

- The selective omission from birth histories of those births that did not survive, which can result in underestimation of childhood mortality.
- The displacement of birth dates, which may distort mortality trends. This can occur if an interviewer knowingly records a birth as occurring in a different year than the one in which it occurred. This may happen if an interviewer is trying to cut down on his or her overall workload, because live births occurring during the 5 years before the interview are the subject of a lengthy set of additional questions.
- The quality of reporting of age at death. Misreporting the child's age at death may distort the age pattern of mortality, especially if the net effect of the age misreporting is to transfer deaths from one age bracket to another.
- Any method of measuring childhood mortality that relies on mothers' reports (e.g., birth histories) assumes that female adult mortality is not high or, if it is high, that there is little or no correlation between the mortality risks of mothers and those of their children.

Selected indicators of the quality of the mortality data on which the estimates of mortality in this chapter are based are presented in Appendix C, Tables C.3-C.6.

### 8.1 Infant and Child Mortality

Neonatal mortality: The probability of dying within the first month of life. Postneonatal mortality: The probability of dying between the first month of life and the first birthday (computed as the difference between infant and neonatal mortality).
Infant mortality: The probability of dying between birth and the first birthday.
Child mortality: The probability of dying between the first and the fifth birthday.
Under-5 mortality: The probability of dying between birth and the fifth birthday.

In the 5 -year period before the 2019-20 GDHS, the neonatal mortality rate was 29 deaths per 1,000 live births. Over the same period, the infant mortality rate was 42 deaths per 1,000 live births, meaning that 1 in 24 children die before their first birthday. The under5 mortality rate of 56 deaths per 1,000 live births indicates that 1 in 18 children in The Gambia die before reaching age 5 . Three quarters ( $75 \%$ ) of all deaths in the first 5 years of life occur between birth and the first birthday (Table 8.1).

Trends: Between 2013 and 2019-20, the under-5 mortality rate increased from 54 to 56 deaths per 1,000 live births, the infant mortality rate rose from 34 to 42 deaths per 1,000 live births, and the neonatal mortality rate increased from 22 to 29 deaths per 1,000 live births (Figure 8.1). However, child mortality decreased from 20 to 15 deaths per 1,000 live births over the same period.

Figure 8.1 Trends in early childhood mortality rates

Deaths per 1,000 live births in the 5-year period before the survey

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Infant mortality is higher in rural areas (47 deaths per 1,000 live births) than in urban areas (38 deaths per 1,000 live births). A similar pattern can be seen for under- 5 mortality and neonatal mortality (Table 8.2).
- For the 10-year period before the survey, the under-5 mortality rate is highest in Mansakonko and Kuntaur ( 79 deaths per 1,000 live births each) and lowest in Basse ( 55 deaths per 1,000 live births) (Figure 8.2).
- The under- 5 mortality rate generally decreases with increasing household wealth, from 69 deaths per 1,000 live births in the lowest wealth quintile to 53 deaths per 1,000 live births in the highest quintile.

Figure 8.2 Under-5 mortality by Local Government Area
Deaths per 1,000 live births for the 10-year period before the survey


### 8.2 Biodemographic Risk Factors

The demographic characteristics of both mothers and children have been found to play an important role in the survival of children. Table $\mathbf{8 . 2}$ presents mortality estimates by child's sex and place of residence for the 5 -year period preceding the survey. Mortality estimates by additional background characteristics are shown for the 10-year period before the survey in Table 8.3 to ensure an adequate number of cases to produce statistically reliable estimates.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Boys are more likely than girls to die in early childhood. Overall, under- 5 mortality is 60 deaths per 1,000 live births among male children, as compared with 52 deaths per 1,000 children among female children (Table 8.2).
- The infant mortality rate is higher among children born to mothers under age 20 and mothers age 4049 (59 and 57 deaths per 1,000 live births, respectively) than among children born to mothers age 2029 and 30-39 (40 and 49 deaths per 1,000 live births, respectively) (Table 8.3).
- Infant mortality is higher among first-order births ( 56 deaths per 1,000 live births) than subsequent births (36-50 deaths per 1,000 births).
- The under- 5 mortality rate is three times as high among children with birth intervals of less than 2 years ( 116 deaths per 1,000 live births) as among children with birth intervals of 4 or more years ( 38 deaths per 1,000 live births) (Figure 8.3). A similar pattern is observed for infant and neonatal mortality.

Figure 8.3 Childhood mortality by previous birth interval
Deaths per 1,000 live births for the 10-year period before the survey

Previous birth interval:
$\square<2$ years $\quad 2$ years $\quad 3$ years $\quad 4+$ years


### 8.3 Perinatal Mortality

## Perinatal mortality rate

Perinatal deaths comprise stillbirths (pregnancy losses occurring after 7 months of gestation) and early neonatal deaths (deaths of live births within the first 7 days of life). The perinatal mortality rate is calculated as the number of perinatal deaths per 1,000 pregnancies of 7 or more months' duration.
Sample: Number of pregnancies of 7 or more months' duration to women age $15-49$ in the 5 years before the survey

The causes of stillbirths and early neonatal deaths are closely linked, and it can be difficult to distinguish whether a death was in fact a stillbirth or an early neonatal death. The perinatal mortality rate encompasses both stillbirths and early neonatal deaths and offers a better measure of the level of mortality and quality of antenatal care services at delivery. During the 5 years before the survey, the perinatal mortality rate was 41 deaths per 1,000 pregnancies (Table 8.4).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The perinatal mortality rate is twice as high among children whose mothers were age 40-49 at the time of the birth ( 64 deaths per 1,000 pregnancies) as among children whose mothers were age 20-29 (31 deaths per 1,000 pregnancies).
- Perinatal mortality is highest when the previous pregnancy interval was less than 15 months and lowest when the previous pregnancy interval was 27-38 months ( 64 and 25 deaths per 1,000 pregnancies, respectively).
- There is an inverse relationship between mother's education and perinatal mortality. The perinatal mortality rate decreases from 43 deaths per 1,000 pregnancies among mothers with no education to 38 deaths per 1,000 pregnancies among mothers with a secondary education or higher.


### 8.4 High-risk Fertility Behaviour

Childhood mortality can be affected by several known risk factors, such as mother's age at birth, previous birth interval, and parity. The probability of dying in infancy is much greater among children born to mothers who are too young (under age 18) or too old (over age 34), children born after a short birth interval (less than 24 months after the preceding birth), and children born to mothers of high parity (more than three children). The risk is elevated when a child is born to a mother who has a combination of these risk characteristics.

Table 8.5 presents the percent distribution of children born in the 5 years preceding the survey by category of elevated mortality risk and the percent distribution of currently married women by their category of risk if they were to conceive a child at the time of the survey. About 3 in $10(29 \%)$ births in the 5 years before the survey did not fall into any high-risk category. Eighteen percent of births fell into the unavoidable risk category, that is, first-order births to women age 18-34. Over half (53\%) of births fell into at least one avoidable high-risk category: $34 \%$ were in a single high-risk category, and $20 \%$ were in a multiple highrisk category.

The risk ratio shows the relationship between risk factors and actual mortality. A risk ratio greater than one means that exposure to a particular risk factor increases risk, while a risk ratio less than one means that exposure decreases risk. Among births in a single high-risk category, the risk ratio is highest for births to mothers age 35 or older (3.53), followed by births to mothers under age 18 (3.01) and births that occurred within 24 months of a previous birth (2.16). Overall, the risk ratio is higher for births in multiple high-risk categories than for births in a single high-risk category ( 2.28 versus 1.75 ). The risk of dying is more than
four and a half times higher among children with a birth interval of less than 24 months and a birth order above three than among births not in any high-risk category (4.61).

Overall, three quarters (75\%) of currently married women have the potential for a high-risk birth, with $29 \%$ falling into a single high-risk category and $45 \%$ falling into a multiple high-risk category.

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Table 8.1 Early childhood mortality rates
Neonatal, postneonatal, infant, child, and under-5 mortality rates for 5 -year periods preceding the survey, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Years <br> preceding the <br> survey | Neonatal <br> mortality <br> $(N N)$ | Postneonatal <br> mortality <br> $(P N N)^{1}$ | Infant <br> mortality <br> $\left(1 q_{0}\right)$ | Child <br> mortality <br> $\left(4 q_{1}\right)$ | Under-5 <br> mortality <br> $\left(5 q_{0}\right)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0-4$ | 29 | 13 | 42 | 15 | 56 |
| $5-9$ | 31 | 18 | 50 | 16 | 65 |
| $10-14$ | 33 | 17 | 50 | 31 | 79 |

${ }^{1}$ Computed as the difference between the infant and neonatal mortality rates

Table 8.2 Five-year early childhood mortality rates according to background characteristics

Neonatal, postneonatal, infant, child, and under-5 mortality rates for the 5-year period preceding the survey, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background <br> characteristic | Neonatal <br> mortality <br> $(\mathrm{NN})$ | Postneonatal <br> mortality <br> $(\mathrm{PNN})^{1}$ | Infant <br> mortality <br> $\left(1 \mathrm{q}_{0}\right)$ | Child <br> mortality <br> $\left(4 q_{1}\right)$ | Under-5 <br> mortality <br> $\left(5 q_{0}\right)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Child's sex |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Male | 31 | 13 | 44 | 17 | 60 |
| Female | 26 | 13 | 39 | 14 | 52 |
| Residence <br> $\quad$ Urban | 25 | 13 | 38 | 13 | 51 |
| $\quad$ Rural | 35 | 13 | 47 | 19 | 66 |
| $\quad$ Total | 29 | 13 | 42 | 15 | 56 |

${ }^{1}$ Computed as the difference between the infant and neonatal mortality rates

Table 8.3 Ten-year early childhood mortality rates according to additional characteristics

Neonatal, postneonatal, infant, child, and under-5 mortality rates for the 10-year period preceding the survey, according to additional characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Neonatal mortality (NN) | Postneonatal mortality (PNN) ${ }^{1}$ | Infant mortality ( 190 ) | Child mortality (4 ${ }^{\prime} \mathrm{q}_{1}$ ) | Under-5 mortality ( $5 q_{0}$ ) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 32 | 27 | 59 | 20 | 77 |
| 20-29 | 27 | 12 | 40 | 15 | 54 |
| 30-39 | 34 | 16 | 49 | 15 | 64 |
| 40-49 | 35 | 22 | 57 |  | * |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 38 | 19 | 56 | 16 | 71 |
| 2-3 | 23 | 13 | 36 | 14 | 50 |
| 4-6 | 33 | 17 | 50 | 18 | 66 |
| 7+ | 31 | 13 | 44 | 12 | 55 |
| Previous birth interval ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| <2 years | 64 | 31 | 95 | 23 | 116 |
| 2 years | 20 | 14 | 34 | 15 | 48 |
| 3 years | 20 | 10 | 30 | 14 | 43 |
| 4+ years | 21 | 8 | 28 | 10 | 38 |
| Birth size ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Small/very small | 43 | 24 | 66 | na | na |
| Average or larger | 24 | 10 | 34 | na | na |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 37 | 11 | 49 | 12 | 60 |
| Kanifing | 30 | 17 | 47 | 11 | 58 |
| Brikama | 25 | 18 | 43 | 14 | 57 |
| Mansakonko | 42 | 13 | 55 | 25 | 79 |
| Kerewan | 34 | 15 | 49 | 14 | 62 |
| Kuntaur | 41 | 14 | 56 | 24 | 79 |
| Janjanbureh | 36 | 11 | 47 | 21 | 67 |
| Basse | 29 | 9 | 38 | 18 | 55 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 29 | 16 | 45 | 17 | 62 |
| Primary | 36 | 19 | 55 | 17 | 72 |
| Secondary or higher | 28 | 13 | 41 | 11 | 52 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 34 | 15 | 49 | 20 | 69 |
| Second | 31 | 19 | 50 | 17 | 67 |
| Middle | 33 | 14 | 46 | 16 | 62 |
| Fourth | 21 | 15 | 36 | 12 | 48 |
| Highest | 29 | 15 | 44 | 9 | 53 |

Note: An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 250 unweighted person-years of exposure to the risk of death and has been suppressed.
na $=$ Not available
${ }^{1}$ Computed as the difference between the infant and neonatal mortality rates
${ }^{2}$ Excludes first-order births
${ }^{3}$ Rates for the 5 -year period before the survey

Table 8.4 Perinatal mortality
Number of stillbirths and early neonatal deaths, and the perinatal mortality rate for the 5 -year period preceding the survey, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Number of stillbirths ${ }^{1}$ | Number of early neonatal deaths ${ }^{2}$ | Perinatal mortality rate ${ }^{3}$ | Number of pregnancies of 7+ months' duration |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 9 | 21 | 36 | 826 |
| 20-29 | 62 | 69 | 31 | 4,170 |
| 30-39 | 66 | 70 | 56 | 2,432 |
| 40-49 | 10 | 11 | 64 | 328 |
| Previous pregnancy interval in months ${ }^{4}$ |  |  |  |  |
| First pregnancy | 30 | 34 | 43 | 1,492 |
| <15 | 23 | 40 | 64 | 986 |
| 15-26 | 32 | 43 | 38 | 1,986 |
| 27-38 | 21 | 17 | 25 | 1,516 |
| 39+ | 42 | 36 | 44 | 1,778 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 104 | 97 | 40 | 5,083 |
| Rural | 44 | 74 | 44 | 2,674 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 1 | 2 | 32 | 74 |
| Kanifing | 27 | 33 | 45 | 1,338 |
| Brikama | 62 | 45 | 34 | 3,150 |
| Mansakonko | 6 | 13 | 55 | 338 |
| Kerewan | 21 | 25 | 49 | 939 |
| Kuntaur | 11 | 16 | 55 | 483 |
| Janjanbureh | 7 | 16 | 46 | 488 |
| Basse | 14 | 21 | 37 | 946 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 74 | 80 | 43 | 3,592 |
| Primary | 25 | 33 | 42 | 1,402 |
| Secondary or higher | 49 | 57 | 38 | 2,763 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 27 | 50 | 44 | 1,752 |
| Second | 24 | 39 | 39 | 1,633 |
| Middle | 26 | 35 | 38 | 1,616 |
| Fourth | 44 | 15 | 40 | 1,446 |
| Highest | 28 | 31 | 45 | 1,311 |
| Total | 148 | 170 | 41 | 7,757 |

[^11]Table 8.5 High-risk fertility behaviour
Percent distribution of children born in the 5 years preceding the survey by category of elevated risk of mortality and the risk ratio, and percent distribution of currently married women by category of risk if they were to conceive a child at the time of the survey, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Risk category | Births in the 5 years preceding the survey |  | Percentage of currently married women ${ }^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage of births | Risk ratio |  |
| Not in any high-risk category | 28.8 | 1.00 | $15.6^{\text {a }}$ |
| Unavoidable risk category First-order births between age 18 and age 34 | 18.0 | 1.71 | 9.8 |
| In any avoidable high-risk category | 53.2 | 1.94 | 74.6 |
| Single high-risk category <br> Mother's age $<18$ only Mother's age >34 only Birth interval <24 months only Birth order $>3$ only | $\begin{array}{r} 3.6 \\ 1.0 \\ 5.0 \\ 24.0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3.01 \\ & 3.53 \\ & 2.16 \\ & 1.39 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.1 \\ 4.4 \\ 9.3 \\ 14.6 \end{array}$ |
| Subtotal | 33.6 | 1.75 | 29.3 |
| Multiple high-risk category Age <18 and birth interval <24 months ${ }^{2}$ | 0.3 | (1.44) | 0.1 |
| Age >34 and birth interval <24 months <br> Age $>34$ and birth order $>3$ | 0.1 13.9 | 1.45 | 0.3 28.4 |
| Age >34 and birth interval <24 months and birth order >3 | 0.9 | 4.28 | 5.6 |
| Birth interval <24 months and birth order >3 | 4.4 | 4.61 | 10.9 |
| Subtotal | 19.6 | 2.28 | 45.3 |
| Total | 100.0 | na | 100.0 |
| Subtotals by individual avoidable high-risk category <br> Mother's age <18 <br> Mother's age >34 <br> Birth interval <24 months <br> Birth order > 3 | $\begin{array}{r} 3.9 \\ 15.9 \\ 10.8 \\ 43.1 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.87 \\ & 1.73 \\ & 3.30 \\ & 1.80 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1.2 \\ 38.6 \\ 26.2 \\ 59.5 \end{array}$ |
| Number of births/women | 7,653 | na | 7,526 |

Note: Risk ratio is the ratio of the proportion dead among births in a specific high-risk category to the proportion dead among births not in any high-risk category. Ratios in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a ratio is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
na $=$ Not applicable
${ }^{1}$ Women are assigned to risk categories according to the status they would have at the birth of a child if they were to conceive at the time of the survey: current age less than 17 years and 3 months or older than 34 years and 2 months, latest birth less than 15 months ago, or latest birth being of order 3 or higher.
${ }_{2}$ Includes the category age <18 and birth order >3
${ }^{\text {a }}$ Includes sterilised women

## Key Findings

- Antenatal care: Almost all women (98\%) age 15-49 who had a live birth in the 5 years preceding the survey received antenatal care (ANC) from a skilled provider during their most recent birth. $79 \%$ had at least four ANC visits.
- Components of antenatal care: Almost all women who received antenatal care for their most recent pregnancy had a blood sample taken ( $98 \%$ ), had their blood pressure measured ( $99 \%$ ), and had a urine sample taken (95\%).
- Delivery services: More than 8 in 10 live births in the past 5 years were delivered in a health facility ( $84 \%$ ).
- Postnatal care: $88 \%$ of mothers and $83 \%$ of newborns had a postnatal check during the first 2 days after delivery.

Health care services during pregnancy and childbirth and after delivery are important for the survival and well-being of both the mother and the infant. Implementation of proven interventions along the continuum of care, inclusive of skilled care during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period, remains a priority with respect to reducing maternal and neonatal morbidity and mortality. In The Gambia, the majority of maternal deaths are the result of avoidable direct obstetric complications, including haemorrhage, hypertensive disorder of pregnancy, and sepsis (WHO 2015). As such, The Government of The Republic of The Gambia has included in the Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal, Child and Adolescent Health Policy, 2017-2026 plans to increase access to quality health care and scale up provision of maternal and newborn services (MoH\&SW 2017a).

This chapter presents information on providers of antenatal care (ANC), number and timing of ANC visits, and different components of maternal health care during and after ANC and birth, including places of delivery, assistance during delivery, type of delivery, postnatal care for mothers and newborns, and problems women report in accessing maternal health care.

### 9.1 Antenatal Care Coverage and Content

### 9.1.1 Skilled Providers

Antenatal care (ANC) from a skilled provider
Pregnancy care received from skilled providers, such as doctors and nurses/midwives.
Sample: Women age 15-49 who had a live birth in the 5 years before the survey

Almost all women ( $98 \%$ ) age 15-49 who had a live birth in the 5 years preceding the survey received ANC from a skilled provider at least once for their most recent birth (Table 9.1). Most women ( $86 \%$ ) received ANC from a nurse or midwife, while $12 \%$ received care from a doctor.

Trends: The percentage of women in The Gambia receiving ANC from a skilled provider at least once for their most recent birth in the 5 years preceding the survey has risen by 12 percentage points since 2013, from 86\% to 98\% (Figure 9.1).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Slightly more women in urban areas ( $99 \%$ ) than in rural areas ( $96 \%$ ) reported receiving antenatal care from a skilled provider (Table 9.1).
- Women in urban areas are more likely to receive ANC from a doctor than women in rural areas ( $14 \%$ and $8 \%$, respectively).

Figure 9.1 Trends in antenatal care coverage

Percentage of women age 15-49 who had a live birth in the 5 years before the survey (for the most recent birth)


- Across the LGAs, the percentage of women receiving ANC from a skilled provider ranges from $87 \%$ in Janjanbureh to over $99 \%$ in Brikama.
- The higher a woman's educational level, the more likely she is to receive ANC from a doctor. Eighteen percent of women with a secondary education or higher received ANC from a doctor, as compared with $8 \%$ of women with no education.
- Women from households in the highest wealth quintile are more likely to receive ANC from a doctor $(27 \%)$ than those in any other wealth quintile ( $7 \%-11 \%$ ).


### 9.1.2 Timing and Number of ANC Visits

In the 5 years preceding the survey, $79 \%$ of women age $15-49$ had at least four ANC visits during their last pregnancy resulting in a live birth, while $18 \%$ of women had two to three ANC visits and $2 \%$ had one visit (Table 9.2). Another $1 \%$ of women received no antenatal care during their last pregnancy. Only $4 \%$ of women had eight or more ANC visits. Rural women were more likely to have at least four antenatal care visits ( $83 \%$ ) than urban women ( $76 \%$ ). More than 4 in 10 women ( $43 \%$ ) had their first ANC visit during the first trimester of their pregnancy; $37 \%$ had their first visit during the fourth or fifth month of their pregnancy, while $18 \%$ first received ANC during their sixth or seventh month of pregnancy. Only $2 \%$ of women had their first ANC visit in the eighth month or later. The median gestational age at which women made their first ANC visit was 4.3 months.

Trends: The percentage of women who had at least four ANC visits was stagnant between 2013 (78\%) and 2019-20 (79\%). Over the same period, there was an improvement in the percentage of women who had their first ANC visit in the first trimester, from $38 \%$ to $43 \%$ (Figure 9.1).

### 9.2 Components of ANC VISIts

During ANC, women are slightly more likely to have a blood sample taken ( $98 \%$ ) and their blood pressure measured ( $99 \%$ ) than to have a urine sample taken (95\%) (Figure 9.2).

Figure 9.2 Components of antenatal care


Trends: The percentages of pregnant women who had a blood sample taken, had their blood pressure measured, and had a urine sample taken remained nearly universal at $98 \%, 99 \%$, and $95 \%$ between 2013 and 2019-20.

## Iron Tablets/Syrup and Intestinal Parasite Drugs

Women with a live birth in the 5 years preceding the survey were asked if they took iron tablets or syrup and intestinal parasite drugs during the pregnancy for their most recent live birth. Overall, $97 \%$ of women took iron tablets or syrup, while only 4 in $10(41 \%)$ took intestinal parasite medication (Table 9.3).

### 9.3 Protection against Neonatal Tetanus

## Protection against neonatal tetanus

The number of tetanus toxoid injections needed to protect a baby from neonatal tetanus depends on the mother's vaccinations. A birth is protected against neonatal tetanus if the mother has received any of the following:

- Two tetanus toxoid injections during the pregnancy
- Two or more injections, the last one within 3 years of the birth
- Three or more injections, the last one within 5 years of the birth
- Four or more injections, the last one within 10 years of the birth
- Five or more injections at any time prior to the birth

Sample: Last live births in the 5 years before the survey to women age 15-49

Neonatal tetanus is a serious problem in areas where home deliveries without sterile procedures are common. It can also be a serious problem in areas with poor immunisation coverage and unsafe childbirth and cord care practices. Tetanus injections are given to the mother to prevent neonatal tetanus. Overall, $71 \%$ of women received a sufficient number of tetanus toxoid injections to protect their most recent live birth against neonatal tetanus; however, only $35 \%$ of mothers received two or more injections during the pregnancy for their last live birth (Table 9.4).

Trends: The percentage of births protected against neonatal tetanus was $71 \%$ in both 2013 and 2019-20.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The percentage of women whose last birth was protected from neonatal tetanus is higher in rural areas (77\%) than in urban areas (68\%) (Table 9.4).
- By LGA, the percentage of women whose last birth was protected from tetanus ranges from $66 \%$ in Brikama to $82 \%$ in Kerewan.
- The percentage of women whose last birth was protected from tetanus decreases with increasing education, from $73 \%$ among women with no education to $67 \%$ among those with a secondary education or higher. A similar pattern is observed with increasing wealth; last births to women in the lowest wealth quintile are more likely to be protected from tetanus than last births to women in the highest quintile ( $76 \%$ versus $64 \%$ ).


### 9.4 Delivery Services

### 9.4.1 Institutional Deliveries

## Institutional deliveries

Deliveries that occur in a health facility.
Sample: All live births in the 5 years before the survey

Institutional deliveries increase the chances of skilled birth attendance, as well as increasing mothers' access to essential equipment and supplies. Overall, $84 \%$ of live births in the 5 years preceding the survey were delivered in a health facility (Table 9.5).

Trends: Health facility deliveries increased from $63 \%$ in 2013 to $84 \%$ in 2019-20, while home deliveries fell from 37\% to 15\% (Figure 9.3).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The percentage of births delivered in a health facility decreases with increasing mother's age at birth (Table 9.5).
- The higher the birth order, the less likely a woman will deliver in a health facility; $93 \%$ of first-order births are delivered in a health facility, as compared with $78 \%$ of sixth- or higher-order births.

Figure 9.3 Trends in place of birth

Percentage of live births in the 5 years before the survey


- Women in urban areas are more likely to deliver in a health facility ( $88 \%$ ) than women in rural areas (75\%).

Figure 9.4 Health facility births by Local Government Area
Percentage of live births in the 5 years before the survey that were delivered in a health facility


- The percentage of health facility deliveries by LGA ranges from $63 \%$ in Kuntaur to $94 \%$ in Banjul (Figure 9.4).
- The percentage of births that take place in a health facility increases with increasing mother's education, from $78 \%$ among births to women with no education to $92 \%$ among births to women with a secondary education or higher (Table 9.5).
- Similarly, the percentage of health facility deliveries increases with increasing household wealth, from $71 \%$ in the lowest wealth quintile to $96 \%$ in the highest quintile (Figure 9.5).

Figure 9.5 Health facility births by household wealth

Percentage of live births in the 5 years before the survey that were delivered in a


### 9.4.2 Skilled Assistance during Delivery

## Skilled assistance during delivery

Births delivered with the assistance of doctors and nurses/midwives.
Sample: All live births in the 5 years before the survey

Obstetric care from a health professional during delivery is recognised as a critical element in managing complications that may arise during childbirth and reducing maternal and neonatal mortality. In the 5 years preceding the survey, $84 \%$ of births were delivered by a skilled provider. Seventy-three percent of births in the 5 years preceding the survey were delivered by a nurse or midwife, whereas $11 \%$ were delivered by a doctor and $7 \%$ by a community birth companion (Table 9.6 and Figure 9.6).

Trends: The percentage of births with skilled assistance during delivery increased from $57 \%$ in 2013 to $84 \%$ in 2019-20.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The percentage of deliveries attended by a skilled provider decreases with increasing birth order, from $92 \%$ among first-order births to $79 \%$ among sixth- or higher-order births (Table 9.6).
- Births delivered somewhere other than a health facility are much less likely (9\%) to be attended by a skilled provider than births delivered in a health facility (98\%).
- Births to women in urban areas are more likely $(88 \%)$ to be assisted by a skilled provider than births to women in rural areas ( $75 \%$ ).
- By LGA, the percentage of births delivered by a skilled provider ranges from $62 \%$ in Kuntaur to $95 \%$ in Banjul.
- The higher a woman's educational level, the more likely she is to be assisted by a skilled provider during delivery.
- Women in the highest wealth quintile are more likely ( $96 \%$ ) to be assisted by a skilled provider during delivery than those in the lowest quintile ( $72 \%$ ).


### 9.4.3 Delivery by Caesarean Section

Caesarean section (C-section) deliveries can reduce maternal and neonatal mortality. C-section is a surgical intervention to prevent or treat life-threatening maternal or perinatal complications. While most Csections are performed due to medical or obstetrical indications, some women may request them in the absence of such signs. Four percent of the live births in the 5 years preceding the survey were delivered by C-section (Table 9.7). One percent of births were delivered by C -sections that were planned before the onset of labour, while $3 \%$ were decided on after the onset of labour. Eighty-seven percent of women who delivered by C -section stayed in the health facility for 3 or more days (Table 9.8).

Trends: The C-section rate increased from $2 \%$ in 2013 to $4 \%$ in 2019-20.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- C-section deliveries generally decrease with increasing birth order, from $6 \%$ among first-order births to $2 \%$ among sixth- and higher-order births.
- C-sections are more common in private health facilities (8\%) than public health facilities (4\%).
- By residence, C -sections are more common in urban areas (5\%) than rural areas (2\%).
- Among the LGAs, caesarean sections range from a low of $1 \%$ in Kuntaur to a high of $11 \%$ in Banjul.
- Caesarean section deliveries are more common among births to women with no education ( $2 \%$ ) than among those to women with a secondary education or higher ( $6 \%$ ).
- The percentage of births delivered by C-section increases with increasing household wealth, from $1 \%$ among those in the lowest wealth quintile to $9 \%$ among those in the highest quintile.


### 9.5 Postnatal Care

### 9.5.1 Postnatal Health Check for Mothers

The postpartum period is particularly important for women, as during this period they may develop serious, life-threatening complications such as postpartum haemorrhage. A postnatal care visit is an ideal time to educate a new mother about how to care for herself and her newborn and can help reduce mortality and morbidity among mothers and their babies.

In The Gambia, $88 \%$ of mothers received a postnatal check within the first 2 days after birth (Table 9.9). More than three quarters of mothers had their first postnatal check within 4 hours $(78 \%)$, and $8 \%$ had a check between 4 and 23 hours after delivery. Only $8 \%$ of mothers did not have any postnatal health check.

Trends: The percentage of mothers who received a postnatal check during the first 2 days after their most recent birth increased from $76 \%$ in 2013 to $88 \%$ in 2019-20.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Women who deliver in a health facility have a higher likelihood of receiving their first postnatal check within 2 days of delivery ( $92 \%$ ) than those who deliver elsewhere ( $62 \%$ ).
- Urban women are more likely to receive a postnatal check within 2 days of delivery ( $89 \%$ ) than rural women ( $86 \%$ ).
- By LGA, the percentage of women receiving a postnatal check within 2 days of delivery is highest in Kerewan ( $91 \%$ ) and lowest in Kuntaur ( $81 \%$ ).
- The percentage of women who receive a postnatal check within 2 days after birth increases with increasing wealth, from $83 \%$ among those in the lowest quintile to $91 \%$ among those in the highest quintile.


## Type of Provider

The skill level of the provider who performs the first postnatal check also has important implications for maternal and neonatal health. Eighty-six percent of women received their first postnatal health check during the first 2 days after delivery from a doctor, nurse, or midwife. One percent received their first postnatal check from an auxiliary nurse or community nurse attendant, another $1 \%$ were checked by a community birth companion, and less than $1 \%$ received a postnatal check from a village health worker (Table 9.10).

### 9.5.2 Postnatal Health Check for Newborns

The probability of neonatal death is particularly high during the first 48 hours after birth, making postnatal checks in this period particularly important. More than four out of five newborns in The Gambia (83\%) received a postnatal check within 2 days after birth. Fifty-three percent received a postnatal check less than 1 hour after delivery, and $24 \%$ received a check within 1-3 hours after delivery. Twelve percent of newborns did not receive a postnatal health check (Table 9.11).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Newborns delivered in a health facility were much more likely to receive a postnatal health check during the first 2 days after birth than those delivered elsewhere ( $88 \%$ versus $52 \%$ ).
- The percentage of newborns who received a postnatal check within 2 days increases with increasing mother's education, from $82 \%$ among those born to women with no education to $86 \%$ among those born to women with a secondary education or higher.
- Babies born to women in the lowest wealth quintile were less likely to receive a postnatal check within 2 days than babies born to women in the highest wealth quintile ( $79 \%$ versus $88 \%$ ).


## Type of Provider

More than 8 in 10 newborns ( $82 \%$ ) received their first postnatal check within the first 2 days after birth from a doctor, nurse, or midwife. Less than $1 \%$ received their first postnatal check from an auxiliary nurse or community nurse attendant, $1 \%$ were checked by a community birth companion, and less than $1 \%$ received a postnatal check from a village health worker. Seventeen percent of newborns did not receive any postnatal check during the 2 days after birth (Table 9.12).

## Components of Newborn Postnatal Care

Table 9.13 presents information on components of postnatal care such as signal functions performed within 2 days after birth and whether the mother was informed of danger signs in newborns. Nearly three quarters $(73 \%)$ of newborns had at least two signal functions performed within 2 days after birth. Eightyfive percent of newborns were weighed at birth, while breastfeeding was observed for only $43 \%$ of newborns.

### 9.6 Problems in Accessing Health Care

Problems in accessing health care
Women were asked whether each of the following factors is a big problem in seeking medical advice or treatment for themselves when they are sick:

- Getting permission to go for treatment
- Getting money for advice or treatment
- Distance to a health facility
- Not wanting to go alone

Sample: Women age 15-49

More than 4 in $10(43 \%)$ women age $15-49$ reported at least one problem in accessing health care for themselves (Table 9.14). Women in rural areas were more likely to report at least one problem in accessing health care (56\%) than women in urban areas ( $38 \%$ ). The most frequently mentioned problem in accessing health care was getting money for advice or treatment ( $27 \%$ ), and the least frequently mentioned problem was getting permission to go to the doctor (5\%).

### 9.7 Obstetric Fistula

Obstetric fistula is a hole between the vagina and rectum or bladder that causes urinary or faecal incontinence. Fistula typically results from problems during labour, surgical error, or trauma. In The Gambia, only 1 in 8 women age 15-49 (13\%) have heard of the symptoms of obstetric fistula (Table 9.15). Among those who have heard of fistula, $58 \%$ believe that women with fistula face at least one specified kind of poor treatment, most commonly that people in the community will talk badly about them (32\%) (Table 9.16). The 2019-20 GDHS also captured data on the percentage of women who have ever experienced fistula symptoms, but there was only one such unweighted case in the data set (data not shown).

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Table 9.1 Antenatal care
Percent distribution of women age 15-49 who had a live birth in the 5 years preceding the survey by antenatal care (ANC) provider during the pregnancy for the most recent birth and percentage receiving antenatal care from a skilled provider for the most recent birth, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Antenatal care provider |  |  |  |  | No ANC | Total | Percentage receiving antenatal care from a skilled provider ${ }^{1}$ | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Doctor | Nurse/ midwife | Auxiliary nurse/ community nurse attendant | Village health worker | $\begin{gathered} \text { Community } \\ \text { birth } \\ \text { companion } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 16.0 | 80.7 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 96.8 | 565 |
| 20-34 | 11.9 | 86.1 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 98.0 | 3,784 |
| 35-49 | 11.3 | 86.3 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 97.6 | 1,022 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 15.8 | 81.6 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 97.3 | 1,096 |
| 2-3 | 14.0 | 83.6 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 97.6 | 1,826 |
| 4-5 | 10.5 | 88.1 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 98.6 | 1,301 |
| $6+$ | 8.0 | 89.7 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 97.7 | 1,148 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 14.3 | 84.3 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 98.6 | 3,589 |
| Rural | 8.0 | 88.1 | 3.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 96.1 | 1,783 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 25.8 | 73.4 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 99.1 | 57 |
| Kanifing | 20.3 | 76.7 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 97.0 | 990 |
| Brikama | 12.6 | 87.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 99.6 | 2,193 |
| Mansakonko | 20.3 | 78.9 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 99.2 | 228 |
| Kerewan | 11.4 | 87.7 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 99.2 | 610 |
| Kuntaur | 9.5 | 82.6 | 7.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 92.1 | 314 |
| Janjanbureh | 3.7 | 83.7 | 12.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 87.4 | 337 |
| Basse | 0.9 | 98.4 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 99.3 | 641 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 8.4 | 89.0 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 97.5 | 2,454 |
| Primary | 9.9 | 88.1 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 98.1 | 945 |
| Secondary or higher | 18.1 | 80.1 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 98.1 | 1,973 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 8.2 | 87.3 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 95.5 | 1,156 |
| Second | 7.2 | 90.5 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 97.7 | 1,126 |
| Middle | 10.7 | 88.2 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 98.9 | 1,126 |
| Fourth | 10.6 | 88.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 98.9 | 1,026 |
| Highest | 26.8 | 71.5 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 98.3 | 937 |
| Total | 12.2 | 85.6 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 97.8 | 5,372 |

[^12]${ }^{1}$ Skilled provider includes doctor, nurse, and midwife.

Table 9.2 Number of antenatal care visits and timing of first visit
Percent distribution of women age 15-49 who had a live birth in the 5 years preceding the survey by number of antenatal care (ANC) visits for the most recent live birth and by the timing of the first visit, and among women with ANC, median months pregnant at first visit, according to residence, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Number of ANC visits and timing of first visit | Residence |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban | Rural |  |
| Number of ANC visits |  |  |  |
| None | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| 1 | 2.6 | 1.1 | 2.1 |
| 2-3 | 20.2 | 14.3 | 18.3 |
| 4+ | 76.1 | 83.3 | 78.5 |
| 4-7 | 71.6 | 79.7 | 74.3 |
| $8+$ | 4.5 | 3.6 | 4.2 |
| Don't know/missing | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.6 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of months pregnant at time of first ANC visit |  |  |  |
| No antenatal care | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| <4 | 35.2 | 57.9 | 42.7 |
| 4-5 | 40.8 | 28.9 | 36.9 |
| 6-7 | 21.1 | 11.4 | 17.9 |
| $8+$ | 1.9 | 1.0 | 1.6 |
| Don't know/missing | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of women | 3,589 | 1,783 | 5,372 |
| Median months pregnant at first visit (for those with ANC) | 4.6 | 3.8 | 4.3 |
| Number of women with ANC | 3,566 | 1,778 | 5,345 |

Table 9.3 Components of antenatal care
Among women age 15-49 with a live birth in the 5 years preceding the survey, percentages who took iron tablets or syrup and drugs for intestinal parasites during the pregnancy of the most recent live birth, and among women receiving antenatal care (ANC) for the most recent live birth in the 5 years preceding the survey, percentage receiving specific antenatal services, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Among women with a live birth in the past 5 years, percentage who during the pregnancy of their most recent live birth: |  |  | Among women who received antenatal care for their most recent birth in the past 5 years, percentage with selected services |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Took iron tablets or syrup | Took intestinal parasite drugs | Number of women with a live birth in the past 5 years | Blood pressure measured | Urine sample taken | Blood sample taken | Weight measured | Number of women with ANC for their most recent birth |
| Age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 97.3 | 39.5 | 565 | 98.9 | 93.1 | 96.8 | 96.8 | 561 |
| 20-34 | 96.9 | 40.3 | 3,784 | 99.1 | 94.4 | 97.9 | 98.9 | 3,763 |
| 35-49 | 98.3 | 42.2 | 1,022 | 99.6 | 96.0 | 99.1 | 99.4 | 1,021 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 96.2 | 38.8 | 1,096 | 99.0 | 94.8 | 97.5 | 97.5 | 1,086 |
| 2-3 | 97.4 | 40.1 | 1,826 | 99.5 | 94.8 | 98.0 | 99.4 | 1,817 |
| 4-5 | 96.7 | 42.8 | 1,301 | 98.9 | 94.3 | 97.8 | 98.8 | 1,295 |
| $6+$ | 98.5 | 40.6 | 1,148 | 99.2 | 94.4 | 98.8 | 98.9 | 1,147 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 96.7 | 37.0 | 3,589 | 99.1 | 96.2 | 98.0 | 98.4 | 3,566 |
| Rural | 98.3 | 47.9 | 1,783 | 99.3 | 91.3 | 98.1 | 99.5 | 1,778 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 95.6 | 37.8 | 57 | 99.3 | 96.6 | 97.4 | 99.7 | 57 |
| Kanifing | 95.6 | 35.1 | 990 | 99.0 | 97.1 | 98.3 | 99.1 | 980 |
| Brikama | 97.5 | 38.5 | 2,193 | 99.5 | 97.0 | 98.3 | 98.2 | 2,185 |
| Mansakonko | 98.4 | 48.2 | 228 | 99.6 | 89.3 | 97.7 | 99.1 | 227 |
| Kerewan | 99.2 | 55.5 | 610 | 99.0 | 96.3 | 98.1 | 98.8 | 609 |
| Kuntaur | 96.3 | 29.2 | 314 | 98.1 | 85.7 | 96.5 | 99.3 | 313 |
| Janjanbureh | 96.4 | 44.1 | 337 | 98.4 | 80.3 | 96.2 | 99.1 | 335 |
| Basse | 97.6 | 43.2 | 641 | 99.4 | 94.5 | 98.3 | 99.3 | 639 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 97.5 | 41.7 | 2,454 | 98.9 | 93.1 | 97.8 | 98.5 | 2,445 |
| Primary | 98.1 | 40.8 | 945 | 99.3 | 94.7 | 98.5 | 98.9 | 942 |
| Secondary or higher | 96.5 | 39.1 | 1,973 | 99.5 | 96.5 | 98.1 | 99.0 | 1,957 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 97.7 | 44.3 | 1,156 | 99.2 | 89.4 | 97.6 | 98.9 | 1,151 |
| Second | 97.0 | 45.3 | 1,126 | 99.3 | 94.7 | 97.8 | 98.8 | 1,119 |
| Middle | 97.6 | 36.0 | 1,126 | 99.2 | 95.7 | 98.4 | 99.2 | 1,123 |
| Fourth | 97.4 | 35.9 | 1,026 | 98.8 | 96.4 | 98.1 | 97.6 | 1,019 |
| Highest | 96.2 | 41.0 | 937 | 99.5 | 97.6 | 98.3 | 99.1 | 932 |
| Total | 97.2 | 40.6 | 5,372 | 99.2 | 94.6 | 98.0 | 98.7 | 5,345 |

Table 9.4 Tetanus toxoid injections
Among women age 15-49 with a live birth in the 5 years preceding the survey, percentage receiving two or more tetanus toxoid injections during the pregnancy for the most recent live birth and percentage whose most recent live birth was protected against neonatal tetanus, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Percentage receiving two or more injections during the pregnancy for the last live birth | Percentage whose most recent live birth was protected against neonatal tetanus ${ }^{1}$ | Number of mothers |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age at birth |  |  |  |
| <20 | 45.1 | 56.1 | 565 |
| 20-34 | 35.9 | 73.2 | 3,784 |
| 35-49 | 28.0 | 68.9 | 1,022 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |
| 1 | 51.0 | 54.9 | 1,096 |
| 2-3 | 34.3 | 76.4 | 1,826 |
| 4-5 | 32.8 | 75.7 | 1,301 |
| 6+ | 24.9 | 70.6 | 1,148 |
| Residence |  |  |  |
| Urban | 35.4 | 67.5 | 3,589 |
| Rural | 35.3 | 76.9 | 1,783 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 39.4 | 74.7 | 57 |
| Kanifing | 38.0 | 67.0 | 990 |
| Brikama | 34.4 | 66.0 | 2,193 |
| Mansakonko | 36.6 | 74.8 | 228 |
| Kerewan | 43.8 | 81.5 | 610 |
| Kuntaur | 31.4 | 75.2 | 314 |
| Janjanbureh | 26.1 | 68.7 | 337 |
| Basse | 32.5 | 78.6 | 641 |
| Education |  |  |  |
| No education | 32.0 | 73.1 | 2,454 |
| Primary | 39.4 | 72.7 | 945 |
| Secondary or higher | 37.7 | 66.5 | 1,973 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 33.5 | 75.6 | 1,156 |
| Second | 35.9 | 72.0 | 1,126 |
| Middle | 34.0 | 71.8 | 1,126 |
| Fourth | 34.9 | 68.2 | 1,026 |
| Highest | 39.3 | 64.1 | 937 |
| Total | 35.4 | 70.6 | 5,372 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes mothers with two injections during the pregnancy of their most recent live birth, or two or more injections (the last within 3 years of the most recent live birth), or three or more injections (the last within 5 years of the most recent live birth), or four or more injections (the last within 10 years of the most recent live birth), or five or more injections at any time prior to the most recent birth

Table 9.5 Place of delivery
Percent distribution of live births in the 5 years preceding the survey by place of delivery and percentage delivered in a health facility, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Health facility |  | Home | Other | Total | Percentage delivered in a health facility | Number of births |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Public sector | Private sector |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 82.0 | 4.6 | 11.2 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 86.7 | 824 |
| 20-34 | 74.7 | 8.7 | 15.5 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 83.4 | 5,614 |
| 35-49 | 77.3 | 5.4 | 16.1 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 82.8 | 1,215 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 83.1 | 9.4 | 6.0 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 92.5 | 1,634 |
| 2-3 | 73.2 | 10.8 | 14.6 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 84.1 | 2,717 |
| 4-5 | 74.0 | 5.7 | 19.7 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 79.7 | 1,794 |
| $6+$ | 75.2 | 2.9 | 20.7 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 78.2 | 1,508 |
| Antenatal care visits ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | (67.6) | (13.4) | (17.0) | (2.0) | (100.0) | (81.0) | 27 |
| 1-3 | 76.1 | 3.5 | 19.1 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 79.7 | 1,094 |
| 4-7 | 78.2 | 8.6 | 12.1 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 86.8 | 3,992 |
| $8+$ | 68.3 | 23.3 | 6.0 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 91.6 | 224 |
| Don't know | 56.4 | 5.1 | 35.6 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 61.5 | 34 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 77.7 | 10.6 | 10.8 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 88.3 | 5,008 |
| Rural | 72.5 | 2.5 | 23.4 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 75.0 | 2,645 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 89.2 | 4.6 | 5.3 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 93.8 | 74 |
| Kanifing | 70.3 | 20.4 | 8.0 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 90.7 | 1,313 |
| Brikama | 78.3 | 9.0 | 12.0 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 87.3 | 3,114 |
| Mansakonko | 68.1 | 1.9 | 28.5 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 70.0 | 335 |
| Kerewan | 88.9 | 1.2 | 8.7 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 90.1 | 925 |
| Kuntaur | 62.1 | 0.4 | 34.3 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 62.6 | 476 |
| Janjanbureh | 71.5 | 3.8 | 23.9 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 75.3 | 483 |
| Basse | 74.0 | 0.7 | 23.8 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 74.7 | 934 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 74.7 | 3.5 | 20.3 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 78.2 | 3,543 |
| Primary | 76.7 | 5.1 | 16.8 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 81.8 | 1,381 |
| Secondary or higher | 77.1 | 14.6 | 7.7 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 91.7 | 2,729 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 69.5 | 1.8 | 26.8 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 71.3 | 1,731 |
| Second | 77.8 | 2.6 | 18.3 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 80.4 | 1,622 |
| Middle | 80.5 | 4.2 | 14.5 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 84.7 | 1,602 |
| Fourth | 82.8 | 7.5 | 8.5 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 90.3 | 1,406 |
| Highest | 68.9 | 27.0 | 3.7 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 95.9 | 1,293 |
| Total | 75.9 | 7.8 | 15.2 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 83.7 | 7,653 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.
Includes only the most recent birth in the 5 years preceding the survey

Table 9.6 Assistance during delivery
Percent distribution of live births in the 5 years preceding the survey by person providing assistance during delivery, percentage of births assisted by a skilled provider, and percentage with skin-to-skin contact immediately after birth, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Person providing assistance during delivery |  |  |  |  |  |  | Percentage delivered by a skilled provider ${ }^{1}$ | Percentage with skin-toskin contact immediately after birth | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number of } \\ \text { births } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Doctor | Nurse/ midwife | Auxiliary nurse/ community nurse attendant | Community birth companion | Relative/ other | No one | Total |  |  |  |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 11.5 | 74.7 | 2.1 | 4.9 | 5.9 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 86.2 | 28.8 | 824 |
| 20-34 | 11.1 | 72.7 | 0.7 | 6.6 | 5.8 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 83.8 | 31.5 | 5,614 |
| 35-49 | 9.6 | 73.0 | 0.8 | 8.5 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 100.0 | 82.6 | 28.0 | 1,215 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 15.6 | 76.9 | 0.8 | 2.4 | 3.6 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 92.4 | 31.9 | 1,634 |
| 2-3 | 11.5 | 72.8 | 1.1 | 5.5 | 6.4 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 84.3 | 32.4 | 2,717 |
| 4-5 | 9.1 | 70.6 | 0.7 | 8.6 | 6.6 | 4.5 | 100.0 | 79.7 | 30.3 | 1,794 |
| 6+ | 6.9 | 71.7 | 0.8 | 11.4 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 100.0 | 78.6 | 26.4 | 1,508 |
| Antenatal care visits ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| None | (24.9) | (52.8) | (0.0) | (1.1) | (8.6) | (12.6) | (100.0) | (77.8) | (27.3) | 27 |
| 1-3 | 8.4 | 72.0 | 0.6 | 6.5 | 7.8 | 4.7 | 100.0 | 80.4 | 28.7 | 1,094 |
| 4-7 | 13.0 | 73.8 | 0.9 | 5.3 | 4.3 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 86.9 | 31.2 | 3,992 |
| $8+$ | 19.0 | 72.2 | 1.3 | 2.6 | 1.3 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 91.3 | 38.6 | 224 |
| Don't know | 4.2 | 62.0 | 5.0 | 10.0 | 5.2 | 13.6 | 100.0 | 66.2 | 26.6 | 34 |
| Place of delivery |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health facility | 12.8 | 85.6 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 98.4 | 34.1 | 6,404 |
| Public facility | 11.3 | 87.0 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 98.3 | 34.2 | 5,810 |
| Private facility | 27.4 | 71.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 99.3 | 33.6 | 594 |
| Elsewhere | 1.1 | 8.3 | 1.6 | 40.3 | 33.3 | 15.5 | 100.0 | 9.4 | 12.7 | 1,249 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 12.5 | 75.8 | 0.6 | 3.5 | 4.6 | 3.0 | 100.0 | 88.3 | 29.7 | 5,008 |
| Rural | 7.9 | 67.5 | 1.4 | 12.8 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 75.4 | 32.5 | 2,645 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 33.2 | 61.7 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 1.5 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 94.9 | 28.1 | 74 |
| Kanifing | 16.2 | 73.9 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 100.0 | 90.1 | 31.0 | 1,313 |
| Brikama | 11.0 | 76.6 | 0.6 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 87.6 | 28.9 | 3,114 |
| Mansakonko | 11.6 | 59.1 | 0.0 | 17.2 | 6.9 | 5.2 | 100.0 | 70.7 | 35.8 | 335 |
| Kerewan | 10.0 | 82.0 | 0.4 | 4.2 | 2.2 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 92.1 | 48.1 | 925 |
| Kuntaur | 8.9 | 52.9 | 2.7 | 16.7 | 14.2 | 4.7 | 100.0 | 61.8 | 37.3 | 476 |
| Janjanbureh | 11.8 | 61.8 | 1.1 | 10.3 | 10.3 | 4.8 | 100.0 | 73.6 | 19.5 | 483 |
| Basse | 2.4 | 72.4 | 1.6 | 13.9 | 6.4 | 3.2 | 100.0 | 74.8 | 19.2 | 934 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 7.9 | 70.6 | 1.1 | 9.4 | 7.0 | 4.0 | 100.0 | 78.5 | 30.0 | 3,543 |
| Primary | 10.2 | 72.5 | 0.7 | 7.5 | 6.1 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 82.6 | 30.0 | 1,381 |
| Secondary or higher | 15.2 | 76.2 | 0.7 | 2.9 | 3.3 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 91.4 | 31.7 | 2,729 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 7.9 | 63.7 | 1.3 | 14.3 | 8.7 | 4.0 | 100.0 | 71.6 | 30.7 | 1,731 |
| Second | 7.2 | 73.1 | 1.7 | 7.7 | 8.0 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 80.3 | 27.7 | 1,622 |
| Middle | 8.4 | 76.6 | 0.4 | 5.7 | 5.1 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 85.0 | 31.9 | 1,602 |
| Fourth | 12.8 | 77.6 | 0.7 | 2.2 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 90.4 | 29.3 | 1,406 |
| Highest | 20.6 | 75.6 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 96.1 | 34.1 | 1,293 |
| Total | 10.9 | 72.9 | 0.9 | 6.7 | 5.5 | 3.0 | 100.0 | 83.8 | 30.6 | 7,653 |

Note: If the respondent mentioned more than one person attending during delivery, only the most qualified person is considered in this tabulation. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.
${ }^{1}$ Skilled provider includes doctor, nurse, and midwife.
${ }^{2}$ Includes only the most recent birth in the 5 years preceding the survey

Table 9.7 Caesarean section
Percentage of live births in the 5 years preceding the survey delivered by caesarean section (C-section), percentage delivered by C-section planned before the onset of labour pains, and percentage delivered by C -section decided on after the onset of labour pains, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Percentage delivered by C-section | Timing of decision to conduct C-section |  | Number of births |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Before onset of labour pains | After onset of labour pains |  |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 2.5 | 0.4 | 2.1 | 824 |
| 20-34 | 3.8 | 1.2 | 2.7 | 5,614 |
| 35-49 | 4.0 | 1.1 | 2.9 | 1,215 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 6.1 | 1.7 | 4.4 | 1,634 |
| 2-3 | 3.3 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 2,717 |
| 4-5 | 3.5 | 0.9 | 2.7 | 1,794 |
| $6+$ | 1.9 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 1,508 |
| Antenatal care visits ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |
| None | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | 27 |
| 1-3 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 1.4 | 1,094 |
| 4-7 | 4.6 | 1.3 | 3.3 | 3,992 |
| $8+$ | 8.2 | 4.8 | 3.4 | 224 |
| Don't know | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 34 |
| Place of delivery |  |  |  |  |
| Health facility | 4.4 | 1.3 | 3.1 | 6,404 |
| Public facility | 4.0 | 0.8 | 3.2 | 5,810 |
| Private facility | 8.3 | 5.4 | 3.0 | 594 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 4.8 | 1.4 | 3.4 | 5,008 |
| Rural | 1.6 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 2,645 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 11.3 | 3.1 | 8.1 | 74 |
| Kanifing | 7.0 | 2.3 | 4.6 | 1,313 |
| Brikama | 4.2 | 1.2 | 3.0 | 3,114 |
| Mansakonko | 1.8 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 335 |
| Kerewan | 1.6 | 0.4 | 1.3 | 925 |
| Kuntaur | 1.3 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 476 |
| Janjanbureh | 1.7 | 0.3 | 1.4 | 483 |
| Basse | 1.8 | 0.2 | 1.6 | 934 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 1.9 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 3,543 |
| Primary | 3.4 | 0.6 | 2.8 | 1,381 |
| Secondary or higher | 6.2 | 2.4 | 3.8 | 2,729 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 1.2 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 1,731 |
| Second | 2.4 | 0.6 | 1.8 | 1,622 |
| Middle | 3.0 | 0.7 | 2.2 | 1,602 |
| Fourth | 3.8 | 0.7 | 3.1 | 1,406 |
| Highest | 9.4 | 3.7 | 5.7 | 1,293 |
| Total | 3.7 | 1.1 | 2.6 | 7,653 |

Note: The question on C-section was asked only of women who delivered in a health facility. In this table, it is assumed that women who did not give birth in a health facility did not receive a C-section.
Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.
${ }^{1}$ Includes only the most recent birth in the 5 years preceding the survey

Table 9.8 Duration of stay in health facility after birth
Among women with a birth in the 5 years preceding the survey who delivered their most recent live birth in a health facility, percent distribution by duration of stay in the health facility following their most recent live birth, according to type of delivery, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Type of delivery | $<6$ hours | $6-11$ hours | $12-23$ hours | $1-2$ days | 3+ days | Don't know/ <br> missing | Total | Number of <br> women |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| Vaginal birth | 23.3 | 27.8 | 19.6 | 24.1 | 4.7 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 4,359 |
| Caesarean section | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 12.1 | 86.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 221 |
| Missing | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 4 |

Table 9.9 Timing of first postnatal check for the mother
Among women age 15-49 giving birth in the 2 years preceding the survey, percent distribution of the mother's first postnatal check for the most recent live birth by time after delivery, and percentage of women with a live birth in the 2 years preceding the survey who received a postnatal check during the first 2 days after giving birth, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Time after delivery of mother's first postnatal check ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  | No postnatal check ${ }^{2}$ | Total | Percentage of women with a postnatal check during the first 2 days after birth ${ }^{1}$ | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Less than 4 hours | 4-23 hours | 1-2 days | 3-6 days | 7-41 days | $\begin{gathered} \text { Don’t know/ } \\ \text { missing } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 73.7 | 10.3 | 2.3 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 4.4 | 7.8 | 100.0 | 86.3 | 333 |
| 20-34 | 78.1 | 8.4 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 3.0 | 8.2 | 100.0 | 87.6 | 2,269 |
| 35-49 | 82.7 | 6.2 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 2.5 | 7.0 | 100.0 | 90.0 | 527 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 76.6 | 9.4 | 1.6 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 5.0 | 6.6 | 100.0 | 87.5 | 668 |
| 2-3 | 78.6 | 9.7 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 2.9 | 6.9 | 100.0 | 89.3 | 1,113 |
| 4-5 | 79.3 | 6.2 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 10.1 | 100.0 | 86.4 | 752 |
| $6+$ | 79.0 | 7.0 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 2.8 | 8.9 | 100.0 | 87.3 | 596 |
| Place of delivery |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health facility | 83.3 | 7.7 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 3.5 | 4.4 | 100.0 | 91.8 | 2,712 |
| Elsewhere | 46.3 | 11.7 | 4.3 | 2.3 | 3.8 | 0.2 | 31.3 | 100.0 | 62.3 | 417 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 80.8 | 7.7 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 2.6 | 7.5 | 100.0 | 89.1 | 2,022 |
| Rural | 74.1 | 9.3 | 2.2 | 0.4 | 1.3 | 3.8 | 8.8 | 100.0 | 85.6 | 1,108 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 80.2 | 7.3 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 7.7 | 100.0 | 88.1 | 26 |
| Kanifing | 74.7 | 12.4 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 4.3 | 6.3 | 100.0 | 88.3 | 535 |
| Brikama | 84.1 | 5.9 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 7.6 | 100.0 | 90.4 | 1,243 |
| Mansakonko | 73.8 | 8.6 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 9.2 | 100.0 | 82.9 | 138 |
| Kerewan | 83.2 | 6.0 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 4.9 | 4.4 | 100.0 | 90.5 | 387 |
| Kuntaur | 67.1 | 10.1 | 3.3 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 3.6 | 15.2 | 100.0 | 80.5 | 196 |
| Janjanbureh | 68.4 | 13.0 | 2.1 | 0.2 | 1.6 | 2.9 | 11.9 | 100.0 | 83.5 | 200 |
| Basse | 73.1 | 8.9 | 2.4 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 3.7 | 9.0 | 100.0 | 84.4 | 403 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 78.1 | 6.9 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 3.2 | 9.1 | 100.0 | 86.1 | 1,391 |
| Primary | 72.2 | 10.1 | 1.8 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 4.2 | 10.2 | 100.0 | 84.2 | 594 |
| Secondary or higher | 82.0 | 9.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 2.2 | 5.5 | 100.0 | 91.9 | 1,145 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 71.4 | 9.7 | 1.9 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 3.8 | 11.2 | 100.0 | 83.0 | 704 |
| Second | 78.5 | 7.6 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 2.5 | 8.5 | 100.0 | 87.5 | 666 |
| Middle | 80.6 | 6.8 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 2.1 | 8.5 | 100.0 | 88.7 | 663 |
| Fourth | 79.5 | 10.0 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 3.1 | 5.6 | 100.0 | 90.1 | 572 |
| Highest | 83.7 | 7.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.7 | 5.0 | 100.0 | 91.3 | 525 |
| Total | 78.4 | 8.3 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 3.0 | 8.0 | 100.0 | 87.9 | 3,129 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes women who received a check from a doctor, midwife, nurse, auxiliary nurse, community nurse attendant, community birth companion, or village health worker
${ }^{2}$ Includes women who received a check after 41 days

Table 9.10 Type of provider of first postnatal check for the mother
Among women age 15-49 giving birth in the 2 years preceding the survey, percent distribution by type of provider for the mother's first postnatal health check during the 2 days after the last live birth, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Type of health provider of mother's first postnatal check |  |  |  | No postnatal check during the first 2 days after birth | Total | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Doctor/nurse/ midwife | Auxiliary nurse/ community nurse attendant | Community birth companion | Village health worker |  |  |  |
| Age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 84.2 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 13.7 | 100.0 | 333 |
| 20-34 | 85.7 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 12.4 | 100.0 | 2,269 |
| 35-49 | 88.6 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 10.0 | 100.0 | 527 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 86.2 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 12.5 | 100.0 | 668 |
| 2-3 | 87.7 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 10.7 | 100.0 | 1,113 |
| 4-5 | 84.2 | 0.3 | 1.6 | 0.3 | 13.6 | 100.0 | 752 |
| $6+$ | 85.0 | 0.5 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 12.7 | 100.0 | 596 |
| Place of delivery |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health facility | 91.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 8.2 | 100.0 | 2,712 |
| Elsewhere | 52.6 | 0.8 | 8.7 | 0.2 | 37.7 | 100.0 | 417 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 88.3 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 10.9 | 100.0 | 2,022 |
| Rural | 82.0 | 1.1 | 2.4 | 0.1 | 14.4 | 100.0 | 1,108 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 88.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11.9 | 100.0 | 26 |
| Kanifing | 88.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11.7 | 100.0 | 535 |
| Brikama | 89.1 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 9.6 | 100.0 | 1,243 |
| Mansakonko | 78.1 | 0.0 | 4.8 | 0.0 | 17.1 | 100.0 | 138 |
| Kerewan | 89.5 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 9.5 | 100.0 | 387 |
| Kuntaur | 72.4 | 2.6 | 5.1 | 0.4 | 19.5 | 100.0 | 196 |
| Janjanbureh | 79.7 | 1.5 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 16.5 | 100.0 | 200 |
| Basse | 82.8 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 15.6 | 100.0 | 403 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 83.6 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 13.9 | 100.0 | 1,391 |
| Primary | 82.3 | 0.2 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 15.8 | 100.0 | 594 |
| Secondary or higher | 90.9 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 8.1 | 100.0 | 1,145 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 78.7 | 0.9 | 3.3 | 0.1 | 17.0 | 100.0 | 704 |
| Second | 86.1 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 12.5 | 100.0 | 666 |
| Middle | 86.8 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 11.3 | 100.0 | 663 |
| Fourth | 90.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.9 | 100.0 | 572 |
| Highest | 90.6 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 8.7 | 100.0 | 525 |
| Total | 86.0 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 12.1 | 100.0 | 3,129 |

Table 9.11 Timing of first postnatal check for the newborn
Percent distribution of most recent live births in the 2 years preceding the survey by time after birth of first postnatal check, and percentage of births with a postnatal check during the first 2 days after birth, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Time after delivery of newborn's first postnatal check ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  | No postnatal check ${ }^{2}$ | Total | Percentage of births with a postnatal check during the first 2 days after birth ${ }^{1}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number of } \\ \text { births } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Less than 1 hour | 1-3 hours | 4-23 hours | 1-2 days | 3-6 days | Don't know |  |  |  |  |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 51.2 | 25.8 | 4.0 | 2.8 | 0.8 | 4.4 | 11.1 | 100.0 | 83.7 | 333 |
| 20-34 | 52.4 | 23.6 | 5.3 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 3.5 | 12.1 | 100.0 | 83.1 | 2,269 |
| 35-49 | 55.4 | 22.7 | 4.9 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 3.7 | 11.2 | 100.0 | 84.4 | 527 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 55.2 | 22.0 | 4.2 | 2.9 | 0.7 | 5.0 | 10.2 | 100.0 | 84.2 | 668 |
| 2-3 | 53.8 | 24.3 | 5.2 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 3.5 | 11.0 | 100.0 | 84.5 | 1,113 |
| 4-5 | 50.9 | 24.4 | 4.5 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.7 | 13.6 | 100.0 | 81.8 | 752 |
| $6+$ | 50.5 | 23.5 | 6.7 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 3.7 | 12.9 | 100.0 | 82.5 | 596 |
| Place of delivery |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health facility | 59.1 | 23.8 | 4.3 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 4.1 | 7.0 | 100.0 | 88.3 | 2,712 |
| Elsewhere | 11.9 | 22.6 | 10.6 | 6.6 | 4.2 | 1.0 | 43.1 | 100.0 | 51.7 | 417 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 57.0 | 21.7 | 4.1 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 3.3 | 11.2 | 100.0 | 84.1 | 2,022 |
| Rural | 45.0 | 27.3 | 7.0 | 2.8 | 0.7 | 4.3 | 13.0 | 100.0 | 82.0 | 1,108 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 40.8 | 33.8 | 1.9 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 3.4 | 18.9 | 100.0 | 76.9 | 26 |
| Kanifing | 48.4 | 26.2 | 6.8 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 4.4 | 10.0 | 100.0 | 83.5 | 535 |
| Brikama | 61.6 | 19.9 | 2.9 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 2.7 | 11.3 | 100.0 | 85.4 | 1,243 |
| Mansakonko | 51.6 | 20.7 | 6.1 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 3.0 | 16.0 | 100.0 | 80.1 | 138 |
| Kerewan | 48.9 | 34.7 | 3.9 | 1.6 | 0.4 | 4.1 | 6.4 | 100.0 | 89.0 | 387 |
| Kuntaur | 48.5 | 15.3 | 7.3 | 3.4 | 0.5 | 4.3 | 20.8 | 100.0 | 74.4 | 196 |
| Janjanbureh | 28.8 | 36.7 | 10.6 | 3.2 | 0.9 | 4.1 | 15.6 | 100.0 | 79.3 | 200 |
| Basse | 50.2 | 19.4 | 6.6 | 3.5 | 2.5 | 4.9 | 12.8 | 100.0 | 79.7 | 403 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 48.6 | 26.4 | 5.0 | 2.0 | 1.2 | 3.3 | 13.5 | 100.0 | 82.0 | 1,391 |
| Primary | 51.3 | 23.4 | 5.5 | 2.1 | 0.9 | 4.3 | 12.6 | 100.0 | 82.3 | 594 |
| Secondary or higher | 58.6 | 20.5 | 5.0 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 3.8 | 9.3 | 100.0 | 85.7 | 1,145 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 44.8 | 24.5 | 7.7 | 2.4 | 0.8 | 3.6 | 16.3 | 100.0 | 79.3 | 704 |
| Second | 46.9 | 29.4 | 4.5 | 2.4 | 1.9 | 3.6 | 11.4 | 100.0 | 83.1 | 666 |
| Middle | 54.8 | 25.5 | 3.3 | 1.6 | 0.8 | 3.0 | 11.0 | 100.0 | 85.2 | 663 |
| Fourth | 56.4 | 18.7 | 5.2 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 4.6 | 11.4 | 100.0 | 82.0 | 572 |
| Highest | 64.4 | 18.4 | 4.6 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 3.6 | 7.8 | 100.0 | 88.4 | 525 |
| Total | 52.8 | 23.7 | 5.1 | 1.9 | 1.1 | 3.7 | 11.8 | 100.0 | 83.4 | 3,129 |

[^13]Table 9.12 Type of provider of first postnatal check for the newborn
Percent distribution of most recent live births in the 2 years preceding the survey by type of provider for the newborn's first postnatal health check during the 2 days after birth, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Type of health provider of newborn's first postnatal check |  |  |  | No postnatal check during the first 2 days after birth | Total | Number of births |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Doctor/nurse/ } \\ \text { midwife } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Auxiliary nurse/ community nurse attendant | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Community } \\ & \text { birth } \\ & \text { companion } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Village health worker |  |  |  |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 82.1 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 16.3 | 100.0 | 333 |
| 20-34 | 81.5 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 16.9 | 100.0 | 2,269 |
| 35-49 | 82.4 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 15.6 | 100.0 | 527 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 82.8 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 15.8 | 100.0 | 668 |
| 2-3 | 82.7 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 15.5 | 100.0 | 1,113 |
| 4-5 | 80.0 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 18.2 | 100.0 | 752 |
| 6+ | 80.7 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 17.5 | 100.0 | 596 |
| Place of delivery |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health facility | 87.6 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 11.7 | 100.0 | 2,712 |
| Elsewhere | 43.2 | 0.5 | 8.0 | 0.0 | 48.3 | 100.0 | 417 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 82.9 | 0.1 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 15.9 | 100.0 | 2,022 |
| Rural | 79.5 | 0.7 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 18.0 | 100.0 | 1,108 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 76.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 23.1 | 100.0 | 26 |
| Kanifing | 83.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 16.5 | 100.0 | 535 |
| Brikama | 83.7 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 14.6 | 100.0 | 1,243 |
| Mansakonko | 74.9 | 0.0 | 5.1 | 0.0 | 19.9 | 100.0 | 138 |
| Kerewan | 87.9 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 11.0 | 100.0 | 387 |
| Kuntaur | 70.3 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 25.6 | 100.0 | 196 |
| Janjanbureh | 76.0 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 20.7 | 100.0 | 200 |
| Basse | 78.4 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 20.3 | 100.0 | 403 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 80.0 | 0.4 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 18.0 | 100.0 | 1,391 |
| Primary | 80.1 | 0.3 | 1.6 | 0.4 | 17.7 | 100.0 | 594 |
| Secondary or higher | 84.6 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 14.3 | 100.0 | 1,145 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 76.2 | 0.7 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 20.7 | 100.0 | 704 |
| Second | 81.6 | 0.2 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 16.9 | 100.0 | 666 |
| Middle | 83.4 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 14.8 | 100.0 | 663 |
| Fourth | 81.1 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 18.0 | 100.0 | 572 |
| Highest | 87.7 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 11.6 | 100.0 | 525 |
| Total | 81.7 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 16.6 | 100.0 | 3,129 |

Table 9.13 Content of postnatal care for newborns
Among most recent live births in the 2 years preceding the survey, percentage for whom selected functions were performed during the first 2 days after birth and percentage with at least two signal functions performed during the first 2 days after birth, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Among most recent live births in the 2 years preceding the survey, percentage for whom the selected function was performed during the first 2 days after the birth: |  |  |  |  |  | Percentage with at least two signal functions performed during the first 2 days after birth | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number of } \\ \text { births } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cord examined | Temperature measured | Counselling on danger signs | Counselling on breastfeeding | Observation of breastfeeding | Weighed ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 67.8 | 67.9 | 49.5 | 52.0 | 47.7 | 84.6 | 75.5 | 333 |
| 20-34 | 68.2 | 66.1 | 49.4 | 49.7 | 43.4 | 85.2 | 72.6 | 2,269 |
| 35-49 | 70.9 | 66.8 | 47.6 | 48.6 | 40.6 | 84.8 | 73.1 | 527 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 69.5 | 69.3 | 55.8 | 59.8 | 52.5 | 88.8 | 78.2 | 668 |
| 2-3 | 67.4 | 65.5 | 45.9 | 45.7 | 40.6 | 85.9 | 70.9 | 1,113 |
| 4-5 | 67.3 | 63.5 | 47.9 | 46.9 | 39.5 | 84.2 | 69.9 | 752 |
| 6+ | 71.5 | 68.7 | 49.1 | 49.8 | 43.2 | 80.5 | 74.9 | 596 |
| Place of delivery |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health facility | 69.3 | 67.8 | 50.7 | 51.4 | 44.8 | 91.3 | 74.5 | 2,712 |
| Elsewhere | 63.7 | 57.3 | 38.8 | 39.1 | 33.8 | 44.6 | 63.4 | 417 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 65.3 | 64.2 | 46.8 | 44.9 | 36.9 | 88.0 | 69.8 | 2,022 |
| Rural | 74.7 | 70.4 | 53.4 | 58.6 | 55.2 | 79.8 | 78.7 | 1,108 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 58.4 | 60.9 | 53.5 | 44.6 | 41.0 | 90.0 | 71.1 | 26 |
| Kanifing | 69.5 | 71.3 | 48.0 | 51.2 | 39.6 | 90.1 | 74.8 | 535 |
| Brikama | 63.2 | 61.0 | 47.4 | 41.8 | 34.6 | 89.3 | 67.0 | 1,243 |
| Mansakonko | 75.1 | 71.7 | 57.0 | 55.0 | 51.5 | 71.5 | 82.6 | 138 |
| Kerewan | 72.1 | 72.8 | 53.1 | 62.3 | 61.1 | 89.1 | 77.2 | 387 |
| Kuntaur | 61.3 | 56.9 | 48.5 | 52.8 | 49.2 | 66.8 | 65.2 | 196 |
| Janjanbureh | 85.8 | 68.9 | 38.0 | 53.5 | 45.1 | 77.7 | 86.9 | 200 |
| Basse | 74.2 | 72.6 | 54.9 | 55.8 | 51.9 | 78.3 | 78.6 | 403 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 69.3 | 65.6 | 47.3 | 47.8 | 43.2 | 79.5 | 71.9 | 1,391 |
| Primary | 68.3 | 66.7 | 51.6 | 51.2 | 44.3 | 85.7 | 74.1 | 594 |
| Secondary or higher | 68.0 | 67.2 | 50.0 | 51.4 | 43.1 | 91.6 | 73.7 | 1,145 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 72.3 | 67.0 | 49.5 | 53.4 | 49.6 | 74.8 | 75.9 | 704 |
| Second | 60.2 | 60.2 | 45.5 | 45.0 | 43.0 | 83.5 | 66.1 | 666 |
| Middle | 68.7 | 65.6 | 46.3 | 48.8 | 43.7 | 85.8 | 72.0 | 663 |
| Fourth | 72.5 | 68.6 | 51.2 | 47.7 | 36.0 | 89.7 | 74.9 | 572 |
| Highest | 69.9 | 72.3 | 54.4 | 54.5 | 43.1 | 94.9 | 76.9 | 525 |
| Total | 68.6 | 66.4 | 49.1 | 49.8 | 43.4 | 85.1 | 73.0 | 3,129 |

${ }^{1}$ Captures newborns who were weighed "at birth." May exclude some newborns who were weighed during the 2 days after birth.

Table 9.14 Problems in accessing health care
Percentage of women age 15-49 who reported that they have serious problems in accessing health care for themselves when they are sick, by type of problem, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Problems in accessing health care |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Getting permission to go to the doctor | Getting money for advice or treatment | Distance to health facility | Not wanting to go alone | At least one problem accessing health care | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 6.1 | 28.2 | 26.8 | 22.8 | 47.9 | 2,633 |
| 20-34 | 4.3 | 24.1 | 24.0 | 11.9 | 39.9 | 6,049 |
| 35-49 | 4.2 | 31.8 | 27.2 | 11.5 | 43.9 | 3,184 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 5.9 | 24.9 | 25.0 | 20.0 | 44.7 | 4,401 |
| 1-2 | 4.2 | 24.4 | 23.1 | 10.7 | 38.5 | 2,841 |
| 3-4 | 3.9 | 26.1 | 23.6 | 10.0 | 39.0 | 2,303 |
| 5+ | 3.8 | 35.4 | 31.4 | 11.7 | 47.9 | 2,320 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 7.0 | 27.7 | 25.3 | 20.6 | 47.0 | 3,704 |
| Married or living together | 3.6 | 26.2 | 25.5 | 11.3 | 40.4 | 7,526 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 3.9 | 33.4 | 26.9 | 10.9 | 45.2 | 635 |
| Employed last 12 months |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not employed | 5.0 | 24.1 | 25.8 | 16.5 | 43.1 | 4,752 |
| Employed for cash | 4.3 | 28.7 | 24.7 | 11.4 | 41.9 | 5,648 |
| Employed not for cash | 5.3 | 30.5 | 27.6 | 17.7 | 44.9 | 1,464 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 5.1 | 23.2 | 20.0 | 13.0 | 38.1 | 8,747 |
| Rural | 3.7 | 37.9 | 40.9 | 17.7 | 55.7 | 3,118 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 3.9 | 15.8 | 7.1 | 8.8 | 26.0 | 163 |
| Kanifing | 4.3 | 20.4 | 14.2 | 9.7 | 31.3 | 2,590 |
| Brikama | 6.0 | 25.4 | 24.5 | 16.5 | 43.7 | 5,299 |
| Mansakonko | 4.5 | 37.8 | 42.7 | 22.1 | 58.1 | 431 |
| Kerewan | 2.2 | 28.6 | 28.0 | 12.2 | 40.9 | 1,129 |
| Kuntaur | 2.8 | 34.6 | 46.2 | 20.7 | 60.1 | 522 |
| Janjanbureh | 7.9 | 41.6 | 47.3 | 18.0 | 61.4 | 595 |
| Basse | 1.5 | 35.1 | 28.5 | 8.4 | 45.0 | 1,137 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 4.4 | 33.6 | 29.9 | 12.5 | 47.2 | 4,119 |
| Primary | 4.3 | 29.0 | 26.7 | 14.6 | 45.0 | 1,854 |
| Secondary or higher | 5.0 | 21.9 | 22.0 | 15.3 | 38.9 | 5,892 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 5.0 | 45.6 | 47.9 | 20.5 | 64.4 | 1,998 |
| Second | 4.9 | 35.2 | 27.2 | 14.6 | 49.7 | 2,135 |
| Middle | 4.7 | 28.2 | 21.4 | 12.8 | 42.3 | 2,292 |
| Fourth | 5.1 | 20.8 | 21.4 | 13.6 | 37.3 | 2,591 |
| Highest | 4.0 | 12.6 | 15.5 | 11.1 | 27.6 | 2,849 |
| Total | 4.7 | 27.1 | 25.5 | 14.2 | 42.7 | 11,865 |

## Table 9.15 Knowledge of fistula

Percentage of women age 15-49 who have heard of fistula symptoms, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Percentage of women who have ever heard of fistula | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age |  |  |
| 15-19 | 6.1 | 2,633 |
| 20-24 | 10.6 | 2,181 |
| 25-29 | 14.1 | 2,248 |
| 30-34 | 17.2 | 1,619 |
| 35-39 | 16.3 | 1,438 |
| 40-44 | 15.6 | 1,028 |
| 45-49 | 20.1 | 718 |
| Marital status |  |  |
| Never married | 8.5 | 3,704 |
| Married or living together | 14.9 | 7,526 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 13.8 | 635 |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 13.1 | 8,747 |
| Rural | 12.3 | 3,118 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |
| Banjul | 15.0 | 163 |
| Kanifing | 14.5 | 2,590 |
| Brikama | 12.9 | 5,299 |
| Mansakonko | 15.7 | 431 |
| Kerewan | 10.6 | 1,129 |
| Kuntaur | 16.6 | 522 |
| Janjanbureh | 7.7 | 595 |
| Basse | 10.8 | 1,137 |
| Education |  |  |
| No education | 11.8 | 4,119 |
| Primary | 12.2 | 1,854 |
| Secondary or higher | 13.8 | 5,892 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |
| Lowest | 11.5 | 1,998 |
| Second | 11.0 | 2,135 |
| Middle | 11.6 | 2,292 |
| Fourth | 11.8 | 2,591 |
| Highest | 17.1 | 2,849 |
| Total | 12.9 | 11,865 |

Table 9.16 Perception of community treatment of women with fistula
Among women age 15-49 who have heard of fistula symptoms, percentage who believe that women with fistula symptoms face poor treatment by the community, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Treatment | Percentage of <br> women |
| :--- | :---: |
| Divorce/separation from |  |
| husband/partner | 9.3 |
| Abandoned by family/friends | 16.2 |
| Excluded from community | 14.7 |
| events | 9.1 |
| Won't share meals | 1.7 |
| Won't buy from her | 17.6 |
| shop/business | 32.3 |
| Lose respect for her | 3.2 |
| Talk badly about her | 41.9 |
| Other | 58.1 |
| Don't know | 1,525 |
| At least one kind of poor |  |
| treatment |  |
| Number of women |  |

## CHILD HEALTH

## Key Findings

- Vaccinations: $85 \%$ of children age 12-23 months received all basic vaccinations by the time of the survey, and $77 \%$ received all age-appropriate vaccinations.
- Symptoms of acute respiratory infection (ARI): 5\% of children under age 5 had symptoms of ARI in the 2 weeks before the survey. Advice or treatment was sought for $70 \%$ of children with symptoms of ARI.
- Fever: Advice or treatment was sought for $64 \%$ of children under age 5 who had a fever in the 2 weeks before the survey.
- Diarrhoea: 19\% of children under age 5 had diarrhoea in the 2 weeks before the survey, and advice or treatment was sought for $62 \%$ of these children. Seventy-one percent of children with diarrhoea received oral rehydration therapy (ORT), while $13 \%$ received no treatment.

Information on child health and survival can help policymakers and programme managers assess the efficacy of current strategies, formulate appropriate interventions to prevent deaths from childhood illnesses, and improve the health of children in The Gambia.

This chapter presents information on birth weight and vaccination status for young children. In addition, it looks at the prevalence of, and treatment practices for, three common childhood illnesses: symptoms of acute respiratory infection (ARI), fever, and diarrhoea. Because appropriate sanitary practices can help prevent and reduce the severity of diarrhoeal disease, information is also provided on the disposal of children's faecal matter.

### 10.1 Birth Weight

## Low birth weight

Percentage of births with a reported birth weight below 2.5 kilogrammes (kg) regardless of gestational age.
Sample: Live births in the 5 years before the survey that have a reported birth weight, from either a written record or a mother's report

Low birth weight is closely associated with infant morbidity and mortality. In this survey, information on birth weight for births in the 5 years preceding the survey was collected through either a written record or the mother's report. In addition, mothers were asked to approximate the size of their baby at birth. Although these estimates are subjective, they can be a useful proxy for birth weight.

Information on birth weight was reported for $77 \%$ of births. Among infants with a reported birth weight, $10 \%$ weighed less than 2.5 kg at birth. According to mothers' reports, $5 \%$ of infants were very small, $10 \%$ were smaller than average, and $84 \%$ were average or larger (Table 10.1).

Trends: The percentage of live births in the 5 years preceding the survey with a reported birth weight increased between 2013 and 2019-20, from $59 \%$ to $77 \%$. Over the same period, the proportion of low weight births decreased slightly from $12 \%$ to $10 \%$.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The percentage of children with a low birth weight is higher among those born to mothers under age $20(14 \%)$ than among those born to mothers age 20-34 (9\%) and mothers age 35-49 (10\%).
- Low birth weights are more common among first-order births (14\%) than subsequent births (8\%-10\%).
- By LGA, the percentage of infants with a low birth weight ranges from a high of $11 \%$ in Banjul, Brikama, and Mansakonko to a low of $7 \%$ in Kerewan and Kuntaur. However, Banjul had the highest percentage of reported birth weights ( $86 \%$ ), while Kuntaur had the lowest percentage (54\%).


### 10.2 Vaccination of Children

Vaccines are one of the most cost-effective public health interventions, and vaccination coverage is one of the indicators used to monitor progress toward reductions in child morbidity and mortality. The Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI) is one of the frontline public health intervention programmes under the Directorate of Health Services within the Ministry of Health ( MoH ). This is one of the high-impact child survival and development programmes of the MoH delivered through static and outreach strategies. Immunisation services are provided to communities through integrated reproductive and child health ( RCH ) clinics monitored and supervised by the Regional Health Directorates. The EPI in The Gambia started in May 1979 with the ultimate goal of reducing childhood morbidity and mortality due to vaccinepreventable diseases. The primary vaccination target groups are children under age 5 and adolescent girls (age 9-14). To increase access to immunisation services, the Ministry of Health's effort is complemented by a host of NGOs and other private clinics. The EPI has made steady progress in implementing global initiatives such as polio eradication, maternal and neonatal tetanus elimination, and measles elimination, as well as the Reaching Every District/Reaching Every Child strategy, as envisioned in the WHO AFRO Strategic Plan.

The programme has been introducing new and underused vaccines into the routine services. The new vaccines introduced include hepatitis B (1990), Haemophilus influenzae type b (1997), pneumococcal (2009), measles second dose (2012), rotavirus (2013), inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) (2015), meningitis A (MenA) (2019), and human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) (2019). With epidemiological evidence on the prevalence of rubella, the country switched from measles vaccine to measles/rubella vaccine in April 2017. The country has been engaged in supplementary immunisation activities since the inception of the programme. There are yearly polio, measles, and meningitis campaigns to boost the immunity of children and to create herd immunity within the population.

In The Gambia, routine childhood vaccines include BCG (tuberculosis), HepB (hepatitis B), DPT-HepBHib or pentavalent (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B, and Haemophilus influenzae type b), oral polio vaccine or OPV (poliomyelitis), inactivated polio vaccine or IPV (poliomyelitis), pneumococcal
conjugate vaccine or PCV, rotavirus or RV, yellow fever, measles/rubella (MR) (previously given as measles vaccine), meningitis A, ${ }^{1}$ a DPT booster, ${ }^{2}$ and a polio booster.

The BCG vaccine, a birth dose of the HepB vaccine, and a birth dose of the oral polio vaccine (OPV 0 ) are usually given shortly after birth. A dose of pentavalent vaccine, PCV, RV, and OPV are given at age 2 months and again at age 3 months. At age 4 months, a third dose of pentavalent and PCV are given along with a dose of IPV and OPV. Yellow fever vaccine, MR vaccine, and another dose of OPV are given at age 9 months. Meningitis A is given at 1 year. A DPT booster is given 1 year after the third dose of pentavalent, and a polio booster and a second dose of MR vaccine are given at age 18 months.

The 2019-20 GDHS collected information on vaccinations for all children born in the 3 years before the survey. For each of these children, mothers were asked whether they had a vaccination card for the child and, if so, whether the interviewer could see it. When a mother was able to show the vaccination card to the interviewer, the dates of the vaccinations received were copied from the card to the questionnaire. If a child never received a vaccination card or if the mother was unable to show the card to the interviewer, the mother was asked specific questions about whether the child had received each vaccine.

## All basic vaccinations coverage

Percentage of children who received specific vaccines at any time before the survey (according to a vaccination card or the mother's report). To have received all basic vaccinations, a child must receive at least:

- One dose of BCG vaccine, which protects against tuberculosis
- Three doses of DPT-containing vaccine (given as pentavalent), which protects against diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), and tetanus
- Three doses of polio vaccine, which protects against poliomyelitis
- One dose of measles-containing vaccine (given as measles or measles/rubella), which protects against measles

Sample: Living children age 12-23 months or age 24-35 months

Historically, an important measure of vaccination coverage has been the proportion of children receiving all "basic" vaccinations. According to the guidelines developed by the World Health Organization, children are considered to have received all basic vaccinations when they have received BCG vaccine, three doses of DPT vaccine (given as pentavalent), three doses of polio vaccine (excluding the birth dose of OPV), and a vaccination against measles (given either as measles only or as MR). In The Gambia, 85\% of children age 12-23 months and $83 \%$ of children age $24-35$ months have received all basic vaccinations. Eighty percent of children age 12-23 months and $77 \%$ of children age $24-35$ months received all basic vaccinations by age 12 months. Less than $1 \%$ of children age 12-23 months and $1 \%$ of children age 24-35 months received no vaccinations at all (Table 10.2).

[^14]A second measure of vaccination coverage is the percentage of children age 12-23 months and 24-35 months who have received all age-appropriate vaccinations. In this report, a child age 12-23 months is considered to have received all age-appropriate vaccinations if the child has received BCG, HepB (birth dose), three doses of DPT-HepB-Hib, five doses of OPV, one dose of IPV, three doses of pneumococcal vaccine, two doses of rotavirus vaccine, one dose of yellow fever vaccine, and one dose of measles or MR vaccine. A child age $24-35$ months is considered to have received all age-appropriate vaccinations if the child has received all of the vaccines just described along with a sixth dose of OPV and a second dose of measles or MR.

Figure 10.1 presents data on coverage of all ageappropriate vaccinations among children age 12-23 months. Coverage is high ( $90 \%$ or above) for all vaccinations other than OPV 4 (85\%). For multidose vaccines, coverage is highest for the first dose and falls in subsequent doses. Coverage rates for the first dose of DPT-HepB-Hib, PCV, and RV are 98\%, $99 \%$, and $98 \%$, respectively. However, for the last dose of each vaccine, the percentages drop to $93 \%$, $92 \%$, and $95 \%$, respectively. Overall, $77 \%$ of children age 12-23 months have received all ageappropriate vaccinations.

Among children age $24-35$ months, $64 \%$ received a polio booster and $71 \%$ received a second dose of measles/MR vaccine (Table 10.2). Overall, 3 in 10 children ( $30 \%$ ) age $24-35$ months received all ageappropriate vaccines.

Trends: Overall, vaccination coverage in The Gambia has improved since the 2013 GDHS. The proportion of children age 12-23 months who received all basic vaccinations increased from $76 \%$ in 2013 to $85 \%$ in 2019-20 (Figure 10.2).

Figure 10.1 Childhood vaccinations


Figure 10.2 Trends in childhood vaccinations

Percentage of children age 12-23 months who received all basic vaccinations at any time before the survey


## Patterns by background characteristics

- Children in rural areas are more likely to have received all basic vaccinations than children in urban areas ( $90 \%$ versus $82 \%$ )
(Figure 10.3).
- By LGA, basic vaccination coverage ranges from $77 \%$ in Banjul to $92 \%$ in Mansakonko.
- The largest difference in basic vaccination coverage is between children whose vaccination card was seen by the interviewer and those whose card was not seen. Eighty-nine percent of children age 12-23 months whose vaccination card was seen by an interviewer received all basic vaccinations, as compared with only $28 \%$ of children whose vaccination card was not seen or who did not have a card. While the lower coverage among children whose cards were not seen or who did not have cards

Figure 10.3 Vaccination coverage by residence
Percentage of children age 12-23 months who received all basic vaccinations at any time before the survey
 may reflect actual lower vaccination rates for these children, it might also be due in part to problems the mother had in recalling all of the specific vaccinations her child received (Table 10.3).

## Vaccination Card Ownership and Availability

Vaccination cards are a critical tool in ensuring that a child receives all recommended vaccinations according to schedule. Table $\mathbf{1 0 . 4}$ shows that over $99 \%$ of children age 12-23 months ever had a vaccination card, and $93 \%$ had vaccination cards seen by an interviewer. However, card availability declines somewhat for children age 24-35 months. While $98 \%$ of children age $24-35$ months were reported to have ever had a vaccination card, only $84 \%$ of these children had vaccinations cards available at the time of the interview.

### 10.3 Symptoms of Acute Respiratory Infection

Acute respiratory infection (ARI) is one of the leading causes of childhood morbidity and mortality in The Gambia and throughout the world. In the 2019-20 GDHS, mothers were asked about ARI symptoms and treatment for their children under age 5 in the 2 weeks preceding the survey.

## Treatment of symptoms of acute respiratory infection (ARI)

Children with symptoms of ARI for whom advice or treatment was sought. ARI symptoms consist of short, rapid breathing that is chest-related and/or difficult breathing that is chest-related.
Sample: Children under age 5 with symptoms of ARI in the 2 weeks before the survey

Overall, $5 \%$ of children under age 5 had symptoms of ARI in the 2 weeks preceding the survey (Table 10.5). Although advice or treatment was sought for $70 \%$ of children with symptoms of ARI, advice or treatment was sought the same or next day for only $47 \%$.

Advice or treatment for children with ARI symptoms was more likely to be sought from public sector providers than from private sector providers ( $72 \%$ versus $32 \%$ ) (Table 10.6).

### 10.4 Fever

Fever is a symptom of malaria but is also a manifestation of other childhood illnesses that may contribute to high levels of malnutrition, morbidity, and mortality. Data from the 2019-20 GDHS relating to malaria are presented in Chapter 12.

## Treatment of fever

Children with fever for whom advice or treatment was sought.
Sample: Children under age 5 with a fever in the 2 weeks before the survey

In The Gambia, $15 \%$ of children under age 5 had a fever in the 2 weeks prior to the survey (Table 10.7). The prevalence of fever was highest in children age 6-11 months ( $26 \%$ ) and those living in Banjul (25\%), and the prevalence was lowest in children age 48-59 months and those living in Kerewan ( $9 \%$ each).

Advice or treatment was sought for $64 \%$ of children with a fever. Fifty percent of children were taken for advice or treatment the same or next day, and $39 \%$ took antibiotics.

### 10.5 Diarrhoeal Disease

### 10.5.1 Prevalence of Diarrhoea and Treatment-seeking Behaviour

Diarrhoea is a common childhood illness than can lead to dehydration and death if not properly treated. The condition can be easily treated with oral rehydration therapy (ORT). Exposure to diarrhoea-causing pathogens is frequently related to consumption of contaminated water and to unhygienic practices in food preparation and disposal of excreta. The combination of high cause-specific mortality and the existence of an effective remedy makes diarrhoea and its treatment a priority concern for health services.

Table $\mathbf{1 0 . 8}$ shows that $19 \%$ of children under age 5 had diarrhoea in the 2 weeks before the survey. Advice or treatment was sought for $62 \%$ of children who had diarrhoea.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The prevalence of diarrhoea peaks among children age 12-23 months (31\%) and then decreases steadily to $9 \%$ among children age $48-59$ months (Table 10.8).
- Children in households that engage in open defecation were more likely to have had diarrhoea in the 2 weeks preceding the survey ( $27 \%$ ) than children in households with an improved or unimproved toilet facility ( $19 \%$ each).
- Care seeking for diarrhoea was more common among children in rural areas (70\%) than among children in urban areas (58\%).
- By LGA, the proportion of children with diarrhoea was lowest in Kerewan (14\%) and highest in Kuntaur (27\%).


### 10.5.2 Feeding Practices

## Appropriate feeding practices

Children with diarrhoea are given more liquids than usual and as much food or more than usual.
Sample: Children under age 5 with diarrhoea in the 2 weeks before the survey

To reduce dehydration and minimise the effects of diarrhoea on nutritional status, mothers are encouraged to continue normal feeding or increase feeding of children with diarrhoea and to increase the amount of fluids given.

Nearly half ( $48 \%$ ) of children under age 5 with diarrhoea in the 2 weeks before the survey were given more liquids than usual, as recommended
(Figure 10.4). Twenty-eight percent were given the same amount of liquids, $21 \%$ were given less liquid than usual, and $3 \%$ were given no liquid at all. Nonbreastfeeding children (54\%) were more likely than breastfeeding children ( $41 \%$ ) to receive more liquid than usual (Table 10.9).

Figure 10.4 Feeding practices during diarrhoea
Percentage of children under age 5 with diarrhoea in the 2 weeks before the survey


Four in ten ( $42 \%$ ) children with diarrhoea were fed according to the recommended practice of giving the same amount of food ( $32 \%$ ) or more food $(10 \%)$. Forty-eight percent of children were given less food than usual, while 3\% of children received no food at all (Figure 10.4).

### 10.5.3 Oral Rehydration Therapy and Other Treatments

Severe dehydration may lead to death if body fluids and salts are not replenished. As noted, all children with diarrhoea should receive increased fluids and continued feeding. Oral rehydration therapy is a simple and effective way to reduce dehydration caused by diarrhoea. Depending on the severity, treatment of diarrhoea may involve administration of antibiotics, ORT, and intravenous solutions. Zinc supplementation helps reduce the severity, frequency, and duration of diarrhoea episodes.

## Oral rehydration therapy

Children with diarrhoea are given increased fluids, a fluid made from a special packet of oral rehydration salts (ORS), or government-recommended homemade fluids (RHF).
Sample: Children under age 5 with diarrhoea in the 2 weeks before the survey

Table $\mathbf{1 0 . 1 0}$ shows that $\mathbf{7 1 \%}$ of children under age 5 with diarrhoea in the 2 weeks preceding the survey received some form of ORT (ORS packets, recommended home fluids, and/or increased fluids). One-third $(33 \%)$ of children with diarrhoea were given zinc, and $21 \%$ received both ORS and zinc. Two in 10 children ( $20 \%$ ) received antibiotics, while $19 \%$ were given a home remedy or other treatment. Thirteen percent of children received no treatment at all (Figure 10.5).

Figure 10.5 Treatment of diarrhoea
Percentage of children under age 5 with diarrhoea in the 2 weeks before the survey


Among children with diarrhoea for whom advice or treatment was sought, the majority ( $74 \%$ ) were taken to a public sector provider, most commonly a government health centre (39\%) or government health post ( $21 \%$ ) (Table 10.11).

Trends: The percentage of children under age 5 with diarrhoea who received ORT decreased from $79 \%$ in 2013 to $71 \%$ in 2019-20. The proportion of children with diarrhoea who received no treatment increased slightly from $12 \%$ to $13 \%$ over the same period.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The proportion of children with diarrhoea who received ORT ranged from a high of $86 \%$ in Kerewan to a low of $50 \%$ in Banjul.
- The proportion of children with diarrhoea who received ORT increases with increasing mother's education, from $69 \%$ among those whose mothers have no education to $74 \%$ among those whose mothers have a secondary education or higher.


### 10.5.4 Knowledge of ORS Packets

In The Gambia, $96 \%$ of women age $15-49$ with a live birth in the 5 years before the survey know about ORS packets for the treatment of diarrhoea (Table 10.12). Knowledge is lowest among women age 15-19 (86\%).

### 10.6 Treatment of Childhood Illness

Diarrhoea (19\%) was the most common childhood illness reported among children under age 5 during the 2 weeks preceding the survey. However, advice or treatment was more likely to be sought for children with symptoms of ARI (70\%) or a fever ( $64 \%$ ) than for children with diarrhoea ( $62 \%$ )
(Figure 10.6).

Figure 10.6 Prevalence and treatment of childhood illness

Percentage of children under age 5 with symptoms in the 2 weeks before the survey



### 10.7 Disposal of Children's Stools

Appropriate disposal of children's stools
The child's last stools were put or rinsed into a toilet or latrine or buried, or the child used a toilet or latrine.
Sample: Youngest children under age 2 living with their mother
Proper disposal of children's faeces is important to prevent the spread of disease. Among youngest children under age 2 living with their mother, $56 \%$ had their last stool disposed of safely. The most common means of disposal of children's stools were putting or rinsing them into a toilet or latrine (53\%) and throwing them in the garbage (36\%) (Table 10.13).

Trends: The percentage of children whose stools were disposed of safely decreased between 2013 and 2019-20, from $82 \%$ to $56 \%$. The percentage of children who had their stools left in the open remained unchanged over that period ( $1 \%$ ).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The proportion of children whose stools are disposed of appropriately generally increases with increasing child's age, from $44 \%$ among children age $0-1$ month to $71 \%$ among children age 18-23 months.
- Children in households with an unimproved toilet facility are more than twice as likely to have their stools disposed of appropriately as children in households that engage in open defecation ( $69 \%$ versus $32 \%$ ).
- Children in rural areas (70\%) are more likely than children in urban areas (49\%) to have had their last stool disposed of safely.
- There is wide variation in appropriate disposal of children's faeces by LGA. The percentage of children whose stools are safely disposed of ranges from $31 \%$ in Kanifing to $82 \%$ in Mansakonko.


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Table 10.1 Child's size and weight at birth
Percent distribution of live births in the 5 years preceding the survey by mother's estimate of baby's size at birth, percentage of live births in the 5 years preceding the survey that have a reported birth weight, and among live births in the 5 years preceding the survey with a reported birth weight, percentage less than 2.5 kg , according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Percent distribution of births by size of baby at birth |  |  |  |  | Percentage of births that have a reported birth weight ${ }^{1}$ | Number of births | Among births with a reported birth weight ${ }^{1}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Very small | Smaller than average | Average or larger | Don't know | Total |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Percentage } \\ \text { less than } \\ 2.5 \mathrm{~kg} \end{gathered}$ | Number of births |
| Mother's age at birth |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <20 | 5.7 | 10.8 | 82.3 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 73.7 | 824 | 13.8 | 607 |
| 20-34 | 4.6 | 10.1 | 84.3 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 77.1 | 5,614 | 8.8 | 4,329 |
| 35-49 | 5.6 | 9.6 | 83.7 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 77.1 | 1,215 | 9.6 | 938 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 5.8 | 13.2 | 80.0 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 80.0 | 1,634 | 13.5 | 1,307 |
| 2-3 | 4.5 | 9.2 | 85.4 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 77.8 | 2,717 | 7.8 | 2,115 |
| 4-5 | 4.4 | 9.6 | 85.3 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 76.5 | 1,794 | 7.8 | 1,373 |
| 6+ | 5.4 | 9.1 | 84.2 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 71.5 | 1,508 | 9.9 | 1,078 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 4.0 | 9.7 | 84.9 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 80.9 | 5,008 | 9.7 | 4,050 |
| Rural | 6.5 | 10.8 | 82.2 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 68.9 | 2,645 | 8.9 | 1,823 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 6.6 | 11.0 | 82.1 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 85.9 | 74 | 10.6 | 64 |
| Kanifing | 3.6 | 11.0 | 84.9 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 84.9 | 1,313 | 8.0 | 1,115 |
| Brikama | 3.9 | 8.6 | 85.6 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 82.0 | 3,114 | 11.0 | 2,554 |
| Mansakonko | 6.8 | 9.3 | 83.7 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 65.2 | 335 | 11.2 | 218 |
| Kerewan | 7.1 | 13.2 | 79.6 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 81.8 | 925 | 7.1 | 756 |
| Kuntaur | 5.1 | 14.1 | 80.3 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 53.7 | 476 | 7.2 | 256 |
| Janjanbureh | 9.6 | 9.0 | 81.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 65.7 | 483 | 9.4 | 317 |
| Basse | 4.5 | 9.7 | 85.2 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 63.6 | 934 | 9.0 | 594 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 5.5 | 10.6 | 82.7 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 69.7 | 3,543 | 9.7 | 2,470 |
| Primary | 5.0 | 9.4 | 84.6 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 76.4 | 1,381 | 9.7 | 1,056 |
| Secondary or higher | 4.1 | 9.8 | 85.3 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 86.0 | 2,729 | 9.1 | 2,348 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 6.7 | 11.8 | 80.8 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 62.4 | 1,731 | 9.7 | 1,080 |
| Second | 5.3 | 9.9 | 83.9 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 74.1 | 1,622 | 8.7 | 1,202 |
| Middle | 4.9 | 8.2 | 85.7 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 78.4 | 1,602 | 10.6 | 1,255 |
| Fourth | 4.2 | 10.9 | 83.9 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 83.0 | 1,406 | 8.4 | 1,167 |
| Highest | 2.9 | 9.6 | 86.3 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 90.4 | 1,293 | 9.7 | 1,170 |
| Total | 4.9 | 10.1 | 84.0 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 76.7 | 7,653 | 9.5 | 5,874 |

${ }^{1}$ Based on either a written record or the mother's recal

Table 10.2 Vaccinations by source of information
Percentage of children age 12-23 months and children age 24-35 months who received specific vaccines at any time before the survey, by source of information (vaccination card or mother's report), and percentage who received specific vaccines by the appropriate age, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Vaccine | Children age 12-23 months: |  |  |  | Children age 24-35 months: |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Vaccinated at any time before the survey according to: |  |  | Vaccinated by appropriate age ${ }^{2,3}$ | Vaccinated at any time before the survey according to: |  |  | Vaccinated by appropriate $\mathrm{age}^{3,4}$ |
|  | Vaccination card ${ }^{1}$ | Mother's report | Either source |  | Vaccination card ${ }^{1}$ | Mother's report | Either source |  |
| BCG | 92.7 | 6.3 | 99.0 | 98.8 | 83.5 | 14.6 | 98.0 | 97.9 |
| HepB (birth dose) ${ }^{5}$ | 92.5 | 6.4 | 98.9 | 98.9 | 83.4 | 14.7 | 98.1 | 98.1 |
| Within 1 day of birth | 13.9 | 4.7 | 18.5 | na | 7.3 | 9.6 | 16.9 | na |
| After 1 day of birth | 78.0 | 2.1 | 80.2 | na | 74.7 | 6.1 | 80.8 | na |
| DPT-HepB-Hib ${ }^{6}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 92.3 | 6.1 | 98.3 | 98.2 | 83.6 | 13.6 | 97.2 | 97.2 |
| 2 | 91.2 | 5.3 | 96.4 | 96.1 | 83.6 | 12.1 | 95.7 | 95.5 |
| 3 | 88.8 | 3.9 | 92.8 | 92.1 | 81.4 | 9.4 | 90.8 | 89.8 |
| Polio |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| OPV 0 (birth dose) | 92.7 | 5.7 | 98.3 | 98.2 | 83.4 | 11.8 | 95.2 | 95.1 |
| OPV 1 | 92.3 | 5.2 | 97.5 | 97.4 | 83.6 | 13.5 | 97.1 | 97.0 |
| OPV 2 | 91.2 | 4.1 | 95.3 | 95.0 | 83.2 | 10.9 | 94.1 | 93.9 |
| OPV 3 | 88.3 | 2.1 | 90.4 | 89.8 | 80.7 | 5.9 | 86.6 | 85.7 |
| IPV | 86.0 | 6.1 | 92.1 | 91.0 | 43.0 | 14.4 | 57.4 | 55.9 |
| OPV 4 | 84.5 | 0.7 | 85.3 | 81.0 | 71.6 | 2.4 | 74.0 | 68.9 |
| Pneumococcal |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 92.3 | 6.2 | 98.5 | 98.4 | 83.6 | 13.5 | 97.1 | 97.0 |
| 2 | 91.1 | 4.5 | 95.6 | 95.2 | 83.5 | 11.4 | 94.9 | 94.7 |
| 3 | 89.1 | 3.2 | 92.3 | 91.6 | 80.0 | 8.9 | 88.9 | 87.7 |
| Rotavirus |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 92.0 | 5.7 | 97.8 | 97.6 | 83.2 | 13.3 | 96.6 | 96.5 |
| 2 | 90.2 | 4.5 | 94.7 | 94.3 | 82.0 | 12.0 | 93.9 | 93.4 |
| Yellow fever | 84.9 | 4.9 | 89.8 | 84.4 | 79.4 | 12.9 | 92.2 | 85.5 |
| Measles/measles and rubella |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 85.4 | 4.7 | 90.1 | 85.2 | 80.2 | 12.2 | 92.4 | 85.1 |
| 2 | na | na | na | na | 62.8 | 7.8 | 70.5 | 66.0 |
| Polio booster | na | na | na | na | 63.5 | 0.2 | 63.6 | 60.4 |
| All basic vaccinations ${ }^{7}$ | 82.6 | 1.9 | 84.6 | 79.8 | 78.1 | 4.6 | 82.6 | 76.7 |
| All age-appropriate vaccinations ${ }^{8}$ | 76.7 | 0.4 | 77.2 | 72.0 | 29.7 | 0.0 | 29.7 | 26.5 |
| No vaccinations | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.4 | na | 0.0 | 1.2 | 1.3 | na |
| Number of children | 1,356 | 99 | 1,456 | 1,456 | 1,203 | 229 | 1,432 | 1,432 |

na $=$ Not applicable
BCG = Bacille Calmette-Guérin
DPT = Diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus
HepB $=$ Hepatitis $B$
Hib = Haemophilus influenzae type b
OPV = Oral polio vaccine
IPV = Inactivated polio vaccine
${ }^{1}$ Vaccination card, booklet, or other home-based record
${ }^{2}$ Received by age 12 months
${ }^{3}$ For children whose vaccination information is based on the mother's report, date of vaccination is not collected. The proportions of vaccinations given during the first and second years of life are assumed to be the same as for children with a written record of vaccination.
${ }^{4}$ Received by age 12 months for all vaccines except measles/measles and rubella vaccine 2 and polio booster, which should be received by age 24 months
${ }^{5}$ Children are considered to have received HepB (birth dose) if it was recorded on their card or reported by their mother, regardless of timing.
${ }^{6}$ DPT-HepB-Hib is sometimes referred to as pentavalent.
${ }^{7}$ BCG, three doses of DPT-HepB-Hib, three doses of polio vaccine (excluding polio vaccine given at birth), and one dose of measles/measles and rubella vaccine
${ }^{8}$ For children age 12-23 months: BCG, HepB (birth dose), three doses of DPT-HepB-Hib, five doses of OPV, one dose of IPV, three doses of pneumococcal vaccine, two doses of rotavirus vaccine, one dose of yellow fever vaccine, and one dose of measles/measles and rubella vaccine. For children age 24-35 months, all of these plus one dose of oral polio booster and a second dose of measles/measles and rubella vaccine.
Table 10.3 Vaccinations by background characteristics


| Background characteristic | Children age 12-23 months |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Children age 24-35 months |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | DPT-HepB-Hib ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  | Polio ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  | Pneumococcal |  |  | Rotavirus |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Yellow } \\ & \text { fever } \end{aligned}$ | Measles/ and rubella 1 | All basic vaccinations ${ }^{4}$ | All age-appropriate vaccinations ${ }^{5}$ | No vaccinations | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { children } \end{aligned}$ | Polio | Measles/ measles and rubella 2 | All age-appropriate vaccinations ${ }^{6}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { children } \end{gathered}$ |
|  | BCG | HepB (birth dose) | 1 | 2 | 3 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { OPV 0 } \\ & \text { (birth } \\ & \text { dose) } \end{aligned}$ | OPV 1 | OPV 2 | OPV 3 | IPV | OPV 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 99.3 | 99.3 | 98.5 | 96.4 | 92.0 | 98.8 | 97.6 | 95.2 | 90.4 | 92.3 | 84.8 | 98.6 | 94.9 | 91.7 | 98.1 | 95.1 | 90.4 | 90.7 | 85.2 | 77.0 | 0.2 | 749 | 64.8 | 72.3 | 29.8 | 760 |
| Female | 98.6 | 98.4 | 98.1 | 96.5 | 93.5 | 97.9 | 97.5 | 95.5 | 90.5 | 91.9 | 85.7 | 98.4 | 96.4 | 92.9 | 97.4 | 94.2 | 89.2 | 89.5 | 83.9 | 77.3 | 0.7 | 706 | 62.3 | 68.6 | 29.5 | 672 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 99.6 | 98.3 | 98.0 | 94.7 | 90.9 | 97.8 | 96.3 | 93.7 | 88.3 | 91.3 | 78.3 | 97.9 | 93.6 | 91.0 | 97.1 | 92.6 | 87.9 | 86.0 | 79.8 | 71.3 | 0.1 | 307 | 60.4 | 71.1 | 26.6 | 297 |
| 2-3 | 98.9 | 98.9 | 97.7 | 97.0 | 93.6 | 98.2 | 97.4 | 96.7 | 91.2 | 92.6 | 86.9 | 98.1 | 96.6 | 92.7 | 97.5 | 95.0 | 89.6 | 90.8 | 85.9 | 79.2 | 0.8 | 548 | 64.5 | 70.0 | 30.3 | 531 |
| 4-5 | 99.3 | 99.4 | 99.4 | 96.6 | 92.8 | 98.9 | 97.3 | 93.2 | 90.1 | 92.2 | 86.9 | 99.6 | 95.3 | 91.6 | 97.7 | 94.8 | 90.5 | 91.0 | 86.5 | 80.0 | 0.4 | 331 | 62.8 | 68.6 | 29.7 | 334 |
| $6+$ | 98.1 | 98.8 | 98.9 | 97.0 | 93.1 | 98.6 | 99.6 | 97.1 | 91.6 | 91.8 | 87.8 | 98.9 | 96.1 | 93.9 | 99.1 | 96.1 | 91.7 | 92.4 | 84.9 | 76.3 | 0.1 | 269 | 66.3 | 73.5 | 32.0 | 270 |
| Vaccination card ${ }^{6}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Seen | 99.5 | 99.2 | 99.0 | 97.8 | 95.3 | 99.5 | 99.1 | 97.9 | 94.7 | 92.2 | 90.7 | 99.1 | 97.8 | 95.6 | 98.8 | 96.8 | 91.1 | 91.7 | 88.7 | 82.4 | 0.0 | 1,356 | 75.5 | 74.7 | 35.4 | 1,203 |
| Not seen/no card | 91.9 | 94.1 | 89.2 | 77.1 | 57.7 | 83.0 | 76.4 | 60.6 | 31.2 | 90.0 | 10.8 | 91.1 | 65.4 | 46.7 | 84.0 | 65.5 | 72.3 | 69.0 | 28.3 | 6.3 | 5.9 | 99 | 1.0 | 48.7 | 0.0 | 229 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 99.1 | 98.8 | 97.9 | 95.5 | 91.1 | 98.4 | 96.6 | 94.0 | 88.6 | 90.3 | 81.8 | 98.0 | 94.2 | 90.4 | 97.2 | 93.4 | 87.2 | 87.1 | 81.6 | 73.2 | 0.5 | 964 | 57.5 | 65.5 | 23.3 | 970 |
| Rural | 98.7 | 99.0 | 99.2 | 98.2 | 96.0 | 98.3 | 99.4 | 97.9 | 93.9 | 95.6 | 92.1 | 99.5 | 98.4 | 96.1 | 98.8 | 97.1 | 95.1 | 96.0 | 90.4 | 84.9 | 0.4 | 492 | 76.4 | 81.2 | 43.0 | 462 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 98.9 | 97.7 | 97.7 | 93.4 | 87.9 | 97.7 | 96.5 | 93.4 | 85.3 | 87.3 | 80.0 | 97.7 | 93.4 | 86.7 | 97.7 | 93.2 | 85.3 | 85.1 | 76.9 | 72.0 | 1.1 | 13 | 43.5 | 48.2 | 14.6 | 16 |
| Kanifing | 98.0 | 98.0 | 95.1 | 90.1 | 86.0 | 98.1 | 94.3 | 90.5 | 85.9 | 85.1 | 79.3 | 95.7 | 91.2 | 86.5 | 95.1 | 90.1 | 85.8 | 84.9 | 78.9 | 73.4 | 1.1 | 229 | 51.6 | 58.4 | 22.3 | 234 |
| Brikama | 100.0 | 99.6 | 99.1 | 98.0 | 94.1 | 99.1 | 97.5 | 95.8 | 90.9 | 92.7 | 84.1 | 99.1 | 95.5 | 92.9 | 98.3 | 95.2 | 89.3 | 89.2 | 84.5 | 75.0 | 0.0 | 616 | 63.4 | 71.1 | 27.6 | 649 |
| Mansakonko | 99.4 | 98.5 | 99.1 | 97.8 | 96.8 | 98.5 | 100.0 | 97.7 | 94.4 | 98.0 | 91.6 | 100.0 | 98.1 | 96.8 | 96.9 | 96.1 | 97.7 | 97.1 | 92.1 | 88.1 | 0.0 | 67 | 80.8 | 84.8 | 45.0 | 55 |
| Kerewan | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 99.7 | 98.3 | 99.2 | 99.6 | 98.6 | 94.7 | 95.1 | 90.8 | 100.0 | 99.7 | 96.9 | 100.0 | 98.1 | 93.2 | 95.1 | 90.6 | 81.8 | 0.0 | 176 | 74.0 | 84.6 | 44.3 | 150 |
| Kuntaur | 97.3 | 99.5 | 100.0 | 96.2 | 93.5 | 99.1 | 99.6 | 97.1 | 91.3 | 95.0 | 88.8 | 99.6 | 97.1 | 94.6 | 98.6 | 96.2 | 94.1 | 94.1 | 85.4 | 81.2 | 0.0 | 87 | 73.1 | 73.6 | 30.4 | 80 |
| Janjanbureh | 97.8 | 97.8 | 98.6 | 96.7 | 91.7 | 95.6 | 98.2 | 94.3 | 85.8 | 94.9 | 87.3 | 98.6 | 96.7 | 92.4 | 98.6 | 95.8 | 91.8 | 93.5 | 81.8 | 78.5 | 1.4 | 85 | 64.6 | 72.2 | 29.9 | 86 |
| Basse | 96.9 | 96.9 | 97.1 | 95.5 | 90.5 | 96.0 | 97.7 | 95.6 | 91.0 | 91.5 | 86.8 | 97.7 | 95.5 | 90.7 | 96.4 | 93.3 | 87.9 | 89.4 | 84.9 | 78.6 | 1.5 | 182 | 62.9 | 67.7 | 30.9 | 162 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 97.9 | 98.5 | 97.9 | 96.0 | 92.4 | 97.8 | 97.7 | 95.3 | 89.4 | 91.0 | 85.1 | 98.0 | 95.0 | 91.6 | 97.2 | 94.3 | 88.4 | 89.5 | 83.6 | 76.5 | 0.9 | 625 | 63.5 | 70.2 | 29.9 | 655 |
| Primary | 99.7 | 99.7 | 97.7 | 95.5 | 92.6 | 98.1 | 98.5 | 95.0 | 88.3 | 90.0 | 83.4 | 98.5 | 95.1 | 91.0 | 97.2 | 93.9 | 90.4 | 90.2 | 83.3 | 73.5 | 0.0 | 304 | 64.8 | 72.4 | 29.4 | 248 |
| Secondary or higher | 99.8 | 98.9 | 99.3 | 97.4 | 93.3 | 99.1 | 96.8 | 95.6 | 92.8 | 94.5 | 86.5 | 99.2 | 96.6 | 93.9 | 98.7 | 95.5 | 91.2 | 90.8 | 86.4 | 80.1 | 0.2 | 527 | 63.2 | 70.1 | 29.6 | 529 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 98.4 | 98.7 | 99.0 | 97.2 | 93.8 | 97.8 | 98.8 | 96.5 | 91.7 | 94.0 | 90.0 | 99.4 | 97.4 | 93.9 | 98.8 | 96.3 | 93.4 | 94.0 | 87.5 | 81.9 | 0.5 | 317 | 72.2 | 76.1 | 37.9 | 305 |
| Second | 99.5 | 99.5 | 98.3 | 97.6 | 94.7 | 98.3 | 96.3 | 95.5 | 91.7 | 93.1 | 86.0 | 98.3 | 96.0 | 93.8 | 97.7 | 95.2 | 89.8 | 92.2 | 86.6 | 77.8 | 0.0 | 300 | 63.1 | 73.2 | 32.1 | 304 |
| Middle | 99.2 | 98.6 | 99.3 | 96.3 | 91.2 | 98.2 | 97.6 | 95.7 | 87.7 | 93.0 | 84.1 | 99.3 | 95.0 | 91.1 | 97.3 | 92.7 | 88.9 | 89.4 | 81.3 | 75.2 | 0.5 | 315 | 58.2 | 66.0 | 24.8 | 279 |
| Fourth | 98.0 | 98.9 | 96.2 | 92.7 | 89.4 | 98.8 | 96.7 | 92.0 | 89.2 | 88.6 | 81.0 | 96.7 | 92.4 | 89.7 | 97.4 | 93.3 | 89.0 | 88.2 | 82.8 | 72.5 | 1.0 | 275 | 59.8 | 72.1 | 28.7 | 283 |
| Highest | 99.8 | 98.8 | 98.8 | 98.3 | 94.7 | 98.8 | 98.3 | 97.0 | 92.0 | 91.1 | 84.6 | 98.8 | 97.1 | 92.9 | 97.3 | 95.8 | 87.6 | 85.6 | 84.5 | 78.0 | 0.2 | 248 | 64.2 | 64.2 | 23.7 | 262 |
| Total | 99.0 | 98.9 | 98.3 | 96.4 | 92.8 | 98.3 | 97.5 | 95.3 | 90.4 | 92.1 | 85.3 | 98.5 | 95.6 | 92.3 | 97.8 | 94.7 | 89.8 | 90.1 | 84.6 | 77.2 | 0.4 | 1,456 | 63.6 | 70.5 | 29.7 | 1,432 |


DPT = Diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus
HepB $=$ Hepatitis B
Hib $=$ Haemophilus influenzae type b
OPV $=$ Oral polio vaccine
OPV = Oral polio vaccine
IPV I Inactivated polio vaccine
${ }^{1}$ Children are considered to have
TPV = Inactivated polio vaccine
1 Children are considered to have received HepB (birth dose) if it was recorded on their card or reported by their mother, regardless of timing.
2 DPT-HepB-Hib is sometimes referred to as pentavalent.
${ }^{3} \mathrm{OPV} 0$ is the polio vaccinestion given to birth.
${ }^{4} \mathrm{BCG}$, three doses of polit


Table 10.4 Possession and observation of vaccination cards, according to background characteristics
Percentage of children age 12-23 months and children age 24-35 months who ever had a vaccination card, and percentage with a vaccination card seen, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Children age 12-23 months |  |  | Children age 24-35 months |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage who ever had a vaccination card ${ }^{1}$ | Percentage with a vaccination card seen ${ }^{1}$ | Number of children | Percentage who ever had a vaccination card ${ }^{1}$ | Percentage with a vaccination card seen ${ }^{1}$ | Number of children |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 99.9 | 93.0 | 749 | 98.0 | 84.4 | 760 |
| Female | 99.3 | 93.4 | 706 | 98.2 | 83.6 | 672 |
| Birth order |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 99.9 | 88.9 | 307 | 98.6 | 77.9 | 297 |
| 2-3 | 99.7 | 94.9 | 548 | 97.4 | 82.7 | 531 |
| 4-5 | 98.9 | 92.7 | 331 | 97.8 | 87.1 | 334 |
| $6+$ | 99.9 | 95.4 | 269 | 99.2 | 89.5 | 270 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 99.6 | 91.9 | 964 | 97.5 | 80.9 | 970 |
| Rural | 99.7 | 95.7 | 492 | 99.3 | 90.5 | 462 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 100.0 | 92.4 | 13 | 97.1 | 82.5 | 16 |
| Kanifing | 100.0 | 91.5 | 229 | 97.7 | 76.4 | 234 |
| Brikama | 99.6 | 92.3 | 616 | 97.3 | 83.4 | 649 |
| Mansakonko | 100.0 | 92.7 | 67 | 99.2 | 90.5 | 55 |
| Kerewan | 100.0 | 96.8 | 176 | 99.6 | 88.4 | 150 |
| Kuntaur | 99.6 | 94.9 | 87 | 99.4 | 88.3 | 80 |
| Janjanbureh | 99.0 | 91.3 | 85 | 100.0 | 86.9 | 86 |
| Basse | 99.0 | 95.0 | 182 | 98.5 | 87.7 | 162 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 99.3 | 94.0 | 625 | 97.9 | 85.8 | 655 |
| Primary | 100.0 | 92.6 | 304 | 98.7 | 85.7 | 248 |
| Secondary or higher | 99.7 | 92.6 | 527 | 98.1 | 81.0 | 529 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 99.5 | 94.8 | 317 | 99.3 | 88.6 | 305 |
| Second | 99.0 | 93.8 | 300 | 96.2 | 80.9 | 304 |
| Middle | 99.8 | 92.1 | 315 | 98.9 | 84.2 | 279 |
| Fourth | 100.0 | 92.3 | 275 | 97.3 | 78.3 | 283 |
| Highest | 99.9 | 92.8 | 248 | 98.8 | 88.3 | 262 |
| Total | 99.6 | 93.2 | 1,456 | 98.1 | 84.0 | 1,432 |

${ }^{1}$ Vaccination card, booklet, or other home-based record

Table 10.5 Prevalence and treatment of symptoms of ARI
Among children under age 5 , percentage who had symptoms of acute respiratory infection (ARI) in the 2 weeks preceding the survey, and among children with symptoms of ARI in the 2 weeks preceding the survey, percentage for whom advice or treatment was sought, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Among children under age 5: |  | Among children under age 5 with symptoms of ARI: |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage with symptoms of $A R I^{1}$ | Number of children | Percentage for whom advice or treatment was sought ${ }^{2}$ | Percentage for whom treatment was sought same or next $d^{2}{ }^{2}$ | Number of children |
| Age in months |  |  |  |  |  |
| <6 | 3.8 | 910 | 64.4 | 30.9 | 35 |
| 6-11 | 5.9 | 751 | 84.6 | 48.8 | 44 |
| 12-23 | 4.8 | 1,456 | 69.5 | 45.7 | 70 |
| 24-35 | 4.3 | 1,432 | 76.5 | 58.6 | 62 |
| 36-47 | 4.5 | 1,449 | 68.3 | 42.1 | 65 |
| 48-59 | 4.3 | 1,300 | 59.4 | 50.8 | 56 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 5.2 | 3,777 | 72.8 | 48.0 | 196 |
| Female | 3.9 | 3,521 | 66.7 | 45.9 | 137 |
| Cooking fuel |  |  |  |  |  |
| Electricity or gas | 1.2 | 134 | * | * | 2 |
| Kerosene | * | 11 | * | * | 2 |
| Charcoal | 5.3 | 2,201 | 77.6 | 47.0 | 116 |
| Wood/straw ${ }^{3}$ | 4.3 | 4,920 | 66.4 | 46.7 | 210 |
| Sawdust | * | 17 | * | * | 2 |
| No food cooked in household | * | 13 | * | * | 0 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 4.3 | 4,796 | 71.3 | 48.1 | 204 |
| Rural | 5.1 | 2,501 | 68.7 | 45.6 | 128 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 5.8 | 71 | (69.5) | (45.5) | 4 |
| Kanifing | 7.8 | 1,248 | 64.3 | 40.0 | 98 |
| Brikama | 2.8 | 3,005 | (79.6) | (59.4) | 85 |
| Mansakonko | 4.8 | 314 | (61.9) | (32.7) | 15 |
| Kerewan | 3.4 | 866 | (64.1) | (53.0) | 29 |
| Kuntaur | 9.7 | 443 | 67.1 | 43.8 | 43 |
| Janjanbureh | 2.4 | 455 |  | * | 11 |
| Basse | 5.3 | 895 | 76.0 | 45.8 | 47 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 4.5 | 3,377 | 67.9 | 41.1 | 153 |
| Primary | 3.5 | 1,310 | 60.5 | 39.4 | 46 |
| Secondary or higher | 5.1 | 2,610 | 76.5 | 56.7 | 133 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 4.4 | 1,630 | 66.8 | 46.7 | 71 |
| Second | 4.2 | 1,548 | 75.7 | 51.6 | 65 |
| Middle | 4.8 | 1,518 | 73.7 | 50.4 | 72 |
| Fourth | 4.3 | 1,362 | (57.1) | (34.9) | 59 |
| Highest | 5.2 | 1,240 | (77.2) | (50.7) | 65 |
| Total | 4.6 | 7,297 | 70.3 | 47.1 | 332 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed
${ }^{1}$ Symptoms of ARI include short, rapid breathing which was chest-related and/or difficult breathing which was chestrelated.
${ }^{2}$ Includes advice or treatment from the following sources: public sector, private medical sector, or shop. Excludes advice or treatment from a traditional practitioner.
${ }^{3}$ Includes grass, shrubs, and crop residues

Table 10.6 Source of advice or treatment for children with symptoms of ARI

Percentage of children under age 5 with symptoms of ARI in the
2 weeks preceding the survey for whom advice or treatment was sought from specific sources, and among children under age 5 with symptoms of ARI in the 2 weeks preceding the survey for whom advice or treatment was sought, percentage for whom advice or treatment was sought from specific sources, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Source | Percentage for whom advice or treatment was sought from each source: |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Among children with symptoms of ARI ${ }^{1}$ | Among children with symptoms of ARI for whom advice or treatment was sought ${ }^{1}$ |
| Public sector | 51.0 | 72.2 |
| Government hospital | 13.8 | 19.6 |
| Government health centre | 26.2 | 37.1 |
| Government health post | 10.9 | 15.4 |
| RCH outreach clinic | 0.7 | 1.0 |
| Fieldworker/VHW | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Private sector | 22.3 | 31.5 |
| Private hospital/clinic | 8.9 | 12.6 |
| Pharmacy | 8.7 | 12.3 |
| Private doctor | 0.7 | 1.1 |
| Mobile clinic | 1.1 | 1.6 |
| NGO hospital/clinic | 4.0 | 5.6 |
| Other private sector | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| Shop | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Traditional practitioner | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Other | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Number of children | 332 | 235 |

NGO = Nongovernmental organisation
RCH = Reproductive and child health
VHW = Village health worker
${ }^{1}$ Symptoms of ARI include short, rapid breathing which was chest-related and/or difficult breathing which was chest-related.

Table 10.7 Prevalence and treatment of fever
Among children under age 5, percentage who had a fever in the 2 weeks preceding the survey, and among children with a fever in the 2 weeks preceding the survey, percentage for whom advice or treatment was sought and percentage who received antibiotics as treatment, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Among children under age 5: |  | Among children under age 5 with fever: |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage with fever | Number of children | Percentage for whom advice or treatment was sought ${ }^{1}$ | Percentage for whom treatment was sought same or next day ${ }^{1}$ | Percentage who took antibiotic drugs | Number of children with fever |
| Age in months |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <6 | 14.1 | 910 | 46.4 | 36.2 | 21.4 | 129 |
| 6-11 | 25.5 | 751 | 65.1 | 48.9 | 43.1 | 191 |
| 12-23 | 20.8 | 1,456 | 66.2 | 49.3 | 43.9 | 302 |
| 24-35 | 13.7 | 1,432 | 65.4 | 52.9 | 39.7 | 197 |
| 36-47 | 11.4 | 1,449 | 69.2 | 53.9 | 42.9 | 166 |
| 48-59 | 9.2 | 1,300 | 67.7 | 57.1 | 35.6 | 120 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 15.7 | 3,777 | 62.7 | 48.0 | 38.0 | 594 |
| Female | 14.5 | 3,521 | 65.9 | 52.1 | 40.9 | 510 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 14.9 | 4,796 | 64.8 | 49.3 | 41.6 | 715 |
| Rural | 15.6 | 2,501 | 63.1 | 51.0 | 35.3 | 389 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 25.3 | 71 | 59.5 | 45.6 | 31.6 | 18 |
| Kanifing | 18.8 | 1,248 | 68.2 | 54.3 | 39.6 | 235 |
| Brikama | 13.1 | 3,005 | 60.3 | 44.0 | 45.6 | 395 |
| Mansakonko | 23.1 | 314 | 59.1 | 47.3 | 27.7 | 72 |
| Kerewan | 8.5 | 866 | 72.7 | 65.1 | 30.7 | 74 |
| Kuntaur | 21.8 | 443 | 65.3 | 50.3 | 37.6 | 97 |
| Janjanbureh | 17.4 | 455 | 60.0 | 48.2 | 32.3 | 79 |
| Basse | 15.0 | 895 | 68.7 | 53.8 | 37.8 | 134 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 15.7 | 3,377 | 61.2 | 47.0 | 37.4 | 529 |
| Primary | 15.2 | 1,310 | 72.4 | 56.4 | 41.1 | 200 |
| Secondary or higher | 14.4 | 2,610 | 64.1 | 50.6 | 41.1 | 376 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 15.4 | 1,630 | 59.5 | 48.6 | 33.0 | 252 |
| Second | 15.0 | 1,548 | 58.1 | 40.3 | 31.4 | 232 |
| Middle | 14.6 | 1,518 | 69.8 | 52.0 | 43.1 | 221 |
| Fourth | 16.7 | 1,362 | 65.7 | 55.8 | 38.6 | 228 |
| Highest | 13.9 | 1,240 | 70.1 | 54.1 | 55.4 | 172 |
| Total | 15.1 | 7,297 | 64.2 | 49.9 | 39.3 | 1,104 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes advice or treatment from the following sources: public sector, private medical sector, and shop. Excludes advice or treatment from a traditional practitioner.

Table 10.8 Prevalence and treatment of diarrhoea
Percentage of children under age 5 who had diarrhoea in the 2 weeks preceding the survey, and among children with diarrhoea in the 2 weeks preceding the survey, percentage for whom advice or treatment was sought, according to background characteristics The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Percentage with diarrhoea | Number of children | Among children under age 5 with diarrhoea: |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Percentage for whom advice or treatment was sought ${ }^{1}$ | Number of children with diarrhoea |
| Age in months |  |  |  |  |
| <6 | 16.5 | 910 | 55.3 | 151 |
| 6-11 | 28.9 | 751 | 65.5 | 217 |
| 12-23 | 31.2 | 1,456 | 65.6 | 455 |
| 24-35 | 20.5 | 1,432 | 62.5 | 294 |
| 36-47 | 12.0 | 1,449 | 54.5 | 173 |
| 48-59 | 8.7 | 1,300 | 62.7 | 113 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 20.2 | 3,777 | 63.7 | 765 |
| Female | 18.1 | 3,521 | 60.4 | 638 |
| Source of drinking water ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Improved | 19.5 | 6,783 | 62.9 | 1,322 |
| Unimproved | 15.6 | 515 | 51.5 | 80 |
| Type of toilet facility ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Improved sanitation facility | 19.3 | 4,739 | 62.8 | 916 |
| Unimproved facility | 18.8 | 2,478 | 60.8 | 465 |
| Open defecation | 26.6 | 81 | (68.5) | 21 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 19.7 | 4,796 | 58.3 | 943 |
| Rural | 18.4 | 2,501 | 70.3 | 460 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 24.0 | 71 | 52.5 | 17 |
| Kanifing | 19.5 | 1,248 | 54.2 | 244 |
| Brikama | 20.3 | 3,005 | 58.1 | 610 |
| Mansakonko | 21.8 | 314 | 57.2 | 68 |
| Kerewan | 14.3 | 866 | 82.6 | 124 |
| Kuntaur | 27.4 | 443 | 70.4 | 121 |
| Janjanbureh | 18.0 | 455 | 58.9 | 82 |
| Basse | 15.2 | 895 | 75.0 | 136 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 18.3 | 3,377 | 61.2 | 618 |
| Primary | 21.9 | 1,310 | 63.1 | 287 |
| Secondary or higher | 19.0 | 2,610 | 63.0 | 497 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 20.1 | 1,630 | 62.8 | 327 |
| Second | 18.9 | 1,548 | 61.3 | 293 |
| Middle | 17.5 | 1,518 | 71.6 | 266 |
| Fourth | 21.3 | 1,362 | 59.9 | 290 |
| Highest | 18.2 | 1,240 | 54.5 | 226 |
| Total | 19.2 | 7,297 | 62.2 | 1,403 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.
${ }^{1}$ Includes advice or treatment from the following sources: public sector, private medical sector, shop, and itinerant drug seller. Excludes advice or treatment from a traditional practitioner.
${ }^{2}$ See Table 2.1.1 for definition of categories
${ }^{3}$ See Table 2.3.1 for definition of categories

Table 10.9 Feeding practices during diarrhoea
Percent distribution of children under age 5 who had diarrhoea in the 2 weeks preceding the survey by amount of liquids and food offered compared with normal practice, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Amount of liquids given |  |  |  |  |  |  | Amount of food given |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of children with diarrhoea |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | More | Same as usual | Somewhat less | Much less | None | Don't know | Total | More | Same as usual | Somewhat less | Much less | None | Never gave food | Don't know | Total |  |
| Age in months |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <6 | 20.3 | 35.1 | 12.5 | 9.5 | 22.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 5.0 | 20.8 | 5.1 | 8.8 | 2.2 | 58.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 151 |
| 6-11 | 33.1 | 38.8 | 19.9 | 7.6 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 5.5 | 36.0 | 26.1 | 23.1 | 3.9 | 5.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 217 |
| 12-23 | 56.0 | 19.7 | 15.2 | 8.1 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 11.8 | 25.2 | 32.0 | 25.6 | 4.8 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 455 |
| 24-35 | 52.7 | 29.4 | 7.1 | 9.2 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 11.2 | 41.3 | 22.3 | 24.5 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 294 |
| 36-47 | 53.6 | 29.3 | 10.7 | 5.4 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 7.4 | 36.3 | 29.7 | 25.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 173 |
| 48-59 | 55.5 | 24.5 | 6.7 | 9.1 | 0.0 | 4.2 | 100.0 | 13.0 | 39.1 | 23.0 | 24.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 113 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 48.4 | 29.7 | 11.4 | 7.7 | 2.0 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 10.4 | 34.7 | 24.0 | 22.6 | 2.0 | 5.9 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 765 |
| Female | 46.6 | 25.8 | 14.3 | 8.6 | 3.9 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 8.4 | 29.3 | 26.5 | 23.6 | 3.2 | 8.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 638 |
| Breastfeeding status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Breastfeeding | 41.0 | 28.0 | 16.6 | 8.8 | 5.2 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 8.1 | 25.2 | 25.4 | 22.2 | 4.8 | 14.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 699 |
| Not breastfeeding | 54.1 | 27.8 | 8.8 | 7.5 | 0.5 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 10.9 | 39.2 | 24.9 | 23.9 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 704 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 49.5 | 27.0 | 12.1 | 8.6 | 1.8 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 9.7 | 32.8 | 24.0 | 24.2 | 2.8 | 6.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 943 |
| Rural | 43.6 | 29.8 | 14.0 | 7.2 | 5.1 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 9.2 | 31.2 | 27.4 | 20.7 | 2.1 | 9.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 460 |
| Local Government |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 30.1 | 43.4 | 7.1 | 15.0 | 3.6 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 12.3 | 36.6 | 9.6 | 35.5 | 0.0 | 6.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 17 |
| Kanifing | 51.8 | 36.3 | 3.6 | 5.8 | 0.7 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 9.4 | 39.6 | 20.9 | 19.5 | 2.6 | 7.4 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 244 |
| Brikama | 49.5 | 22.7 | 15.2 | 9.7 | 2.1 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 10.3 | 29.6 | 25.6 | 25.3 | 3.0 | 6.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 610 |
| Mansakonko | 38.0 | 36.6 | 9.9 | 11.3 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 10.8 | 40.6 | 18.1 | 20.7 | 1.6 | 8.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 68 |
| Kerewan | 42.4 | 31.1 | 18.9 | 5.0 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 5.2 | 32.4 | 30.2 | 17.0 | 6.3 | 8.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 124 |
| Kuntaur | 48.8 | 22.6 | 19.8 | 4.3 | 3.4 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 6.7 | 24.3 | 44.2 | 17.4 | 1.2 | 5.5 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 121 |
| Janjanbureh | 29.8 | 51.9 | 9.7 | 5.2 | 3.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 13.4 | 45.1 | 20.3 | 11.9 | 1.1 | 8.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 82 |
| Basse | 52.8 | 17.3 | 9.9 | 10.8 | 8.8 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 9.2 | 25.5 | 17.3 | 36.8 | 0.0 | 10.8 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 136 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 45.3 | 30.8 | 12.0 | 7.7 | 3.6 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 8.0 | 34.2 | 26.4 | 21.7 | 2.6 | 7.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 618 |
| Primary | 46.4 | 26.0 | 16.0 | 9.5 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 9.0 | 30.7 | 28.7 | 22.6 | 2.2 | 6.4 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 287 |
| Secondary or higher | 51.1 | 25.4 | 11.7 | 7.9 | 2.8 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 11.7 | 30.7 | 21.5 | 25.1 | 2.7 | 8.1 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 497 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 46.7 | 27.9 | 14.2 | 6.4 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 7.7 | 32.5 | 28.5 | 21.0 | 2.2 | 7.9 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 327 |
| Second | 43.7 | 28.5 | 12.9 | 10.5 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 10.1 | 30.8 | 23.5 | 23.1 | 5.0 | 7.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 293 |
| Middle | 49.3 | 25.5 | 15.8 | 6.0 | 3.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 8.8 | 32.5 | 23.9 | 24.7 | 2.6 | 7.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 266 |
| Fourth | 51.6 | 26.8 | 10.1 | 9.6 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 11.5 | 31.5 | 24.9 | 25.5 | 1.1 | 5.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 290 |
| Highest | 46.9 | 31.3 | 10.0 | 8.1 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 9.6 | 34.5 | 24.1 | 21.2 | 1.7 | 8.3 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 226 |
| Total | 47.6 | 27.9 | 12.7 | 8.1 | 2.9 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 9.5 | 32.3 | 25.1 | 23.1 | 2.6 | 7.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,403 |

Note: It is recommended that children should be given more liquids to drink during diarrhoea and that food should not be reduced.

Table 10.11 Source of advice or treatment for children with diarrhoea
Percentage of children under age 5 with diarrhoea in the 2 weeks preceding the survey for whom advice or treatment was sought from specific sources; among children under age 5 with diarrhoea in the 2 weeks preceding the survey for whom advice or treatment was sought, percentage for whom advice or treatment was sought from specific sources; and among children with diarrhoea who received ORS, percentage for whom advice or treatment was sought from specific sources, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  | $\begin{array}{l}\text { Percentage for whom advice or treatment was sought } \\ \text { from each source: }\end{array}$ |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Among children } \\ \text { with diarrhoea }\end{array}$ |  |  |
| for whom advice |  |  |  | \(\left.\begin{array}{c}Among children <br>

with diarrhoea\end{array}\right\}\)

NGO = Nongovernmental organisation
ORS = Oral rehydration salts
RCH $=$ Reproductive and child health
VHW = Village health worker
${ }^{1}$ Fluids from ORS packet

Table 10.12 Knowledge of ORS packets
Percentage of women age $15-49$ with a live birth in the 5 years preceding the survey who know about ORS packets for treatment of diarrhoea, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  | Percentage of <br> women who <br> know about ORS <br> packets | Number of <br> women |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Background <br> characteristic |  |  |
| Age | 86.1 | 279 |
| $15-19$ | 92.9 | 957 |
| $20-24$ | 97.2 | 2,672 |
| $25-34$ | 98.2 | 1,463 |
| $35-49$ |  |  |
| Residence | 95.5 | 3,589 |
| $\quad$ Urban |  | 1,783 |
| Rural | 97.5 |  |
| Local Government Area |  |  |
| Banjul | 93.3 | 57 |
| Kanifing | 92.0 | 990 |
| Brikama | 97.1 | 2,193 |
| Mansakonko | 96.3 | 228 |
| Kerewan | 97.5 | 610 |
| Kuntaur | 96.1 | 314 |
| Janjanbureh | 98.0 | 337 |
| Basse | 97.0 | 641 |
| Education |  |  |
| No education | 96.7 | 2,454 |
| Primary | 94.6 | 945 |
| Secondary or higher | 96.2 | 1,973 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |
| Lowest | 97.4 | 1,156 |
| Second | 95.7 | 1,126 |
| Middle | 95.4 | 1,126 |
| Fourth | 9.1 | 1,026 |
| Highest | 93.9 | 937 |
| Total | 96.1 | 5,372 |
| ORS = Oral rehydration salts |  |  |

Table 10.13 Disposal of children's stools
Percent distribution of youngest children under age 2 living with their mother by the manner of disposal of the child's last faecal matter, and percentage of children whose stools are disposed of appropriately, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Manner of disposal of children's stools |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Percentage of children whose stools are disposed of appropriately ${ }^{1}$ | Number of children |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Child used toilet or latrine | Put/rinsed into toilet or latrine | Buried | Put/rinsed into drain or ditch | Thrown into garbage | Left in the open | Other | Total |  |  |
| Age of child in months |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-1 | 0.8 | 38.3 | 5.1 | 8.0 | 46.4 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 44.2 | 315 |
| 2-3 | 0.0 | 40.5 | 1.9 | 8.4 | 48.9 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 42.4 | 284 |
| 4-5 | 0.5 | 44.3 | 0.4 | 4.8 | 49.5 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 45.2 | 297 |
| 6-8 | 0.7 | 43.4 | 1.3 | 9.4 | 44.9 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 45.4 | 319 |
| 9-11 | 0.3 | 55.9 | 1.7 | 3.9 | 37.8 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 57.9 | 413 |
| 12-17 | 2.0 | 59.7 | 1.6 | 6.1 | 30.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 63.3 | 787 |
| 18-23 | 2.8 | 67.2 | 0.6 | 5.4 | 21.7 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 70.7 | 596 |
| 6-23 | 1.7 | 58.6 | 1.3 | 6.0 | 31.4 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 61.6 | 2,115 |
| Type of toilet facility ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Improved sanitation facility | 1.1 | 47.1 | 1.7 | 5.2 | 44.6 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 49.9 | 1,930 |
| Unimproved facility | 1.9 | 66.0 | 1.2 | 7.8 | 21.4 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 69.1 | 1,047 |
| Open defecation | 0.0 | 19.5 | 12.4 | 22.6 | 35.3 | 10.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 31.9 |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 1.4 | 45.3 | 2.1 | 5.6 | 45.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 48.8 | 1,946 |
|  | 1.1 | 68.1 | 1.0 | 7.6 | 20.0 | 2.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 70.2 | 1,066 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 0.6 | 32.5 | 0.0 | 5.2 | 60.5 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 33.1 | 26 |
| Kanifing | 0.3 | 30.4 | 0.6 | 3.6 | 65.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 31.3 | 507 |
| Brikama | 2.1 | 48.3 | 3.1 | 6.7 | 39.6 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 53.5 | 1,202 |
| Mansakonko | 1.0 | 80.6 | 0.2 | 4.9 | 12.3 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 81.9 | 129 |
| Kerewan | 0.0 | 58.4 | 0.4 | 5.5 | 35.5 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 58.8 | 372 |
| Kuntaur | 0.6 | 55.8 | 2.4 | 9.5 | 24.1 | 7.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 58.9 | 189 |
| Janjanbureh | 1.7 | 75.9 | 1.3 | 13.5 | 6.7 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 79.0 | 193 |
| Basse | 1.9 | 73.9 | 0.1 | 5.0 | 17.5 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 75.9 | 394 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 1.6 | 59.2 | 0.8 | 6.9 | 30.1 | 1.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 61.5 | 1,337 |
| Primary | 2.5 | 56.0 | 2.1 | 3.9 | 35.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 60.7 | 574 |
| Secondary or higher | 0.4 | 44.9 | 2.6 | 6.8 | 44.9 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 47.9 | 1,101 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 1.4 | 65.0 | 1.4 | 8.1 | 21.0 | 2.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 67.8 | 674 |
| Second | 1.7 | 63.6 | 1.8 | 10.1 | 22.6 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 67.1 | 640 |
| Middle | 0.7 | 67.1 | 0.6 | 3.9 | 27.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 68.4 | 629 |
| Fourth | 2.6 | 37.4 | 2.9 | 4.6 | 52.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 42.9 | 559 |
| Highest | 0.0 | 25.6 | 2.0 | 4.1 | 68.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 27.6 | 510 |
| Total | 1.3 | 53.4 | 1.7 | 6.3 | 36.4 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 56.4 | 3,011 |

${ }^{1}$ Children's stools are considered to be disposed of appropriately if the child used a toilet or latrine, if the faecal matter was put/rinsed into a toilet or latrine, or if it
was buried.
${ }^{2}$ See Table 2.3.1 for definition of categories

## Key Findings

- Nutritional status of children: $18 \%$ of children under age 5 are stunted (short for their age), $5 \%$ are wasted (thin for their height), $12 \%$ are underweight (thin for their age), and $2 \%$ are overweight (heavy for their height).
- Breastfeeding: Almost all (98\%) children born in the 2 years preceding the survey were breastfed at some point; over half (54\%) of children under age 6 months are exclusively breastfed.
- Minimum acceptable diet: Overall, $14 \%$ of children age 6-23 months were fed a minimum acceptable diet in the 24 hours before the interview.
- Anaemia: 45\% of children age 6-59 months and 44\% of women age 15-49 are anaemic.
- Salt iodisation: 77\% of households with tested salt had iodised salt.
- Nutritional status of women: $14 \%$ of women age 15-49 are thin (body mass index less than 18.5), while $36 \%$ are overweight or obese.

TThis chapter reports on nutritional status and anaemia among children and women. It also reports on infant and young child feeding practices, including breastfeeding and complementary feeding, micronutrient supplementation and deworming for children and pregnant women, and the presence of iodine in household cooking salt.

### 11.1 Nutritional Status of Children

The distribution of height and weight for children under age 5 was compared against the WHO Child Growth Standards reference population (WHO 2006). A well-nourished population will be similar to the reference population, while a poorly nourished population will differ from the reference population. Three indices-height-for-age, weight-for-height, and weight-for-age-can be expressed in standard deviation units (Z-scores) from the median of the reference population, with values greater than two standard deviations from the median of the WHO Child Growth Standards used to define malnutrition.

Stunting, or low height-for-age, is a sign of chronic undernutrition that reflects failure to receive adequate nutrition over a long period of time. The most direct causes of stunting are inadequate nutrition (not eating enough or eating foods that lack growth-promoting nutrients) and recurrent infections or chronic diseases that cause poor nutrient intake, absorption, and utilisation.

Wasting, or low weight-for-height, is a measure of acute undernutrition and represents the failure to receive adequate nutrition in the period immediately before the survey. Wasting may result from inadequate food intake or from a recent episode of illness or infection causing weight loss.

Overweight, or high weight-for-height, is a measure of overnutrition and results from an imbalance between energy consumed (too much) and energy expended (too little).

Underweight, or low weight-for-age, is a composite index of weight-for-height and height-for-age reflecting both acute (wasting) and chronic (stunting) undernutrition.

## Stunting (assessed via height-for-age)

Height-for-age is a measure of linear growth retardation and cumulative growth deficits. Children whose height-for-age Z-score is below minus two standard deviations (-2 SD) from the median of the reference population are considered short for their age (stunted), or chronically undernourished. Children who are below minus three standard deviations (-3 SD) from the median are considered severely stunted.
Sample: Children under age 5

## Wasting (assessed via weight-for-height)

The weight-for-height index measures body mass in relation to body height or length and describes acute nutritional status. Children whose weight-for-height Z-score is below minus two standard deviations (-2 SD) from the median of the reference population are considered thin (wasted), or acutely undernourished. Children whose Z-score is below minus three standard deviations (-3 SD) from the median are considered severely wasted.
Sample: Children under age 5

## Underweight (assessed via weight-for-age)

Weight-for-age is a composite index of height-for-age and weight-for-height. It takes into account both acute and chronic undernutrition. Children whose weight-for-age Z-score is below minus two standard deviations (-2 SD) from the median of the reference population are classified as underweight. Children whose weight-for-age Z-score is below minus three standard deviations (-3 SD) from the median are considered severely underweight.
Sample: Children under age 5
Overweight (assessed via weight-for-height)
Children whose weight-for-height Z-score is more than two standard deviations (+2 SD) above the median of the reference population are considered overweight.
Sample: Children under age 5

The means of the Z-scores for height-for-age, weight-for-height, and weight-for-age are also calculated as summary statistics representing the nutritional status of children in a population. These mean scores describe the nutritional status of the entire population of children without the use of a cutoff point. A mean Z-score of less than 0 (i.e., a negative mean value for stunting, wasting, or underweight) suggests a downward shift in the entire sample population's nutritional status relative to the reference population. The farther away mean Z-scores are from 0 , the higher the prevalence of malnutrition.

### 11.1.1 Anthropometry Training and Data Collection

Health technicians were trained to measure the height and weight of children and adults. Training on child height measurement included standardisation exercises. Results of these exercises are provided in Appendix Table C.7. Children younger than age 24 months were measured lying down (recumbent length); older children and adults were measured standing up (height). Weight measurements were taken using SECA scales with a digital display (model number SECA 878U). Height and length were measured with a ShorrBoard ${ }^{\circledR}$ measuring board.

The survey identified a total of 4,385 children under age 5 who were eligible for height and weight measurements. Valid height-for-age measurements were obtained for $95 \%$ of eligible children. Similarly, valid weight-for-height measurements were obtained for $95 \%$ of eligible children, and valid weight-for-age measurements were obtained for $96 \%$ of eligible children. Appendix Tables C. 3 and C. 8 provide additional information on the completeness and quality of anthropometry data for children.

To assess precision of measurements, two children per cluster were randomly selected to be measured a second time. A difference of less than 1 centimetre between the two height measurements was defined as an acceptable level of precision. Children with a Z-score of less than -3 SD or more than 3 SD for height-for-age, weight-for-height, or weight-for-age were flagged and measured a second time. Re-measurement of flagged cases was performed to ensure accurate reporting of height and weight measurements.

Calculation of Z-scores was based on the first measurement among children randomly selected for remeasurement and on the second measurement among children flagged for re-measurement. The remeasurement completion rate was $95 \%$ among those selected for re-measurement for any reason. Appendix Table C. 9 provides additional information on re-measurement data.

### 11.1.2 Levels of Child Malnutrition

In The Gambia, $18 \%$ of children under age 5 are stunted, or too short for their age, and $4 \%$ are severely stunted (Table 11.1). Five percent are wasted (too thin for their height), with $1 \%$ being severely wasted. In addition, $12 \%$ of children are underweight, and $2 \%$ are overweight.

Trends: From 2013 to 2019-20, stunting and wasting in children under age 5 decreased from $25 \%$ to $18 \%$ and from $12 \%$ to $5 \%$, respectively (Figure 11.1). The percentage of overweight children and underweight children also decreased over the same period.

Patterns by background characteristics

Figure 11.1 Trends in nutritional status of children

Percentage of children under age 5 who are malnourished


- The proportion of stunting increases from $9 \%$ among children age $0-5$ months to a peak of $28 \% \mathrm{among}$ children age 18-23 months before decreasing to $13 \%$ among children age $48-59$ months. Wasting, on the other hand, is most prevalent among children age 9-11 months.

Figure 11.2 Stunting in children by Local Government Area
Percentage of children under age 5 who are stunted


- Boys are more likely to be stunted, wasted, and underweight ( $19 \%, 6 \%$, and $13 \%$, respectively) than girls $(16 \%, 4 \%$, and $10 \%$, respectively).
- Children with mothers who are thin (i.e., a body mass index [BMI] below 18.5) are more likely to be stunted, wasted, and underweight than their counterparts whose mothers are of normal weight (a BMI of 18.5-24.9) or are overweight or obese (a BMI of 25 or above). The prevalence of wasting is more than two times higher among children whose mothers are thin (11\%) than among children whose mothers are overweight or obese (4\%).
- By LGA, the percentage of children who are stunted ranges from $10 \%$ in Banjul to $25 \%$ in Kuntaur (Figure 11.2).
- Sixteen percent of children in urban areas are stunted, as compared with $20 \%$ of children in rural areas.
- The prevalence of stunting generally decreases with increasing household wealth (Figure 11.3).


### 11.2 Infant and Young Child Feeding Practices

Appropriate infant and young child feeding (IYCF) practices include early initiation of breastfeeding (within the first hour of life), exclusive breastfeeding for the first 6 months of life, continued breastfeeding for 2 years or more, and introduction of safe, appropriate, and adequate complementary foods at age 6 months (WHO 2008). The Government of The Gambia has put into effect policies and regulations to promote, protect, and support optimal infant and young child feeding practices. The Breastfeeding Promotion Regulation 2006 (MoH\&SW 2006), the National Nutrition Policy 2018-2025 (NaNA 2018), and the National Health Policy 2012-2020 (MoH\&SW 2012) place strong emphasis on the promotion of optimal IYCF practices. Several national programmes are being implemented to promote IYCF, including the Baby Friendly Hospital and Community Initiatives, the Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition Programme, and Social and Behavioural Change Communication Programme.

### 11.2.1 Early Initiation of Breastfeeding

Initiation of breastfeeding within the first hour of life is important for both the mother and the child. The first breast milk contains colostrum, which is highly nutritious and has antibodies that protect the newborn from diseases. Early initiation of breastfeeding also encourages bonding between the mother and her newborn, facilitating the production of regular breast milk.

## Early initiation of breastfeeding

Initiation of breastfeeding within 1 hour of birth.
Sample: Last-born children who were born in the 2 years before the survey

Overall, $98 \%$ of last-born children born in the 2 years before the survey had ever been breastfed (Table 11.2). More than one-third ( $36 \%$ ) of these children started breastfeeding within 1 hour of birth, and $93 \%$ began breastfeeding within 1 day of birth. Twenty-one percent of children received a prelacteal feed in the first 3 days of life.

Trends: The proportion of children ever breastfed was very high in both 2013 ( $99 \%$ ) and 2019-20 ( $98 \%$ ). However, it appears that breastfeeding is being initiated later; only $36 \%$ of children were breastfed within 1 hour of birth in 2019-20, as compared with $52 \%$ of children in 2013. Additionally, a higher proportion of children received a prelacteal feed in 2019-20 (21\%) than in 2013 (17\%).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Early initiation of breastfeeding is more common among children whose deliveries were assisted by traditional birth attendants ( $40 \%$ ) and health personnel ( $36 \%$ ) than among those whose deliveries were assisted by others ( $28 \%$ ) or were not assisted ( $30 \%$ ).
- Infants in rural areas are more likely to begin breastfeeding within 1 hour of birth (45\%) and less likely to receive a prelacteal feed ( $14 \%$ ) than infants in urban areas ( $30 \%$ and $24 \%$, respectively).
- By LGA, early initiation of breastfeeding is most common in Janjanbureh (53\%) and least common in Brikama (26\%).
- Early initiation of breastfeeding generally decreases with increasing wealth (from $41 \%$ among children in the lowest quintile to $33 \%$ among those in the highest quintile), while prelacteal feeding increases with increasing wealth (from $15 \%$ among children in the lowest quintile to $27 \%$ among children in the highest quintile).


### 11.2.2 Exclusive Breastfeeding

Dietary sufficiency, in terms of energy and essential nutrients, is critical for the normal growth and development of infants and young children. Breast milk is recognised as the best source of bioavailable nutrients as it contains all of the nutrients needed by infants during their first 6 months of life. It is recommended that children be exclusively breastfed in the first 6 months of their life; that is, they should be given nothing but breast milk. Exclusive breastfeeding for 6 months prevents infections such as diarrhoea and respiratory illnesses and provides all of the nutrients and liquid an infant requires for optimal growth and development. Feeding complementary foods within the first 6 months will have the adverse effect of reducing breast milk output because the production and release of breast milk are modulated by the frequency and intensity of suckling.

## Exclusive breastfeeding

Proportion of children age 0-5 months who are fed exclusively with breast milk.
Sample: Last-born children who were born in the 2 years before the survey

Among children less than age 6 months, $54 \%$ are exclusively breastfed (Table 11.3). Exclusive breastfeeding declines with age, from $75 \%$ among children age $0-1$ month to $57 \%$ among children age 2-3 months and $28 \%$ among children age 4-5 months. One quarter ( $25 \%$ ) of children age $0-5$ months are breastfeeding and consuming plain water only, and $14 \%$ are breastfeeding and consuming complementary foods, a practice that should be delayed until age 6 months.

The proportion of children who are breastfeeding and consuming complementary foods increases with increasing age, peaking at $90 \%$ among children age 9-11 months and 12-17 months, and then decreases to $47 \%$ among children age 18-23 months (as older children stop breastfeeding). The percentage of children who are not breastfeeding also generally increases with age, from $4 \%$ among those age $0-1$ month to $52 \%$
among those age 18-23 months. Overall, $96 \%$ of children are breastfeeding at 1 year, and $36 \%$ are breastfeeding at 2 years (Table 11.3, Table 11.4, and Figure 11.4).

Figure 11.4 Breastfeeding practices by age


Trends: Exclusive breastfeeding increased from $47 \%$ in 2013 to $54 \%$ in 2019-20.

### 11.2.3 Median Duration of Breastfeeding

Table 11.5 shows that the median duration of any breastfeeding among children born in the 3 years before the survey is 20.4 months. Overall, the median duration of exclusive breastfeeding is 3.1 months, and the median duration of predominant breastfeeding (either exclusively breastfed or breastfed and receiving plain water and/or non-milk liquids) is 5.7 months.

Trends: The median duration of exclusive breastfeeding increased by 1 month between 2013 and 2019-20, from 2.1 months to 3.1 months. Over the same period, the median duration of any breastfeeding remained unchanged at 20.4 months.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The median duration of exclusive breastfeeding is longer among children in rural areas (4.2 months) than among children in urban areas ( 2.5 months) (Table 11.5).
- The median duration of predominant breastfeeding is longest among children in Basse (7.2 months) and Janjanbureh (7.1 months) and shortest among children in Kanifing and Brikama (5.1 months each).
- The median duration of any breastfeeding decreases with increasing mother's education, from 20.7 months among mothers with no education to 19.9 months among mothers with a secondary education or higher.
- By household wealth, the median duration of predominant breastfeeding is longest among children in the lowest wealth quintile ( 6.6 months) and shortest among children in the highest wealth quintile (4.1 months).


### 11.2.4 Bottle Feeding

The nipple on a feeding bottle is susceptible to contamination and increases the risk of disease among children. In addition, use of a feeding bottle with a nipple may lead to nipple confusion. Thus, bottle feeding is not recommended for children under age 2 (WHO 2005a).

## Bottle feeding

Proportion of children age 0-23 months who are fed from a bottle with a nipple.
Sample: Last-born children who were born in the 2 years before the survey

Overall, $15 \%$ of children age 0-23 months are fed using a bottle with a nipple (Table 11.4). The proportion of children using a bottle with a nipple increases from $11 \%$ among those age $0-1$ month to a peak of $22 \%$ among those age 6-8 months before decreasing to $12 \%$ among those age 18-23 months (Table 11.3).

### 11.2.5 Introduction of Complementary Foods

After the first 6 months, breast milk alone is no longer enough to meet the nutritional needs of an infant. After 6 months, appropriate complementary foods should be introduced while breastfeeding is continued until age 2 or older. The transition from exclusive breastfeeding to complementing breastfeeding with family foods is when children are most vulnerable to becoming undernourished, and during this time it is important that they receive diversified solid, semisolid, or soft foods. During the complementary feeding period, the energy and nutrient requirements for children must be met to ensure appropriate growth and development in childhood. Acute or chronic insufficiency in energy or other nutrients, such as vitamins and minerals, can have immediate as well as lifelong impacts on health and functional capacity.

Appropriate complementary feeding should include feeding children a variety of foods to ensure that all nutrient requirements are met. Fruits and vegetables rich in vitamin A should be consumed daily. Eating a range of fruits and vegetables, in addition to those rich in vitamin A, is also important. Studies have shown that plant-based complementary foods by themselves are insufficient to meet the needs for certain micronutrients. Therefore, it has been recommended that meat, poultry, fish, or eggs be part of the daily diet or eaten as often as possible (WHO 2003).

In the 2019-20 GDHS, mothers were asked questions about foods and liquids consumed by their last-born children under age 2 in the 24 hours preceding the interview. Overall, the most common foods given to children age 6-23 months are foods made from grains ( $86 \%$ among breastfeeding children and $96 \%$ among nonbreastfeeding children) and meat, fish, and poultry ( $42 \%$ among breastfeeding children and $71 \%$ among nonbreastfeeding children) (Table 11.6). Nonbreastfeeding children age 6-23 months are more likely to consume every type of food than breastfeeding children with the exception of fortified baby foods. In general, consumption of each food group increases with age among both breastfeeding and nonbreastfeeding children.

### 11.2.6 Minimum Dietary Diversity, Minimum Meal Frequency, and Minimum Acceptable Diet

Infants and young children should be fed a minimum acceptable diet to ensure appropriate growth and development. Without adequate diversity and meal frequency, infants and young children are vulnerable to undernutrition, especially stunting and micronutrient deficiencies, and to increased morbidity and mortality. The WHO minimum acceptable diet recommendation is a combination of minimum dietary diversity and minimum meal frequency. The indicators are defined in the box below.

Minimum dietary diversity is a proxy for adequate micronutrient density of foods. Consumption of food from at least five groups means that the child has a high likelihood of consuming at least one animal source of food and at least one fruit or vegetable in addition to a staple food such as grains, roots, or tubers (WHO 2008). The five groups come from a list of eight food groups: breast milk; grains, roots, and tubers; legumes and nuts; dairy products (milk, yogurt, and cheese); flesh foods (meat, fish, poultry, and liver/organ meat); eggs; vitamin A-rich fruits and vegetables; and other fruits and vegetables.

Minimum meal frequency is a proxy for meeting energy requirements. Breastfed children age 6-8 months are considered to be fed with a minimum meal frequency if they receive solid, semisolid, or soft foods at
least twice a day. Breastfed children age 9-23 months are considered to be fed with a minimum meal frequency if they receive solid, semisolid, or soft foods at least three times a day. Nonbreastfed children age 6-23 months are considered to be fed with a minimum meal frequency if they receive solid, semisolid, or soft foods or milk feeds at least four times a day and if at least one of the feeds is a solid, semisolid, or soft food.

## Minimum dietary diversity

Proportion of children age 6-23 months who received a minimum of five out of eight food groups during the previous day.
Minimum meal frequency
Proportion of children age 6-23 months who received solid, semisolid, or soft food (including milk feeds for nonbreastfed children) the minimum number of times or more during the previous day.
Minimum acceptable diet
Proportion of children age 6-23 months who receive a minimum acceptable diet. This indicator is a composite of children that have met minimum dietary diversity and minimum meal frequency.

Sample: Youngest children age 6-23 months living with their mother

Minimum dietary diversity, minimum meal frequency, and appropriate milk feeds together constitute a child's minimum acceptable diet. In total, $14 \%$ of children age 6-23 months were fed a minimum acceptable diet in the 24 hours prior to the interview. Twenty percent of children had an adequately diverse diet (they were given foods from at least five food groups), and $52 \%$ were fed the minimum number of times appropriate for their age (Table 11.7 and Figure 11.5).

Figure 11.5 IYCF indicators on minimum acceptable diet

Percentage of children age 6-23 months
■ Breastfed $\quad$ Nonbreastfed $\quad$ All children 6-23 months


## Patterns by background characteristics

- The percentage of children age 6-23 months who are fed a minimum acceptable diet is higher among breastfed children (15\%) than among nonbreastfed children (7\%) (Figure 11.5).
- Children in urban areas are more likely to be fed a minimum acceptable diet ( $15 \%$ ) than children in rural areas (11\%) (Table 11.7).
- By LGA, the percentage of children fed a minimum acceptable diet is lowest in Janjanbureh (8\%) and highest in Brikama (18\%).
- The proportion of children receiving a minimum acceptable diet is lower among those whose mothers have no education ( $11 \%$ ) than among those whose mothers have a primary education ( $17 \%$ ) or a secondary education or higher (15\%).


### 11.3 Anaemia Prevalence in Children

## Anaemia in children

| Anaemia status | Haemoglobin level in <br> grams/decilitre* |
| :--- | :--- |
| Anaemic | $<11.0$ |
| Mildly anaemic | $10.0-10.9$ |
| Moderately anaemic | $7.0-9.9$ |
| Severely anaemic | $<7.0$ |
| Not anaemic | 11.0 or higher |
| *Haemoglobin levels are adjusted for altitude in <br> enumeration areas that are above 1,000 metres |  |

Sample: Children 6-59 months

Anaemia is a condition that is marked by low levels of haemoglobin in the blood. Iron deficiency is a common cause of anaemia and is estimated to be responsible for half of all anaemia cases in women and children globally. Other causes of anaemia include malaria, hookworm and other helminths, other nutritional deficiencies, chronic infections, and genetic conditions such as thalassemia. Anaemia is a serious concern for children because it can impair cognitive development and is associated with long-term health and economic consequences (Balarajan et al. 2011). Severe anaemia leads to increased mortality.

The Micronutrient Deficiency Control Programme incorporates several approaches, including the use of successful community-based programmes such as the Baby Friendly Community Initiative (BFCI). One aspect of the programme, anaemia control, targets pregnant women, lactating mothers, and children under age 5 . The programme provides iron supplementation to pregnant women and lactating mothers during the postpartum period through reproductive and child health $(\mathrm{RCH})$ clinics and micronutrient powders for children age 6-24 months in communities. It also provides environmental sanitary materials and supports communities with gardening materials as a means of food diversification.

In the 2019-20 GDHS, all children age 6-59 months in half of households were eligible for haemoglobin testing. Testing was successfully carried out for $95 \%$ of eligible children. The HemoCue® ${ }^{\circledR} \mathrm{Hb} 201+$ device was used to measure haemoglobin levels from a finger-prick blood sample, which was then used to determine anaemia levels in the population. The methodology used for haemoglobin testing is described in Chapter 1.

Overall, $45 \%$ of children age 6-59 months are anaemic (haemoglobin below $11.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ ), with $24 \%$ having mild anaemia, $20 \%$ having moderate anaemia, and $1 \%$ having severe anaemia (Table 11.8).

Figure 11.6 Trends in childhood anaemia

Percentage of children age 6-59 months


Trends: From 2013 to 2019-20, the prevalence of anaemia in children age 6-59 months dropped sharply from $73 \%$ to $45 \%$ (Figure 11.6).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The prevalence of anaemia is higher among children in rural areas (60\%) than among children in urban areas (37\%).
- There is wide variation in anaemia prevalence by LGA. The percentage of children with any level of anaemia ranges from $30 \%$ in Brikama to $77 \%$ in Kuntaur (Figure 11.7).
- The prevalence of anaemia generally decreases with increasing mother's education and household wealth.

Figure 11.7 Anaemia in children by Local Government Area
Percentage of children age 6-59 months with any anaemia


### 11.4 Presence of Iodised Salt in Households

Iodine is a micronutrient that plays an important role in thyroid function. In line with food and drug regulations, household salt should be fortified with iodine. Sufficient iodine prevents goitre, brain damage, and other thyroid-related health problems. The Food Fortification and Salt Iodisation Regulation (2006) recommends adequate iodisation of salt intended for human consumption and prohibits the sale, distribution, and advertisement of non-iodised salt.

The 2019-20 GDHS tested for the presence of iodine in household salt used for cooking purposes in the form of potassium iodate. Salt was tested for the presence or absence of iodine only; the iodine content of the salt was not measured. All households were asked if they had salt and, if so, if that salt could be tested. Overall, salt was tested in $86 \%$ of households, and among households in which salt was tested, $77 \%$ had iodised salt. Thirteen percent of households did not have salt, and $1 \%$ of households had salt but the salt was not tested. Among households with tested salt, the proportions with iodised salt were highest in Kanifing ( $91 \%$ ) and Basse ( $90 \%$ ) and lowest in Kerewan (56\%) and Mansakonko (54\%) (Table 11.9).

### 11.5 Micronutrient Intake and Supplementation among Children

Micronutrient deficiency is a major contributor to childhood morbidity and mortality. Micronutrients are available in foods and can also be provided through direct supplementation.

The information collected on food consumption among children age 6-23 months is useful in assessing the extent to which children are consuming food groups rich in two key micronutrients in their daily diet: iron and vitamin A. Iron plays an important role in numerous biological systems and iron deficiency is one of the primary causes of anaemia, which has serious health consequences for children. Vitamin A supports the immune system and plays an important role in maintaining the epithelial tissue in the body. Severe vitamin A deficiency (VAD) can cause eye damage and is the leading cause of childhood blindness. VAD
also increases the severity of infections such as measles and diarrhoeal disease and slows recovery from illness.

Table 11.10 presents information on consumption of foods rich in vitamin A and iron in the 24 hours before the survey among children age 6-23 months who are living with their mother. It also provides information on micronutrient powder supplementation among all children age 6-23 months and vitamin A and iron supplementation and deworming among children age 6-59 months. Overall, nearly 6 in 10 (59\%) children age 6-23 months consumed food rich in vitamin A in the 24 hours prior to the survey, and more than half (52\%) consumed foods rich in iron. Only $1 \%$ of children age 6-23 months received a micronutrient powder in the past 7 days. Among children age 6-59 months, $11 \%$ were given an iron supplement in the past 7 days, $57 \%$ were given a vitamin A supplement in the past 6 months, and $39 \%$ were given deworming medication in the past 6 months. Three quarters ( $76 \%$ ) of children age 6-59 months live in households with iodised salt.

Clinical treatment for severely wasted children (with no medical complications) involves the use of ready-to-use therapeutic foods alongside other interventions (WHO 2013). In The Gambia, $1 \%$ each of children age 6-35 months received Plumpy'Nut and Plumpy'Doz in the 7 days before the survey (Table 11.11).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Children in rural areas are more likely than children in urban areas to be given a micronutrient powder ( $2 \%$ versus less than $1 \%$ ), vitamin A supplements ( $63 \%$ versus 55\%), and deworming medication ( $47 \%$ versus $36 \%$ ). Conversely, iron supplementation is higher among children in urban areas than children in rural areas ( $11 \%$ versus $9 \%$ ).
- The proportion of children consuming foods rich in vitamin A and foods rich in iron increases with increasing household wealth.
- The percentage of children receiving Plumpy'Nut and Plumpy'Doz is higher among those in rural areas, those whose mothers have no education, and those in households in the lowest and second wealth quintiles.


### 11.6 Women’s Nutritional Status

Chronic energy deficiency is caused by eating too little or having an unbalanced diet that does not contain adequate nutrients. Women of reproductive age are especially vulnerable to chronic energy deficiency and malnutrition due to low dietary intakes, heavy workloads, inequitable distribution of food within the household, improper food storage and preparation, food taboos, high infection rates, and inadequate care practices. It is well known that chronic energy deficiency leads to low productivity among adults and is related to heightened morbidity and mortality. In addition, chronic undernutrition among women is a major risk factor for adverse birth outcomes.

## Body mass index (BMI)

BMI is calculated by dividing weight in kilograms by height in metres squared ( $\mathrm{kg} / \mathrm{m}^{2}$ ).

| Status | BMI |
| :--- | :--- |
| Too thin for their height | Less than 18.5 |
| Normal | Between 18.5 and 24.9 |
| Overweight | Between 25.0 and 29.9 |
| Obese | Greater than or equal to 30.0 |

Sample: Women age 15-49 who are not pregnant and who have not had a birth in the 2 months before the survey

## Short stature

Proportion of women with height under 145 cm .
Sample: Women age 15-49

The 2019-20 GDHS collected anthropometric data on height and weight among women age 15-49. These data were used to calculate several measures of nutritional status such as maternal height and body mass index (BMI). The results showed that $50 \%$ of women have a normal BMI, $14 \%$ are thin (BMI less than 18.5), and $36 \%$ are overweight or obese (BMI of 25.0 or higher) (Table 11.12). Only $1 \%$ of women are of short stature (height under 145 cm ).

Trends: The proportion of women who are thin decreased from $17 \%$ in 2013 to $14 \%$ in 2019-20, while the proportion who are overweight or obese increased from $23 \%$ to $36 \%$ over the same period (Figure 11.8).

## Patterns by background characteristics

Figure 11.8 Trends in women's nutritional status
Percentage of women
age 15-49 age 15-49


- Women in rural areas are more likely to be thin ( $17 \%$ ) than women in urban areas $(13 \%)$. Conversely, women in urban areas are more likely to be overweight or obese ( $40 \%$ versus $25 \%$ ) (Table 11.12).
- The percentage of women who have a normal BMI declines from $60 \%$ among those age 15-19 to $35 \%$ among those age 40-49.
- Younger women (age 15-19) are more likely to be thin than older women (age 40-49) (28\% and 4\%, respectively).
- Overweight and obesity decrease with increasing education, from $40 \%$ among women with no education to $34 \%$ among women with a secondary education or higher. Conversely, the proportion of women who are thin increases with increasing education, from $10 \%$ among those with no education to $16 \%$ among those with a secondary education or higher.
- Mean BMI increases with increasing household wealth, from 22.6 among women in the lowest wealth quintile to 25.0 among women in the highest wealth quintile.


### 11.7 Anaemia Prevalence in Women

Haemoglobin levels below which women are considered anaemic

| Respondents | Haemoglobin level in <br> grams/decilitre* |
| :--- | :--- |
| Non-pregnant women age 15-49 | Less than 12.0 |
| Pregnant women age 15-49 | Less than 11.0 |
| *Haemoglobin levels are adjusted for cigarette smoking and <br> for altitude in enumeration areas that are above 1,000 metres. |  |

In the 2019-20 GDHS, anaemia among women age 15-49 was measured using a procedure similar to that used for children age 6-59 months except that capillary blood was collected exclusively from a finger prick. The methodology employed for haemoglobin testing is described in detail in Chapter 1. All women age 15-49 were eligible to be tested for anaemia in half of households. Among all women eligible for testing, haemoglobin levels were successfully measured for $93 \%$.

Anaemia is a major concern among women, leading to increased maternal mortality and poor birth outcomes as well as reductions in work productivity. Overall, $44 \%$ of women have some degree of anaemia. Twenty-six percent of women are mildly anaemic, $17 \%$ are moderately anaemic, and $1 \%$ are severely anaemic (Table 11.13).

Trends: From 2013 to 2019-20, the prevalence of anaemia among women decreased from $60 \%$ to $44 \%$. While the prevalence of moderate anaemia declined from $31 \%$ to $17 \%$ over that period and the prevalence of severe anaemia declined from $4 \%$ to $1 \%$, the prevalence of mild anaemia remained unchanged (26\%) (Figure 11.9).

## Patterns by background characteristics

Figure 11.9 Trends in anaemia status among women

Percentage of women age 15-49


- The prevalence of anaemia among women increases with increasing number of children ever born, from $42 \%$ among those who have never given birth to $51 \%$ among those who have had six or more children.
- Pregnant women are more likely to be anaemic (55\%) than women who are breastfeeding (47\%) and women who are neither breastfeeding nor pregnant (42\%)
- The proportion of women with anaemia is higher in rural areas (56\%) than in urban areas ( $40 \%$ ).
- By LGA, the prevalence of anaemia ranges from a low of $39 \%$ in Brikama to a high of $62 \%$ in Kuntaur. Severe anaemia is most common among women in Kuntaur and Janjanbureh (4\% each).
- The prevalence of anaemia among women decreases with increasing education and household wealth.


### 11.8 Micronutrient Supplementation and Deworming during Pregnancy

During pregnancy, women are at a higher risk of anaemia due to an increase in blood volume. Severe anaemia can place both the mother and the baby in danger through increased risk of blood loss during labour and can raise the risk of preterm delivery, low birth weight, and perinatal mortality. To prevent anaemia, pregnant women are advised to take iron folate supplements, eat iron-rich foods, and prevent intestinal worms.

The 2019-20 GDHS asked women age 15-49 who gave birth in the 5 years before the survey whether they took iron supplements and/or deworming medication during their most recent pregnancy. Overall, 9 in 10 women $(90 \%)$ took iron supplements during their last pregnancy, and more than half ( $58 \%$ ) took iron supplements for 90 days or more. Four in 10 women ( $41 \%$ ) took deworming medication during their last pregnancy (Table 11.14).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The proportion of women taking deworming medication increases with age, from $39 \%$ among those age $15-19$ to $43 \%$ among those age 40-49.
- The percentage of women taking deworming medication is higher in rural areas ( $48 \%$ ) than in urban areas (37\%).
- The proportion of women taking iron supplements for 90 days or more increases with increasing education (from $56 \%$ among those with no education to $61 \%$ among those with a secondary education or higher) and household wealth (from $53 \%$ among those in the lowest wealth quintile to $63 \%$ among those in the highest quintile).


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| Background characteristic | Height-for-age ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  | Weight-for-height |  |  |  |  | Weight-for-age |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage below -3 SD | Percentage below -2 SD $^{2}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mean } \\ & \text { Z-score } \\ & \text { (SD) } \end{aligned}$ | Number of children | Percentage below -3 SD | Percentage below $-2 S^{2}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Percent- } \\ \text { age } \\ \text { above } \\ +2 \text { SD } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mean } \\ & \text { Z-score } \\ & \text { (SD) } \end{aligned}$ | Number of children | Percentage below -3 SD | Percentage below -2 SD $^{2}$ | Percentage above +2 SD | Mean Z-score (SD) | Number of children |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 1.9 | 10.1 | -0.7 | 37 | 0.0 | 2.4 | 3.1 | -0.2 | 37 | 0.5 | 7.8 | 0.0 | -0.5 | 37 |
| Kanifing | 3.0 | 13.2 | -0.8 | 664 | 0.2 | 5.0 | 2.6 | -0.3 | 669 | 1.6 | 9.2 | 0.9 | -0.7 | 669 |
| Brikama | 3.5 | 17.2 | -1.0 | 1,635 | 0.9 | 4.7 | 2.9 | -0.3 | 1,635 | 2.6 | 10.3 | 0.7 | -0.8 | 1,646 |
| Mansakonko | 3.5 | 16.2 | -1.1 | 190 | 0.0 | 5.5 | 1.7 | -0.5 | 190 | 0.8 | 12.1 | 0.2 | -1.0 | 190 |
| Kerewan | 4.7 | 17.3 | -1.1 | 435 | 0.5 | 6.4 | 1.2 | -0.5 | 435 | 2.0 | 14.7 | 0.0 | -1.0 | 442 |
| Kuntaur | 4.9 | 25.2 | -1.4 | 218 | 0.2 | 3.9 | 1.5 | -0.4 | 219 | 1.6 | 13.8 | 0.2 | -1.0 | 220 |
| Janjanbureh | 3.1 | 19.4 | -1.2 | 264 | 0.2 | 6.5 | 2.0 | -0.4 | 264 | 3.0 | 15.2 | 0.6 | -1.0 | 264 |
| Basse | 3.1 | 20.8 | -1.1 | 495 | 0.7 | 5.0 | 0.6 | -0.4 | 495 | 2.3 | 14.1 | 0.1 | -0.9 | 495 |
| Mother's education ${ }^{7}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 3.3 | 17.4 | -1.1 | 1,679 | 0.4 | 4.0 | 1.6 | -0.4 | 1,678 | 2.3 | 11.9 | 0.3 | -0.9 | 1,697 |
| Primary | 3.1 | 17.7 | -1.0 | 679 | 1.5 | 6.0 | 2.1 | -0.4 | 679 | 2.9 | 10.6 | 0.3 | -0.8 | 681 |
| Secondary or higher | 3.6 | 16.2 | -0.9 | 1,333 | 0.5 | 6.2 | 3.1 | -0.3 | 1,331 | 1.9 | 11.7 | 1.0 | -0.8 | 1,339 |
| Missing | * |  |  | 2 | * | * | * |  | 2 | * | * | * | * | 2 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 5.0 | 22.5 | -1.3 | 868 | 0.2 | 3.9 | 1.5 | -0.4 | 867 | 1.8 | 15.0 | 0.2 | -1.0 | 871 |
| Second | 4.1 | 19.5 | -1.1 | 814 | 0.5 | 5.8 | 2.8 | -0.4 | 815 | 2.7 | 13.8 | 0.3 | -0.9 | 822 |
| Middle | 2.5 | 15.7 | -1.1 | 824 | 1.0 | 5.1 | 1.8 | -0.4 | 831 | 2.4 | 11.1 | 0.5 | -0.9 | 831 |
| Fourth | 1.5 | 13.4 | -0.9 | 701 | 0.6 | 6.5 | 1.2 | -0.5 | 703 | 1.4 | 8.6 | 0.5 | -0.8 | 707 |
| Highest | 4.3 | 15.3 | -0.8 | 731 | 0.7 | 4.2 | 3.6 | -0.2 | 727 | 2.8 | 8.8 | 1.2 | -0.6 | 733 |
| Total | 3.5 | 17.5 | -1.0 | 3,938 | 0.6 | 5.1 | 2.1 | -0.4 | 3,944 | 2.2 | 11.6 | 0.5 | -0.8 | 3,964 |

Note: Each of the indices is expressed in standard deviation units (SD) from the median of the WHO Child Growth Standards. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
1 Recumbent length is measured for children under age 2; Standing height is measured for all other children.
${ }^{2}$ Includes children who are below -3 standard deviations (SD) from the WHO Child Growth Standards population median
${ }^{3}$ Excludes children whose mothers were not interviewed
${ }^{6}$ Excludes children whose mothers were not weighed and measured, children whose mothers were not interviewed, and children whose mothers are pregnant or gave birth within the preceding 2 months. Mother's nutritional status in terms of BMI (body mass index) is presented in Table 11.12.
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For women who are not interviewed, information is taken from the Household Questionnaire. Excludes children whose mothers are not listed in the Household Questionnaire.

Table 11.2 Initial breastfeeding
Among last-born children who were born in the 2 years preceding the survey, percentage who were ever breastfed and percentages who started breastfeeding within 1 hour and within 1 day of birth; and among last-born children born in the 2 years preceding the survey who were ever breastfed, percentage who received a prelacteal feed in the first 3 days after birth, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Among last-born children born in the past 2 years: |  |  |  | Among last-born children born in the past 2 years who were ever breastfed: |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage ever breastfed | Percentage who started breastfeeding within 1 hour of birth | Percentage who started breastfeeding within 1 day of birth ${ }^{1}$ | Number of lastborn children | Percentage who received a prelacteal feed ${ }^{2}$ | Number of lastborn children ever breastfed |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 98.3 | 33.2 | 92.0 | 1,616 | 21.3 | 1,588 |
| Female | 97.8 | 38.0 | 93.5 | 1,514 | 19.8 | 1,480 |
| Assistance at delivery |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health personnel ${ }^{3}$ | 98.1 | 35.8 | 92.4 | 2,739 | 20.6 | 2,688 |
| Traditional birth attendant | 96.8 | 40.4 | 95.1 | 156 | 12.8 | 151 |
| Other | 99.0 | 27.8 | 96.7 | 141 | 27.6 | 140 |
| No one | 96.1 | 30.1 | 91.8 | 93 | 22.7 | 89 |
| Place of delivery |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health facility | 98.2 | 35.6 | 92.4 | 2,712 | 20.5 | 2,662 |
| At home | 97.6 | 34.1 | 95.3 | 373 | 21.8 | 364 |
| Other | 94.6 | 41.9 | 92.9 | 44 | 16.5 | 42 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 97.9 | 30.4 | 91.0 | 2,022 | 24.2 | 1,979 |
| Rural | 98.4 | 44.8 | 95.8 | 1,108 | 13.9 | 1,089 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 97.7 | 36.6 | 84.3 | 26 | 22.9 | 26 |
| Kanifing | 96.6 | 35.9 | 86.3 | 535 | 24.8 | 516 |
| Brikama | 98.3 | 26.1 | 92.6 | 1,243 | 23.9 | 1,223 |
| Mansakonko | 97.7 | 39.3 | 95.5 | 138 | 9.5 | 135 |
| Kerewan | 98.2 | 47.6 | 96.0 | 387 | 10.7 | 380 |
| Kuntaur | 98.8 | 43.4 | 94.9 | 196 | 25.1 | 194 |
| Janjanbureh | 98.3 | 53.2 | 95.5 | 200 | 20.0 | 197 |
| Basse | 98.6 | 38.1 | 95.7 | 403 | 15.8 | 398 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 98.1 | 38.9 | 94.1 | 1,391 | 20.1 | 1,364 |
| Primary | 98.4 | 32.0 | 91.0 | 594 | 20.5 | 584 |
| Secondary or higher | 97.8 | 33.2 | 91.9 | 1,145 | 21.1 | 1,120 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 98.1 | 40.8 | 94.5 | 704 | 15.3 | 691 |
| Second | 98.5 | 36.4 | 94.1 | 666 | 16.6 | 656 |
| Middle | 97.6 | 32.3 | 92.1 | 663 | 19.9 | 646 |
| Fourth | 99.0 | 34.0 | 91.3 | 572 | 27.0 | 566 |
| Highest | 97.0 | 32.9 | 90.9 | 525 | 26.5 | 509 |
| Total | 98.0 | 35.5 | 92.7 | 3,129 | 20.6 | 3,068 |

Note: Table is based on last-born children born in the 2 years preceding the survey regardless of whether the children are living or dead at the time of the interview.
${ }^{1}$ Includes children who started breastfeeding within 1 hour of birth
${ }^{2}$ Children given something other than breast milk during the first 3 days of life
${ }^{3}$ Doctor, nurse/midwife, or auxiliary nurse/community nurse attendant

## Table 11.3 Breastfeeding status according to age

Percent distribution of youngest children under age 2 who are living with their mother by breastfeeding status and percentage currently breastfeeding, and percentage of all children under age 2 using a bottle with a nipple, according to age in months, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Age in months | Not breastfeeding | Breastfeeding status |  |  |  |  | Total | Percentage currently breastfeeding | Number of youngest children under age 2 living with their mother | Percentage using a bottle with a nipple | Number of all children under age 2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Exclusively breastfed | Breastfeeding and consuming plain water only | Breastfeeding and consuming non-milk liquids ${ }^{1}$ | Breastfeeding and consuming other milk | Breastfeeding and consuming complementary foods |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-1 | 3.9 | 74.8 | 15.9 | 0.0 | 4.3 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 96.1 | 315 | 10.9 | 320 |
| 2-3 | 0.8 | 56.7 | 25.6 | 1.1 | 6.2 | 9.6 | 100.0 | 99.2 | 284 | 21.3 | 291 |
| 4-5 | 1.8 | 28.2 | 34.0 | 0.1 | 4.4 | 31.4 | 100.0 | 98.2 | 297 | 20.3 | 300 |
| 6-8 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 18.6 | 1.3 | 2.1 | 74.5 | 100.0 | 98.6 | 319 | 21.6 | 323 |
| 9-11 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 6.2 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 90.4 | 100.0 | 98.3 | 413 | 12.5 | 427 |
| 12-17 | 6.5 | 0.0 | 2.6 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 90.2 | 100.0 | 93.5 | 787 | 13.2 | 810 |
| 18-23 | 51.7 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 47.1 | 100.0 | 48.3 | 596 | 11.8 | 646 |
| 0-3 | 2.4 | 66.2 | 20.5 | 0.5 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 100.0 | 97.6 | 599 | 15.8 | 611 |
| 0-5 | 2.2 | 53.6 | 25.0 | 0.4 | 4.9 | 13.9 | 100.0 | 97.8 | 897 | 17.3 | 910 |
| 6-9 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 15.4 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 79.5 | 100.0 | 99.0 | 449 | 17.7 | 460 |
| 12-15 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 3.4 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 91.6 | 100.0 | 96.0 | 541 | 13.9 | 548 |
| 12-23 | 26.0 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 71.7 | 100.0 | 74.0 | 1,383 | 12.6 | 1,456 |
| 20-23 | 64.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 35.4 | 100.0 | 35.6 | 403 | 11.4 | 439 |

Note: Breastfeeding status refers to a "24-hour" period (yesterday and last night). Children who are classified as breastfeeding and consuming plain water only consumed no liquid or solid supplements. The categories of not breastfeeding, exclusively breastfed, breastfeeding and consuming plain water, non-milk liquids, other milk, and complementary foods (solids and semisolids) are hierarchical and mutually exclusive, and their percentages add to $100 \%$. Thus, children who receive breast milk and non-milk liquids and who do not receive other milk and who do not receive complementary foods are classified in the non-milk liquid category even though they may also get plain water. Any children who get complementary food are classified in that category as long as they are breastfeeding as well.
${ }^{1}$ Non-milk liquids include juice, juice drinks, clear broth, or other liquids.

## Table 11.4 Infant and young child feeding (IYCF) indicators on breastfeeding status

Percentage of children fed according to various IYCF practices, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Indicator | Percentage | Number |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Exclusive breastfeeding under 6 months | 53.6 | 897 |
| Exclusive breastfeeding at 4-5 months | 28.2 | 297 |
| Continued breastfeeding at 1 year | 96.0 | 541 |
| Introduction of solid, semisolid, or soft foods (6-8 months) | 75.7 | 319 |
| Continued breastfeeding at 2 years | 35.6 | 403 |
| Age-appropriate breastfeeding (0-23 months) ${ }^{1}$ | 69.2 | 3,011 |
| Predominant breastfeeding (0-5 months) ${ }^{2}$ | 79.0 | 897 |
| Mixed breast milk and non-breast milk feeding (0-5 months) ${ }^{3}$ | 8.4 | 897 |
| Bottle feeding (0-23 months) | 14.9 | 3,116 |

[^15]Table 11.5 Median duration of breastfeeding
Median duration of any breastfeeding, exclusive breastfeeding, and predominant breastfeeding among children born in the 3 years preceding the survey, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Median duration (months) of breastfeeding among children born in the past 3 years ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Any breastfeeding | Exclusive breastfeeding | Predominant breastfeeding ${ }^{2}$ |
| Sex |  |  |  |
| Male | 20.4 | 2.9 | 5.5 |
| Female | 20.5 | 3.4 | 5.9 |
| Residence |  |  |  |
| Urban | 20.2 | 2.5 | 5.1 |
| Rural | 20.8 | 4.2 | 6.8 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |
| Banjul | (20.6) | * | (5.6) |
| Kanifing | 19.9 | a | 5.1 |
| Brikama | 20.2 | 2.8 | 5.1 |
| Mansakonko | 20.7 | 3.9 | 5.9 |
| Kerewan | 20.3 | 3.8 | 6.0 |
| Kuntaur | 21.0 | 3.4 | 6.4 |
| Janjanbureh | 21.9 | 4.5 | 7.1 |
| Basse | 20.5 | 3.9 | 7.2 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |
| No education | 20.7 | 3.0 | 6.0 |
| Primary | 20.6 | 3.1 | 5.8 |
| Secondary or higher | 19.9 | 3.3 | 5.4 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 20.6 | 4.2 | 6.6 |
| Second | 20.8 | 2.6 | 5.8 |
| Middle | 20.3 | 3.6 | 5.9 |
| Fourth | 20.8 | (2.6) | 5.7 |
| Highest | 19.3 | 2.3 | 4.1 |
| Total | 20.4 | 3.1 | 5.7 |
| Mean for all children | 20.6 | 4.3 | 6.7 |

Note: Median and mean durations are based on breastfeeding status of the child at the time of the survey (current status). Includes living and deceased children. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
$\mathrm{a}=$ Omitted because less than $50 \%$ of the children in this group were exclusively or predominantly breastfeeding
${ }^{1}$ For last-born children under age 24 months who live with their mother and are breastfeeding, information to determine exclusive and predominant breastfeeding comes from a 24 -hour dietary recall. Tabulations assume that last-born children age 24 months or older who live with their mother and are breastfeeding are neither exclusively nor predominantly breastfed. It is assumed that last-born children not currently living with their mother and all non-last-born children are not currently breastfeeding.
${ }^{2}$ Either exclusively breastfed or received breast milk and plain water and/or non-milk liquids only

Table 11.6 Foods and liquids consumed by children in the day or night preceding the interview
Percentage of youngest children under age 2 who are living with their mother by type of foods consumed in the day or night preceding the interview, according to breastfeeding status and age, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  |  | Liquids |  | Solid or semisolid foods |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age in months | Infant formula | Other milk ${ }^{1}$ | Other liquids ${ }^{2}$ | Fortified baby foods | Food made from grains ${ }^{3}$ | Fruits and vegetables rich in vitamin $\mathrm{A}^{4}$ | Other fruits and vegetables | Food made from roots and tubers | Food made from legumes and nuts | Meat, fish, poultry | Eggs | Cheese, yogurt, other milk products | Foods made with red palm oil, palm nut, or palm nut pulp sauce | Any solid or semisolid food | Number of children under age 2 |
| BREASTFEEDING CHILDREN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-1 | 4.5 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 303 |
| 2-3 | 6.3 | 4.1 | 2.8 | 6.7 | 9.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.7 | 282 |
| 4-5 | 4.9 | 8.3 | 5.2 | 15.1 | 27.6 | 1.8 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 32.0 | 292 |
| 6-8 | 4.2 | 10.6 | 12.3 | 44.2 | 66.9 | 5.6 | 7.1 | 4.8 | 3.2 | 8.6 | 1.0 | 4.2 | 2.3 | 75.6 | 315 |
| 9-11 | 3.5 | 22.4 | 27.0 | 30.8 | 85.1 | 15.6 | 17.4 | 9.2 | 8.0 | 28.6 | 5.1 | 8.0 | 11.8 | 91.9 | 406 |
| 12-17 | 2.4 | 26.6 | 40.5 | 27.7 | 91.7 | 27.8 | 25.2 | 15.9 | 16.2 | 55.3 | 14.2 | 10.1 | 18.7 | 96.5 | 736 |
| 18-23 | 0.1 | 32.9 | 38.7 | 20.2 | 91.7 | 28.2 | 28.0 | 13.3 | 26.3 | 63.2 | 21.9 | 14.8 | 17.1 | 97.6 | 288 |
| 6-23 | 2.6 | 23.8 | 32.0 | 30.2 | 85.7 | 21.0 | 20.6 | 11.9 | 13.6 | 42.0 | 11.0 | 9.3 | 13.9 | 91.8 | 1,745 |
| Total | 3.5 | 17.3 | 22.2 | 22.5 | 61.1 | 14.2 | 13.7 | 8.0 | 9.1 | 28.0 | 7.5 | 6.3 | 9.3 | 65.9 | 2,621 |
| NONBREASTFEEDING CHILDREN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0-1 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 12 |
| 2-3 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 2 |
| 4-5 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 5 |
| 6-8 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 4 |
| 9-11 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 7 |
| 12-17 | 10.0 | 48.5 | 60.2 | 36.4 | 93.9 | 28.1 | 34.1 | 19.2 | 28.3 | 54.1 | 16.3 | 29.1 | 30.3 | 95.0 | 51 |
| 18-23 | 1.4 | 43.5 | 56.7 | 20.9 | 96.5 | 31.5 | 31.1 | 19.7 | 24.7 | 75.6 | 24.0 | 10.9 | 27.0 | 99.6 | 308 |
| 6-23 | 3.1 | 43.6 | 55.5 | 23.2 | 96.1 | 30.1 | 30.6 | 19.1 | 24.5 | 71.4 | 22.2 | 13.1 | 26.6 | 98.8 | 370 |
| Total | 3.7 | 41.4 | 52.8 | 22.4 | 92.5 | 28.5 | 29.0 | 18.1 | 23.2 | 67.8 | 21.1 | 12.4 | 25.3 | 95.2 | 390 |

Note: Breastfeeding status and food consumed refer to a " 24 -hour" period (yesterday and last night). An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ Other milk includes fresh, tinned, and powdered animal milk.
${ }^{2}$ Does not include plain water. Includes juice, juice drinks, clear broth, or other non-milk liquids.
${ }^{3}$ Includes fortified baby food
${ }^{4}$ Includes pumpkin, carrots, squash, or sweet potatoes that are yellow or orange inside; cassava leaves, moringa leaves, potato leaves, or any other dark green leafy vegetables; ripe mangoes; ripe papayas; and other locally grown fruits and vegetables that are rich in vitamin A

## Table 11.7 Minimum acceptable diet

Percentage of youngest children age 6-23 months living with their mother who are fed a minimum acceptable diet based on breastfeeding status, number of food groups, and times they are fed during the day or night preceding the survey, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Among breastfed children age 6-23 months, percentage fed: |  |  |  | Among nonbreastfed children age 6-23 months, percentage fed: |  |  |  |  | Among all children age 6-23 months, percentage fed: |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Minimum dietary diversity ${ }^{1}$ | Minimum meal frequency ${ }^{2}$ | Minimum acceptable $\operatorname{diet}^{3}$ | Number of breast fed children age 6-23 months | Minimum milk feeding frequency ${ }^{4}$ | Minimum dietary diversity ${ }^{1}$ | Minimum meal frequency ${ }^{5}$ | Minimum acceptable $\operatorname{diet}^{6}$ | Number of nonbreastfed children age 6-23 months | Breast milk, milk, or milk products ${ }^{7}$ | Minimum dietary diversity ${ }^{1}$ | Minimum meal frequency ${ }^{8}$ | Minimum acceptable $\operatorname{diet}^{9}$ | Number of all children age 6-23 months |
| Age in months |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6-11 | 8.1 | 46.8 | 6.4 | 721 | * | * | * | * | 11 | 98.8 | 7.9 | 46.4 | 6.3 | 732 |
| 6-8 | 1.3 | 56.4 | 1.3 | 315 | * | * | * | * | 4 | 98.6 | 1.2 | 56.2 | 1.2 | 319 |
| 9-11 | 13.3 | 39.4 | 10.3 | 406 | * | * | * | * | 7 | 99.0 | 13.1 | 38.8 | 10.1 | 413 |
| 12-17 | 25.5 | 54.2 | 18.6 | 736 | 35.2 | 20.8 | 63.1 | 14.9 | 51 | 95.8 | 25.2 | 54.8 | 18.4 | 787 |
| 18-23 | 39.4 | 53.8 | 27.4 | 288 | 21.3 | 18.6 | 53.1 | 6.2 | 308 | 59.3 | 28.6 | 53.5 | 16.4 | 596 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 20.6 | 51.8 | 14.9 | 909 | 24.4 | 21.7 | 55.6 | 6.6 | 193 | 86.8 | 20.8 | 52.5 | 13.4 | 1,102 |
| Female | 20.6 | 50.3 | 15.1 | 836 | 22.1 | 14.7 | 51.3 | 7.7 | 177 | 86.4 | 19.5 | 50.5 | 13.8 | 1,013 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 22.9 | 49.7 | 16.6 | 1,126 | 25.9 | 21.4 | 55.8 | 8.7 | 261 | 86.1 | 22.7 | 50.8 | 15.1 | 1,387 |
| Rural | 16.2 | 53.6 | 12.0 | 619 | 17.0 | 11.0 | 48.2 | 3.6 | 109 | 87.6 | 15.4 | 52.8 | 10.8 | 728 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 26.9 | 49.9 | 12.3 | 15 | * | * | * | * | 3 | 89.2 | 28.2 | 47.7 | 11.0 | 18 |
| Kanifing | 15.7 | 46.9 | 10.4 | 286 | (19.8) | (16.8) | (37.3) | (2.3) | 71 | 84.0 | 15.9 | 45.0 | 8.8 | 357 |
| Brikama | 26.3 | 50.0 | 19.5 | 709 | 30.2 | 25.2 | 65.7 | 12.1 | 158 | 87.2 | 26.1 | 52.9 | 18.2 | 868 |
| Mansakonko | 18.4 | 60.0 | 13.1 | 77 | (16.3) | (7.4) | (58.9) | (0.0) | 16 | 85.9 | 16.6 | 59.8 | 10.9 | 93 |
| Kerewan | 15.7 | 67.6 | 14.4 | 207 | 25.4 | 13.7 | 57.2 | 6.7 | 42 | 87.3 | 15.3 | 65.9 | 13.1 | 249 |
| Kuntaur | 20.0 | 49.3 | 14.9 | 118 | (9.5) | (18.9) | (38.8) | (5.1) | 17 | 88.8 | 19.9 | 48.0 | 13.7 | 135 |
| Janjanbureh | 13.9 | 49.0 | 8.3 | 113 | (29.2) | (8.2) | (61.7) | (5.8) | 13 | 92.7 | 13.3 | 50.4 | 8.0 | 126 |
| Basse | 17.0 | 43.4 | 11.3 | 219 | 8.6 | 7.7 | 36.9 | 2.1 | 50 | 83.1 | 15.3 | 42.2 | 9.6 | 269 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 17.9 | 46.1 | 13.0 | 782 | 15.1 | 9.4 | 49.3 | 1.1 | 163 | 85.4 | 16.4 | 46.6 | 11.0 | 945 |
| Primary | 21.3 | 56.0 | 17.3 | 357 | 26.6 | 32.3 | 54.7 | 15.2 | 64 | 88.9 | 23.0 | 55.8 | 17.0 | 421 |
| Secondary or higher | 23.6 | 54.7 | 16.2 | 605 | 31.1 | 22.3 | 57.8 | 10.5 | 144 | 86.8 | 23.4 | 55.3 | 15.1 | 749 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 15.1 | 50.2 | 10.7 | 404 | 13.9 | 11.5 | 42.6 | 4.9 | 72 | 87.0 | 14.6 | 49.1 | 9.8 | 475 |
| Second | 17.0 | 46.9 | 12.1 | 375 | 14.6 | 10.2 | 53.3 | 2.7 | 66 | 87.3 | 16.0 | 47.9 | 10.7 | 441 |
| Middle | 25.7 | 48.8 | 20.6 | 360 | 29.3 | 22.3 | 56.0 | 7.0 | 91 | 85.7 | 25.0 | 50.2 | 17.9 | 451 |
| Fourth | 23.5 | 55.0 | 17.5 | 343 | 26.4 | 21.7 | 63.2 | 11.8 | 68 | 87.8 | 23.2 | 56.3 | 16.6 | 411 |
| Highest | 23.2 | 56.4 | 14.7 | 263 | (29.9) | (24.4) | (52.4) | (9.4) | 73 | 84.8 | 23.5 | 55.6 | 13.6 | 336 |
| Total | 20.6 | 51.1 | 15.0 | 1,745 | 23.3 | 18.4 | 53.5 | 7.2 | 370 | 86.6 | 20.2 | 51.5 | 13.6 | 2,115 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ Children received foods from five or more of the following eight food groups: a. breast milk; b. infant formula, milk other than breast milk, cheese or yogurt or other milk products; c. foods made from grains, roots, and tubers, including porridge and fortified baby food from grains; d. vitamin A-rich fruits and vegetables and red palm oil, palm nut, or palm nut pulp sauce; e. other fruits and vegetables; f. eggs; g. meat, poultry, fish, and shellfish (and organ meats); h. legumes and nuts.
${ }^{2}$ For breastfed children, minimum meal frequency is receiving solid, semisolid, or soft food at least twice a day for infants age 6-8 months and at least three times a day for children age 9-23 months.
${ }^{3}$ Breastfed children age 6-23 months are considered to be fed a minimum acceptable diet if they are fed the minimum dietary diversity as described in footnote 1 and the minimum meal frequency as defined in footnote 2.
${ }^{4}$ Includes two or more feedings of commercial infant formula; fresh, tinned, and powdered animal milk; and yogurt
${ }^{5}$ For nonbreastfed children age 6-23 months, minimum meal frequency is receiving solid, semisolid, or soft food or milk feeds at least four times a day. At least one of the feeds must be a solid, semisolid, or soft food.
${ }^{6}$ Nonbreastfed children age 6-23 months are considered to be fed a minimum acceptable diet if they receive other milk or milk products at least twice a day, receive the minimum meal frequency as defined in footnote 5 , and receive solid, semisolid, or soft foods from at least four food groups not including the milk or milk products food group.
${ }^{7}$ Breastfeeding, or not breastfeeding and receiving two or more feedings of commercial infant formula; fresh, tinned, and powdered animal milk; and yogurt
${ }^{8}$ Children are fed the minimum recommended number of times per day according to their age and breastfeeding status as described in footnotes 2 and 5 .
${ }^{9}$ Children age 6-23 months are considered to be fed a minimum acceptable diet if they receive breast milk or other milk or milk products as described in footnote 7 , are fed the minimum dietary diversity as described in footnote 1 , and are fed the minimum meal frequency as described in footnotes 2 and 5 .

Table 11.8 Prevalence of anaemia in children
Percentage of children age 6-59 months classified as having anaemia, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  | Anaemia status by haemoglobin level |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Any | Mild | Moderate | Severe | Number of |
| Background | anaemia | anaemia | anaemia | anaemia | children age |
| characteristic | $(<11.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl})$ | $(10.0-10.9 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl})$ | $(7.0-9.9 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl})$ | $(<7.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl})$ | $6-59 \mathrm{months}$ |


| Age in months |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6-8 | 36.2 | 19.8 | 16.0 | 0.5 | 167 |
| 9-11 | 54.6 | 24.7 | 29.3 | 0.6 | 206 |
| 12-17 | 59.1 | 25.3 | 32.4 | 1.4 | 434 |
| 18-23 | 55.6 | 23.7 | 29.5 | 2.4 | 351 |
| 24-35 | 51.4 | 28.8 | 21.9 | 0.7 | 758 |
| 36-47 | 38.8 | 25.8 | 12.1 | 0.9 | 811 |
| 48-59 | 29.4 | 17.3 | 11.2 | 0.9 | 697 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 47.0 | 25.2 | 20.8 | 1.0 | 1,792 |
| Female | 42.3 | 22.9 | 18.4 | 1.1 | 1,631 |
| Mother's interview status |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interviewed | 45.5 | 24.2 | 20.2 | 1.1 | 3,085 |
| Not interviewed but in household | 41.0 | 24.8 | 15.6 | 0.6 | 91 |
| Not interviewed and not in the household ${ }^{1}$ | 37.6 | 22.7 | 14.4 | 0.5 | 247 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 37.1 | 23.3 | 13.4 | 0.4 | 2,249 |
| Rural | 59.5 | 25.6 | 31.6 | 2.3 | 1,174 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 33.4 | 19.8 | 13.6 | 0.0 | 31 |
| Kanifing | 45.3 | 27.9 | 16.5 | 0.8 | 568 |
| Brikama | 30.1 | 21.1 | 8.8 | 0.2 | 1,440 |
| Mansakonko | 47.9 | 21.6 | 25.3 | 0.9 | 168 |
| Kerewan | 58.7 | 27.0 | 30.3 | 1.4 | 383 |
| Kuntaur | 76.7 | 24.7 | 45.2 | 6.8 | 195 |
| Janjanbureh | 59.7 | 25.4 | 31.4 | 2.8 | 218 |
| Basse | 59.1 | 27.0 | 31.5 | 0.7 | 419 |
| Mother's education ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 51.0 | 26.7 | 22.7 | 1.6 | 1,463 |
| Primary | 46.5 | 23.4 | 22.0 | 1.0 | 583 |
| Secondary or higher | 37.6 | 21.5 | 15.6 | 0.5 | 1,127 |
| Missing | * | * | * | * | 2 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 63.6 | 28.9 | 31.5 | 3.2 | 763 |
| Second | 45.3 | 21.8 | 23.0 | 0.5 | 706 |
| Middle | 40.2 | 23.0 | 17.0 | 0.3 | 722 |
| Fourth | 41.0 | 25.9 | 14.8 | 0.3 | 624 |
| Highest | 29.9 | 20.3 | 9.0 | 0.6 | 608 |
| Total | 44.8 | 24.1 | 19.6 | 1.1 | 3,423 |

Note: Table is based on children who stayed in the household on the night before the interview and who were tested for anaemia. Prevalence of anaemia, based on haemoglobin levels, is adjusted for altitude using formulas in CDC formulas (CDC 1998). Haemoglobin is in grams per decilitre ( $\mathrm{g} / \mathrm{dl}$ ). An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ Includes children whose mothers are deceased
${ }^{2}$ For women who are not interviewed, information is taken from the Household Questionnaire. Excludes children whose mothers are not listed in the Household Questionnaire.

Table 11.9 Presence of iodised salt in household
Among all households, percentage with salt tested for iodine content, percentage with salt in the household but the salt was not tested, and percentage with no salt in the household, and among households with salt tested, percentage with iodised salt, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Among all households, percentage |  |  |  | Among households with salt tested: |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | With salt tested | With salt, but salt not tested ${ }^{1}$ | With no salt in the household | Number of households | Percentage with iodised salt | Number of households |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 83.3 | 1.6 | 15.1 | 4,989 | 81.4 | 4,155 |
| Rural | 94.6 | 0.2 | 5.2 | 1,560 | 64.5 | 1,475 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 61.1 | 4.6 | 34.2 | 155 | 81.3 | 95 |
| Kanifing | 75.7 | 4.2 | 20.1 | 1,655 | 90.7 | 1,253 |
| Brikama | 89.5 | 0.1 | 10.4 | 2,790 | 74.9 | 2,498 |
| Mansakonko | 86.4 | 0.3 | 13.2 | 282 | 54.0 | 244 |
| Kerewan | 91.3 | 0.1 | 8.6 | 636 | 56.0 | 581 |
| Kuntaur | 94.1 | 0.0 | 5.9 | 254 | 75.8 | 239 |
| Janjanbureh | 93.5 | 0.1 | 6.4 | 332 | 77.8 | 310 |
| Basse | 92.5 | 0.7 | 6.8 | 443 | 90.4 | 410 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 90.6 | 0.5 | 8.9 | 1,233 | 66.2 | 1,117 |
| Second | 80.2 | 0.4 | 19.3 | 1,367 | 68.3 | 1,097 |
| Middle | 79.1 | 1.4 | 19.5 | 1,489 | 78.9 | 1,177 |
| Fourth | 88.9 | 1.8 | 9.3 | 1,216 | 83.9 | 1,082 |
| Highest | 93.0 | 2.5 | 4.5 | 1,244 | 87.1 | 1,157 |
| Total | 86.0 | 1.3 | 12.7 | 6,549 | 77.0 | 5,630 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes households in which salt could not be tested for technical or logistical reasons, including availability of test kits

## Table 11.10 Micronutrient intake among children

Among youngest children age 6-23 months who are living with their mother, percentages who consumed vitamin A-rich and iron-rich foods in the 24 hours preceding the survey; among all children age 6-23 months, percentage who were given micronutrient powder in the 7 days preceding the survey; among all children age 6-59 months, percentages who were given vitamin A supplements in the 6 months preceding the survey, iron supplements in the 7 days preceding the survey, and deworming medication in the 6 months preceding the survey; and among all children age 6-59 months who live in households in which salt was tested for iodine, percentage who live in households with iodised salt, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Among youngest children age 6-23 months living with their mother: |  |  | Among all children age 6-23 months: |  | Among all children age 6-59 months: |  |  |  | Among children age 6-59 months living in households tested for iodised salt |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage who consumed foods rich in vitamin $A$ in last 24 hours ${ }^{1}$ | Percentage who consumed foods rich in iron in last 24 hours $^{2}$ | Number of children | Percentage given micronutrient powder in past 7 days $^{3}$ | Number of children | Percentage given iron supplements in past 7 days ${ }^{4}$ | Percentage given vitamin A supplements in past 6 months ${ }^{5}$ | Percentage given deworming medication in past 6 months ${ }^{4,6}$ | Number of children | Percentage living in households with iodised salt ${ }^{7}$ | Number of children |
| Age in months |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6-8 | 13.1 | 9.5 | 319 | 0.5 | 323 | 11.2 | 73.4 | 13.4 | 323 | 80.7 | 316 |
| 9-11 | 41.2 | 32.2 | 413 | 0.9 | 427 | 11.1 | 87.5 | 17.5 | 427 | 74.5 | 412 |
| 12-17 | 70.1 | 59.6 | 787 | 0.7 | 810 | 14.9 | 89.1 | 59.5 | 810 | 77.1 | 789 |
| 18-23 | 81.5 | 76.8 | 596 | 1.0 | 646 | 16.5 | 82.3 | 63.2 | 646 | 75.0 | 621 |
| 24-35 | na | na | na | na | na | 13.5 | 61.3 | 49.1 | 1,432 | 76.6 | 1,389 |
| 36-47 | na | na | na | na | na | 6.5 | 37.8 | 32.6 | 1,449 | 75.0 | 1,406 |
| 48-59 | na | na | na | na | na | 5.6 | 29.2 | 25.7 | 1,300 | 76.1 | 1,248 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 57.3 | 50.0 | 1,102 | 0.9 | 1,151 | 11.2 | 58.2 | 40.5 | 3,314 | 76.3 | 3,234 |
| Female | 61.0 | 53.2 | 1,013 | 0.7 | 1,055 | 9.7 | 56.7 | 38.2 | 3,073 | 75.9 | 2,948 |
| Breastfeeding status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Breastfeeding | 54.1 | 46.0 | 1,745 | 0.7 | 1,774 | 14.9 | 85.2 | 42.8 | 1,844 | 76.6 | 1,794 |
| Not breastfeeding | 82.6 | 77.7 | 370 | 1.1 | 432 | 8.7 | 46.2 | 38.0 | 4,543 | 75.9 | 4,388 |
| Mother's age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 53.0 | 40.1 | 129 | 2.0 | 132 | 12.4 | 67.5 | 39.4 | 200 | 77.1 | 193 |
| 20-29 | 57.9 | 50.4 | 1,105 | 0.7 | 1,160 | 10.2 | 58.2 | 39.0 | 3,074 | 75.1 | 2,965 |
| 30-39 | 61.9 | 55.2 | 756 | 0.7 | 786 | 10.7 | 56.3 | 40.2 | 2,547 | 77.4 | 2,477 |
| 40-49 | 58.3 | 51.1 | 124 | 1.0 | 127 | 10.4 | 55.2 | 38.5 | 565 | 75.7 | 546 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 59.8 | 51.0 | 1,387 | 0.2 | 1,457 | 11.3 | 54.5 | 35.8 | 4,228 | 79.9 | 4,068 |
| Rural | 57.7 | 52.5 | 728 | 2.0 | 749 | 8.9 | 63.2 | 46.5 | 2,159 | 68.8 | 2,113 |
| Local Government |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 64.5 | 59.5 | 18 | 1.1 | 19 | 8.4 | 51.9 | 39.4 | 64 | 76.7 | 57 |
| Kanifing | 48.0 | 45.3 | 357 | 0.4 | 371 | 8.1 | 50.4 | 31.7 | 1,094 | 91.0 | 1,004 |
| Brikama | 64.2 | 52.9 | 868 | 0.2 | 918 | 13.6 | 59.2 | 38.6 | 2,666 | 73.0 | 2,614 |
| Mansakonko | 56.1 | 50.3 | 93 | 1.7 | 98 | 9.9 | 64.9 | 48.9 | 277 | 53.3 | 269 |
| Kerewan | 59.6 | 54.3 | 249 | 2.7 | 260 | 4.1 | 71.0 | 57.4 | 744 | 56.3 | 730 |
| Kuntaur | 60.7 | 56.0 | 135 | 2.1 | 137 | 2.9 | 54.6 | 40.1 | 389 | 74.6 | 375 |
| Janjanbureh | 56.3 | 49.0 | 126 | 0.8 | 128 | 3.0 | 61.4 | 50.3 | 387 | 79.7 | 381 |
| Basse | 57.9 | 51.7 | 269 | 0.5 | 274 | 17.2 | 45.5 | 26.7 | 768 | 93.5 | 753 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 57.1 | 48.5 | 945 | 0.9 | 969 | 9.2 | 56.4 | 38.5 | 2,978 | 76.2 | 2,880 |
| Primary | 65.0 | 59.3 | 421 | 0.9 | 443 | 13.1 | 57.8 | 39.2 | 1,153 | 79.7 | 1,114 |
| Secondary or higher | 58.2 | 51.1 | 749 | 0.6 | 794 | 10.8 | 58.6 | 40.7 | 2,256 | 74.2 | 2,188 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 54.8 | 48.9 | 475 | 2.0 | 493 | 6.7 | 61.5 | 43.5 | 1,430 | 68.6 | 1,387 |
| Second | 58.5 | 50.9 | 441 | 0.9 | 457 | 12.9 | 57.4 | 40.7 | 1,345 | 69.2 | 1,291 |
| Middle | 59.2 | 51.0 | 451 | 0.6 | 474 | 11.4 | 54.7 | 36.7 | 1,338 | 75.5 | 1,306 |
| Fourth | 61.9 | 53.8 | 411 | 0.1 | 422 | 11.6 | 56.3 | 35.7 | 1,213 | 84.9 | 1,176 |
| Highest | 62.2 | 53.9 | 336 | 0.1 | 361 | 10.2 | 57.0 | 40.0 | 1,060 | 85.7 | 1,021 |
| Total | 59.1 | 51.5 | 2,115 | 0.8 | 2,206 | 10.5 | 57.4 | 39.4 | 6,387 | 76.1 | 6,182 |

## na $=$ Not applicable

${ }^{1}$ Includes meat (and organ meat); fish; poultry; eggs; pumpkin, carrots, squash, or sweet potatoes that are yellow or orange inside; cassava leaves, moringa leaves, potato leaves, or any other dark green leafy vegetables; ripe mangoes; ripe papayas; red palm oil, palm nut, and palm nut pulp sauce; and other locally grown fruits and vegetables that are rich in vitamin A
${ }^{2}$ Includes meat (and organ meat), fish, poultry, and eggs
${ }^{3}$ Micronutrient powder is sometimes referred to as "Sprinkles".
${ }^{4}$ Based on mother's recall
${ }^{5}$ Based on both mother's recall and the vaccination card (where available)
${ }^{6}$ Deworming for intestinal parasites is commonly done for helminths and for schistosomiasis
${ }^{7}$ Excludes children in households in which salt was not tested

Table 11.11 Therapeutic and supplemental foods
Among children age 6-35 months, percentages who received Plumpy'Nut and Plumpy'Doz in the 7 days preceding the survey, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Percentage who received Plumpy'Nut in the past 7 days | Percentage who received <br> Plumpy'Doz in the past 7 days | Number of children |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age in months |  |  |  |
| 6-8 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 323 |
| 9-11 | 2.6 | 0.7 | 427 |
| 12-17 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 810 |
| 18-23 | 1.9 | 0.2 | 646 |
| 24-35 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 1,432 |
| Sex |  |  |  |
| Male | 1.2 | 0.5 | 1,911 |
| Female | 1.4 | 0.6 | 1,727 |
| Breastfeeding status |  |  |  |
| Breastfeeding | 1.5 | 0.4 | 1,827 |
| Not breastfeeding | 1.1 | 0.7 | 1,812 |
| Wasting status ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |
| Severe acute malnutrition ${ }^{2}$ | * | * | 18 |
| Moderate acute malnutrition ${ }^{3}$ | 2.4 | 0.0 | 73 |
| Not wasted ${ }^{4}$ | 1.4 | 0.6 | 1,679 |
| Mother's age |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 171 |
| 20-29 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 1,850 |
| 30-39 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 1,384 |
| 40-49 | 1.9 | 0.9 | 234 |
| Residence |  |  |  |
| Urban | 0.8 | 0.4 | 2,427 |
| Rural | 2.2 | 1.0 | 1,211 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 0.0 | 0.0 | 34 |
| Kanifing | 1.6 | 0.8 | 605 |
| Brikama | 0.7 | 0.2 | 1,567 |
| Mansakonko | 4.2 | 0.7 | 153 |
| Kerewan | 1.7 | 1.7 | 410 |
| Kuntaur | 3.0 | 0.8 | 218 |
| Janjanbureh | 1.4 | 1.0 | 215 |
| Basse | 0.8 | 0.3 | 436 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |
| No education | 1.8 | 0.8 | 1,624 |
| Primary | 0.5 | 0.3 | 691 |
| Secondary or higher | 1.1 | 0.5 | 1,323 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 2.4 | 1.0 | 798 |
| Second | 1.8 | 1.0 | 761 |
| Middle | 1.0 | 0.1 | 752 |
| Fourth | 0.6 | 0.4 | 704 |
| Highest | 0.4 | 0.1 | 623 |
| Total | 1.3 | 0.6 | 3,638 |

Note: An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
Restricted to children with valid data for weight and height
${ }^{2}$ Children with severe acute malnutrition (SAM) are those whose weight-for-height Z-score is below -3 standard deviations (SD) from the WHO Child Growth Standards population median.
${ }^{3}$ Children with moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) are those whose weight-for-height Z-score is below -2 SD and $\geq-3$ SD from the WHO Child Growth Standards population median.
${ }^{4}$ Children whose weight-for-height Z-score is $\geq-2$ SD from the WHO Child Growth Standards population median

Table 11.12 Nutritional status of women
Among women age 15-49, percentage with height under 145 cm , mean body mass index (BMI), and percentage with specific BMI levels, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Height |  | Body mass index ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Percentage } \\ & \text { below } \\ & 145 \mathrm{~cm} \end{aligned}$ | Number of women | Mean body mass index (BMI) | $\begin{gathered} \text { 18.5-24.9 } \\ \text { (total } \\ \text { normal) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} <18.5 \text { (total } \\ \text { thin) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 17.0-18.4 } \\ \text { (mildly thin) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} <17 \text { (mod- } \\ \text { erately and } \\ \text { severely } \\ \text { thin) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\geq 25.0$ (total overweight or obese) | $\begin{gathered} \text { 25.0-29.9 } \\ \text { (over- } \\ \text { weight) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \geq 30.0 \\ \text { (obese) } \end{gathered}$ | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 0.3 | 1,305 | 20.9 | 60.0 | 27.6 | 18.4 | 9.2 | 12.4 | 9.6 | 2.7 | 1,232 |
| 20-29 | 0.3 | 2,208 | 23.2 | 55.5 | 15.1 | 11.0 | 4.0 | 29.4 | 19.0 | 10.4 | 1,886 |
| 30-39 | 0.9 | 1,520 | 26.0 | 43.0 | 5.3 | 3.6 | 1.6 | 51.7 | 31.4 | 20.4 | 1,313 |
| 40-49 | 0.4 | 917 | 27.2 | 35.0 | 3.6 | 2.5 | 1.1 | 61.4 | 32.4 | 29.0 | 897 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 0.5 | 4,357 | 24.5 | 47.0 | 12.6 | 8.8 | 3.8 | 40.4 | 23.9 | 16.5 | 3,943 |
| Rural | 0.3 | 1,592 | 22.6 | 58.5 | 16.5 | 11.5 | 5.1 | 25.0 | 17.2 | 7.8 | 1,385 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 0.0 | 81 | 25.6 | 37.2 | 12.5 | 7.3 | 5.2 | 50.4 | 25.8 | 24.6 | 76 |
| Kanifing | 0.4 | 1,331 | 24.8 | 46.8 | 12.1 | 7.4 | 4.7 | 41.1 | 22.9 | 18.2 | 1,224 |
| Brikama | 0.6 | 2,614 | 24.4 | 47.7 | 12.6 | 9.4 | 3.1 | 39.8 | 24.8 | 14.9 | 2,354 |
| Mansakonko | 0.4 | 229 | 23.0 | 56.8 | 16.0 | 10.9 | 5.1 | 27.2 | 16.4 | 10.8 | 200 |
| Kerewan | 0.4 | 556 | 23.1 | 51.3 | 19.5 | 12.8 | 6.7 | 29.2 | 17.6 | 11.6 | 492 |
| Kuntaur | 0.3 | 257 | 22.3 | 59.7 | 16.9 | 11.0 | 5.9 | 23.4 | 18.1 | 5.3 | 215 |
| Janjanbureh | 0.3 | 298 | 22.8 | 60.4 | 13.8 | 8.5 | 5.3 | 25.8 | 17.6 | 8.2 | 259 |
| Basse | 0.4 | 583 | 23.1 | 57.0 | 14.5 | 11.1 | 3.3 | 28.5 | 18.2 | 10.3 | 507 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.6 | 2,051 | 24.5 | 49.9 | 10.2 | 6.9 | 3.3 | 39.9 | 24.2 | 15.7 | 1,785 |
| Primary | 0.9 | 958 | 24.4 | 47.3 | 14.5 | 10.5 | 4.0 | 38.2 | 19.9 | 18.3 | 856 |
| Secondary or higher | 0.2 | 2,940 | 23.6 | 50.9 | 15.6 | 10.9 | 4.8 | 33.5 | 21.5 | 11.9 | 2,687 |
| Wealth quintile 00.4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.4 | 984 | 22.6 | 61.0 | 16.0 | 11.0 | 5.0 | 23.0 | 14.7 | 8.3 | 858 |
| Second | 0.1 | 1,027 | 23.1 | 54.9 | 15.4 | 10.1 | 5.3 | 29.7 | 20.7 | 9.1 | 889 |
| Middle | 0.3 | 1,186 | 24.0 | 50.2 | 13.4 | 9.4 | 4.0 | 36.4 | 22.1 | 14.4 | 1,051 |
| Fourth | 1.0 | 1,255 | 24.7 | 45.3 | 12.1 | 9.1 | 3.0 | 42.6 | 24.2 | 18.4 | 1,177 |
| Highest | 0.4 | 1,498 | 25.0 | 43.8 | 12.5 | 8.5 | 4.0 | 43.7 | 26.2 | 17.6 | 1,352 |
| Total | 0.5 | 5,949 | 24.0 | 50.0 | 13.6 | 9.5 | 4.1 | 36.4 | 22.2 | 14.2 | 5,328 |

Note: The body mass index (BMI) is expressed as the ratio of weight in kilograms to the square of height in metres $\left(\mathrm{kg} / \mathrm{m}^{2}\right)$.
${ }^{1}$ Excludes pregnant women and women with a birth in the preceding 2 months

Table 11.13 Prevalence of anaemia in women
Percentage of women age 15-49 with anaemia, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Non-pregnant | Anaemia status by haemoglobin level |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Any | Mild | Moderate | Severe |  |
|  |  | $<12.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ | $11.0-11.9 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ | $8.0-10.9 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ | $<8.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ | Number of |
|  | Pregnant | $<11.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{d}$ d | $10.0-10.9 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ | $7.0-9.9 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ | $<7.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ | women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 |  | 43.5 | 26.4 | 16.1 | 1.0 | 1,287 |
| 20-29 |  | 43.1 | 25.2 | 16.9 | 0.9 | 2,185 |
| 30-39 |  | 45.3 | 26.1 | 17.9 | 1.2 | 1,489 |
| 40-49 |  | 46.7 | 25.8 | 18.9 | 2.1 | 897 |
| Number of children ever born |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 |  | 41.6 | 25.6 | 15.0 | 1.0 | 2,088 |
| 1 |  | 43.0 | 26.0 | 16.3 | 0.7 | 728 |
| 2-3 |  | 43.2 | 23.2 | 18.9 | 1.1 | 1,167 |
| 4-5 |  | 46.0 | 28.6 | 15.7 | 1.6 | 968 |
| $6+$ |  | 50.9 | 26.3 | 22.8 | 1.8 | 908 |
| Maternity status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pregnant |  | 54.8 | 26.8 | 27.3 | 0.7 | 441 |
| Breastfeeding |  | 46.6 | 27.7 | 18.1 | 0.8 | 1,352 |
| Neither |  | 42.4 | 25.1 | 15.9 | 1.4 | 4,065 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban |  | 39.9 | 25.1 | 14.1 | 0.7 | 4,273 |
| Rural |  | 56.1 | 27.6 | 25.8 | 2.6 | 1,585 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul |  | 41.9 | 24.8 | 16.1 | 1.0 | 81 |
| Kanifing |  | 40.2 | 26.5 | 13.0 | 0.8 | 1,305 |
| Brikama |  | 38.6 | 24.9 | 13.2 | 0.5 | 2,561 |
| Mansakonko |  | 52.8 | 26.7 | 24.0 | 2.2 | 228 |
| Kerewan |  | 54.0 | 27.5 | 23.8 | 2.7 | 553 |
| Kuntaur |  | 62.3 | 27.4 | 30.6 | 4.4 | 256 |
| Janjanbureh |  | 53.7 | 23.3 | 26.9 | 3.5 | 292 |
| Basse |  | 53.3 | 26.9 | 25.6 | 0.8 | 583 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education |  | 51.1 | 25.7 | 23.3 | 2.1 | 2,023 |
| Primary |  | 46.2 | 28.3 | 16.5 | 1.4 | 944 |
| Secondary or higher |  | 38.9 | 25.1 | 13.3 | 0.5 | 2,892 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest |  | 56.1 | 25.5 | 27.5 | 3.1 | 976 |
| Second |  | 49.8 | 29.2 | 19.2 | 1.5 | 1,011 |
| Middle |  | 43.9 | 25.5 | 17.6 | 0.8 | 1,172 |
| Fourth |  | 43.2 | 28.1 | 14.5 | 0.6 | 1,229 |
| Highest |  | 33.8 | 22.0 | 11.3 | 0.5 | 1,470 |
| Total |  | 44.3 | 25.8 | 17.3 | 1.2 | 5,858 |

Note: Prevalence is adjusted for altitude and for smoking status if known using formulas in CDC 1998.

Table 11.14 Micronutrient intake among mothers
Among women age 15-49 with a child born in the 5 years preceding the survey, percent distribution by number of days they took iron tablets or syrup during the pregnancy of the last child and percentage who took deworming medication during the pregnancy of the last child, and among women age 15-49 with a child born in the 5 years preceding the survey who live in households that were tested for iodised salt, percentage who live in households with iodised salt, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Number of days women took iron tablets or syrup during pregnancy of last birth |  |  |  |  |  | Percentage of women who took deworming medication during pregnancy of last birth | Number of women | Among women with a child born in the past 5 years who live in households in which salt was tested: |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | None | <60 | 60-89 | 90+ | Don't know/ missing | Total |  |  | Percentage living in households with iodised salt ${ }^{1}$ | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 3.6 | 23.9 | 12.3 | 50.8 | 9.4 | 100.0 | 38.6 | 279 | 78.7 | 270 |
| 20-29 | 3.8 | 21.8 | 12.2 | 56.8 | 5.3 | 100.0 | 40.1 | 2,495 | 75.9 | 2,417 |
| 30-39 | 3.8 | 18.0 | 11.2 | 60.3 | 6.7 | 100.0 | 40.9 | 2,073 | 77.9 | 2,013 |
| 40-49 | 2.1 | 23.0 | 11.1 | 57.7 | 6.1 | 100.0 | 43.2 | 524 | 75.2 | 509 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 4.5 | 19.7 | 11.3 | 58.7 | 5.9 | 100.0 | 37.0 | 3,589 | 80.8 | 3,461 |
| Rural | 1.8 | 22.3 | 12.6 | 56.5 | 6.7 | 100.0 | 47.9 | 1,783 | 68.7 | 1,748 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 6.8 | 14.7 | 11.0 | 63.7 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 37.8 | 57 | 78.2 | 50 |
| Kanifing | 6.2 | 26.4 | 9.1 | 49.2 | 9.1 | 100.0 | 35.1 | 990 | 92.1 | 918 |
| Brikama | 3.5 | 14.3 | 11.6 | 66.8 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 38.5 | 2,193 | 73.1 | 2,154 |
| Mansakonko | 2.6 | 22.8 | 8.8 | 64.0 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 48.2 | 228 | 54.1 | 221 |
| Kerewan | 1.3 | 16.0 | 9.6 | 66.2 | 6.7 | 100.0 | 55.5 | 610 | 57.3 | 599 |
| Kuntaur | 3.6 | 36.6 | 15.3 | 32.3 | 12.2 | 100.0 | 29.2 | 314 | 73.7 | 306 |
| Janjanbureh | 3.1 | 34.3 | 17.1 | 42.0 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 44.1 | 337 | 78.9 | 332 |
| Basse | 2.6 | 21.8 | 14.7 | 51.6 | 9.4 | 100.0 | 43.2 | 641 | 93.5 | 629 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 3.0 | 21.6 | 13.0 | 56.1 | 6.3 | 100.0 | 41.7 | 2,454 | 76.7 | 2,382 |
| Primary | 2.9 | 23.2 | 11.5 | 55.7 | 6.6 | 100.0 | 40.8 | 945 | 79.8 | 917 |
| Secondary or higher | 4.8 | 18.0 | 10.2 | 61.3 | 5.8 | 100.0 | 39.1 | 1,973 | 75.4 | 1,911 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 2.3 | 25.0 | 12.5 | 53.3 | 6.9 | 100.0 | 44.3 | 1,156 | 68.4 | 1,125 |
| Second | 3.3 | 19.5 | 15.3 | 56.1 | 5.8 | 100.0 | 45.3 | 1,126 | 69.3 | 1,085 |
| Middle | 3.5 | 19.5 | 13.1 | 58.8 | 5.0 | 100.0 | 36.0 | 1,126 | 76.6 | 1,095 |
| Fourth | 5.0 | 20.4 | 9.5 | 60.1 | 5.1 | 100.0 | 35.9 | 1,026 | 85.9 | 998 |
| Highest | 4.4 | 17.7 | 7.2 | 62.5 | 8.2 | 100.0 | 41.0 | 937 | 86.2 | 906 |
| Total | 3.6 | 20.6 | 11.7 | 58.0 | 6.2 | 100.0 | 40.6 | 5,372 | 76.8 | 5,209 |

${ }^{1}$ Excludes women in households where salt was not tested

## Key Findings

- Ownership of insecticide-treated nets: $77 \%$ of households own at least one insecticide-treated net (ITN).
- Source of ITNs: The vast majority ( $95 \%$ ) of ITNs were obtained through mass distribution campaigns.
- Use of ITNs: 44\% of pregnant women age 15-49 and $44 \%$ of children under age 5 slept under an ITN the night before the survey.
- Intermittent preventive treatment (IPTp) during pregnancy: $52 \%$ of women age $15-49$ with a live birth in the 2 years preceding the survey reported taking three or more doses of SP/Fansidar during their last pregnancy.
- Prevalence of low haemoglobin: 3\% of children age 659 months have a haemoglobin level below $8.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$.
- Malaria prevalence in children: $0.4 \%$ of children age 6-59 months tested positive for malaria according to a rapid diagnostic test (RDT).

Malaria, a preventable, treatable, and curable disease, is a major public health threat in The Gambia. Malaria affects the entire population and is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality, especially among children under age 5 (MoH\&SW 2014). In The Gambia, malaria is mesoendemic and has a marked seasonal variation. Around $90 \%$ of malaria cases occur in the rainy season, which usually lasts from June to October (MoH\&SW 2014).

A malaria-free Gambia is the vision of the National Malaria Control Programme (NMCP), with the goal of reaching pre-elimination by 2020. To achieve this goal, the National Malaria Control Policy outlines strategies including (1) prevention; (2) case management; (3) advocacy, social mobilisation, behavioural change, and communication; and (4) surveillance, monitoring and evaluation, and operational research (MoH\&SW 2014).

This chapter presents data that are useful in assessing how well malaria control strategies are being implemented, including the availability and use of mosquito nets, the prophylactic and therapeutic use of antimalarial drugs, diagnostic testing of children with fever, and prevalence of anaemia and malaria among children under age 5 .

### 12.1 Ownership of Insecticide-treated Nets

## Ownership of insecticide-treated nets

Households that have at least one insecticide-treated net (ITN). An ITN is defined as a factory-treated net that does not require any further treatment.
Sample: Households

## Full household ITN coverage

Percentage of households with at least one ITN for every two people.
Sample: Households

ITNs provide protection against mosquito bites and thus reduce transmission of malaria parasites. Additionally, ITNs repel and kill mosquitos. By reducing the vector population, ITNs help to decrease malaria risk at the individual level as well as the community level when high coverage is achieved. Distribution and use of ITNs is one of the core interventions for preventing malaria infection in The Gambia.

The 2014-2020 National Malaria Strategic Plan aims to sustain universal coverage by distributing a sufficient number of ITNs to cover all household members (MoH\&SW 2014). This indicator is operationalised as one ITN for every two household members. ITNs in The Gambia are distributed through mass distribution campaigns (every 3 years) and through routine child health services targeting children, mothers, and pregnant women.

All households in the 2019-2020 GDHS were asked if they owned mosquito nets, and if so they were asked a series of follow-up questions about each net: what type it was, where it was obtained, and who slept under it the night before the survey.

In 2019-20, $79 \%$ of households in The Gambia had at least one mosquito net, while $77 \%$ had at least one ITN. On average, there are 2.8 ITNs per household. Thirty-six percent of households have achieved full household ITN coverage, meaning that the household had at least one ITN for every two persons who slept in the household the night before the survey. The remaining households either have no ITN $(23 \%)$ or do not have enough ITNs for all household members (41\%) (Table 12.1 and Figure 12.1).

Trends: ITN ownership increased 8 percentage points between 2013 and 2019-20, from $69 \%$ to $77 \%$
(Figure 12.2).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- A higher percentage of households in rural areas ( $95 \%$ ) than urban areas ( $72 \%$ ) have at least one ITN (Table 12.1).
- Household ownership of ITNs is highest in Kuntaur (97\%) and lowest in Kanifing (64\%).
- Full household ITN coverage decreases with increasing wealth, from $50 \%$ in the lowest wealth quintile to $23 \%$ in the highest quintile.

Figure 12.1 Household ownership of ITNs

Percent distribution of households


Figure 12.2 Trends in household ownership of ITNs

Percentage of households owning at least one insecticide-treated net (ITN)


Note: The definition of an ITN in the 2013 GDHS included nets that had been soaked with insecticides within the past 12 months.

## Source of Nets

Ninety-five percent of ITNs were obtained through mass distribution campaigns, while $2 \%$ were obtained during antenatal care (ANC) visits, $1 \%$ were obtained during infant welfare visits, and $3 \%$ were obtained from other sources (Table 12.2 and Figure 12.3).

Figure 12.3 Source of ITNs


Note: Figures may not add up to $100 \%$ due to rounding.

### 12.2 Household Access to and Use of ITNs

## Access to an ITN

Percentage of the population that could sleep under an ITN if each ITN in the household were used by up to two people.
Sample: De facto household population

## Use of ITNs

Percentage of the population that slept under an ITN the night before the survey.
Sample: De facto household population
Access to an ITN is measured by the proportion of the population that could sleep under an ITN if each ITN in the household were used by up to two people. Comparing ITN access and ITN use indicators can help programmes identify if there is a behavioural gap in which available ITNs are not being used. If the difference between these indicators is substantial, the ITN programme may need to focus on behaviour change and identify the main barriers to ITN use. This analysis helps ITN programmes determine whether they need to achieve higher ITN coverage, promote ITN use, or both.

Nationally, $61 \%$ of de facto household members in The Gambia who stayed in the household the night before the survey could sleep inside an ITN if each ITN were used by up to two people (Table 12.3 and Table 12.4). The results showed that $38 \%$ of the population slept under an ITN the night before the survey (Table 12.5 and Figure 12.4). Comparing these two indicators, it is evident that there is a large gap between ITN access and ITN use at the population level. Overall, $55 \%$ of ITNs were used the night before the survey (Table 12.6).

Figure 12.4 Access to and use of ITNs by residence

Percentage of the household population with access to an ITN and percentage of the population that slept under an ITN the night before the survey
$■$ Access to an ITN $■$ Slept under an ITN


Trends: The proportion of the de facto population with access to an ITN increased by 16 percentage points between 2013 and 2019-20, from $45 \%$ to $61 \%$ (Figure 12.5). During the same period, the proportion of the de facto population that slept under an ITN the night before the survey increased by only 1 percentage point, from $37 \%$ to $38 \%$.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Access to ITNs is higher in rural areas (73\%) than in urban areas (56\%) (Table 12.4).
- ITN access is highest in Mansakonko ( $81 \%$ ) and lowest in Kanifing (51\%) (Figure 12.6).

Figure 12.5 Trends in ITN access and use

Percentage of the household population with access to an ITN and percentage of the population that slept under an ITN the night before the survey


2013 GDHS
2019-20 GDHS
Note: The definition of an ITN in the 2013 GDHS included nets that had been soaked with insecticides within the past 12 months

- The percentage of the household population that slept under a ITN decreases from $50 \%$ in the lowest wealth quintile to $26 \%$ in the highest quintile (Table 12.5).
- The difference between ITN access and ITN use is largest in Mansakonko (29 percentage points) and smallest in Kanifing (18 percentage points).

Figure 12.6 ITN access by Local Government Area
Percentage of the household population that could sleep under an ITN
if each ITN in the household were used by up to two people


### 12.3 Use of ITNs by Children and Pregnant Women

Children and pregnant women are particularly
vulnerable to malaria. Just over 4 in 10 (44\%) children under age 5 slept underneath an ITN the night before the survey, and half of children under age $5(49 \%)$ in households with at least one ITN slept under an ITN the night preceding the survey (Table 12.7 and Figure 12.7). Similarly, $44 \%$ of pregnant women age 15-49 slept under an ITN the night before the survey, and $49 \%$ of pregnant women in households with at least one ITN slept under an ITN the night preceding the survey (Table $\mathbf{1 2 . 8}$ and Figure 12.7). ight before the 5 sept and

Figure 12.7 ITN use
Percentage who slept under an ITN the
night before the survey

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\begin{array}{r}
\square 51 \%-55 \% \\
56 \%-66 \% \\
-67 \%-78 \% \\
-79 \%-81 \%
\end{array}
$$



Trends: Use of ITNs among children under age 5 decreased from $47 \%$ in 2013 to $44 \%$ in 2019-20.
Similarly, use of ITNs by pregnant women decreased from $46 \%$ to $44 \%$.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The percentage of children under age 5 who slept under an ITN the night preceding the survey ranges from a high of $48 \%$ among those age 12-23 months to a low of $41 \%$ among those age $36-47$ months (Table 12.7).
- By LGA, the proportion of children under age 5 who slept under an ITN the night before the survey ranges from $34 \%$ in Basse to $60 \%$ in Janjanbureh. Similarly, the proportion of pregnant women age 15-49 who slept under an ITN ranges from $37 \%$ in Basse to $71 \%$ in Janjanbureh.
- The proportion of pregnant women age 15-49 who slept under an ITN the night before the survey is higher in rural areas (53\%) than in urban areas (40\%) (Table 12.8).


### 12.4 MaLARIA in Pregnancy

Intermittent preventive treatment (IPTp) during pregnancy
Percentage of women who took at least three doses of SP/Fansidar during their last pregnancy.
Sample: Women age 15-49 with a live birth in the 2 years before the survey

Malaria infection during pregnancy is a major public health problem in The Gambia, with substantial risks for the mother, her foetus, and the neonate. Intermittent preventive treatment of malaria in pregnancy (IPTp) is a full therapeutic course of antimalarial medicine given to pregnant women at routine antenatal care visits to prevent malaria. IPTp helps prevent maternal malaria episodes, maternal and foetal anaemia, placental parasitaemia, low birth weight, and neonatal mortality.

The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends a three-pronged approach for reducing the negative health effects associated with malaria in pregnancy: prompt diagnosis and treatment of confirmed infections, use of long-lasting insecticidal nets (LLINs), and IPTp (WHO 2004).

Sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine (SP), also known as Fansidar, is the recommended drug for IPTp in The Gambia. The household survey indicator used to measure coverage of this intervention is the percentage of women with a live birth in the 2 years preceding the survey who received three or more doses of SP/Fansidar to prevent malaria during their most recent pregnancy (IPTp3+).

In The Gambia, $98 \%$ of women with a live birth in the 2 years before the survey reported taking one or more doses of SP/Fansidar during their last pregnancy; $80 \%$ reported taking two or more doses, and $52 \%$ reported taking three or more doses (Table 12.9).

Trends: The percentage of women receiving one or more doses of IPTp increased from $94 \%$ in 2013 to $98 \%$ in 2019-20, while the percentage receiving two or more doses increased from $63 \%$ to $80 \%$. Over the same period, the percentage of women receiving three or more doses of IPTp increased from $6 \%$ to 52\% (Figure 12.8).

Figure 12.8 Trends in IPTp use by pregnant women

Percentage of women with a live birth in the 2 years before the survey who received at least 1, 2, or 3 doses


## Patterns by background characteristics

- The percentage of pregnant women who received three or more doses of SP/Fansidar is slightly higher in urban areas (54\%) than in rural areas (49\%) (Table 12.9).
- By LGA, IPTp coverage of three or more doses is lowest in Banjul and Janjanbureh (36\%) and highest in Kanifing (57\%).
- The percentage of women who received three or more doses of SP/Fansidar during pregnancy increases with increasing education, from $49 \%$ among those with no education to $57 \%$ among those with a higher education.


### 12.5 Case Management of Malaria in Children

## Care seeking for children under age 5 with a fever

Percentage of children under age 5 with a fever in the 2 weeks before the survey for whom advice or treatment was sought from a health provider, a health facility, or a pharmacy.
Sample: Children under age 5 with a fever in the 2 weeks before the survey
Diagnosis of malaria in children under age 5 with a fever
Percentage of children under age 5 with a fever in the 2 weeks before the survey who had blood taken from a finger or heel for testing. This is a proxy measure of diagnostic testing for malaria.
Sample: Children under age 5 with a fever in the 2 weeks before the survey

## Artemisinin-based combination therapy (ACT) for children under age 5 with a fever

Among children under age 5 with a fever in the 2 weeks before the survey who took any antimalarial drugs, the percentage who took an artemisinin-based combination therapy (ACT).
Sample: Children under age 5 with a fever in the 2 weeks before the survey

Fifteen percent of children under age 5 had a fever in the 2 weeks preceding the survey. Sixty-four percent of children who had a fever were taken for advice or treatment, and $50 \%$ were taken for advice or treatment the same or next day. Twenty-seven percent of children with a fever had blood taken from a finger or heel for testing (Table 12.10). Among children with a fever for whom advice or treatment was sought, $45 \%$ went to public health facilities, while $20 \%$ went to private sector facilities (Table 12.11). Among children with a fever in the 2 weeks preceding the survey who took any antimalarial medication, $54 \%$ took an ACT, although this figure should be interpreted with caution since it is based on 25-49 unweighted cases (Table 12.12).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The percentage of children with recent fever peaks at $21 \%$ among those age 12-23 months and then declines to $9 \%$ among those age 48-59 months (Table 12.10).
- The percentage of children with a fever in the 2 weeks preceding the survey ranges from $9 \%$ in Kerewan to 25\% in Banjul.
- The percentage of children with a fever for whom advice or treatment was sought is slightly higher in urban areas ( $65 \%$ ) than in rural areas ( $63 \%$ ).
- The percentage of children with recent fever who had blood taken from a finger or heel for testing increases with increasing wealth, from $18 \%$ among those in the lowest wealth quintile to $38 \%$ among those in the highest wealth quintile.


### 12.6 Prevalence of Low Haemoglobin in Children

## Prevalence of low haemoglobin in children

Percentage of children age 6-59 months who had a haemoglobin measurement of less than 8.0 grams per decilitre ( $\mathrm{g} / \mathrm{dl}$ ) of blood. The cutoff of $8.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ is often used to classify malaria-related anaemia. This is a different cutoff than that used to classify severe anaemia in Chapter 11 ( $7.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ ).
Sample: Children age 6-59 months

Anaemia, defined as a reduced level of haemoglobin in the blood, decreases the amount of oxygen reaching the tissues and organs of the body and reduces their capacity to function. Anaemia is associated with impaired motor and cognitive development in children. The main causes of anaemia in children are malaria and inadequate intake of iron, folate, vitamin B12, or other nutrients. Other causes of anaemia include intestinal worms, haemoglobinopathy, and sickle cell disease. Although anaemia is not specific to malaria, trends in anaemia prevalence can reflect malaria morbidity, and they respond to changes in the coverage of malaria interventions (Korenromp et al. 2004). Malaria interventions have been associated with a $60 \%$ reduction in the risk of anaemia using a cutoff of $8.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ (RBM 2003).

Haemoglobin testing was carried out for $95 \%$ of eligible children age 6-59 months (Table 12.13), and 3\% had haemoglobin levels lower than $8.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ (Table 12.14).

Trends: The percentage of children age 6-59 months with haemoglobin levels below $8.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ decreased by 9 percentage points between 2013 and 2019-20, from $12 \%$ to $3 \%$.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The prevalence of low haemoglobin (below $8.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ ) is highest among children age 12-17 months (7\%) and lowest among children age 6-8 months and 48-59 months ( $1 \%$ each) (Table 12.14).
- The percentage of children with low haemoglobin is highest among those whose mothers have no education (4\%) and lowest among those whose mothers have a secondary education or higher (2\%).
- By wealth quintile, the proportion of children with haemoglobin levels below $8.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ ranges from a high of $8 \%$ among those in the lowest quintile to a low of $1 \%$ among those in the highest quintile.


### 12.7 Prevalence of Malaria in Children

## Malaria prevalence in children

Percentage of children age 6-59 months classified as infected with malaria according to microscopy results.
Sample: Children age 6-59 months

Children age 6-59 months were eligible for malaria testing using a rapid diagnostic test (RDT; specifically, SD Bioline P.f/Pan); 94\% of eligible children were tested (Table 12.13). For details on the procedures for malaria testing, see Chapter 1. In The Gambia, $0.4 \%$ of children age 6-59 months tested positive for malaria according to the RDT results (Table 12.15).

Trends: The prevalence of malaria among children age 6-59 months according to RDT testing decreased from $2 \%$ in 2013 to $0.4 \%$ in 2019-20.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Slightly more children in urban areas (0.5\%) than rural areas ( $0.3 \%$ ) tested positive for malaria (Table 12.15).
- The prevalence of malaria among children varies by LGA, from less than $1 \%$ in Banjul, Kanifing, Mansakonko, Kerewan, and Kuntaur to $1 \%$ in Brikama, Janjanbureh, and Basse.


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Table 12.1 Household possession of mosquito nets
Percentage of households with at least one mosquito net (treated or untreated) and insecticide-treated net (ITN), average number of nets and ITNs per household, and percentage of households with at least one net and ITN per two persons who stayed in the household last night, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Percentage of households with at least one mosquito net |  | Average number of nets per household |  | Number of households | Percentage of households with at least one net for every two persons who stayed in the household last night |  | Number of households with at least one person who stayed in the household last night |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Any mosquito net | ITN ${ }^{1}$ | Any mosquito net | ITN ${ }^{1}$ |  | Any mosquito net | ITN ${ }^{1}$ |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 73.6 | 71.7 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 4,989 | 33.5 | 32.1 | 4,951 |
| Rural | 95.8 | 95.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 1,560 | 50.4 | 49.8 | 1,552 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 74.2 | 70.1 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 155 | 45.1 | 41.7 | 154 |
| Kanifing | 66.8 | 63.8 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1,655 | 31.8 | 30.1 | 1,640 |
| Brikama | 76.2 | 74.8 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2,790 | 32.0 | 30.9 | 2,775 |
| Mansakonko | 93.4 | 93.3 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 282 | 59.6 | 59.3 | 278 |
| Kerewan | 94.7 | 94.2 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 636 | 51.6 | 51.1 | 629 |
| Kuntaur | 97.4 | 96.7 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 254 | 53.8 | 53.1 | 254 |
| Janjanbureh | 95.4 | 94.6 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 332 | 55.5 | 54.6 | 331 |
| Basse | 88.3 | 87.5 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 443 | 33.5 | 32.4 | 442 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 92.9 | 92.5 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 1,233 | 50.9 | 50.2 | 1,227 |
| Second | 83.1 | 82.3 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 1,367 | 40.7 | 40.0 | 1,351 |
| Middle | 76.3 | 74.2 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 1,489 | 38.1 | 36.7 | 1,474 |
| Fourth | 77.8 | 76.0 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 1,216 | 32.6 | 31.2 | 1,210 |
| Highest | 64.6 | 61.8 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 1,244 | 24.7 | 23.1 | 1,241 |
| Total | 78.9 | 77.3 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 6,549 | 37.5 | 36.3 | 6,503 |

${ }^{1}$ An ITN is a factory-treated net that does not require any further treatment. In the 2013 GDHS, this was known as a long-lasting insecticidal net (LLIN).

## Table 12.2 Source of mosquito nets

Percent distribution of mosquito nets by source of net, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Mass distribution campaign | ANC visit | Infant welfare visit | Government health facility | Private health facility | Pharmacy | Shop/ market | Village health worker | Religious institution | School | NGO clinic/ facility | Other | Don't know | Total | Number of mosquito nets |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Type of net |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ITN $^{1}$ | 94.5 | 2.0 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 18,078 |
| Other ${ }^{2}$ | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 66.9 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 23.2 | 7.8 | 100.0 | 332 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 91.4 | 2.0 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.4 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 11,715 |
| Rural | 95.4 | 1.8 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 6,696 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 83.0 | 2.8 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 5.1 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 268 |
| Kanifing | 89.0 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 4.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 3,128 |
| Brikama | 92.6 | 2.0 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 7,252 |
| Mansakonko | 94.8 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,063 |
| Kerewan | 96.2 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 2,545 |
| Kuntaur | 95.2 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,167 |
| Janjanbureh | 94.9 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,314 |
| Basse | 93.0 | 3.3 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,674 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 95.4 | 1.9 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 4,537 |
| Second | 92.9 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 3,902 |
| Middle | 93.4 | 2.4 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 3,768 |
| Fourth | 92.3 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 2.5 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 3,300 |
| Highest | 88.7 | 2.1 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.7 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 2,904 |
| Total | 92.8 | 1.9 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 18,411 |

ANC = Antenatal care
NGO = Nongovernmental organisation
${ }^{1}$ An insecticide-treated net (ITN) is a factory-treated net that does not require any further treatment. In the 2013 GDHS, this was known as a long-lasting insecticidal net (LLIN).
${ }^{2}$ Any net that is not an ITN

## Table 12.3 Access to an insecticide-treated net (ITN)

Percent distribution of the de facto household population by number of ITNs the household owns, and percentage with access to an ITN, according to number of persons who stayed in the household the night before the survey, The Gambia DHS 201920

| Number of ITNs ${ }^{1}$ | Number of persons who stayed in the household the night before the survey |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8+ |  |
| 0 | 54.2 | 46.5 | 32.2 | 24.0 | 23.5 | 19.6 | 17.7 | 9.0 | 13.6 |
| 1 | 32.4 | 25.5 | 21.9 | 18.5 | 12.0 | 9.8 | 7.1 | 3.5 | 6.5 |
| 2 | 8.9 | 16.9 | 27.9 | 28.2 | 29.8 | 24.2 | 18.4 | 6.2 | 11.3 |
| 3 | 2.7 | 6.8 | 14.0 | 17.5 | 19.2 | 24.2 | 27.5 | 10.2 | 13.0 |
| 4 | 1.2 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 8.0 | 9.4 | 13.9 | 15.8 | 12.5 | 11.8 |
| 5 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 5.8 | 8.2 | 12.7 | 10.3 |
| 6 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 2.9 | 1.0 | 3.1 | 8.9 | 6.8 |
| 7 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 2.1 | 36.9 | 26.6 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number | 663 | 885 | 1,486 | 2,169 | 2,944 | 3,497 | 3,378 | 37,205 | 52,227 |
| Percentage of the de facto population with access to an ITN ${ }^{1,2}$ | 45.8 | 53.5 | 60.5 | 66.7 | 63.3 | 65.8 | 65.4 | 59.9 | 60.8 |

${ }^{1}$ An insecticide-treated net (ITN) is a factory-treated net that does not require any further treatment. In the 2013 GDHS, this was known as a long-lasting insecticidal net (LLIN).
${ }^{2}$ Percentage of the de facto household population who could sleep under an ITN if each ITN in the household were used by up to two people

| Table 12.4 Access to an ITN according to background characteristics |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of the de facto population with access to an ITN in the household, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20 |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Percentage of the de facto population with access to an ITN ${ }^{1}$ | Number of persons |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 55.6 | 36,286 |
| Rural | 72.8 | 15,941 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |
| Banjul | 60.0 | 681 |
| Kanifing | 50.5 | 10,153 |
| Brikama | 57.3 | 22,323 |
| Mansakonko | 80.9 | 2,141 |
| Kerewan | 76.2 | 5,688 |
| Kuntaur | 78.9 | 2,543 |
| Janjanbureh | 76.1 | 3,009 |
| Basse | 54.1 | 5,689 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |
| Lowest | 75.3 | 10,336 |
| Second | 64.5 | 10,453 |
| Middle | 62.0 | 10,368 |
| Fourth | 54.5 | 10,510 |
| Highest | 48.2 | 10,560 |
| Total | 60.8 | 52,227 |

${ }^{1}$ Percentage of the de facto household population who could sleep under an ITN if each ITN in the household were used by up to two people

Table 12.5 Use of mosquito nets by persons in the household
Percentage of the de facto household population who slept the night before the survey under a mosquito net (treated or untreated) and under an insecticide-treated net (ITN); and among the de facto household population in households with at least one ITN, percentage who slept under an ITN the night before the survey, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Household population |  |  | Household population in households with at least one ITN ${ }^{1}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage who slept under any mosquito net last night | Percentage who slept under an ITN ${ }^{1}$ last night | Number of persons | Percentage who slept under an ITN ${ }^{1}$ last night | Number of persons |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| <5 | 44.9 | 44.0 | 7,987 | 49.3 | 7,119 |
| 5-14 | 38.7 | 38.1 | 15,452 | 42.8 | 13,755 |
| 15-34 | 32.1 | 31.3 | 16,743 | 37.4 | 14,024 |
| 35-49 | 41.8 | 40.9 | 6,568 | 48.8 | 5,515 |
| $50+$ | 45.5 | 44.5 | 5,447 | 51.6 | 4,694 |
| Don't know/missing | (11.2) | (11.2) | 30 | * | 20 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 34.6 | 33.8 | 24,684 | 39.3 | 21,234 |
| Female | 42.2 | 41.5 | 27,543 | 47.8 | 23,892 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 35.5 | 34.6 | 36,286 | 42.2 | 29,720 |
| Rural | 45.7 | 45.3 | 15,941 | 46.9 | 15,407 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 42.6 | 40.2 | 681 | 51.1 | 535 |
| Kanifing | 34.2 | 32.5 | 10,153 | 43.5 | 7,574 |
| Brikama | 34.4 | 33.8 | 22,323 | 39.8 | 18,946 |
| Mansakonko | 52.6 | 52.2 | 2,141 | 53.4 | 2,091 |
| Kerewan | 49.9 | 49.7 | 5,688 | 51.5 | 5,482 |
| Kuntaur | 54.7 | 54.2 | 2,543 | 55.5 | 2,483 |
| Janjanbureh | 55.5 | 54.9 | 3,009 | 56.9 | 2,902 |
| Basse | 29.8 | 29.4 | 5,689 | 32.7 | 5,114 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 50.5 | 50.1 | 10,336 | 52.7 | 9,832 |
| Second | 41.6 | 41.1 | 10,453 | 45.4 | 9,465 |
| Middle | 40.4 | 39.3 | 10,368 | 46.1 | 8,844 |
| Fourth | 34.0 | 33.2 | 10,510 | 38.7 | 9,019 |
| Highest | 26.8 | 25.7 | 10,560 | 34.1 | 7,967 |
| Total | 38.6 | 37.8 | 52,227 | 43.8 | 45,127 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ An ITN is a factory-treated net that does not require any further treatment. In the 2013 GDHS, this was known as a long-lasting insecticidal net (LLIN).

| Table 12.6 Use of existing ITNs |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of insecticide-treated nets (ITNs) that were used by anyone the night before the survey, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20 |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Percentage of existing ITNs ${ }^{1}$ used last night | Number of ITNs ${ }^{1}$ |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 53.5 | 11,434 |
| Rural | 57.8 | 6,645 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |
| Banjul | 55.1 | 252 |
| Kanifing | 53.1 | 2,993 |
| Brikama | 51.2 | 7,141 |
| Mansakonko | 56.9 | 1,056 |
| Kerewan | 59.7 | 2,528 |
| Kuntaur | 63.6 | 1,154 |
| Janjanbureh | 69.8 | 1,299 |
| Basse | 49.4 | 1,655 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |
| Lowest | 60.1 | 4,507 |
| Second | 55.2 | 3,861 |
| Middle | 54.5 | 3,690 |
| Fourth | 53.3 | 3,215 |
| Highest | 49.4 | 2,805 |
| Total | 55.0 | 18,078 |

${ }^{1}$ An ITN is a factory-treated net that does not require any further treatment. In the 2013 GDHS, this was known as a long-lasting insecticidal net (LLIN)

Table 12.7 Use of mosquito nets by children
Percentage of children under age 5 who, the night before the survey, slept under a mosquito net (treated or untreated) and under an insecticide-treated net (ITN); and among children under age 5 in households with at least one ITN, percentage who slept under an ITN the night before the survey, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Children under age 5 in all households |  |  | Children under age 5 in households with at least one ITN ${ }^{1}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage who slept under any mosquito net last night | Percentage who slept under an ITN ${ }^{1}$ last night | Number of children | Percentage who slept under an ITN ${ }^{1}$ last night | Number of children |
| Age in months |  |  |  |  |  |
| $<12$ | 45.8 | 44.7 | 1,769 | 49.9 | 1,586 |
| 12-23 | 49.0 | 47.6 | 1,584 | 53.6 | 1,409 |
| 24-35 | 45.9 | 45.0 | 1,544 | 51.4 | 1,350 |
| 36-47 | 41.3 | 40.6 | 1,636 | 45.3 | 1,465 |
| 48-59 | 42.3 | 41.8 | 1,452 | 46.4 | 1,309 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 43.7 | 42.8 | 4,124 | 47.6 | 3,712 |
| Female | 46.2 | 45.2 | 3,863 | 51.2 | 3,407 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 42.0 | 40.8 | 5,187 | 48.0 | 4,406 |
| Rural | 50.3 | 49.9 | 2,800 | 51.5 | 2,713 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 55.7 | 53.1 | 76 | 62.1 | 65 |
| Kanifing | 41.8 | 38.9 | 1,344 | 49.9 | 1,048 |
| Brikama | 40.6 | 39.8 | 3,247 | 45.7 | 2,830 |
| Mansakonko | 56.1 | 55.6 | 350 | 56.5 | 345 |
| Kerewan | 54.9 | 54.8 | 979 | 56.5 | 950 |
| Kuntaur | 56.7 | 56.6 | 483 | 57.6 | 474 |
| Janjanbureh | 60.5 | 60.0 | 511 | 61.9 | 495 |
| Basse | 34.9 | 34.4 | 996 | 37.6 | 912 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 55.3 | 54.9 | 1,820 | 57.4 | 1,742 |
| Second | 47.9 | 47.4 | 1,723 | 50.7 | 1,611 |
| Middle | 46.4 | 45.3 | 1,631 | 51.4 | 1,437 |
| Fourth | 38.0 | 37.1 | 1,479 | 42.7 | 1,283 |
| Highest | 32.8 | 30.6 | 1,333 | 39.1 | 1,045 |
| Total | 44.9 | 44.0 | 7,987 | 49.3 | 7,119 |

Note: Table is based on children who stayed in the household the night before the interview.
${ }^{1}$ An ITN is a factory-treated net that does not require any further treatment. In the 2013 GDHS, this was known as a long-lasting insecticidal net (LLIN).

Table 12.8 Use of mosquito nets by pregnant women
Percentage of pregnant women age 15-49 who, the night before the survey, slept under a mosquito net (treated or untreated) and under an insecticide-treated net (ITN); and among pregnant women age 15-49 in households with at least one ITN, percentage who slept under an ITN the night before the survey, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Among pregnant women age 15-49 in all households |  |  | Among pregnant women age 15-49 in households with at least one ITN ${ }^{1}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage who slept under any mosquito net last night | Percentage who slept under an ITN ${ }^{1}$ last night | Number of pregnant women | Percentage who slept under an ITN ${ }^{1}$ last night | Number of pregnant women |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 41.5 | 39.9 | 614 | 45.9 | 534 |
| Rural | 53.0 | 53.0 | 303 | 55.1 | 291 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | (43.6) | (43.6) | 9 | (56.6) | 7 |
| Kanifing | 40.2 | 38.0 | 150 | 44.5 | 128 |
| Brikama | 38.8 | 37.5 | 385 | 42.2 | 341 |
| Mansakonko | 56.2 | 56.2 | 44 | 57.9 | 43 |
| Kerewan | 56.3 | 55.4 | 98 | 59.1 | 91 |
| Kuntaur | 64.5 | 64.5 | 64 | 66.9 | 62 |
| Janjanbureh | 71.9 | 71.1 | 55 | 72.3 | 54 |
| Basse | 36.7 | 36.7 | 113 | 42.0 | 99 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 45.9 | 45.1 | 395 | 49.3 | 362 |
| Primary | 50.4 | 48.3 | 156 | 54.6 | 138 |
| Secondary or higher | 42.5 | 41.5 | 366 | 46.8 | 325 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 59.4 | 59.4 | 195 | 62.6 | 185 |
| Second | 50.6 | 50.0 | 202 | 53.7 | 188 |
| Middle | 49.0 | 47.9 | 198 | 54.1 | 175 |
| Fourth | 37.5 | 36.4 | 155 | 40.5 | 139 |
| Highest | 25.3 | 22.6 | 168 | 27.6 | 138 |
| Total | 45.3 | 44.2 | 917 | 49.2 | 825 |

Note: Table is based on women who stayed in the household the night before the interview. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.
${ }^{1}$ An ITN is a factory-treated net that does not require any further treatment. In the 2013 GDHS, this was known as a long-lasting insecticidal net (LLIN).

Table 12.9 Use of intermittent preventive treatment (IPTp) by women during pregnancy

Percentage of women age 15-49 with a live birth in the 2 years preceding the survey who, during the pregnancy that resulted in the last live birth, received one or more doses of SP/Fansidar, received two or more doses of SP/Fansidar, and received three or more doses of SP/Fansidar, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Percentage who received one or more doses of SP/Fansidar | Percentage who received two or more doses of SP/Fansidar | Percentage who received three or more doses of SP/Fansidar | Number of women with a live birth in the 2 years preceding the survey |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 97.7 | 80.4 | 53.7 | 2,022 |
| Rural | 97.6 | 78.5 | 49.4 | 1,108 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 93.7 | 71.7 | 35.9 | 26 |
| Kanifing | 97.6 | 80.2 | 57.4 | 535 |
| Brikama | 98.2 | 81.3 | 53.3 | 1,243 |
| Mansakonko | 95.8 | 77.4 | 49.6 | 138 |
| Kerewan | 99.0 | 82.0 | 53.4 | 387 |
| Kuntaur | 98.5 | 74.6 | 46.6 | 196 |
| Janjanbureh | 95.3 | 70.6 | 36.2 | 200 |
| Basse | 96.4 | 80.4 | 53.3 | 403 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 97.6 | 78.3 | 48.7 | 1,391 |
| Primary | 95.3 | 79.3 | 50.8 | 594 |
| Secondary or higher | 98.9 | 81.6 | 57.2 | 1,145 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 98.2 | 76.9 | 46.5 | 704 |
| Second | 96.1 | 77.9 | 49.2 | 666 |
| Middle | 97.9 | 82.8 | 53.7 | 663 |
| Fourth | 98.3 | 81.5 | 54.1 | 572 |
| Highest | 97.8 | 80.1 | 59.6 | 525 |
| Total | 97.7 | 79.7 | 52.2 | 3,129 |

Table 12.10 Prevalence, diagnosis, and prompt treatment of children with fever
Percentage of children under age 5 with a fever in the 2 weeks preceding the survey, and among children under age 5 with a fever, percentage for whom advice or treatment was sought, percentage for whom advice or treatment was sought the same or next day following the onset of fever, and percentage who had blood taken from a finger or heel for testing, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Children under age 5 |  | Children under age 5 with fever |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage with a fever in the 2 weeks preceding the survey | Number of children | Percentage for whom advice or treatment was sought ${ }^{1}$ | Percentage for whom advice or treatment was sought the same or next day ${ }^{1}$ | Percentage who had blood taken from a finger or heel for testing | Number of children |
| Age in months |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $<12$ | 19.3 | 1,661 | 57.5 | 43.8 | 18.7 | 320 |
| 12-23 | 20.8 | 1,456 | 66.2 | 49.3 | 31.8 | 302 |
| 24-35 | 13.7 | 1,432 | 65.4 | 52.9 | 28.9 | 197 |
| 36-47 | 11.4 | 1,449 | 69.2 | 53.9 | 33.5 | 166 |
| 48-59 | 9.2 | 1,300 | 67.7 | 57.1 | 28.0 | 120 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 15.7 | 3,777 | 62.7 | 48.0 | 26.6 | 594 |
| Female | 14.5 | 3,521 | 65.9 | 52.1 | 28.2 | 510 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 14.9 | 4,796 | 64.8 | 49.3 | 31.9 | 715 |
| Rural | 15.6 | 2,501 | 63.1 | 51.0 | 18.9 | 389 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 25.3 | 71 | 59.5 | 45.6 | 27.7 | 18 |
| Kanifing | 18.8 | 1,248 | 68.2 | 54.3 | 29.2 | 235 |
| Brikama | 13.1 | 3,005 | 60.3 | 44.0 | 34.3 | 395 |
| Mansakonko | 23.1 | 314 | 59.1 | 47.3 | 17.9 | 72 |
| Kerewan | 8.5 | 866 | 72.7 | 65.1 | 31.6 | 74 |
| Kuntaur | 21.8 | 443 | 65.3 | 50.3 | 11.3 | 97 |
| Janjanbureh | 17.4 | 455 | 60.0 | 48.2 | 20.2 | 79 |
| Basse | 15.0 | 895 | 68.7 | 53.8 | 22.3 | 134 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 15.7 | 3,377 | 61.2 | 47.0 | 26.3 | 529 |
| Primary | 15.2 | 1,310 | 72.4 | 56.4 | 25.8 | 200 |
| Secondary or higher | 14.4 | 2,610 | 64.1 | 50.6 | 29.6 | 376 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 15.4 | 1,630 | 59.5 | 48.6 | 17.7 | 252 |
| Second | 15.0 | 1,548 | 58.1 | 40.3 | 25.7 | 232 |
| Middle | 14.6 | 1,518 | 69.8 | 52.0 | 29.5 | 221 |
| Fourth | 16.7 | 1,362 | 65.7 | 55.8 | 29.9 | 228 |
| Highest | 13.9 | 1,240 | 70.1 | 54.1 | 37.5 | 172 |
| Total | 15.1 | 7,297 | 64.2 | 49.9 | 27.3 | 1,104 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes advice or treatment from the following sources: public sector, private medical sector, and shop. Excludes advice or treatment from a traditional practitioner.

Table 12.11 Source of advice or treatment for children with fever
Percentage of children under age 5 with a fever in the 2 weeks preceding the survey for whom advice or treatment was sought from specific sources, and among children under age 5 with a fever in the 2 weeks preceding the survey for whom advice or treatment was sought, percentage for whom advice or treatment was sought from specific sources, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Source | Percentage for whom advice or treatment was sought from each source: |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Among children with fever | Among children with fever for whom advice or treatment was sought |
| Public sector | 45.1 | 69.6 |
| Government hospital | 10.6 | 16.4 |
| Government health centre | 23.8 | 36.7 |
| Government health post | 9.8 | 15.2 |
| RCH outreach clinic | 0.6 | 0.9 |
| Fieldworker/VHW | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| Other | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Private sector | 19.9 | 30.6 |
| Private hospital/clinic | 5.6 | 8.6 |
| Pharmacy | 12.9 | 19.9 |
| Private doctor | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Mobile clinic | 0.5 | 0.8 |
| NGO hospital/clinic | 0.8 | 1.3 |
| Other private sector | 0.7 | 1.2 |
| Shop | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Traditional practitioner | 0.6 | 0.9 |
| Other | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Number of children | 1,104 | 715 |

RCH = Reproductive and child health
VHW = Village health worker
NGO = Nongovernmental organisation

Table 12.12 Type of antimalarial drugs used
Among children under age 5 with a fever in the 2 weeks preceding the survey who took any antimalarial medication, percentage who took specific antimalarial drugs, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  | Percentage of children who took: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of children with fever who took any antimalarial drug |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Any ACT | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { SP/ } \\ \text { Fansidar } \end{gathered}$ | Chloroquine | Amodiaquine | Quinine pills | Quinine injection/IV | Artesunate rectal | Artesunate injection/IV | Other antimalarial |  |
| Total | (54.2) | (9.0) | (18.5) | (10.8) | (3.5) | (0.0) | (0.6) | (4.6) | (0.0) | 39 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.
ACT = Artemisinin-based combination therapy

Table 12.13 Coverage of testing for anaemia and malaria in children
Percentage of eligible children age 6-59 months who were tested for anaemia and for malaria, according to background characteristics (unweighted), The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  | Percentage tested for: |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background <br> characteristic | Anaemia | Malaria with | Number of <br> children |


| Age in months |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $6-8$ | 89.8 | 89.3 | 196 |

9-11
12-17

| 99.8 | 95.3 | 213 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 94.6 | 94.4 | 503 |

18-23

| $24-35$ | 95.7 | 95.4 | 371 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 95.2 | 94.4 | 820 |


| $36-47$ | 95.2 | 94.4 | 820 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 95.0 | 94.4 | 875 |


| $48-59$ | 93.9 | 93.3 | 848 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Sex
Male
Female
Mother's interview status
Interviewed
Not interviewed but in
household
Not interviewed and not in the household ${ }^{1}$
Residence
Urban
Rural Banjul
Kanifing
Brikama
Mansakonko
Kerewan
Kuntaur
Janjanbureh
Basse
Mother's education ${ }^{2}$
No education
Primary
Secondary or higher
Missing
Wealth quintile

| Weaith quintile |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Lowest | 95.4 | 94.8 | 1,300 |
| Second | 95.2 | 94.4 | 850 |
| Middle | 94.6 | 94.2 | 746 |
| Fourth | 92.4 | 92.0 | 510 |
| Highest | 93.3 | 93.1 | 420 |
| Total | 94.6 | 94.0 | 3,826 |

Note: An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
RDT = Rapid diagnostic test (SD Bioline P.f/Pan)
${ }^{1}$ Includes children whose mothers are deceased
${ }^{2}$ For women who are not interviewed, information on education is taken from the Household Questionnaire. Excludes children whose mothers are not listed in the Household Questionnaire.

Table 12.14 Haemoglobin $<8.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ in children
Percentage of children age 6-59 months with haemoglobin lower than $8.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Haemoglobin $<8.0 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{dl}$ | Number of children |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age in months |  |  |
| 6-8 | 1.3 | 167 |
| 9-11 | 5.6 | 206 |
| 12-17 | 6.9 | 434 |
| 18-23 | 6.2 | 351 |
| 24-35 | 2.8 | 758 |
| 36-47 | 1.9 | 811 |
| 48-59 | 1.4 | 697 |
| Sex |  |  |
| Male | 3.4 | 1,792 |
| Female | 3.1 | 1,631 |
| Mother's interview status |  |  |
| Interviewed | 3.4 | 3,085 |
| Not interviewed but in household | 1.4 | 91 |
| Not interviewed and not in the household ${ }^{1}$ | 1.7 | 247 |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 1.8 | 2,249 |
| Rural | 6.1 | 1,174 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |
| Banjul | 1.1 | 31 |
| Kanifing | 2.0 | 568 |
| Brikama | 1.2 | 1,440 |
| Mansakonko | 3.5 | 168 |
| Kerewan | 6.2 | 383 |
| Kuntaur | 12.2 | 195 |
| Janjanbureh | 7.9 | 218 |
| Basse | 3.1 | 419 |
| Mother's education ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |
| No education | 4.1 | 1,463 |
| Primary | 3.6 | 583 |
| Secondary or higher | 2.4 | 1,127 |
| Missing | * | 2 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |
| Lowest | 7.6 | 763 |
| Second | 2.2 | 706 |
| Middle | 2.7 | 722 |
| Fourth | 2.1 | 624 |
| Highest | 0.9 | 608 |
| Total | 3.3 | 3,423 |

Note: Table is based on children who stayed in the household the night before the interview. Prevalence of anaemia is based on haemoglobin levels and is adjusted for altitude using CDC formulas (CDC 1998). Haemoglobin is measured in grams per decilitre (g/dl). An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ Includes children whose mothers are deceased
${ }^{2}$ For women who are not interviewed, information is taken from the Household Questionnaire. Excludes children whose mothers are not listed in the Household Questionnaire.

Table 12.15 Prevalence of malaria in children
Percentage of children age 6-59 months classified as having malaria, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Malaria prevalence according to RDT |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | RDT positive | Number of children |
| Age in months |  |  |
| 6-8 | 0.0 | 166 |
| 9-11 | 0.3 | 206 |
| 12-17 | 0.3 | 434 |
| 18-23 | 0.6 | 351 |
| 24-35 | 0.0 | 748 |
| 36-47 | 0.5 | 810 |
| 48-59 | 0.9 | 693 |
| Sex |  |  |
| Male | 0.4 | 1,782 |
| Female | 0.4 | 1,625 |
| Mother's interview status |  |  |
| Interviewed | 0.4 | 3,069 |
| Not interviewed but in household | 2.8 | 91 |
| Not interviewed and not in the household ${ }^{1}$ | 0.0 | 247 |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 0.5 | 2,238 |
| Rural | 0.3 | 1,169 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |
| Banjul | 0.0 | 31 |
| Kanifing | 0.3 | 568 |
| Brikama | 0.7 | 1,432 |
| Mansakonko | 0.0 | 166 |
| Kerewan | 0.0 | 381 |
| Kuntaur | 0.2 | 194 |
| Janjanbureh | 0.5 | 218 |
| Basse | 0.5 | 418 |
| Mother's education ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |
| No education | 0.3 | 1,453 |
| Primary | 1.0 | 581 |
| Secondary or higher | 0.5 | 1,125 |
| Missing | * | 2 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.3 | 758 |
| Second | 0.4 | 703 |
| Middle | 0.7 | 720 |
| Fourth | 0.0 | 623 |
| Highest | 0.8 | 604 |
| Total | 0.4 | 3,408 |

Note: An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
RDT = Rapid diagnostic test
${ }^{1}$ Includes children whose mothers are deceased
${ }^{2}$ For women who are not interviewed, information on education is taken from the Household Questionnaire. Excludes children whose mothers are not listed in the Household Questionnaire.

# HIVIAIDS-RELATED KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDES, AND BEHAVIOUR 

## Key Findings

- Comprehensive knowledge of HIV: About one quarter of women (27\%) and men (28\%) age 15-49 have comprehensive knowledge about HIV.
- Knowledge of mother-to-child transmission of HIV: $60 \%$ of women and $45 \%$ of men age 15-49 know that HIV can be transmitted during pregnancy, during delivery, and by breastfeeding.
- Multiple sexual partners: Less than $1 \%$ of women and $10 \%$ of men reported having two or more sexual partners in the 12 months prior to the survey.
" Condom use: $28 \%$ of women and $58 \%$ of men reported using a condom during their last sexual intercourse with a nonmarital or non-cohabiting partner.
- Coverage of HIV testing: 39\% of women and $25 \%$ of men age 15-49 have ever been tested for HIV and received the test results.

Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) is one of the most serious public health and development challenges facing the world today. AIDS is caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). HIV weakens the immune system, making the body susceptible to secondary infections and opportunistic diseases. Without treatment, HIV infection leads to AIDS, which is invariably fatal. The predominant mode of HIV transmission is sexual contact. Other modes of transmission are unsafe injections, use of tainted blood supplies during blood transfusions, and mother-to-child transmission (in which the mother passes HIV to her child during pregnancy, delivery, or breastfeeding).

This chapter provides data on levels of and trends in HIV/AIDS knowledge, attitudes, and behaviours, including knowledge of HIV prevention methods, stigma and discrimination, sexual behaviour, selfreported HIV testing, and prevention of mother-to-child transmission.

### 13.1 HIV/AIDS Knowledge, Transmission, and Prevention Methods

The 2019-20 GDHS asked women and men age 15-49 whether they had heard of HIV or AIDS. Those who reported having heard of HIV or AIDS were then asked a number of questions about whether and how HIV can be avoided. Overall, general awareness of HIV or AIDS among the population is nearly universal, as $98 \%$ of women and men have heard of HIV or AIDS (data not shown).

Table 13.1 shows that men tend to have greater knowledge of HIV prevention than women. Seventy-four percent of men age 15-49 know that HIV can be prevented by using condoms and limiting sexual intercourse to one uninfected partner, as compared with $66 \%$ of women.

Trends: The percentage of women who know that using condoms consistently and limiting sexual intercourse to one uninfected partner can reduce the risk of HIV decreased slightly from $68 \%$ in 2013 to $66 \%$ in 2018. Among men, the percentage increased slightly from $72 \%$ to $74 \%$ over the same period.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Fifty-nine percent of young women age 15-24 reported that using condoms and limiting sexual intercourse to one uninfected partner can prevent HIV, as compared with $67 \%$ of young men.
- Knowledge of the two HIV prevention methods is higher among rural men (79\%) than among urban men ( $73 \%$ ). In comparison, there is little variation between rural ( $68 \%$ ) and urban ( $66 \%$ ) women.
- By LGA, the percentage of women with knowledge about both prevention methods is lowest in Kuntaur (55\%) and highest in Kerewan (80\%). Among men, the percentage is lowest in Brikama (67\%) and highest in Janjanbureh (86\%).
- Sixty-three percent of women with no education reported having knowledge of the two HIV prevention methods, as compared with $71 \%$ of those with a secondary education or higher. The corresponding percentages among men are $69 \%$ and $78 \%$.


## Comprehensive knowledge of HIV

Knowing that consistent use of condoms during sexual intercourse and having just one uninfected faithful partner can reduce the chances of getting HIV, knowing that a healthy-looking person can have HIV, and rejecting the two most common local misconceptions about transmission or prevention of HIV.
Sample: Women and men age 15-24 and 15-49

Table $\mathbf{1 3 . 2}$ shows that only about one quarter of both women ( $27 \%$ ) and men ( $28 \%$ ) age $15-49$ have comprehensive knowledge about HIV. Seventy-two percent of women and $80 \%$ of men know that a healthy-looking person can have HIV. The two most common local misconceptions are that HIV can be transmitted by mosquito bites and by sharing food with someone who has HIV.

Trends: The percentage of women age 15-49 with comprehensive knowledge of HIV remained stable at $27 \%$ from 2013 to 2019-20. Among men, however, comprehensive knowledge decreased from $36 \%$ to $28 \%$ over the same period.

### 13.2 Knowledge about Mother-to-Child Transmission

Increasing the level of general knowledge about transmission of HIV from mother to child and reducing the risk of transmission using antiretroviral drugs are critical in reducing mother-to-child transmission (MTCT) of HIV. To assess MTCT knowledge, respondents were asked whether HIV can be transmitted from a mother to her child during pregnancy, during delivery, or through breastfeeding and whether a mother with HIV can reduce the risk of transmission to her baby by taking certain drugs during pregnancy.

Sixty percent of women age 15-49 reported knowing that HIV can be transmitted by all three means; $75 \%$ know that it can be transmitted during pregnancy, $71 \%$ know that it can be transmitted during delivery, and $71 \%$ know that it can be transmitted during breastfeeding. In contrast, only $45 \%$ of men age 15-49 reported having knowledge of the three modes of transmission; $69 \%$ know that HIV can be transmitted during pregnancy, $59 \%$ know that it can be transmitted during delivery, and $64 \%$ know that it can be transmitted during breastfeeding (Table 13.3).

Fifty-eight percent of women know that the risk of HIV transmission from mother to child can be reduced by taking special drugs, as compared with only $35 \%$ of men.

Trends: The percentage of women and men age 1549 who know that the risk of mother-to-child transmission of HIV can be reduced by taking special drugs decreased from $66 \%$ and $49 \%$ in 2013 to 58\% and 35\% in 2019-20, respectively (Figure 13.1).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Knowledge that medication can be taken to reduce the risk of MTCT generally increases with age, rising from $44 \%$ among women age 15-19 to $65 \%$ among those age $30-39$ before decreasing slightly to $63 \%$ among those age 40-49. A similar pattern is seen among men, rising from $27 \%$ among those age 15-19 to $47 \%$ among those age 40-49.


### 13.3 Discriminatory Attitudes towards People Living with HiV

Widespread stigma and discrimination in a population can adversely affect both people's willingness to be tested and their adherence to antiretroviral therapy (ART). Thus, reduction of stigma and discrimination in a population is an important indicator of the success of programmes targeting HIV/AIDS prevention and control.

## Discriminatory attitudes towards people living with HIV

Women and men are asked two questions to assess discriminatory attitudes towards people living with HIV. Respondents with discriminatory attitudes towards people living with HIV are those who say that they would not buy fresh vegetables from a shopkeeper or vendor if they knew that person had HIV or who say that children living with HIV should not be allowed to attend school with children who do not have HIV.
Sample: Women and men age 15-49 who have heard of HIV or AIDS

Table 13.4 shows that $76 \%$ of women and $73 \%$ of men age 15-49 have discriminatory attitudes towards people living with HIV.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The percentage of women and men with discriminatory attitudes decreases with age. Eighty-five percent of women and $87 \%$ of men age 15-19 have discriminatory attitudes, as compared with $69 \%$ of women and $54 \%$ of men age 40-49.
- Differences in discriminatory attitudes towards people living with HIV are observed between urban and rural areas; $72 \%$ of women and $70 \%$ of men in urban areas have discriminatory attitudes, compared with $89 \%$ of women and $82 \%$ of men in rural areas.
- Discriminatory attitudes towards people with HIV decrease with increasing education among both women and men; $86 \%$ of women and $84 \%$ of men with no education have discriminatory attitudes, as compared with $67 \%$ each of women and men with a secondary education or higher (Figure 13.2).
- Similarly, the percentage of women and men with discriminatory attitudes towards people with HIV generally decreases with increasing wealth. Among women, the percentage decreases from $90 \%$ in the lowest wealth quintile to $60 \%$ in the highest wealth quintile. Among men, the percentage decreases from $87 \%$ in the lowest quintile to $65 \%$ in the highest quintile.

Figure 13.2 Discriminatory attitudes towards people living with HIV by education

Percentage of women and men age 15-49 who have heard of HIV $\square$ Women $\quad$ Men


Note: Respondents have discriminatory attitudes if they do not think that children living with HIV should be able to attend school with children who are HIV negative and/or would not buy fresh vegetables from a shopkeeper who has HIV.

### 13.4 Multiple Sexual Partners

Given the significant role that intercourse plays in the transmission of HIV, information on the number of sexual partners and use of safe sex practices is important in designing and monitoring programmes that control the spread of HIV.

Table 13.5.1 shows that less than $1 \%$ of women age 15-49 reported having two or more sexual partners in the 12 months preceding the survey, among whom $22 \%$ reported using a condom during their last sexual intercourse; however, due to the low number of cases, this percentage should be interpreted cautiously. Three percent of women reported having sexual intercourse in the past 12 months with a partner who neither was their husband nor lived with them, and among these

Figure 13.3 Sex and condom use with non-regular partners

Percentage of women and men age 15-49 $■$ Women ■Men


Among those who had sex with a non-regular partner, percentage who used a condom during last sex with a non-regular partner women $28 \%$ reported using a condom during their last sexual intercourse with such a partner (Figure 13.3). The mean number of lifetime sexual partners among women is 1.4 .

Table 13.5.2 shows that $10 \%$ of men age 15-49 reported having two or more sexual partners in the 12 months preceding the survey, among whom $26 \%$ reported using a condom during their last sexual intercourse. Twenty-one percent of men reported having sexual intercourse with a partner who neither was their wife nor lived with them, and among these men $58 \%$ reported using a condom during their last sexual intercourse with such a partner (Figure 13.3). The mean number of lifetime sexual partners among men is 3.9.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Women in urban areas are more likely to have had sexual intercourse with a person who neither was their husband nor lived with them than women in rural areas ( $4 \%$ versus $1 \%$ ). This difference is more pronounced between men living in urban and rural areas ( $23 \%$ versus $13 \%$ ).
- The percentage of women who reported having sexual intercourse with a partner who neither was their husband nor lived with them increases with increasing education, from $1 \%$ among those with no education to $4 \%$ among those with a secondary education or higher. A similar pattern is observed among men ( $14 \%$ of those with no education versus $24 \%$ of those with a secondary education or higher).
- Among men, condom use at last sexual intercourse with a nonmarital or non-cohabiting partner increases with increasing wealth, from $44 \%$ in the lowest wealth quintile to $67 \%$ in the highest quintile. No such pattern is observed among women, but this may be due to the low number of cases.


### 13.5 Paid Sex

The act of paying for sex introduces an uneven negotiating ground for safer sexual intercourse. This type of sexual intercourse is associated with a greater risk of contracting HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs) because of compromised power relations and the likelihood of having multiple partners.

Six percent of men age 15-49 report ever having paid for sexual intercourse, and $1 \%$ report that they paid for sexual intercourse in the 12 months preceding the survey (Table 13.6).

Trends: The percentage of men age 15-49 who report having paid for sexual intercourse in the 12 months preceding the survey remained stagnant at $1 \%$ from 2013 to 2019-20. However, the percentage reporting having ever paid for sexual intercourse rose from $2 \%$ in 2013 to $6 \%$ in 2019-20.

### 13.6 Coverage of HIV Testing Services

Knowledge of HIV status helps HIV-negative individuals make specific decisions to reduce risk and increase safer sex practices so that they can remain disease free. Among those who are living with HIV, knowledge of their status allows them to take action to protect their sexual partners, to access care, and to receive treatment.

### 13.6.1 Awareness of HIV Testing Services and Experience with HIV Testing

Tables 13.7 .1 and $\mathbf{1 3 . 7 . 2}$ show that a majority of both female and male respondents ( $70 \%$ and $69 \%$, respectively) know where to get an HIV test. Thirtynine percent of women report having ever been tested for HIV and receiving the results, as compared with $25 \%$ of men. Thirteen percent of women report having been tested for HIV and receiving the results in the last 12 months, compared with $9 \%$ of men (Figure 13.4).

Trends: There has been little change since 2013 in the percentage of women and men age 15-49 who were tested for HIV and received results in the 12 months preceding the survey ( $14 \%$ and $7 \%$ in 2013 and $13 \%$ and $9 \%$ in 2019-20, respectively).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The percentage of both women and men age 15-49 who have ever been tested for HIV and received the results increases with increasing wealth, from $36 \%$ and $15 \%$ among women and men, respectively, in the lowest wealth quintile to $43 \%$ and $29 \%$ among women and men in the highest quintile.
- A larger percentage of urban women (13\%) and men ( $10 \%$ ) have ever been tested for HIV and received the results in the last 12 months than their rural counterparts ( $11 \%$ and $4 \%$, respectively) (Figure 13.5).
- By LGA, the percentage of women who have been tested in the last 12 months and received the results is lowest in Janjanbureh (4\%) and highest in Kuntaur (16\%) (Figure 13.6). Among men, Janjanbureh has the lowest percentage (4\%), while Banjul, Kanifing, and Brikama have the highest percentages ( $10 \%$ each) (Table 13.7.2).

Figure 13.5 Recent HIV testing by residence

Percentage of women and men age 15-49 who were tested for HIV in the 12 months before the survey and received results
■Urban ■ Rural


Figure 13.6 Recent HIV testing among women by Local Government Area
Percentage of women age 15-49 who were tested for HIV in the 12 months before the survey and received results


### 13.6.2 HIV Testing of Pregnant Women

Table $\mathbf{1 3 . 8}$ presents information on self-reported HIV testing during pregnancy or delivery among women age 15-49 who gave birth in the 2 years preceding the survey. Forty-three percent of women received counselling on HIV, an HIV test, and the results during antenatal care (ANC). Fifty-eight percent of women had an HIV test during an ANC visit or labour and received the test results.

### 13.7 Self-Reporting of Sexually Transmitted Infections

## Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and symptoms

Respondents who have ever had sex are asked whether they had an STI or symptoms of an STI (a bad-smelling, abnormal discharge from the vagina/penis or a genital sore or ulcer) in the 12 months before the survey.
Sample: Women and men age 15-49 who have ever had sex

STIs have been found to increase susceptibility to HIV infection (CDC 2014). Overall, $15 \%$ of women and $4 \%$ of men age 15-49 reported having an STI or symptoms of an STI in the 12 months preceding the survey (Table 13.9). Fifty-seven percent of women and $43 \%$ of men who had an STI or STI symptoms sought advice or treatment from a clinic, hospital, private doctor, or other health professional (Table 13.10). However, $33 \%$ of women and $45 \%$ of men with an STI or symptoms did not seek any advice or treatment at all.

Trends: The percentage of women age 15-49 reporting having an STI and/or symptoms of an STI in the 12 months prior to the survey has increased over time (from $8 \%$ in 2013 to $15 \%$ in 2019-20). Among men age 15-49, the percentage has remained relatively stagnant ( $3 \%$ in 2013 and $4 \%$ in 2019-20).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- By marital status, women and men who have never been married are most likely to report an STI and/or symptoms of an STI in the past 12 months ( $21 \%$ and $6 \%$, respectively).
- Women in urban areas are more likely than women in rural areas to report an STI and/or symptoms in the past 12 months ( $16 \%$ versus $10 \%$ ). Conversely, men in rural areas are more likely than those in urban areas to report an STI and/or symptoms ( $6 \%$ versus 4\%).
- Among women, the percentage reporting an STI and/or symptoms of an STI in the past 12 months increases with rising levels of education and wealth. However, no such pattern is observed among men.


### 13.8 HIV/AIDS-related Knowledge and Behaviour among Young People

This section addresses HIV/AIDS-related knowledge among young people age 15-24 and also assesses the extent to which young people are engaged in behaviours that may place them at risk of contracting HIV.

### 13.8.1 Knowledge

Knowledge of how HIV is transmitted is crucial in enabling people to avoid HIV infection, and this is especially true for young people, who are often at greater risk because they may have shorter relationships with more partners or engage in other risky behaviours.

The percentage of young people age 15-24 with comprehensive knowledge about HIV is $22 \%$ among young women and $18 \%$ among young men (Table 13.11).

Trends: The percentage of young women age 15-24 with comprehensive knowledge about HIV decreased from 26\% in 2013 to $22 \%$ in 2019-20.
Among young men, the decline was more pronounced, from 32\% to 18\% (Figure 13.7).

### 13.8.2 First Sex

Young people who initiate sex at an early age are typically at higher risk of becoming pregnant or contracting an STI than young people who initiate sex later. Consistent condom use can reduce such risks.

Table 13.12 shows that $4 \%$ of young women and $9 \%$ of young men age 15-24 had sex before age 15 . Roughly the same percentages of young women (27\%) and young men (29\%) age 18-24 report that they had sex before they were age 18 .

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The percentage of young women who report having sex before age 15 decreases with increasing education, from $9 \%$ among those with no education to $2 \%$ among those with a secondary education or higher. No differences by education are observed among young men.
- The percentage of young women reporting having sex before age 18 also decreases with increasing education, from $54 \%$ among those with no education to $13 \%$ among those with a secondary education or higher. A similar pattern is seen among men in the same age group, although the differences are relatively small; $33 \%$ of young men with no education report having sex before age 18 , as compared with $27 \%$ of those with a secondary education or higher.


### 13.8.3 Premarital Sex

The 2019-20 GDHS also collected information on patterns of sexual activity among never-married young women and men age $15-24$. Table $\mathbf{1 3 . 1 3}$ shows that among never-married young people, $91 \%$ of young women and $62 \%$ of young men have never had sexual intercourse.

### 13.8.4 Multiple Sexual Partners

Individuals who have multiple sexual partners increase their risk of contracting HIV, because each new relationship introduces another pathway for HIV transmission.

Table 13.14.1 shows that less than $1 \%$ of women age $15-24$ reported having two or more sexual partners in the 12 months preceding the survey. Three percent of young women age $15-24$ reported having sexual intercourse in the past 12 months with a partner who neither was their husband nor lived with them, and among these women $23 \%$ reported using a condom during their last sexual intercourse with such a partner.

Table 13.14.2 shows that $4 \%$ of men age 15-24 reported having two or more sexual partners in the 12 months preceding the survey, among whom $57 \%$ reported using a condom during their last sexual intercourse. Twenty-two percent of young men reported having sexual intercourse with a partner who neither was their wife nor lived with them, and among these men $56 \%$ reported using a condom during their last sexual intercourse with such a partner.

### 13.8.5 Coverage of HIV Testing Services

Seeking an HIV test may be more difficult for young people than adults, because many young people lack experience in accessing health services for themselves and there are often barriers to young people obtaining services. Overall, among young people age 15-24 who had sexual intercourse in the 12 months preceding the survey, $19 \%$ of women and $5 \%$ of men have been tested for HIV in the past 12 months and received the results of their last test (Table 13.15).

Trends: HIV testing among young women and men decreased from 22\% and 6\% in 2013 to $19 \%$ and 5\% in 2019-20, respectively.

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Table 13.1 Knowledge of HIV prevention methods
Percentage of women and men age 15-49 who, in response to prompted questions, say that people can reduce the risk of getting HIV by using condoms every time they have sexual intercourse and by having one sex partner who is not infected and has no other partners, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Women |  |  |  | Men |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Using condoms ${ }^{1}$ | Limiting sexual intercourse to one uninfected partner ${ }^{2}$ | Using condoms and limiting sexual intercourse to one uninfected partner ${ }^{1,2}$ | Number of women | Using condoms ${ }^{1}$ | Limiting sexual intercourse to one uninfected partner ${ }^{2}$ | Using condoms and limiting sexual intercourse to one uninfected partner ${ }^{1,2}$ | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 64.5 | 82.2 | 59.4 | 4,814 | 71.9 | 84.4 | 67.1 | 1,898 |
| 15-19 | 58.5 | 79.3 | 53.8 | 2,633 | 65.7 | 79.5 | 61.2 | 1,097 |
| 20-24 | 71.8 | 85.8 | 66.2 | 2,181 | 80.5 | 91.0 | 75.1 | 802 |
| 25-29 | 74.5 | 87.0 | 68.6 | 2,248 | 79.7 | 92.9 | 77.0 | 634 |
| 30-39 | 76.5 | 88.0 | 71.6 | 3,057 | 83.0 | 93.1 | 80.2 | 1,023 |
| 40-49 | 77.6 | 89.3 | 72.9 | 1,746 | 85.9 | 92.5 | 82.3 | 699 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 71.9 | 85.1 | 65.8 | 8,747 | 77.3 | 88.6 | 72.8 | 3,299 |
| Rural | 70.1 | 87.2 | 67.5 | 3,118 | 80.7 | 91.0 | 79.2 | 955 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 76.6 | 91.5 | 74.3 | 163 | 88.6 | 92.4 | 84.1 | 80 |
| Kanifing | 75.3 | 86.4 | 69.6 | 2,590 | 87.3 | 93.1 | 83.7 | 1,040 |
| Brikama | 71.0 | 84.4 | 64.1 | 5,299 | 71.9 | 85.8 | 66.6 | 1,967 |
| Mansakonko | 69.0 | 89.7 | 65.3 | 431 | 73.4 | 89.9 | 70.3 | 134 |
| Kerewan | 81.3 | 96.0 | 80.4 | 1,129 | 81.0 | 92.0 | 79.3 | 351 |
| Kuntaur | 58.1 | 73.4 | 55.2 | 522 | 78.8 | 89.4 | 77.1 | 142 |
| Janjanbureh | 75.1 | 87.2 | 72.3 | 595 | 87.8 | 94.5 | 86.2 | 202 |
| Basse | 59.0 | 82.1 | 55.8 | 1,137 | 75.5 | 88.6 | 74.9 | 340 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 66.5 | 83.6 | 62.7 | 4,119 | 72.1 | 86.4 | 69.1 | 921 |
| Primary | 65.8 | 83.8 | 60.8 | 1,854 | 70.9 | 84.6 | 66.2 | 716 |
| Secondary or higher | 76.6 | 87.7 | 70.5 | 5,892 | 82.1 | 91.3 | 78.2 | 2,618 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 67.5 | 83.0 | 63.9 | 1,998 | 81.3 | 90.7 | 79.0 | 632 |
| Second | 67.1 | 87.2 | 63.7 | 2,135 | 73.0 | 88.9 | 71.1 | 768 |
| Middle | 67.7 | 85.4 | 62.8 | 2,292 | 77.2 | 88.6 | 73.5 | 848 |
| Fourth | 72.7 | 85.4 | 66.5 | 2,591 | 77.7 | 87.1 | 72.2 | 875 |
| Highest | 79.1 | 86.8 | 72.4 | 2,849 | 80.6 | 90.3 | 75.7 | 1,132 |
| Total 15-49 | 71.4 | 85.7 | 66.3 | 11,865 | 78.1 | 89.1 | 74.2 | 4,255 |
| 50-59 | na | na | na | na | 81.7 | 91.1 | 80.1 | 381 |
| Total 15-59 | na | na | na | na | 78.4 | 89.3 | 74.7 | 4,636 |

na $=$ Not applicable
${ }^{1}$ Using condoms every time they have sexual intercourse
${ }^{2}$ Partner who has no other partners

## Table 13.2 Comprehensive knowledge about HIV

Percentage of women and men age 15-49 who say that a healthy-looking person can have HIV and who, in response to prompted questions, correctly reject local misconceptions about transmission or prevention of HIV, and percentage with comprehensive knowledge about HIV, according to age, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Age |  | centage of respo | dents who say th |  | Percentage who say that a healthy-looking person can have |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A healthy-looking person can have HIV | HIV cannot be transmitted by mosquito bites | HIV cannot be transmitted by supernatural means | A person cannot become infected by sharing food with a person who has HIV | HIV and who reject the two most common local misconceptions ${ }^{1}$ | Percentage with comprehensive knowledge about $\mathrm{HIV}^{2}$ | Number of respondents |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 67.0 | 54.7 | 71.6 | 52.7 | 29.7 | 22.4 | 4,814 |
| 15-19 | 62.8 | 54.1 | 68.6 | 48.8 | 27.3 | 19.1 | 2,633 |
| 20-24 | 72.1 | 55.4 | 75.1 | 57.3 | 32.7 | 26.4 | 2,181 |
| 25-29 | 75.3 | 56.6 | 79.6 | 63.3 | 34.2 | 27.1 | 2,248 |
| 30-39 | 75.4 | 58.5 | 80.2 | 71.0 | 39.2 | 32.9 | 3,057 |
| 40-49 | 76.2 | 51.2 | 82.2 | 70.2 | 35.7 | 29.6 | 1,746 |
| Total 15-49 | 72.1 | 55.5 | 76.9 | 62.0 | 33.9 | 27.1 | 11,865 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 72.4 | 47.8 | 81.0 | 42.1 | 23.2 | 18.2 | 1,898 |
| 15-19 | 65.7 | 46.5 | 74.5 | 37.5 | 19.2 | 15.0 | 1,097 |
| 20-24 | 81.7 | 49.6 | 89.8 | 48.4 | 28.7 | 22.7 | 802 |
| 25-29 | 84.6 | 52.0 | 86.7 | 58.7 | 36.1 | 30.0 | 634 |
| 30-39 | 84.9 | 53.7 | 87.6 | 67.6 | 40.3 | 34.2 | 1,023 |
| 40-49 | 89.5 | 60.9 | 90.8 | 79.1 | 50.9 | 42.6 | 699 |
| Total 15-49 | 80.1 | 52.0 | 85.0 | 56.8 | 33.8 | 27.8 | 4,255 |
| 50-59 | 87.8 | 57.8 | 88.4 | 78.7 | 49.9 | 42.9 | 381 |
| Total 15-59 | 80.7 | 52.5 | 85.3 | 58.6 | 35.1 | 29.1 | 4,636 |

${ }^{1}$ Two most common local misconceptions: HIV can be transmitted by mosquito bites and a person can become infected by sharing food with a person who has HIV.
${ }^{2}$ Comprehensive knowledge means knowing that consistent use of condoms during sexual intercourse and having just one uninfected faithfu partner can reduce the chance of getting HIV, knowing that a healthy-looking person can have HIV, and rejecting the two most common local misconceptions about HIV transmission or prevention.

Table 13.3 Knowledge of prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV
Percentage of women and men age 15-49 who know that HIV can be transmitted from mother to child during pregnancy, during delivery, by breastfeeding, and by all three means, and percentage who know that the risk of mother-to-child transmission (MTCT) of HIV can be reduced by the mother taking special drugs, according to age, The Gambia DHS 201920

| Age | Percentage who know that HIV can be transmitted from mother to child: |  |  |  | Percentage who know that the risk of MTCT can be reduced by mother taking special drugs | Number of respondents |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | During pregnancy | During delivery | By breastfeeding | By all three means |  |  |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 70.9 | 62.9 | 70.9 | 55.1 | 49.2 | 4,814 |
| 15-19 | 68.5 | 60.6 | 70.4 | 54.1 | 43.7 | 2,633 |
| 20-24 | 73.8 | 65.7 | 71.5 | 56.3 | 55.7 | 2,181 |
| 25-29 | 77.8 | 74.1 | 73.2 | 62.8 | 61.6 | 2,248 |
| 30-39 | 76.9 | 76.1 | 69.9 | 61.1 | 64.6 | 3,057 |
| 40-49 | 80.5 | 78.7 | 70.5 | 64.3 | 62.6 | 1,746 |
| Total 15-49 | 75.2 | 70.8 | 71.0 | 59.5 | 57.5 | 11,865 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 65.5 | 54.8 | 68.1 | 45.2 | 29.6 | 1,898 |
| 15-19 | 66.0 | 55.3 | 68.6 | 46.5 | 26.9 | 1,097 |
| 20-24 | 64.9 | 54.2 | 67.4 | 43.5 | 33.2 | 802 |
| 25-29 | 67.3 | 56.8 | 61.2 | 43.0 | 35.1 | 634 |
| 30-39 | 70.6 | 61.4 | 58.7 | 42.2 | 38.5 | 1,023 |
| 40-49 | 76.0 | 65.9 | 60.7 | 47.1 | 47.2 | 699 |
| Total 15-49 | 68.7 | 58.5 | 63.6 | 44.5 | 35.4 | 4,255 |
| 50-59 | 76.8 | 68.9 | 65.1 | 50.8 | 48.9 | 381 |
| Total 15-59 | 69.4 | 59.4 | 63.7 | 45.0 | 36.5 | 4,636 |

Table 13.4 Discriminatory attitudes towards people living with HIV
Among women and men age 15-49 who have heard of HIV or AIDS, percentage who do not think that children living with HIV should be able to attend school with children who are HIV negative, percentage who would not buy fresh vegetables from a shopkeeper who has HIV, and percentage with discriminatory attitudes towards people living with HIV, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Women |  |  |  | Men |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage who do not think that children living with HIV should be able to attend school with children who are HIV negative | Percentage who would not buy fresh vegetables from a shopkeeper who has HIV |  | Number of women who have heard of HIV or AIDS | Percentage who do not think that children living with HIV should be able to attend school with children who are HIV negative | Percentage who would not buy fresh vegetables from a shopkeeper who has HIV | Percentage with discriminatory attitudes towards people living with HIV ${ }^{1}$ | Number of men who have heard of HIV or AIDS |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 64.6 | 78.0 | 82.3 | 4,620 | 73.4 | 78.4 | 84.9 | 1,819 |
| 15-19 | 68.1 | 80.6 | 85.0 | 2,492 | 76.8 | 81.3 | 86.6 | 1,025 |
| 20-24 | 60.4 | 75.0 | 79.3 | 2,127 | 69.0 | 74.7 | 82.5 | 794 |
| 25-29 | 59.4 | 72.4 | 76.2 | 2,220 | 57.5 | 67.3 | 72.3 | 631 |
| 30-39 | 50.1 | 66.6 | 70.1 | 3,015 | 47.8 | 58.7 | 64.4 | 1,018 |
| 40-49 | 52.4 | 65.6 | 69.0 | 1,722 | 38.5 | 49.9 | 54.3 | 697 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 56.6 | 71.4 | 76.0 | 3,592 | 67.4 | 73.0 | 79.2 | 2,471 |
| Ever had sex | 49.8 | 63.5 | 69.2 | 505 | 64.1 | 69.6 | 76.4 | 1,219 |
| Never had sex | 57.7 | 72.7 | 77.1 | 3,087 | 70.5 | 76.4 | 82.0 | 1,252 |
| Married/living together | 59.9 | 73.6 | 77.1 | 7,360 | 46.7 | 58.7 | 63.7 | 1,636 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 44.4 | 58.8 | 62.5 | 624 | 41.7 | 55.1 | 57.4 | 57 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 51.8 | 67.4 | 71.5 | 8,544 | 56.7 | 64.5 | 70.3 | 3,253 |
| Rural | 75.7 | 85.4 | 88.7 | 3,032 | 66.9 | 76.7 | 81.9 | 911 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 45.2 | 61.2 | 65.4 | 158 | 51.3 | 59.7 | 67.5 | 79 |
| Kanifing | 42.7 | 59.9 | 64.4 | 2,524 | 57.3 | 66.3 | 71.9 | 1,026 |
| Brikama | 54.2 | 69.1 | 73.0 | 5,181 | 54.8 | 63.2 | 69.0 | 1,954 |
| Mansakonko | 68.8 | 83.8 | 86.7 | 421 | 59.3 | 73.5 | 76.8 | 128 |
| Kerewan | 69.8 | 78.9 | 83.3 | 1,116 | 65.6 | 71.2 | 77.7 | 337 |
| Kuntaur | 80.0 | 86.9 | 89.5 | 498 | 74.5 | 87.2 | 89.8 | 134 |
| Janjanbureh | 75.1 | 86.0 | 89.6 | 567 | 68.5 | 74.0 | 81.4 | 197 |
| Basse | 78.1 | 90.7 | 93.4 | 1,110 | 71.3 | 76.6 | 81.7 | 310 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 71.2 | 82.7 | 86.1 | 3,949 | 69.8 | 79.0 | 84.2 | 881 |
| Primary | 63.6 | 78.6 | 81.9 | 1,787 | 71.8 | 75.0 | 81.7 | 682 |
| Secondary or higher | 47.4 | 63.0 | 67.3 | 5,840 | 51.8 | 61.1 | 66.6 | 2,602 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 77.5 | 86.7 | 89.9 | 1,906 | 73.8 | 81.5 | 86.6 | 607 |
| Second | 72.5 | 82.5 | 86.0 | 2,070 | 64.4 | 72.6 | 78.1 | 748 |
| Middle | 60.9 | 77.4 | 80.4 | 2,233 | 58.1 | 63.9 | 70.3 | 828 |
| Fourth | 50.6 | 66.8 | 71.0 | 2,553 | 57.3 | 64.4 | 71.4 | 860 |
| Highest | 38.6 | 55.2 | 60.2 | 2,813 | 49.0 | 60.2 | 64.8 | 1,123 |
| Total 15-49 | 58.0 | 72.1 | 76.0 | 11,575 | 58.9 | 67.1 | 72.8 | 4,164 |
| 50-59 | na | na | na | na | 37.4 | 50.5 | 55.1 | 381 |
| Total 15-59 | na | na | na | na | 57.1 | 65.7 | 71.3 | 4,545 |

na = Not applicable
${ }^{1}$ Percentage who do not think that children living with HIV should be able to attend school with children who are HIV negative and/or would not buy fresh vegetables from a shopkeeper who has HIV

Table 13.5.1 Multiple sexual partners and higher-risk sexual intercourse in the past 12 months: Women
Among all women age 15-49, percentage who had sexual intercourse with more than one sexual partner in the past 12 months, and percentage who had intercourse in the past 12 months with a person who neither was their husband nor lived with them; among women having more than one partner in the past 12 months, percentage reporting that a condom was used during last intercourse; among women age 15-49 who had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months with a person who neither was their husband nor lived with them, percentage who used a condom during last sexual intercourse with such a partner; and among women who ever had sexual intercourse, mean number of sexual partners during their lifetime, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | All women |  |  | Women who had 2+ partners in the past 12 months |  | Women who had intercourse in the past 12 months with a person who neither was their husband nor lived with them |  | Women who ever had sexual intercourse ${ }^{1}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage who had 2+ partners in the past 12 months | Percentage who had intercourse in the past 12 months with a person who neither was their husband nor lived with them | Number of women | Percentage who reported using a condom during last sexual intercourse | Number of women | Percentage who reported using a condom during last sexual intercourse with such a partner | Number of women | Mean number of sexual partners in lifetime | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 0.2 | 3.2 | 4,814 | * | 12 | 23.1 | 155 | 1.2 | 1,806 |
| 15-19 | 0.1 | 1.8 | 2,633 | * | 4 | (14.2) | 47 | 1.1 | 503 |
| 20-24 | 0.4 | 5.0 | 2,181 | * | 8 | 27.0 | 108 | 1.2 | 1,302 |
| 25-29 | 0.1 | 3.1 | 2,248 | * | 2 | 36.0 | 69 | 1.3 | 1,934 |
| 30-39 | 0.2 | 2.9 | 3,057 | * | 7 | 29.5 | 88 | 1.4 | 2,976 |
| 40-49 | 0.6 | 1.8 | 1,746 | * | 10 | (26.7) | 32 | 1.5 | 1,740 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 0.2 | 6.3 | 3,704 | * | 9 | 27.1 | 232 | 1.6 | 506 |
| Married/living together | 0.2 | 0.2 | 7,526 | * | 17 | * | 14 | 1.3 | 7,327 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 0.8 | 15.4 | 635 | * | 5 | 27.0 | 98 | 1.7 | 623 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 0.3 | 3.5 | 8,747 | (22.6) | 28 | 26.9 | 307 | 1.4 | 5,984 |
| Rural | 0.1 | 1.2 | 3,118 | * | 4 | 33.7 | 37 | 1.2 | 2,473 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 0.8 | 6.1 | 163 | * | 1 | 39.5 | 10 | 1.7 | 105 |
| Kanifing | 0.6 | 5.4 | 2,590 | * | 16 | 25.9 | 140 | 1.5 | 1,733 |
| Brikama | 0.2 | 2.9 | 5,299 | * | 9 | 25.1 | 155 | 1.4 | 3,589 |
| Mansakonko | 0.6 | 1.9 | 431 | * | 3 | * | 8 | 1.4 | 331 |
| Kerewan | 0.1 | 1.1 | 1,129 | * | 1 | * | 13 | 1.2 | 865 |
| Kuntaur | 0.0 | 0.4 | 522 | * | 0 | * | 2 | 1.2 | 434 |
| Janjanbureh | 0.1 | 1.3 | 595 | * | 0 | * | 7 | 1.3 | 483 |
| Basse | 0.1 | 0.8 | 1,137 | * | 1 | * | 9 | 1.2 | 915 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.2 | 1.1 | 4,119 | * | 8 | (14.3) | 45 | 1.3 | 3,784 |
| Primary | 0.3 | 2.4 | 1,854 | * | 6 | (38.0) | 45 | 1.4 | 1,438 |
| Secondary or higher | 0.3 | 4.3 | 5,892 | * | 17 | 28.2 | 255 | 1.4 | 3,235 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.1 | 1.4 | 1,998 | * | 2 | (37.7) | 28 | 1.3 | 1,609 |
| Second | 0.1 | 2.7 | 2,135 | * | 2 | (20.0) | 59 | 1.4 | 1,606 |
| Middle | 0.3 | 3.2 | 2,292 | * | 7 | 21.0 | 74 | 1.4 | 1,706 |
| Fourth | 0.3 | 2.6 | 2,591 | * | 7 | 26.6 | 67 | 1.4 | 1,715 |
| Highest | 0.5 | 4.1 | 2,849 | * | 14 | 34.0 | 116 | 1.4 | 1,820 |
| Total | 0.3 | 2.9 | 11,865 | (21.8) | 32 | 27.7 | 345 | 1.4 | 8,457 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ Means are calculated excluding respondents who gave non-numeric responses

Table 13.5.2 Multiple sexual partners and higher-risk sexual intercourse in the past 12 months: Men
Among all men age 15-49, percentage who had sexual intercourse with more than one sexual partner in the past 12 months, and percentage who had intercourse in the past 12 months with a person who neither was their wife nor lived with them; among men having more than one partner in the past 12 months, percentage reporting that a condom was used during last intercourse; among men age 15-49 who had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months with a person who neither was their wife nor lived with them, percentage who used a condom during last sexual intercourse with such a partner; and among men who ever had sexual intercourse, mean number of sexual partners during their lifetime, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | All men |  |  | Men who had 2+ partners in the past 12 months |  | Men who had intercourse in the past 12 months with a person who neither was their wife nor lived with them |  | Men who ever had sexual intercourse ${ }^{1}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage who had 2+ partners in the past 12 months | Percentage who had intercourse in the past 12 months with a person who neither was their wife nor lived with them | Number of men | Percentage who reported using a condom during last sexual intercourse | Number of men | Percentage who reported using a condom during last sexual intercourse with such a partner | Number of men | Mean number of sexual partners in lifetime | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 4.4 | 22.0 | 1,898 | 56.7 | 84 | 56.2 | 418 | 3.1 | 733 |
| 15-19 | 2.5 | 14.1 | 1,097 | * | 27 | 47.5 | 154 | 3.4 | 274 |
| 20-24 | 7.1 | 32.9 | 802 | (60.6) | 57 | 61.4 | 264 | 3.0 | 459 |
| 25-29 | 9.7 | 32.3 | 634 | 48.9 | 61 | 57.6 | 205 | 3.9 | 490 |
| 30-39 | 11.9 | 18.4 | 1,023 | 23.2 | 122 | 62.6 | 188 | 3.9 | 916 |
| 40-49 | 24.8 | 9.3 | 699 | 5.4 | 173 | 53.9 | 65 | 4.8 | 647 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 5.9 | 28.8 | 2,552 | 63.4 | 149 | 58.1 | 734 | 4.3 | 1,189 |
| Married/living together | 17.3 | 6.9 | 1,645 | 5.1 | 284 | 55.0 | 113 | 3.6 | 1,548 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 11.8 | 49.8 | 58 | * | 7 | * | 29 | (5.6) | 48 |
| Type of union |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| In polygynous union In non-polygynous | 85.5 | 1.9 | 226 | 1.6 | 193 | * | 4 | 3.7 | 207 |
| union | 6.4 | 7.7 | 1,418 | 12.5 | 91 | 54.5 | 109 | 3.6 | 1,341 |
| Not currently in union | 6.0 | 29.2 | 2,610 | 64.6 | 156 | 58.2 | 763 | 4.3 | 1,238 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 10.1 | 22.8 | 3,299 | 32.3 | 333 | 59.8 | 754 | 4.2 | 2,157 |
| Rural | 11.3 | 12.8 | 955 | 7.3 | 108 | 45.0 | 122 | 2.9 | 629 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 7.6 | 22.9 | 80 | (32.3) | 6 | 73.4 | 18 | 4.7 | 59 |
| Kanifing | 11.1 | 27.3 | 1,040 | 45.8 | 116 | 65.3 | 283 | 4.3 | 701 |
| Brikama | 9.5 | 21.1 | 1,967 | 24.8 | 188 | 56.4 | 414 | 4.2 | 1,254 |
| Mansakonko | 7.4 | 10.1 | 134 |  | 10 | (58.5) | 14 | 2.8 | 81 |
| Kerewan | 9.1 | 10.8 | 351 | (4.1) | 32 | 53.1 | 38 | 2.8 | 226 |
| Kuntaur | 14.4 | 12.0 | 142 | 12.3 | 20 | (53.3) | 17 | 2.3 | 95 |
| Janjanbureh | 10.2 | 14.7 | 202 | (10.4) | 21 | 38.2 | 30 | 3.3 | 138 |
| Basse | 14.2 | 18.2 | 340 | 15.6 | 48 | 40.8 | 62 | 3.3 | 230 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 13.9 | 14.0 | 921 | 6.8 | 128 | 50.3 | 129 | 2.9 | 674 |
| Primary | 9.0 | 17.7 | 716 | 17.3 | 65 | 46.4 | 127 | 3.7 | 441 |
| Secondary or higher | 9.5 | 23.7 | 2,618 | 38.6 | 247 | 61.6 | 620 | 4.4 | 1,671 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 10.6 | 14.7 | 632 | 8.3 | 67 | 43.5 | 93 | 2.9 | 423 |
| Second | 8.9 | 16.0 | 768 | 9.6 | 69 | 48.7 | 123 | 3.2 | 469 |
| Middle | 12.1 | 19.3 | 848 | 17.7 | 103 | 52.7 | 163 | 3.7 | 585 |
| Fourth | 10.3 | 22.6 | 875 | 30.5 | 90 | 60.6 | 198 | 4.1 | 581 |
| Highest | 9.9 | 26.4 | 1,132 | 51.4 | 112 | 66.8 | 299 | 5.0 | 728 |
| Total 15-49 | 10.4 | 20.6 | 4,255 | 26.2 | 440 | 57.8 | 876 | 3.9 | 2,785 |
| 50-59 | 27.9 | 3.0 | 381 | 2.4 | 106 | * | 12 | 5.9 | 356 |
| Total 15-59 | 11.8 | 19.1 | 4,636 | 21.6 | 547 | 57.8 | 887 | 4.1 | 3,141 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ Means are calculated excluding respondents who gave non-numeric responses.

Table 13.6 Payment for sexual intercourse and condom use at last paid sexual intercourse
Percentage of men age 15-49 who ever paid for sexual intercourse and percentage reporting payment for sexual intercourse in the past 12 months, and among them, percentage reporting that a condom was used the last time they paid for sexual intercourse, according to age, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  |  | Among all men: |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

Note: Figures in parenthese are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

Table 13.7.1 Coverage of prior HIV testing: Women
Percentage of women age 15-49 who know where to get an HIV test, percent distribution of women by testing status and by whether they received the results of the last test, percentage of women ever tested, and percentage of women who were tested in the past 12 months and received the results of the last test, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

${ }^{1}$ Includes 'don't know/missing'

Table 13.7.2 Coverage of prior HIV testing: Men
Percentage of men age 15-49 who know where to get an HIV test, percent distribution of men by testing status and by whether they received the results of the last test, percentage of men ever tested, and percentage of men age 15-49 who were tested in the past 12 months and received the results of the last test, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

${ }^{1}$ Includes 'don't know/missing'

Table 13.8 Pregnant women counselled and tested for HIV
Among all women age 15-49 who gave birth in the 2 years preceding the survey, percentage who received counselling on HIV during antenatal care, percentage who received an HIV test during antenatal care for their most recent birth by whether they received their results and post-test counselling, and percentage who received an HIV test during ANC or labour for their most recent birth by whether they received their test results, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Percentage who received counselling on HIV during antenatal care ${ }^{1}$ | Percentage who were tested for HIV during antenatal care and who: |  |  | Percentage who received counselling on HIV and an HIV test during ANC, and received the results | Percentage who had an HIV test during ANC or labour and who: ${ }^{2}$ |  | Number of women who gave birth in the past 2 years ${ }^{3}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Received results and received post-test counselling | Received results and did not receive post-test counselling | Did not receive results |  | Received results | Did not receive results |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 41.0 | 35.7 | 15.5 | 6.4 | 33.6 | 51.7 | 6.5 | 875 |
| 15-19 | 35.9 | 30.2 | 12.2 | 8.2 | 26.2 | 42.3 | 8.5 | 231 |
| 20-24 | 42.8 | 37.7 | 16.7 | 5.8 | 36.2 | 55.0 | 5.8 | 644 |
| 25-29 | 53.4 | 44.2 | 13.4 | 4.8 | 45.1 | 57.9 | 5.0 | 990 |
| 30-39 | 57.5 | 45.8 | 16.4 | 4.8 | 47.5 | 63.1 | 4.5 | 1,084 |
| 40-49 | 55.7 | 47.5 | 13.1 | 5.3 | 47.2 | 60.6 | 5.5 | 180 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 40.2 | 37.9 | 16.4 | 2.7 | 34.8 | 56.1 | 3.1 | 142 |
| Married/living together | 52.2 | 43.1 | 14.9 | 5.2 | 43.5 | 58.5 | 5.2 | 2,932 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 42.6 | 28.7 | 15.7 | 14.1 | 26.9 | 44.4 | 14.7 | 56 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 50.9 | 43.4 | 16.3 | 2.6 | 44.8 | 60.3 | 2.7 | 2,022 |
| Rural | 52.6 | 41.1 | 12.5 | 10.2 | 39.2 | 54.0 | 10.1 | 1,108 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 55.6 | 50.6 | 16.0 | 4.4 | 47.1 | 68.1 | 4.3 | 26 |
| Kanifing | 50.6 | 44.2 | 21.4 | 2.8 | 44.5 | 67.0 | 2.8 | 535 |
| Brikama | 55.0 | 45.5 | 14.0 | 1.8 | 49.1 | 59.7 | 1.9 | 1,243 |
| Mansakonko | 53.8 | 44.1 | 14.5 | 7.1 | 42.7 | 59.3 | 7.0 | 138 |
| Kerewan | 64.8 | 53.5 | 8.9 | 9.0 | 49.2 | 62.8 | 8.8 | 387 |
| Kuntaur | 50.9 | 46.8 | 14.7 | 2.8 | 45.6 | 61.7 | 2.8 | 196 |
| Janjanbureh | 41.3 | 17.2 | 8.1 | 11.4 | 20.1 | 25.5 | 11.7 | 200 |
| Basse | 33.4 | 30.5 | 19.0 | 13.3 | 24.8 | 50.3 | 13.0 | 403 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 46.5 | 37.3 | 13.5 | 6.4 | 36.3 | 51.0 | 6.2 | 1,391 |
| Primary | 49.8 | 40.5 | 17.7 | 5.9 | 42.3 | 58.4 | 6.0 | 594 |
| Secondary or higher | 58.4 | 50.1 | 15.5 | 3.6 | 51.1 | 66.6 | 3.8 | 1,145 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 49.0 | 36.8 | 13.0 | 9.5 | 35.4 | 50.2 | 9.4 | 704 |
| Second | 50.8 | 42.1 | 12.5 | 6.3 | 40.7 | 55.1 | 6.3 | 666 |
| Middle | 46.4 | 38.7 | 16.9 | 5.2 | 39.6 | 55.6 | 5.2 | 663 |
| Fourth | 55.8 | 46.1 | 17.0 | 2.8 | 49.0 | 64.1 | 2.5 | 572 |
| Highest | 57.5 | 51.9 | 16.3 | 1.2 | 52.8 | 69.1 | 1.5 | 525 |
| Total | 51.5 | 42.6 | 15.0 | 5.3 | 42.8 | 58.1 | 5.3 | 3,129 |

${ }^{1}$ In this context, "counselling" means that someone talked with the respondent about all three of the following topics: (1) babies getting HIV from their mother, (2) preventing the virus, and (3) getting tested for HIV.
${ }^{2}$ Women were asked whether they received an HIV test during labour only if they were not tested for HIV during ANC.
${ }^{3}$ The denominator for percentages includes women who did not receive antenatal care for their last birth in the past 2 years.

Table 13.9 Self-reported prevalence of sexually transmitted infections (STIS) and STI symptoms
Among women and men age 15-49 who ever had sexual intercourse, percentage reporting having an STI and/or symptoms of an STI in the past 12 months, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Women |  |  |  |  | Men |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage of women who reported having in the past 12 months: |  |  |  |  | Percentage of men who reported having in the past 12 months: |  |  |  |  |
|  | STI | Bad- <br> smelling/ abnormal genital discharge | Genital sore or ulcer | STI/genital discharge/ sore or ulcer | Number of women who ever had sexual intercourse | STI | Badsmelling/ abnormal discharge from penis | Genital sore or ulcer | STI/ abnormal discharge from penis/ sore or ulcer | Number of men who ever had sexual intercourse |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 2.3 | 12.7 | 8.3 | 16.9 | 1,806 | 1.1 | 5.1 | 1.5 | 6.5 | 747 |
| 15-19 | 0.4 | 10.4 | 6.4 | 13.5 | 503 | 1.4 | 8.2 | 2.0 | 10.3 | 274 |
| 20-24 | 3.0 | 13.5 | 9.1 | 18.2 | 1,303 | 0.9 | 3.3 | 1.1 | 4.3 | 472 |
| 25-29 | 3.3 | 12.3 | 8.9 | 17.2 | 1,935 | 2.2 | 5.0 | 1.6 | 5.4 | 507 |
| 30-39 | 3.0 | 11.3 | 7.7 | 15.3 | 2,985 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 3.3 | 977 |
| 40-49 | 1.8 | 5.6 | 4.7 | 8.0 | 1,742 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 2.6 | 696 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 3.9 | 16.3 | 10.4 | 21.2 | 509 | 1.4 | 4.8 | 2.0 | 6.3 | 1,233 |
| Married/living together | 2.6 | 10.3 | 7.4 | 14.3 | 7,336 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 2.9 | 1,637 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 2.7 | 9.9 | 5.3 | 13.0 | 623 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 1.7 | 57 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 3.4 | 11.8 | 8.4 | 16.4 | 5,994 | 1.1 | 2.5 | 1.3 | 3.8 | 2,281 |
| Rural | 0.9 | 7.8 | 5.2 | 10.2 | 2,474 | 1.3 | 4.9 | 2.4 | 6.4 | 646 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 3.2 | 10.6 | 3.6 | 12.1 | 105 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 5.7 | 62 |
| Kanifing | 4.2 | 12.0 | 8.2 | 17.4 | 1,735 | 1.6 | 4.0 | 1.0 | 4.9 | 730 |
| Brikama | 3.5 | 13.1 | 9.7 | 18.0 | 3,597 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 2.7 | 1,340 |
| Mansakonko | 1.4 | 9.5 | 5.5 | 11.0 | 331 | 0.5 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 82 |
| Kerewan | 0.7 | 7.7 | 2.2 | 8.4 | 867 | 0.9 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 7.3 | 233 |
| Kuntaur | 0.3 | 8.3 | 6.4 | 12.3 | 434 | 2.9 | 8.4 | 4.2 | 11.1 | 102 |
| Janjanbureh | 1.2 | 5.3 | 3.8 | 7.4 | 484 | 2.0 | 9.0 | 3.8 | 10.6 | 138 |
| Basse | 0.7 | 5.7 | 5.9 | 8.4 | 915 | 0.9 | 2.8 | 0.2 | 2.8 | 240 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 1.4 | 7.2 | 5.3 | 10.1 | 3,786 | 1.0 | 4.2 | 1.7 | 5.5 | 702 |
| Primary | 3.0 | 11.2 | 8.0 | 16.0 | 1,442 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 1.3 | 3.0 | 457 |
| Secondary or higher | 4.0 | 14.4 | 9.7 | 19.2 | 3,241 | 1.2 | 2.9 | 1.5 | 4.2 | 1,767 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.6 | 7.7 | 5.4 | 10.2 | 1,610 | 1.0 | 4.7 | 2.4 | 6.3 | 439 |
| Second | 2.0 | 10.3 | 6.0 | 13.0 | 1,606 | 0.8 | 2.7 | 1.5 | 3.8 | 496 |
| Middle | 2.9 | 11.0 | 6.9 | 14.1 | 1,711 | 0.5 | 2.4 | 1.1 | 3.6 | 616 |
| Fourth | 3.5 | 11.9 | 9.8 | 17.5 | 1,716 | 1.0 | 3.2 | 1.2 | 4.6 | 611 |
| Highest | 4.1 | 12.1 | 9.0 | 17.5 | 1,825 | 2.1 | 2.8 | 1.6 | 3.9 | 766 |
| Total 15-49 | 2.7 | 10.7 | 7.5 | 14.6 | 8,468 | 1.1 | 3.0 | 1.5 | 4.3 | 2,927 |
| 50-59 | na | na | na | na | na | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.1 | 2.3 | 381 |
| Total 15-59 | na | na | na | na | na | 1.2 | 2.9 | 1.5 | 4.1 | 3,308 |

na $=$ Not applicable

## Table 13.10 Women and men seeking treatment for STIs

Percentage of women and men age 15-49 reporting an STI or symptoms of an STI in the past 12 months who sought advice or treatment from various sources, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Source of advice or treatment | Women | Men |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Clinic/hospital/private doctor/other <br> health professional | 57.1 | 43.1 |
| Advice or medicine from shop/ <br> pharmacy | 16.3 | 0.0 |
| Advice or treatment from any other <br> source | 0.9 | 13.1 |
| No advice or treatment | 32.6 | 44.8 |
| Number with STI or symptoms of STI | 1,235 | 127 |

Table 13.11 Comprehensive knowledge about HIV among young people
Percentage of young women and young men age 15-24 with comprehensive knowledge about HIV, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Women age 15-24 |  | Men age 15-24 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage with comprehensive knowledge of $\mathrm{HIV}^{1}$ | Number of women | Percentage with comprehensive knowledge of $\mathrm{HIV}^{1}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number of } \\ & \text { men } \end{aligned}$ |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 19.1 | 2,633 | 15.0 | 1,097 |
| 15-17 | 18.0 | 1,584 | 11.6 | 624 |
| 18-19 | 20.7 | 1,048 | 19.4 | 472 |
| 20-24 | 26.4 | 2,181 | 22.7 | 802 |
| 20-22 | 25.5 | 1,382 | 20.3 | 517 |
| 23-24 | 28.0 | 799 | 26.9 | 284 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 25.0 | 3,133 | 18.4 | 1,865 |
| Ever had sex | 30.0 | 272 | 22.8 | 716 |
| Never had sex | 24.5 | 2,861 | 15.7 | 1,149 |
| Ever married | 17.6 | 1,681 | (6.7) | 33 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 24.6 | 3,557 | 19.8 | 1,478 |
| Rural | 16.2 | 1,256 | 12.7 | 420 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 11.2 | 974 | 4.7 | 286 |
| Primary | 10.8 | 756 | 7.2 | 351 |
| Secondary or higher | 28.8 | 3,083 | 24.3 | 1,261 |
| Total 15-24 | 22.4 | 4,814 | 18.2 | 1,898 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.
${ }^{1}$ Comprehensive knowledge means knowing that consistent use of condoms during sexual intercourse and having just one uninfected faithful partner can reduce the chance of getting HIV, knowing that a healthy-looking person can have HIV, and rejecting the two most common local misconceptions about transmission or prevention of HIV. The components of comprehensive knowledge are presented in Tables 13.1 and 13.2.

Table 13.12 Age at first sexual intercourse among young people
Percentage of young women and young men age 15-24 who had sexual intercourse before age 15 and percentage of young women and young men age 18-24 who had sexual intercourse before age 18, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  | Women |  |  |  | Men |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background characteristic | Percentage who had sexual intercourse before age 15 | Number of women (age 15-24) | Percentage who had sexual intercourse before age 18 | Number of women (age 18-24) | Percentage who had sexual intercourse before age 15 | Number of men (age 15-24) | Percentage who had sexual intercourse before age 18 | Number of men (age 18-24) |



Table 13.13 Premarital sexual intercourse among young people
Among never-married women and men age 15-24, percentage who have never had sexual intercourse, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Women age 15-24 |  | Men age 15-24 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage who have never had sexual intercourse | Number of never-married women | Percentage who have never had sexual intercourse | Number of never-married men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 96.5 | 2,121 | 75.1 | 1,095 |
| 15-17 | 97.9 | 1,413 | 86.0 | 624 |
| 18-19 | 93.8 | 708 | 60.5 | 471 |
| 20-24 | 80.4 | 1,012 | 42.5 | 770 |
| 20-22 | 82.5 | 721 | 48.1 | 510 |
| 23-24 | 75.1 | 291 | 31.6 | 261 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 90.9 | 2,534 | 59.6 | 1,461 |
| Rural | 93.0 | 599 | 68.8 | 404 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 90.7 | 279 | 64.0 | 271 |
| Primary | 90.2 | 390 | 66.0 | 348 |
| Secondary or higher | 91.5 | 2,464 | 59.9 | 1,246 |
| Total 15-24 | 91.3 | 3,133 | 61.6 | 1,865 |

Table 13.14.1 Multiple sexual partners and higher-risk sexual intercourse in the past 12 months among young people: Women

Among all young women age 15-24, percentage who had sexual intercourse with more than one sexual partner in the past 12 months, and percentage who had intercourse in the past 12 months with a person who neither was their husband nor lived with them; and among young women age 15-24 who had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months with a person who neither was their husband nor lived with them, percentage who used a condom during last sexual intercourse with such a partner, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Women age 15-24 |  |  | Women age 15-24 who had intercourse in the past 12 months with a person who neither was their husband nor lived with them |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage who had 2+ partners in the past 12 months | Percentage who had intercourse in the past 12 months with a person who neither was their husband nor lived with them | Number of women | Percentage who reported using a condom during last sexual intercourse with such a partner | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 0.1 | 1.8 | 2,633 | (14.2) | 47 |
| 15-17 | 0.2 | 1.3 | 1,584 |  | 21 |
| 18-19 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 1,048 | * | 26 |
| 20-24 | 0.4 | 5.0 | 2,181 | 27.0 | 108 |
| 20-22 | 0.1 | 4.2 | 1,382 | (30.3) | 59 |
| 23-24 | 0.9 | 6.2 | 799 | (23.2) | 49 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 0.2 | 4.3 | 3,133 | 24.9 | 135 |
| Ever married | 0.4 | 1.2 | 1,681 | * | 20 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 0.3 | 3.8 | 3,557 | 22.0 | 135 |
| Rural | 0.0 | 1.6 | 1,256 | (30.8) | 20 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 0.1 | 2.2 | 974 | * | 21 |
| Primary <br> Secondary or higher | 0.4 | 2.1 | 756 | * | 16 |
|  | 0.3 | 3.8 | 3,083 | 26.0 | 118 |
| Total 15-24 | 0.2 | 3.2 | 4,814 | 23.1 | 155 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

Table 13.14.2 Multiple sexual partners and higher-risk sexual intercourse in the past 12 months among young people: Men
Among all young men age 15-24, percentage who had sexual intercourse with more than one sexual partner in the past 12 months, and percentage who had intercourse in the past 12 months with a person who neither was their wife nor lived with them; among young men having more than one partner in the past 12 months, percentage reporting that a condom was used during last intercourse; and among young men age 15-24 who had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months with a person who neither was their wife nor lived with them, percentage who used a condom during last sexual intercourse with such a partner, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Men age 15-24 |  |  | Men age 15-24 who had 2+ partners in the past 12 months |  | Men age 15-24 who had intercourse in the past 12 months with a person who neither was their wife nor lived with them |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage who had 2+ partners in the past 12 months | Percentage who had intercourse in the past 12 months with a person who neither was their wife nor lived with them | Number of men | Percentage who reported using a condom during last sexual intercourse | Number of men | Percentage who reported using a condom during last sexual intercourse with such a partner | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 2.5 | 14.1 | 1,097 | * | 27 | 47.5 | 154 |
| 15-17 | 0.5 | 7.6 | 624 | * | 3 | 33.1 | 47 |
| 18-19 | 5.0 | 22.6 | 472 | * | 24 | 53.9 | 107 |
| 20-24 | 7.1 | 32.9 | 802 | (60.6) | 57 | 61.4 | 264 |
| 20-22 | 6.0 | 28.2 | 517 | * | 31 | 59.2 | 146 |
| 23-24 | 9.1 | 41.5 | 284 | * | 26 | 64.1 | 118 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 4.3 | 22.0 | 1,865 | 57.5 | 80 | 56.0 | 410 |
| Ever married | (13.6) | (23.1) | 33 | * | 5 |  | 8 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 5.3 | 23.2 | 1,478 | 59.3 | 78 | 59.4 | 342 |
| Rural | 1.4 | 17.9 | 420 | * | 6 | 42.0 | 75 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 3.5 | 20.2 | 286 | * | 10 | 51.6 | 58 |
| Primary | 1.4 | 18.0 | 351 | * | 5 | 41.5 | 63 |
| Secondary or higher | 5.5 | 23.5 | 1,261 | (61.8) | 69 | 60.3 | 297 |
| Total 15-24 | 4.4 | 22.0 | 1,898 | 56.7 | 84 | 56.2 | 418 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

## Table 13.15 Recent HIV tests among young people

Among young women and young men age 15-24 who have had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months, percentage who were tested for HIV in the past 12 months and received the results of the last test, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Women age 15-24 who have had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months: |  | Men age 15-24 who have had sexual intercourse in the past 12 months: |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage who have been tested for HIV in the past 12 months and received the results of the last test | Number of women | Percentage who have been tested for HIV in the past 12 months and received the results of the last test | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 15.9 | 432 | 5.2 | 155 |
| 15-17 | 12.7 | 130 | 0.0 | 47 |
| 18-19 | 17.3 | 302 | 7.4 | 107 |
| 20-24 | 20.4 | 1,066 | 5.6 | 286 |
| 20-22 | 19.0 | 618 | 4.8 | 152 |
| 23-24 | 22.5 | 448 | 6.5 | 133 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 24.6 | 135 | 4.9 | 410 |
| Ever married | 18.6 | 1,363 | (12.6) | 31 |
| Total 15-24 | 19.1 | 1,498 | 5.4 | 441 |

[^16]Table 13.16 Knowledge of self-testing for HIV
Percentage of women and men age 15-49 who have ever heard of HIV self-test kits, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Women |  | Men |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ever heard of HIV self-test kits | Number of women | Ever heard of HIV self-test kits | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 7.1 | 2,633 | 5.5 | 1,097 |
| 20-24 | 9.2 | 2,181 | 7.9 | 802 |
| 25-29 | 9.8 | 2,248 | 10.8 | 634 |
| 30-34 | 11.1 | 1,619 | 8.0 | 524 |
| 35-39 | 10.0 | 1,438 | 12.6 | 499 |
| 40-44 | 11.7 | 1,028 | 15.5 | 357 |
| 45-49 | 8.5 | 718 | 13.9 | 342 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 9.0 | 8,747 | 9.6 | 3,299 |
| Rural | 10.4 | 3,118 | 8.7 | 955 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 6.5 | 4,119 | 5.5 | 921 |
| Primary | 7.9 | 1,854 | 6.0 | 716 |
| Secondary or higher | 11.9 | 5,892 | 11.7 | 2,618 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 9.2 | 1,998 | 7.7 | 632 |
| Second | 9.0 | 2,135 | 8.1 | 768 |
| Middle | 7.6 | 2,292 | 7.1 | 848 |
| Fourth | 10.1 | 2,591 | 9.1 | 875 |
| Highest | 10.5 | 2,849 | 13.2 | 1,132 |
| Total 15-49 | 9.4 | 11,865 | 9.4 | 4,255 |
| 50-59 | na | na | 14.2 | 381 |
| Total 15-59 | na | na | 9.8 | 4,636 |

na $=$ Not applicable

## Key Findings

- Adult mortality: 114 of every 1,000 women age 15 and 124 of every 1,000 men age 15 are expected to die before age 50.
- Maternal mortality: Maternal deaths account for $17 \%$ of all deaths among women age 15-49.
- Maternal mortality ratio: The maternal mortality ratio for the 7 -year period before the 2019-20 GDHS is estimated at 289 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births.
- Pregnancy-related mortality ratio: The estimated pregnancy-related mortality ratio (PRMR) for the 7year period preceding the 2019-20 GDHS is 320 deaths per 100,000 live births.

Adult and maternal mortality indicators can be used to assess the health status of a population. According to The Gambia National Health Strategic Plan 2014-2020, the Government of The Republic of The Gambia is committed to improving health services in the country, and reducing maternal mortality is one of the government's priorities. Particular emphasis has been placed on provision of pre-pregnancy care; strengthening of antenatal, intrapartum, and postpartum care; and provision of basic emergency obstetric and neonatal care services in minor health centres (MoH\&SW 2013). The plan aims to reduce the maternal mortality ratio by $25 \%$, from 433 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2012 to 315 deaths per 100,000 live births by 2020 (MoH\&SW 2013).

Estimation of mortality rates requires complete and accurate data on adult and maternal deaths. In the 2019-20 GDHS, data were collected from all female respondents on the survival of their sisters and brothers to obtain an estimate of adult mortality. Questions were included to determine if any of the sisters' deaths were maternity related, which permits an estimation of maternal mortality-a key indicator of maternal health and well-being.

This chapter presents information on levels of and trends in adult mortality and maternal mortality in The Gambia. The chapter includes a summary measure ${ }_{(35} \mathrm{q}_{15}$ ) that represents the probability of dying between exact ages 15 and 50 - that is, between the 15 th and 50th birthdays.

### 14.1 Data

The 2019-20 GDHS collected information on sibling history by asking each female respondent to list all children born to her biological mother, starting with the firstborn. The respondent was then asked whether each of these siblings was still alive. For living siblings, the interviewer asked the current age of each sibling. For deceased siblings, age at death and number of years since death were recorded. When a respondent could not provide precise information on age at death or years since death, approximate but quantitative answers were accepted.

For sisters who died at age 12 or older, three questions were asked to determine whether the death was maternity related: "Was [NAME OF SISTER] pregnant when she died?" and, if the response was negative, "Did she die during childbirth?" and, if not, "Did she die within 2 months after the end of a pregnancy or childbirth?" For every sister and brother who had died, the respondent was asked whether the sibling had died from an act of violence or an accident. Estimates of maternal mortality were refined by excluding deaths due to accidents or violence; however, other incidental deaths, such as HIV-related deaths, were not identified and were therefore not excluded.

A total of 68,223 siblings were recorded in the adult and maternal mortality section of the 2019-20 GDHS. Survival status was reported for all but 14 siblings. Current age (used to estimate exposure to death) was reported for all living siblings. Also, data on age at death and years since death were obtained for all dead siblings (Appendix Table C.12).

### 14.2 Direct Estimates of Adult Mortality

## Adult mortality rate

The number of adult deaths per 1,000 population age 15-49. Adult mortality rates by 5 -year age groups are calculated as follows: the number of deaths to a respondent's siblings in each age group is divided by the number of personyears of exposure to the risk of dying in that age group during the 7 years preceding the survey. The number of deaths is the number of siblings (brothers or sisters) reported as having died within the 7 years preceding the survey. The person-years of exposure in each age group are calculated for both surviving and dead siblings based on their current age (living siblings) or age at death and years since death (dead siblings).
Sample: Siblings (both living and dead) who were age 15-49 in the 7 years preceding the survey, by sex and 5 -year age groups

Evaluating the plausibility and stability of overall adult mortality is one way to assess the quality of the data used to estimate maternal mortality. If the estimated rates of overall adult mortality are implausible, rates based on a subset of deaths (maternal deaths in particular) may have serious problems.

The reported ages at death and years since death of the respondents' brothers and sisters are used to make direct estimates of adult mortality. Because of differentials in exposure to the risk of dying, this report presents age- and sex-specific death rates.

To ensure a sufficiently large number of adult deaths to generate a robust estimate, the rates are calculated for the 7-year period before the survey (roughly late 2012 and early 2013 to late 2019 and early 2020). Nevertheless, age-specific mortality rates obtained in this manner are subject to considerable sampling variation. Use of this 7-year period is a compromise between the desire for the most recent data and the need to minimise the level of sampling error.

Figure 14.1 Adult mortality rates by age
Table 14.1 and Figure 14.1 show age-specific mortality rates among women and men age 15-49 for the 7 years before the 2019-20 GDHS. Mortality is slightly lower among women ( 2.72 deaths per 1,000 population) than among men (3.13 deaths per 1,000 population). Among both women and men, mortality rates generally increase with increasing age. Rates are lowest among those age 15-19 and highest among those age 40-44 and 45-49. Mortality rates are higher for men than for women in all age groups until age 40 (Figure 14.1).

Deaths per 1,000 population


### 14.3 Trends in Adult Mortality

Table $\mathbf{1 4 . 2}$ shows the probability of dying between exact ages 15 and $50\left({ }_{35} \mathrm{q}_{15}\right)$ in the 7 years before the 2013 and 2019-20 GDHS surveys; ${ }_{35} q_{15}$ is the probability that a woman or man who was age 15 in the 7 years before the survey will have died before reaching age 50 (if the age- and gender-specific mortality rates in the 7 years before the survey hold constant). According to the 2019-20 GDHS, 114 of every 1,000 women age 15 and 124 of every 1,000 men age 15 would be expected to die before age 50 .

From 2013 to 2019-20, the probability of dying between ages 15 and 50 increased by $15 \%$ among women (from 99 to 114 per 1,000 ) and by $22 \%$ among men (from 102 to 124 per 1,000 ).

### 14.4 Direct Estimates of Maternal Mortality

## Maternal mortality rate

The number of maternal deaths per 1,000 women age 15-49. Maternal mortality rates by 5 -year age groups are calculated by dividing the number of maternal deaths to female siblings of respondents in each age group by the total person-years of exposure of the sisters to the risk of dying in that age group during the 7 years preceding the survey. The number of deaths is the number of sisters reported as having died in the 7 years preceding the survey either during pregnancy or delivery or in the 42 days following delivery or termination of a pregnancy by their age group at the time of death; deaths due to accidents or violence are excluded. The person-years of exposure in each age group are calculated for both surviving and dead sisters based on their reported current age (living sisters) or age at death and years since death (dead sisters).
Sample: Sisters (both living and dead) age 15-49 in the 7 years preceding the survey, by 5-year age groups

## Maternal mortality ratio

The number of maternal deaths per 100,000 live births. The maternal mortality ratio is calculated by dividing the age-standardised maternal mortality rate for women age 15-49 in the 7 years preceding the survey by the general fertility rate (GFR) for the same time period.

Maternal deaths are a subset of all female deaths; they are defined as any deaths that occur during pregnancy or childbirth or within 42 days after the birth or termination of a pregnancy. Maternal deaths do not include deaths due to accidents or violence. Two methods are generally used to estimate maternal mortality in developing countries: the indirect sisterhood method (Graham et al. 1989) and a direct variant of the sisterhood method (Rutenberg and Sullivan 1991; Stanton et al. 1997). In the 2019-20 GDHS, the direct method of estimating maternal mortality was used.

Table $\mathbf{1 4 . 3}$ presents age-specific direct estimates of maternal mortality from the reported survivorship of sisters for the 7-year period prior to the 2019-20 GDHS. These rates were calculated by dividing the number of maternal deaths by woman-years of exposure. To remove the effect of truncation bias (the lower boundary for eligibility among women interviewed in the survey is 15 years, and the upper boundary is 49 years), the overall rate for women age 15-49 was standardised by the age distribution of survey respondents.

- The rate of mortality associated with pregnancy and childbearing in The Gambia is 0.43 maternal deaths per 1,000 woman-years of exposure.
- The estimated age-specific mortality rate is highest among women age 40-44 (0.97) and lowest among women age 45-49 (0.00) and those age 15-19 (0.07).
- Maternal deaths represent $17 \%$ of all deaths among women age 15-49 during the 7 -year period preceding the survey.
- The maternal mortality ratio for the 7-year period before the 2019-20 GDHS is estimated at 289 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births; that is, for every 1,000 births in The Gambia, about three women die during pregnancy, during childbirth, or within 42 days of the end of a pregnancy from causes other than accidents or violence (Table 14.4). The confidence interval surrounding the maternal mortality estimate is 204 to 375 deaths per 100,000 live births.
- At current fertility and mortality rates, the lifetime risk of maternal death (0.014) indicates that of 1,000 women of exact age 15 , about 14 would die before age 50 during pregnancy, during childbirth, or within 2 months of childbirth.


### 14.5 Trends in Pregnancy-related Mortality

## Pregnancy-related mortality rate

The number of pregnancy-related deaths per 1,000 women age 15-49.
Pregnancy-related mortality rates by 5-year age groups are calculated by dividing the number of pregnancy-related deaths to female siblings of respondents in each age group by the total person-years of exposure of the sisters to the risk of dying in that age group during the 7 years preceding the survey. The number of deaths is the number of sisters reported as having died in the 7 years preceding the survey either during pregnancy or delivery or in the 2 months following delivery or termination of a pregnancy by their age group at the time of death. The person-years of exposure in each age group are calculated for both surviving and dead sisters based on their reported current age (living sisters) or age at death and years since death (dead sisters).
Sample: Sisters (both living and dead) age 15-49 in the 7 years preceding the survey, by 5-year age groups

## Pregnancy-related mortality ratio

The number of pregnancy-related deaths per 100,000 live births. The pregnancy-related mortality ratio is calculated by dividing the age-standardised pregnancy-related mortality rate for women age 15-49 in the 7 years preceding the survey by the general fertility rate (GFR) for the same time period.

The previous GDHS used a definition of maternal mortality that included deaths due to accidents or violence, and therefore the estimates from that survey cannot be compared with the 2019-20 GDHS maternal mortality estimate presented in Section 14.4. To produce an indicator suitable for comparing estimates from the two surveys, the 2019-20 GDHS defines a pregnancy-related death as the death of a woman during pregnancy, during childbirth, or within 2 months of delivery or termination of a pregnancy irrespective of the cause of death. Estimates of pregnancy-related mortality are therefore based solely on the timing of the death in relationship to the pregnancy. What the current GDHS defines as a pregnancyrelated death had been labelled a maternal death in the 2013 GDHS. Note that this definition varies from the WHO definition of a pregnancy-related death, which limits the window to 42 days.

| Comparing <br> MMR and <br> PRMR | Maternal mortality (MMR) | Pregnancy-related mortality (PRMR) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Women who died when pregnant, during <br> delivery, or within 42 days of delivery or <br> the termination of a pregnancy, except <br> when the death was due to an accident or <br> violence | Women who died when pregnant, during <br> delivery, or within 2 months of delivery or <br> the termination of a pregnancy, including <br> deaths due to accidents or violence |

The estimated pregnancy-related mortality ratio (PRMR) for the 7-year period preceding the 2019-20 GDHS is 320 deaths per 100,000 live births; that is, for every 1,000 births in The Gambia, about three women die during pregnancy or within 2 months of the end of a pregnancy from any cause including accidents or violence (Figure 14.2).

Overall, there appears to be a downward trend in the PRMR since 2006-13; however, the confidence intervals surrounding the 2013 GDHS and 2019-20 GDHS PRMR estimates overlap, meaning that there is no significant difference in the PRMRs between the two surveys (Table 14.5).

Figure 14.2 Trends in pregnancy-related mortality ratio (PRMR) with confidence intervals
Pregnancy-related deaths per 100,000 live births


Note: PRMR includes all deaths during pregnancy, delivery, and within 2 months of the end of a pregnancy; it includes deaths due to accidents and violence during these time periods. This indicator is consistent with how data were collected in the previous survey but is different than the MMR estimate in Table 14.3.

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Table 14.1 Adult mortality rates
Direct estimates of female and male mortality rates for the 7 years preceding the survey, by 5 -year age groups, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Age | Deaths | Exposure <br> years | Mortality <br> rate $^{1}$ |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| FEMALE |  |  |  |  |  |
| $15-19$ | 25 | 27,304 | 0.93 |  |  |
| $20-24$ | 48 | 31,026 | 1.55 |  |  |
| $25-29$ | 65 | 28,993 | 2.24 |  |  |
| $30-34$ | 76 | 23,333 | 3.27 |  |  |
| $35-39$ | 59 | 16,550 | 3.57 |  |  |
| $40-44$ | 66 | 10,539 | 6.27 |  |  |
| $45-49$ | 35 | 5,567 | 6.25 |  |  |
| Total 15-49 | 375 | 143,312 | $2.72^{\mathrm{a}}$ |  |  |
|  | MALE |  |  |  |  |
| $15-19$ | 41 | 28,672 | 1.44 |  |  |
| $20-24$ | 73 | 31,783 | 2.30 |  |  |
| $25-29$ | 67 | 29,116 | 2.29 |  |  |
| $30-34$ | 84 | 24,631 | 3.40 |  |  |
| $35-39$ | 88 | 17,873 | 4.91 |  |  |
| $40-44$ | 66 | 10,772 | 6.11 |  |  |
| $45-49$ | 37 | 5,998 | 6.11 |  |  |
| Total 15-49 | 455 | 148,845 | $3.13^{\mathrm{a}}$ |  |  |

${ }^{1}$ Expressed per 1,000 population
${ }^{\text {a }}$ Age-adjusted rate

## Table 14.2 Adult mortality probabilities

The probability of dying between ages 15 and 50 for women and men during the 7 years preceding the survey, The Gambia DHS 2013 and 2019-20

| Survey | Female <br> ${ }_{35} q_{15}{ }^{1}$ | Male <br> $35 q_{15}{ }^{1}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $2019-20$ GDHS | 114 | 124 |
| 2013 GDHS | 99 | 102 |

${ }^{1}$ The probability of dying between exact ages 15 and 50 , expressed per 1,000 persons age 15

Table 14.3 Maternal mortality
Direct estimates of maternal mortality rates for the 7 years preceding the survey, by 5-year age groups, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  | Percentage <br> of female <br> deaths that <br> are maternal | Maternal <br> deaths | Exposure <br> years | Maternal <br> mortality $^{\text {rate }^{2}}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $15-19$ | 7.1 | 2 | 27,304 | 0.07 |
| $20-24$ | 20 | 10 | 31,026 | 0.31 |
| $25-29$ | 22.1 | 14 | 28,993 | 0.50 |
| $30-34$ | 26.7 | 20 | 23,333 | 0.87 |
| $35-39$ | 14.4 | 9 | 16,550 | 0.52 |
| $40-44$ | 15.4 | 10 | 10,539 | 0.97 |
| $45-49$ | 0.0 | 0 | 5,567 | 0.00 |
| Total 15-49 | 17.3 | 65 | 143,312 | $0.43^{\mathrm{a}}$ |

${ }^{1}$ A maternal death is defined as the death of a woman while pregnant or within 42 days of termination of pregnancy from any cause except accidents or violence.
${ }^{2}$ Expressed per 1,000 woman-years of exposure
${ }^{\text {a }}$ Age-adjusted rate

Table 14.4 Maternal mortality ratio
Total fertility rate, general fertility rate, maternal mortality ratio, and lifetime risk of maternal death for the 7 years preceding the survey, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Total fertility rate (TFR) | 4.8 |
| :--- | ---: |
| General fertility rate (GFR) | 149 |
| Maternal mortality ratio (MMR) |  |
| Lifetime risk of maternal death $^{3}$ | $289(\mathrm{Cl}: 204-375)$ |

$\mathrm{CI}=$ Confidence interval
${ }^{1}$ Age-adjusted rate, expressed per 1,000 women age 15-49
${ }^{2}$ Expressed per 100,000 live births; calculated as the ageadjusted maternal mortality rate (shown in Table 14.3) times 100 divided by the age-adjusted general fertility rate
${ }_{3}^{3}$ Calculated as 1 -(1-MMR) ${ }^{\text {TFR }}$, where TFR represents the total fertility rate for the 7 years preceding the survey

## Table 14.5 Pregnancy-related mortality trends

Direct estimates of pregnancy-related mortality rates for the 7 years preceding each survey, by 5 -year age groups, The Gambia DHS 2013 and 2019-20

| Age | Pregnancy-related mortality rates ${ }^{1,2}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2012/13-2019/20 | 2006-2013 |
| 15-19 | 0.08 | 0.28 |
| 20-24 | 0.33 | 0.44 |
| 25-29 | 0.59 | 0.88 |
| 30-34 | 0.89 | 1.96 |
| 35-39 | 0.68 | 0.70 |
| 40-44 | 0.97 | 0.29 |
| 45-49 | 0.00 | 1.33 |
| Total 15-49 | $0.48{ }^{\text {a }}$ | $0.77^{\text {a }}$ |
| Total fertility rate (TFR) | 4.8 | 5.6 |
| General fertility rate (GFR) ${ }^{3}$ | 149 | 178 |
| Pregnancy-related mortality ratio (PRMR) ${ }^{4}$ | 320 | 433 |
| Confidence interval | (231-409) | (299-567) |
| Lifetime risk of pregnancy-related death ${ }^{5}$ | 0.015 | 0.024 |

${ }^{1}$ Pregnancy-related mortality is defined as the death of a woman while pregnant or within 2 months of termination of pregnancy from any cause including accidents or violence
${ }^{2}$ Expressed per 1,000 woman-years of exposure
${ }^{3}$ Age-adjusted rate, expressed per 1,000 women age 15-49
${ }^{4}$ Expressed per 100,000 live births; calculated as the age-adjusted pregnancy-related mortality rate times 100 divided by the age-adjusted general fertility rate
${ }^{5}$ Calculated as 1-(1-PRMR) ${ }^{\text {TFR }}$, where TFR represents the total fertility rate for the 7 years preceding the survey
${ }^{\text {a }}$ Age-adjusted rate

## Key Findings

- Women's control over their cash earnings: $85 \%$ of currently married women age 15-49 who receive cash earnings for their employment mainly decide how their earnings are used.
- Ownership of a house and land: Ownership of both a house and land among women and men is higher in rural areas than in urban areas.
- Women's participation in decision making: Overall, only $27 \%$ of currently married women age 15-49 make decisions regarding their own health care, major household purchases, and visits to their family and relatives either alone or jointly with their partner.
- Attitude towards wife beating: A greater percentage of women $(55 \%)$ than men ( $40 \%$ ) agree that a husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife under one or more specified circumstances.
- Negotiating sexual relations: More women (63\%) than men ( $60 \%$ ) believe that a woman is justified in refusing to have sexual intercourse with her husband if she knows he has sex with other women.

TThis chapter explores women's empowerment in terms of employment, earnings, control over earnings, and magnitude of earnings relative to those of their partners. In addition, responses to specific questions are used to define two different indicators of women's empowerment: their participation in household decision making and their attitudes towards wife beating.

The Government of The Gambia is committed to promoting women's empowerment and has taken steps through the Women's Act 2010. The act is aimed at domesticating international human rights documents such as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (1979), the Beijing Declaration (1995), the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) (1989), the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) (1994), the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACRWC) (1990), the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa (2003), the African Union Solemn Declaration on Gender Equity in Africa (2004), and several other human rights instruments.

### 15.1 Married Women’s and Men’s Employment

## Employment

Respondents are considered to be employed if they have done any work other than their housework in the 12 months before the survey.
Sample: Currently married women and men age 15-49

## Earning cash for employment

Respondents are asked if they are paid for their labour in cash or in kind. Only those who receive payment in cash only or in cash and in kind are considered to earn cash for their employment.
Sample: Currently married women and men age 15-49 employed in the 12 months before the survey

Sixty-eight percent of currently married women age $15-49$ were employed in the 12 months before the survey, as compared with $99 \%$ of currently married men (Table 15.1). Women are less likely than men to be paid only in cash for their work ( $61 \%$ and $92 \%$, respectively). Eighteen percent of women and $3 \%$ of men who were employed in the last 12 months were not paid for their work.

Trends: The percentage of currently married women employed in the 12 months before the survey increased by 9 percentage points between 2013 and 2019-20, from $59 \%$ to $68 \%$. However, the percentage of employed women who were not paid also increased, from $5 \%$ to $18 \%$. By comparison, the percentage of employed men remained relatively stagnant ( $98 \%$ in 2013 and $99 \%$ in 2019-20), as did the percentage of employed men who were not paid ( $3 \%$ in both surveys).

Figure 15.1 Employment by age
Percentage of currently married women and men who were employed at any time in the 12 months before the survey

- Among currently married women age 15-49, employment rises with increasing age, from $40 \%$ among those age $15-19$ to $84 \%$ among those age 45-49. However, no such pattern is observed among men (Figure 15.1).
- The percentage of married women who are not paid for their employment generally declines with age, falling from $37 \%$ among those age 1519 to $13 \%$ among those age 45-49.



### 15.2 Control over Women’s Earnings

## Control over one's own cash earnings

Respondents are considered to have control over their own earnings if they participate in decisions alone or jointly with their spouse about how their own earnings will be used.
Sample: Currently married women and men age 15-49 who received cash earnings for employment during the 12 months before the survey

Women gain direct access to economic resources when they are employed for cash. However, this access is meaningless unless women also control how their earnings are used. Overall, $85 \%$ of women reported that they mainly decide how to use their earnings, while $8 \%$ reported that they make such decisions jointly with their husband and $7 \%$ indicated that their husband is the main decision maker on how to use their earnings (Figure 15.2)

Eight percent of women earn more than their husbands, $80 \%$ earn less than their husbands, and $3 \%$ earn about the same as their husbands. Three percent of women reported that their husbands had no earnings (Table 15.2.1).

Trends: The percentage of married women who decide mainly on their own on the use of their cash

Figure 15.2 Control over women's earnings

Percent distribution of currently married women with cash earnings in the 12 months before the survey


Note: Figures may not add up to $100 \%$ due to rounding. earnings increased from $80 \%$ in 2013 to $85 \%$ in 2019-20. However, during the same period, the percentage of women whose husband decides on the use of their earnings remained stagnant ( $8 \%$ in 2013 versus $7 \%$ in 2019-20).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The percentage of women who earn more than their husbands increases with increasing age (Table 15.2.1).
- Women in rural areas ( $85 \%$ ) are more likely than their urban counterparts $(78 \%)$ to earn less than their husbands.
- The percentage of women with higher earnings than their husband is lower among those with no education $(7 \%)$ than among those with a primary education or a secondary education or higher ( $9 \%$ each).
- The percentage of women who report that mainly their husband makes decisions regarding their earnings is stable across education levels.


### 15.3 Control over Men’s Earnings

Married men with cash earnings were asked about who makes decisions regarding how men's earnings are used. Among currently married men age 15-49 who receive cash earnings, $9 \%$ reported that they make joint decisions with their wife on the use of their earnings, while $86 \%$ indicated that they mainly make such decisions on their own and $4 \%$ reported that their wife is the main decision maker (Table 15.2.2).

Trends: The percentage of currently married men who report making decisions on their earnings jointly with their wife has declined since 2013, from $24 \%$ to $9 \%$.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Eighty-six percent of men in both urban and rural areas indicated that they mainly make their own decisions on the use of their earnings.
- The percentage of men who make decisions on their earnings jointly with their wife increases with increasing education, from $4 \%$ among those with no education to $12 \%$ among those with a secondary education or higher (Table 15.2.2).


### 15.4 Women’s and Men’s Ownership of Assets

## Ownership of a house or land

Respondents who own a house or land, whether alone or jointly with someone else.
Sample: Women and men age 15-49
Ownership and control of assets such as land and housing provide multiple benefits to individuals and households, including a secure place to live, livelihoods, protection during emergencies, and collateral. The 2019-20 GDHS collected information on women's and men's ownership of assets, regardless of whether the assets were self-owned or jointly owned. Overall, women are more likely to not own a house ( $83 \%$ ) than men ( $62 \%$ ). Similarly, a higher percentage of women ( $92 \%$ ) than men ( $71 \%$ ) report not owning land (Tables 15.4.1 and 15.4.2).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Among both women and men, home and land ownership generally increases with age.
- More women and men in rural areas than urban areas own a house or land.
- By LGA, the percentage of women who do not own a house ranges from $65 \%$ in Basse to $95 \%$ in Kuntaur. Among men, the percentage ranges from a low of $21 \%$ in Janjanbureh to a high of $76 \%$ in Kanifing.
- The percentage of women who do not own land ranges from $74 \%$ in Basse to $96 \%$ in Mansakonko. Among men, the percentage ranges from $25 \%$ in Janjanbureh to $81 \%$ in Banjul.
- Among women, there is no clear relationship between home ownership and levels of education or wealth. However, among men, home ownership is higher among those with no education (45\%) and those in the lowest wealth quintile ( $54 \%$ ) than those with a secondary education or higher ( $36 \%$ ) and those in the highest wealth quintile (33\%).
- Among women and men, land ownership is more common among those in the lowest wealth quintile ( $12 \%$ and $49 \%$, respectively) than among those in the highest wealth quintile ( $9 \%$ and $26 \%$, respectively).


### 15.4.1 Documentation of Ownership of Assets

Documentation of ownership of assets is important for security of tenure and to leverage or liquidate assets. Sixty-three percent of women and $57 \%$ of men age 15-49 who own land do not possess a title deed for the land (Tables 15.5.1 and 15.5.2).

### 15.4.2 Bank Accounts and Mobile Phones

Seventeen percent of women age 15-49 have and use a bank account for financial transactions, as compared with $29 \%$ of men. More than three quarters of women $(76 \%)$ and men ( $86 \%$ ) owned mobile phones at the time of the survey (Table 15.6.1, Table 15.6.2, and Figure 15.3). Among those who own mobile phones, only $9 \%$ of women and $10 \%$ of men use their phones for financial transactions.

### 15.5 Women’s Participation in Decision Making

## Participation in major household decisions

Women are considered to participate in household decisions if they make decisions alone or jointly with their husband in all three of the following areas:
(1) their own health care, (2) major household purchases, and (3) visits to their family or relatives.
Sample: Currently married women age 15-49

In many African countries, including The Gambia, women are considered to have low decision-making power in the household. The overall development of women's empowerment depends on their ability to make decisions that affect their personal welfare. The 2019-20 GDHS collected information from currently married women on their participation in decisions about their own health care, major household purchases, and visits to their family and relatives.

Overall, $27 \%$ of currently married women age 15-49 participate in all three specified decisions either alone or jointly with their husbands. Nearly half of women (48\%) reported that they participate in decisions regarding their own health care, while $40 \%$ participate in decisions regarding major household purchases. Fifty-three percent of women indicated that they participate in making decisions about visiting their family or relatives (Table 15.8.1). Among currently married men age 15-49, $93 \%$ participate in decisions regarding their own health and $86 \%$ participate in decisions concerning major household purchases (Table 15.8.2).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Women who are employed for cash are more likely to participate in decisions in all three areas (33\%) than those who are not employed (19\%) and those who are employed but not earning cash ( $18 \%$ ).
- Participation in decision making in all three decisions generally rises with increasing age; $15 \%$ of women age 15-19 participate in decisions in all three areas, as compared with $36 \%$ of women age 45 49.
- By LGA, the percentage of women who participate in all three decisions is highest in Kerewan (42\%) and lowest in Kuntaur (12\%).
- There is no clear relationship between women's participation in all three decisions and their level of education or wealth.


### 15.6 Attitudes toward Wife Beating

## Attitudes toward wife beating

Respondents are asked if they agree that a husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife under each of the following seven circumstances: she burns the food, she argues with him, she goes out without telling him, she neglects the children, she refuses to have sex with him, she uses contraceptives without his consent, and she argues with his relatives. If respondents answer "yes" in at least one circumstance, they are considered to have attitudes justifying wife beating.
Sample: Women and men age 15-49

Figure 15.4 Attitudes towards wife beating
Percentage of women and men age 15-49 who agree that a husband is justified in beating his wife for specific reasons
$■$ Women ■ Men


In The Gambia, a greater percentage of women (55\%) than men (40\%) age 15-49 agree that a husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife for at least one of the specified reasons (Table 15.9.1, Table 15.9.2, and Figure 15.4). Women are most likely to agree that a husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife if she uses contraceptives without his consent (39\%), refuses to have sexual intercourse with him (36\%), neglects the children ( $36 \%$ ), and goes out without telling him ( $35 \%$ ). Smaller percentages accept wife beating as justified if a wife argues with her husband (22\%) or his relatives ( $14 \%$ ) or if she burns the food (11\%).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- The percentage of women who agree with at least one specified reason increases with the number of living children, from $52 \%$ among those without any living children to $63 \%$ among those with five or more children.
- Women who are employed for cash (51\%) are less likely to agree that a husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife than those who are employed but not for cash (70\%).
- Fifty-eight percent of women who are married or living together with a man agree that a husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife for at least one specified reason, as compared with $40 \%$ of divorced, separated, or widowed women and $51 \%$ of never-married women.
- Women in rural areas (73\%) are more likely than those in urban areas ( $48 \%$ ) to justify wife beating.
- By LGA, the percentage of women who agree that a husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife for at least one specified reason is highest in Basse (78\%) and lowest in Kanifing (36\%).
- The percentage of women who justify wife beating decreases with increasing education and household wealth.


### 15.7 Negotiating Sexual Relations

To assess attitudes toward negotiating safer sexual relations with husbands, women and men age 15-49 were asked whether they thought that a wife is justified in refusing to have sexual intercourse with her husband if she knows he has sex with other women or asking that he use a condom if she knows he has a sexually transmitted infection (STI). More women ( $63 \%$ ) than men ( $60 \%$ ) believe that a woman is justified in refusing to have sexual intercourse with her husband if she knows he has sex with other women.
However, in contrast, fewer women ( $81 \%$ ) than men ( $87 \%$ ) believe that women are justified in asking their husband to use a condom when they know that he has an STI (Table 15.10).

## Ability to Negotiate Sexual Relations with Husband

To assess the ability of women to actually negotiate safer sexual relations with their husbands, women were asked whether they could say no to their husband if they do not want to have sexual intercourse and whether they could ask their husband to use a condom.

Forty-five percent of currently married women age 15-49 reported that they can say no to their husbands if they do not want to have sexual intercourse, and $49 \%$ indicated that they can ask their husbands to use a condom (Table 15.11).

For information on women's empowerment indicators, see Table 15.12; for information on family planning, the ideal number of children, reproductive health care, and child mortality according to women's empowerment indicators, see Tables $15.13,15.14,15.15$, and 15.16 .

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Table 15.1 Employment and cash earnings of currently married women and men
Percentage of currently married women and men age 15-49 who were employed at any time in the past 12 months and percent distribution of currently married women and men employed in the past 12 months by type of earnings, according to age, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Age | Among currently married respondents: |  | Percent distribution of currently married respondents employed in the past 12 months, by type of earnings |  |  |  | Total | Number of respondents |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentage employed in past 12 months | Number of respondents | Cash only | Cash and in kind | In kind only | Not paid |  |  |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 40.1 | 497 | 43.8 | 16.3 | 3.3 | 36.7 | 100.0 | 199 |
| 20-24 | 50.7 | 1,115 | 56.3 | 17.7 | 2.7 | 23.4 | 100.0 | 565 |
| 25-29 | 61.7 | 1,749 | 59.8 | 21.2 | 1.4 | 17.6 | 100.0 | 1,079 |
| 30-34 | 72.8 | 1,381 | 64.6 | 17.7 | 0.9 | 16.8 | 100.0 | 1,005 |
| 35-39 | 79.5 | 1,273 | 63.5 | 20.6 | 0.3 | 15.6 | 100.0 | 1,012 |
| 40-44 | 83.5 | 889 | 62.4 | 20.8 | 0.9 | 15.9 | 100.0 | 742 |
| 45-49 | 84.3 | 623 | 61.7 | 24.7 | 0.4 | 13.2 | 100.0 | 525 |
| Total 15-49 | 68.1 | 7,526 | 61.0 | 20.1 | 1.1 | 17.7 | 100.0 | 5,128 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | * | 2 | * | * | * | * | * | 2 |
| 20-24 | (91.5) | 31 | (78.1) | (8.9) | (7.0) | (6.1) | (100.0) | 29 |
| 25-29 | 99.0 | 201 | 85.9 | 6.4 | 1.6 | 6.1 | 100.0 | 199 |
| 30-34 | 99.6 | 349 | 93.0 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 347 |
| 35-39 | 98.7 | 428 | 94.9 | 3.5 | 0.1 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 422 |
| 40-44 | 99.8 | 316 | 94.1 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 315 |
| 45-49 | 97.9 | 318 | 91.7 | 6.1 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 311 |
| Total 15-49 | 98.8 | 1,645 | 92.3 | 4.3 | 0.3 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 1,625 |
| 50-59 | 95.4 | 362 | 91.9 | 3.9 | 0.1 | 4.1 | 100.0 | 345 |
| Total 15-59 | 98.2 | 2,006 | 92.2 | 4.2 | 0.3 | 3.3 | 100.0 | 1,970 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed

Table 15.2.1 Control over women's cash earnings and relative magnitude of women's cash earnings
Percent distribution of currently married women age 15-49 who received cash earnings for employment in the 12 months preceding the survey by person who decides how wife's cash earnings are used and by whether she earned more or less than her husband, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Person who decides how the wife's cash earnings are used: |  |  |  | Total | Wife's cash earnings compared with husband's cash earnings: |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mainly wife | Wife and husband jointly | Mainly husband | Other |  | More | Less | About the same | Husband has no earnings | Don't know |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 81.4 | 7.1 | 7.7 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 0.4 | 93.5 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 4.2 | 100.0 | 120 |
| 20-24 | 79.0 | 9.6 | 9.1 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 3.2 | 90.1 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 418 |
| 25-29 | 83.9 | 8.7 | 7.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 6.1 | 87.2 | 1.7 | 2.3 | 2.8 | 100.0 | 874 |
| 30-34 | 81.2 | 9.6 | 8.8 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 8.6 | 80.9 | 2.8 | 1.5 | 6.2 | 100.0 | 827 |
| 35-39 | 85.6 | 7.9 | 6.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 8.9 | 78.9 | 3.7 | 2.3 | 6.2 | 100.0 | 851 |
| 40-44 | 90.0 | 5.5 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 9.7 | 73.2 | 3.3 | 5.6 | 8.1 | 100.0 | 618 |
| 45-49 | 89.5 | 5.6 | 4.5 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 14.3 | 65.2 | 3.5 | 7.5 | 9.5 | 100.0 | 454 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 79.7 | 9.3 | 9.0 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 3.4 | 85.0 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 6.5 | 100.0 | 392 |
| 1-2 | 83.5 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 5.8 | 85.3 | 2.3 | 1.2 | 5.3 | 100.0 | 1,104 |
| 3-4 | 86.0 | 7.7 | 6.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 9.5 | 79.7 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 6.0 | 100.0 | 1,206 |
| 5+ | 85.8 | 7.9 | 6.1 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 10.1 | 75.6 | 3.6 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 100.0 | 1,458 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 86.9 | 6.6 | 6.1 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 9.2 | 78.4 | 2.3 | 2.9 | 7.1 | 100.0 | 2,955 |
| Rural | 79.1 | 11.3 | 8.6 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 5.6 | 84.8 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 1,206 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 85.1 | 7.2 | 6.6 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 11.2 | 77.1 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 6.0 | 100.0 | 61 |
| Kanifing | 86.7 | 6.6 | 6.4 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 11.7 | 71.0 | 3.8 | 3.1 | 10.5 | 100.0 | 758 |
| Brikama | 86.5 | 7.1 | 6.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 9.1 | 80.4 | 1.9 | 3.0 | 5.6 | 100.0 | 1,852 |
| Mansakonko | 79.3 | 12.5 | 7.5 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 6.6 | 79.7 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 187 |
| Kerewan | 76.4 | 14.0 | 9.1 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 6.2 | 84.3 | 4.0 | 2.3 | 3.2 | 100.0 | 489 |
| Kuntaur | 74.6 | 10.7 | 14.5 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 4.0 | 80.3 | 7.5 | 4.4 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 138 |
| Janjanbureh | 83.5 | 8.0 | 6.8 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 5.5 | 86.5 | 2.1 | 3.8 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 287 |
| Basse | 89.4 | 3.9 | 5.0 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 2.7 | 88.5 | 1.3 | 2.9 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 389 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 85.2 | 7.7 | 6.7 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 6.9 | 80.7 | 2.8 | 4.3 | 5.4 | 100.0 | 1,933 |
| Primary | 84.6 | 7.5 | 7.3 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 9.1 | 80.1 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 100.0 | 690 |
| Secondary or higher | 84.1 | 8.5 | 6.8 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 9.3 | 79.8 | 2.8 | 1.8 | 6.2 | 100.0 | 1,539 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 78.2 | 11.4 | 9.5 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 6.3 | 82.2 | 4.2 | 4.4 | 3.0 | 100.0 | 755 |
| Second | 86.0 | 7.4 | 6.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 7.5 | 82.8 | 2.0 | 3.2 | 4.5 | 100.0 | 834 |
| Middle | 86.7 | 6.5 | 6.2 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 9.2 | 79.6 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 4.8 | 100.0 | 860 |
| Fourth | 85.0 | 7.5 | 7.1 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 9.5 | 78.3 | 1.7 | 2.9 | 7.7 | 100.0 | 888 |
| Highest | 86.6 | 7.3 | 5.8 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 8.0 | 78.8 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 7.8 | 100.0 | 824 |
| Total | 84.7 | 7.9 | 6.9 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 8.2 | 80.2 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 5.6 | 100.0 | 4,161 |

Table 15.2.2 Control over men's cash earnings
Percent distributions of currently married men age 15-49 who receive cash earnings and of currently married women age 15-49 whose husbands receive cash earnings, by person who decides how husband's cash earnings are used, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Men |  |  |  |  |  | Women |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mainly wife | Husband and wife jointly | Mainly husband | Other | Total | Number of men | Mainly wife | Husband and wife jointly | Mainly husband | Other | Total | Number of women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 1 | 4.3 | 13.2 | 80.5 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 489 |
| 20-24 | (0.0) | (10.4) | (85.2) | (4.4) | 100.0 | 25 | 6.3 | 14.8 | 78.0 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 1,093 |
| 25-29 | 2.3 | 9.6 | 84.0 | 4.1 | 100.0 | 184 | 8.6 | 12.7 | 78.2 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1,723 |
| 30-34 | 3.0 | 7.8 | 88.4 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 331 | 8.1 | 15.1 | 76.1 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 1,356 |
| 35-39 | 4.1 | 8.3 | 87.1 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 415 | 7.7 | 12.8 | 79.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,250 |
| 40-44 | 5.4 | 12.0 | 82.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 309 | 9.9 | 11.9 | 77.8 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 848 |
| 45-49 | 3.8 | 7.1 | 88.3 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 305 | 10.8 | 10.2 | 79.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 579 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 2.3 | 6.3 | 89.7 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 207 | 8.8 | 16.1 | 74.1 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 917 |
| 1-2 | 5.3 | 10.5 | 82.5 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 490 | 6.6 | 13.2 | 79.3 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 2,239 |
| 3-4 | 5.4 | 8.8 | 85.4 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 427 | 8.7 | 13.1 | 77.8 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 2,094 |
| $5+$ | 1.2 | 8.3 | 89.8 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 445 | 8.6 | 12.2 | 78.9 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 2,088 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 4.5 | 8.6 | 86.4 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,160 | 8.5 | 13.5 | 77.6 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 5,016 |
| Rural | 1.7 | 9.7 | 86.2 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 409 | 7.2 | 12.5 | 79.2 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 2,321 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 4.4 | 7.3 | 88.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 33 | 8.0 | 16.6 | 75.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 83 |
| Kanifing | 3.7 | 14.1 | 82.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 342 | 12.1 | 15.1 | 72.6 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,350 |
| Brikama | 5.1 | 6.1 | 87.9 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 696 | 7.5 | 13.4 | 78.7 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 3,064 |
| Mansakonko | 4.9 | 10.7 | 83.2 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 51 | 6.0 | 11.7 | 81.7 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 291 |
| Kerewan | 3.1 | 15.4 | 80.2 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 145 | 3.2 | 17.0 | 79.5 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 799 |
| Kuntaur | 0.6 | 8.3 | 83.5 | 7.5 | 100.0 | 69 | 5.1 | 13.4 | 79.3 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 421 |
| Janjanbureh | 0.9 | 6.9 | 90.4 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 89 | 3.3 | 9.9 | 86.0 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 449 |
| Basse | 0.7 | 4.6 | 93.9 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 144 | 12.6 | 8.1 | 77.7 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 880 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 3.7 | 4.3 | 90.6 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 503 | 8.0 | 11.4 | 79.8 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 3,454 |
| Primary | 3.6 | 7.5 | 88.0 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 256 | 8.0 | 12.4 | 78.9 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 1,264 |
| Secondary or higher | 3.9 | 12.2 | 83.1 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 810 | 8.2 | 16.0 | 75.5 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2,619 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 1.0 | 6.8 | 89.7 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 267 | 5.3 | 13.6 | 79.7 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 1,488 |
| Second | 6.6 | 8.4 | 84.0 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 302 | 8.8 | 12.1 | 78.9 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,432 |
| Middle | 3.4 | 7.4 | 88.5 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 378 | 7.3 | 12.2 | 79.9 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1,492 |
| Fourth | 2.6 | 10.8 | 85.5 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 285 | 8.0 | 12.5 | 79.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,460 |
| Highest | 4.9 | 10.9 | 84.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 338 | 10.8 | 15.7 | 73.1 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,466 |
| Total 15-49 | 3.8 | 8.9 | 86.3 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 1,570 | 8.1 | 13.2 | 78.1 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 7,337 |
| 50-59 | 5.2 | 7.4 | 87.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 330 | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| Total 15-59 | 4.0 | 8.6 | 86.4 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 1,900 | na | na | na | na | na | na |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
na $=$ Not applicable

## Table 15.3 Women's control over their own earnings and over those of their husbands

Percent distribution of currently married women age 15-49 with cash earnings in the last 12 months by person who decides how the wife's cash earnings are used; and percent distribution of currently married women age 15-49 whose husbands have cash earnings by person who decides how the husband's cash earnings are used, according to the relation between wife's and husband's cash earnings, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Woman's earnings relative to husband's earnings | Person who decides how the wife's cash earnings are used: |  |  |  |  | Number of women | Person who decides how the husband's cash earnings are used: |  |  |  | Total | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mainly wife | Wife and husband jointly | Mainly husband | Other | Total |  | Mainly wife | Wife and husband jointly | Mainly husband | Other |  |  |
| More than husband | 80.5 | 15.8 | 3.5 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 339 | 11.6 | 24.9 | 62.6 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 339 |
| Less than husband | 84.7 | 7.4 | 7.2 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 3,339 | 7.0 | 11.9 | 80.9 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 3,339 |
| Same as husband | 73.7 | 15.7 | 10.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 116 | 6.0 | 23.6 | 70.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 116 |
| Husband has no cash earnings or did not work | 87.9 | 4.8 | 6.9 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 132 | na | na | na | na | na | na |
| Woman worked but has no cash earnings | na | na | na | na | na | na | 16.9 | 15.3 | 65.8 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 945 |
| Woman did not work | na | na | na | na | na | na | 5.1 | 12.7 | 81.6 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 2,363 |
| Total ${ }^{1}$ | 84.7 | 7.9 | 6.9 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 4,161 | 8.1 | 13.2 | 78.1 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 7,337 |

na = Not applicable
${ }^{1}$ Includes cases where a woman does not know whether she earned more or less than her husband

Table 15.4.1 Ownership of assets: Women
Percent distribution of women age 15-49 by ownership of housing and land, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Percentage who own a house: |  |  |  |  | Percentage who own land: |  |  |  | Total | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Alone | Jointly | Alone and jointly | Percentage who do not own a house | Total | Alone | Jointly | Alone and jointly | Percentage who do not own land |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 0.4 | 11.9 | 0.6 | 87.1 | 100.0 | 0.6 | 2.9 | 0.0 | 96.5 | 100.0 | 2,633 |
| 20-24 | 1.9 | 11.4 | 0.6 | 86.2 | 100.0 | 2.2 | 3.7 | 0.3 | 93.8 | 100.0 | 2,181 |
| 25-29 | 3.3 | 10.3 | 0.8 | 85.6 | 100.0 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 0.1 | 92.2 | 100.0 | 2,248 |
| 30-34 | 4.7 | 12.5 | 1.5 | 81.3 | 100.0 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 0.7 | 88.9 | 100.0 | 1,619 |
| 35-39 | 5.9 | 13.0 | 2.0 | 79.0 | 100.0 | 5.1 | 4.6 | 0.5 | 89.8 | 100.0 | 1,438 |
| 40-44 | 8.2 | 13.8 | 2.7 | 75.3 | 100.0 | 8.7 | 5.2 | 0.9 | 85.3 | 100.0 | 1,028 |
| 45-49 | 8.0 | 12.3 | 3.5 | 76.2 | 100.0 | 7.6 | 5.6 | 0.6 | 86.2 | 100.0 | 718 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 4.1 | 10.6 | 1.5 | 83.8 | 100.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 0.3 | 93.6 | 100.0 | 8,747 |
| Rural | 2.4 | 15.5 | 0.6 | 81.5 | 100.0 | 5.9 | 7.3 | 0.4 | 86.4 | 100.0 | 3,118 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 2.6 | 7.2 | 1.7 | 88.5 | 100.0 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 0.1 | 95.2 | 100.0 | 163 |
| Kanifing | 3.0 | 8.9 | 2.5 | 85.5 | 100.0 | 2.7 | 1.9 | 0.6 | 94.8 | 100.0 | 2,590 |
| Brikama | 4.7 | 9.7 | 1.0 | 84.5 | 100.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 0.1 | 93.9 | 100.0 | 5,299 |
| Mansakonko | 3.3 | 8.3 | 0.4 | 88.0 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 95.5 | 100.0 | 431 |
| Kerewan | 0.9 | 11.6 | 1.0 | 86.5 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 95.4 | 100.0 | 1,129 |
| Kuntaur | 1.1 | 3.4 | 0.5 | 95.0 | 100.0 | 5.0 | 2.4 | 0.6 | 92.0 | 100.0 | 522 |
| Janjanbureh | 2.4 | 24.2 | 0.3 | 73.2 | 100.0 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 0.2 | 82.8 | 100.0 | 595 |
| Basse | 4.8 | 28.7 | 1.1 | 65.4 | 100.0 | 8.9 | 16.4 | 0.8 | 73.9 | 100.0 | 1,137 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 3.4 | 12.6 | 1.3 | 82.8 | 100.0 | 4.0 | 4.6 | 0.5 | 90.9 | 100.0 | 4,119 |
| Primary | 3.0 | 13.9 | 1.1 | 82.0 | 100.0 | 4.3 | 6.4 | 0.4 | 88.9 | 100.0 | 1,854 |
| Secondary or higher | 4.0 | 10.8 | 1.4 | 83.8 | 100.0 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 0.3 | 93.2 | 100.0 | 5,892 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 2.8 | 13.5 | 1.1 | 82.7 | 100.0 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 0.4 | 88.1 | 100.0 | 1,998 |
| Second | 2.3 | 14.0 | 1.5 | 82.2 | 100.0 | 3.3 | 5.1 | 0.4 | 91.3 | 100.0 | 2,135 |
| Middle | 2.5 | 10.7 | 1.1 | 85.7 | 100.0 | 2.5 | 4.2 | 0.3 | 93.0 | 100.0 | 2,292 |
| Fourth | 4.4 | 11.5 | 1.4 | 82.8 | 100.0 | 2.4 | 2.9 | 0.5 | 94.2 | 100.0 | 2,591 |
| Highest | 5.4 | 10.6 | 1.4 | 82.6 | 100.0 | 4.9 | 3.5 | 0.3 | 91.3 | 100.0 | 2,849 |
| Total | 3.6 | 11.9 | 1.3 | 83.2 | 100.0 | 3.8 | 4.1 | 0.4 | 91.7 | 100.0 | 11,865 |

Table 15.4.2 Ownership of assets: Men
Percent distribution of men age 15-49 by ownership of housing and land, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Percentage who own a house: |  |  |  | Total | Percentage who own land: |  |  |  | Total | Number of men |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Alone | Jointly | Alone and jointly | Percentage who do not own a house |  | Alone | Jointly | Alone and jointly | Percentage who do not own land |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 1.4 | 16.8 | 0.4 | 81.5 | 100.0 | 1.9 | 10.9 | 0.2 | 87.0 | 100.0 | 1,097 |
| 20-24 | 5.7 | 23.2 | 0.2 | 71.0 | 100.0 | 5.5 | 15.6 | 0.1 | 78.8 | 100.0 | 802 |
| 25-29 | 11.1 | 24.5 | 0.3 | 64.1 | 100.0 | 9.8 | 21.5 | 0.3 | 68.4 | 100.0 | 634 |
| 30-34 | 13.4 | 26.9 | 0.5 | 59.2 | 100.0 | 13.1 | 21.3 | 0.0 | 65.6 | 100.0 | 524 |
| 35-39 | 22.7 | 27.3 | 2.5 | 47.5 | 100.0 | 25.6 | 17.3 | 1.1 | 55.9 | 100.0 | 499 |
| 40-44 | 32.9 | 27.1 | 4.0 | 36.0 | 100.0 | 25.0 | 18.3 | 1.9 | 54.7 | 100.0 | 357 |
| 45-49 | 39.9 | 22.0 | 6.0 | 32.0 | 100.0 | 24.1 | 16.7 | 0.3 | 58.9 | 100.0 | 342 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 10.8 | 20.5 | 1.5 | 67.2 | 100.0 | 10.6 | 11.0 | 0.4 | 78.1 | 100.0 | 3,299 |
| Rural | 22.1 | 31.2 | 0.9 | 45.8 | 100.0 | 15.3 | 35.6 | 0.6 | 48.5 | 100.0 | 955 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 8.3 | 17.1 | 1.0 | 73.5 | 100.0 | 8.6 | 9.8 | 0.6 | 81.0 | 100.0 | 80 |
| Kanifing | 10.2 | 13.8 | 0.0 | 75.9 | 100.0 | 10.9 | 12.0 | 0.2 | 77.0 | 100.0 | 1,040 |
| Brikama | 10.1 | 24.5 | 2.5 | 62.8 | 100.0 | 10.1 | 9.4 | 0.5 | 80.0 | 100.0 | 1,967 |
| Mansakonko | 25.0 | 12.5 | 1.8 | 60.7 | 100.0 | 16.2 | 16.0 | 2.3 | 65.4 | 100.0 | 134 |
| Kerewan | 33.1 | 21.8 | 0.5 | 44.6 | 100.0 | 19.2 | 21.1 | 0.7 | 59.1 | 100.0 | 351 |
| Kuntaur | 15.2 | 27.5 | 1.1 | 56.2 | 100.0 | 22.7 | 34.0 | 0.8 | 42.5 | 100.0 | 142 |
| Janjanbureh | 14.4 | 64.6 | 0.3 | 20.7 | 100.0 | 8.4 | 66.6 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 100.0 | 202 |
| Basse | 16.4 | 20.9 | 0.3 | 62.3 | 100.0 | 11.0 | 31.0 | 0.2 | 57.8 | 100.0 | 340 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 18.8 | 24.9 | 1.3 | 54.9 | 100.0 | 14.3 | 25.8 | 1.2 | 58.7 | 100.0 | 921 |
| Primary | 12.7 | 19.5 | 0.9 | 66.9 | 100.0 | 8.7 | 18.7 | 0.3 | 72.3 | 100.0 | 716 |
| Secondary or higher | 11.6 | 23.1 | 1.5 | 63.8 | 100.0 | 11.5 | 12.6 | 0.2 | 75.7 | 100.0 | 2,618 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 21.6 | 32.0 | 0.8 | 45.7 | 100.0 | 15.9 | 32.5 | 0.5 | 51.2 | 100.0 | 632 |
| Second | 14.4 | 21.4 | 1.6 | 62.6 | 100.0 | 10.0 | 17.7 | 1.2 | 71.2 | 100.0 | 768 |
| Middle | 14.0 | 16.8 | 0.8 | 68.5 | 100.0 | 9.3 | 12.5 | 0.3 | 77.9 | 100.0 | 848 |
| Fourth | 9.7 | 26.4 | 0.8 | 63.0 | 100.0 | 10.7 | 12.0 | 0.1 | 77.2 | 100.0 | 875 |
| Highest | 10.4 | 20.7 | 2.3 | 66.5 | 100.0 | 12.8 | 13.2 | 0.2 | 73.7 | 100.0 | 1,132 |
| Total 15-49 | 13.4 | 22.9 | 1.4 | 62.4 | 100.0 | 11.6 | 16.5 | 0.4 | 71.4 | 100.0 | 4,255 |
| 50-59 | 51.2 | 19.5 | 3.4 | 25.9 | 100.0 | 29.5 | 15.5 | 0.4 | 54.6 | 100.0 | 381 |
| Total 15-59 | 16.5 | 22.6 | 1.5 | 59.4 | 100.0 | 13.1 | 16.4 | 0.4 | 70.1 | 100.0 | 4,636 |

Table 15.5.1 Ownership of title deed for land: Women
Among women age 15-49 who own land, percent distribution by whether the land owned has a title deed and whether or not the woman's name appears on the title deed, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Land has a title deed and: |  | Does not have a title deed | Don't know/ missing ${ }^{1}$ | Total | Number who own land ${ }^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Woman's name is on title deed | Woman's name is not on title deed |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 11.0 | 13.7 | 73.8 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 93 |
| 20-24 | 16.9 | 13.4 | 69.1 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 135 |
| 25-29 | 21.9 | 5.2 | 72.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 175 |
| 30-34 | 27.3 | 9.8 | 62.2 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 180 |
| 35-39 | 27.1 | 11.0 | 60.4 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 147 |
| 40-44 | 36.4 | 11.9 | 50.0 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 151 |
| 45-49 | 40.0 | 11.6 | 48.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 99 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 37.3 | 17.0 | 44.7 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 558 |
| Rural | 11.1 | 2.1 | 86.2 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 423 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | (45.8) | (7.2) | (42.3) | (4.7) | (100.0) | 8 |
| Kanifing | 35.4 | 3.9 | 58.8 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 136 |
| Brikama | 44.6 | 25.9 | 28.8 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 324 |
| Mansakonko | (20.0) | (12.3) | (65.5) | (2.2) | (100.0) | 19 |
| Kerewan | 40.0 | 4.5 | 55.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 52 |
| Kuntaur | 11.9 | 2.3 | 80.1 | 5.8 | 100.0 | 42 |
| Janjanbureh | 9.6 | 2.1 | 88.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 102 |
| Basse | 6.4 | 1.9 | 91.5 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 297 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 14.4 | 6.5 | 78.6 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 374 |
| Primary | 19.0 | 10.9 | 69.9 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 206 |
| Secondary or higher | 40.4 | 14.1 | 43.9 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 401 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 12.0 | 1.7 | 85.9 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 238 |
| Second | 15.9 | 11.9 | 71.8 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 186 |
| Middle | 18.5 | 10.9 | 69.8 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 160 |
| Fourth | 27.2 | 20.8 | 50.2 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 150 |
| Highest | 51.3 | 11.6 | 36.0 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 247 |
| Total | 26.0 | 10.6 | 62.6 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 981 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.
${ }^{1}$ Includes women who have land with a title deed, but they do not know if their name is on it (or this information is missing), and women who do not know if there is a title deed for the land (or this information is missing)
${ }^{2}$ Includes sole, joint, or sole and joint ownership

Table 15.5.2 Ownership of title deed for land: Men
Among men age 15-49 who own land, percent distribution by whether the land owned has a title deed and whether or not the man's name appears on the title deed, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Land has a title deed and: |  | Does not have a title deed | Don't know/ missing ${ }^{1}$ | Total | Number who own land ${ }^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Man's name is on title deed | Man's name is not on title deed |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 8.7 | 7.2 | 75.2 | 8.8 | 100.0 | 142 |
| 20-24 | 14.5 | 17.3 | 58.3 | 10.0 | 100.0 | 170 |
| 25-29 | 22.1 | 20.5 | 52.8 | 4.5 | 100.0 | 200 |
| 30-34 | 26.7 | 12.3 | 60.6 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 180 |
| 35-39 | 34.8 | 8.6 | 55.6 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 220 |
| 40-44 | 43.8 | 7.8 | 48.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 162 |
| 45-49 | 42.1 | 7.2 | 50.4 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 140 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 38.7 | 15.1 | 41.8 | 4.5 | 100.0 | 723 |
| Rural | 11.5 | 7.2 | 79.2 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 492 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 32.5 | 20.7 | 39.9 | 6.9 | 100.0 | 15 |
| Kanifing | 41.1 | 13.6 | 42.5 | 2.8 | 100.0 | 239 |
| Brikama | 37.5 | 15.4 | 41.8 | 5.3 | 100.0 | 394 |
| Mansakonko | 27.2 | 7.7 | 65.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 46 |
| Kerewan | 27.0 | 7.1 | 65.0 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 143 |
| Kuntaur | 9.4 | 1.6 | 82.7 | 6.3 | 100.0 | 82 |
| Janjanbureh | 1.9 | 1.5 | 94.7 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 152 |
| Basse | 15.9 | 21.8 | 59.1 | 3.2 | 100.0 | 143 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 20.3 | 8.7 | 69.1 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 380 |
| Primary | 15.3 | 11.9 | 67.4 | 5.4 | 100.0 | 199 |
| Secondary or higher | 35.9 | 13.9 | 46.4 | 3.9 | 100.0 | 636 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 8.9 | 3.7 | 84.7 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 309 |
| Second | 23.2 | 10.3 | 65.3 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 222 |
| Middle | 39.0 | 16.7 | 42.9 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 187 |
| Fourth | 34.5 | 21.6 | 37.5 | 6.4 | 100.0 | 200 |
| Highest | 38.6 | 12.0 | 43.8 | 5.5 | 100.0 | 298 |
| Total 15-49 | 27.6 | 11.9 | 56.9 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 1,215 |
| 50-59 | 38.8 | 4.5 | 56.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 173 |
| Total 15-59 | 29.0 | 11.0 | 56.9 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 1,388 |

${ }^{1}$ Includes men who have land with a title deed, but they do not know if their name is on it (or this information is missing), and men who do not know if there is a title deed for the land (or this information is missing)
${ }^{2}$ Includes sole, joint, or sole and joint ownership

Table 15.6.1 Ownership and use of bank accounts and mobile phones: Women
Percentage of women age 15-49 who have and use an account in a bank or other financial institution and percentage who own a mobile phone, and among women who own a mobile phone, percentage who use it for financial transactions, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Have and use a bank account | Own a mobile phone | Number of women | Use mobile phone for financial transactions | Number of women who own a mobile phone |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 2.5 | 52.9 | 2,633 | 3.9 | 1,393 |
| 20-24 | 10.0 | 82.4 | 2,181 | 9.0 | 1,797 |
| 25-29 | 22.1 | 84.8 | 2,248 | 9.9 | 1,907 |
| 30-34 | 25.7 | 84.5 | 1,619 | 11.3 | 1,368 |
| 35-39 | 24.7 | 80.9 | 1,438 | 8.5 | 1,163 |
| 40-44 | 26.7 | 83.2 | 1,028 | 8.4 | 855 |
| 45-49 | 28.8 | 81.1 | 718 | 9.4 | 582 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 21.2 | 81.1 | 8,747 | 9.9 | 7,093 |
| Rural | 5.8 | 63.3 | 3,118 | 4.1 | 1,973 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 27.3 | 85.1 | 163 | 15.5 | 139 |
| Kanifing | 29.2 | 85.6 | 2,590 | 11.5 | 2,216 |
| Brikama | 18.2 | 78.8 | 5,299 | 8.7 | 4,174 |
| Mansakonko | 10.9 | 70.0 | 431 | 7.5 | 302 |
| Kerewan | 10.5 | 71.3 | 1,129 | 6.7 | 804 |
| Kuntaur | 3.8 | 54.4 | 522 | 3.0 | 284 |
| Janjanbureh | 3.2 | 60.7 | 595 | 1.5 | 361 |
| Basse | 6.0 | 69.0 | 1,137 | 7.2 | 784 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 8.7 | 70.2 | 4,119 | 4.3 | 2,892 |
| Primary | 11.8 | 73.0 | 1,854 | 6.4 | 1,353 |
| Secondary or higher | 24.8 | 81.8 | 5,892 | 12.0 | 4,820 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 4.3 | 56.6 | 1,998 | 3.0 | 1,131 |
| Second | 7.5 | 70.4 | 2,135 | 4.0 | 1,502 |
| Middle | 10.6 | 76.0 | 2,292 | 6.1 | 1,741 |
| Fourth | 19.0 | 82.0 | 2,591 | 9.6 | 2,124 |
| Highest | 37.0 | 90.1 | 2,849 | 14.8 | 2,567 |
| Total | 17.2 | 76.4 | 11,865 | 8.7 | 9,065 |

Table 15.6.2 Ownership and use of bank accounts and mobile phones: Men
Percentage of men age 15-49 who have and use an account in a bank or other financial institution and percentage who own a mobile phone, and among men who own a mobile phone, percentage who use it for financial transactions, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Have and use a bank account | Own a mobile phone | Number of men | Use mobile phone for financial transactions | Number of men who own a mobile phone |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 3.1 | 57.8 | 1,097 | 1.4 | 633 |
| 20-24 | 15.7 | 90.8 | 802 | 8.2 | 728 |
| 25-29 | 38.3 | 96.7 | 634 | 15.1 | 613 |
| 30-34 | 50.0 | 97.2 | 524 | 12.7 | 509 |
| 35-39 | 47.4 | 96.4 | 499 | 14.7 | 481 |
| 40-44 | 47.9 | 96.5 | 357 | 12.6 | 345 |
| 45-49 | 44.0 | 96.6 | 342 | 10.4 | 330 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 33.0 | 86.7 | 3,299 | 11.1 | 2,859 |
| Rural | 13.8 | 81.7 | 955 | 7.4 | 781 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 33.5 | 91.1 | 80 | 15.9 | 73 |
| Kanifing | 37.1 | 89.3 | 1,040 | 15.5 | 929 |
| Brikama | 31.1 | 84.6 | 1,967 | 8.7 | 1,663 |
| Mansakonko | 16.5 | 82.6 | 134 | 10.6 | 110 |
| Kerewan | 21.4 | 82.9 | 351 | 12.7 | 291 |
| Kuntaur | 8.7 | 83.9 | 142 | 2.8 | 119 |
| Janjanbureh | 8.3 | 80.7 | 202 | 8.9 | 163 |
| Basse | 21.2 | 85.9 | 340 | 2.8 | 292 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 15.3 | 86.6 | 921 | 4.1 | 797 |
| Primary | 16.3 | 77.8 | 716 | 5.8 | 557 |
| Secondary or higher | 36.9 | 87.3 | 2,618 | 13.6 | 2,286 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 7.3 | 80.3 | 632 | 3.7 | 507 |
| Second | 17.2 | 79.7 | 768 | 7.0 | 612 |
| Middle | 28.2 | 88.3 | 848 | 8.4 | 748 |
| Fourth | 37.0 | 86.5 | 875 | 12.1 | 758 |
| Highest | 42.5 | 89.6 | 1,132 | 15.6 | 1,014 |
| Total 15-49 | 28.7 | 85.6 | 4,255 | 10.3 | 3,640 |
| 50-59 | 46.7 | 97.0 | 381 | 12.5 | 370 |
| Total 15-59 | 30.2 | 86.5 | 4,636 | 10.5 | 4,010 |

Table 15.7 Participation in decision making
Percent distribution of currently married women and currently married men age 15-49 by person who usually makes decisions about various issues, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  | Mainly wife | Wife and <br> husband <br> jointly | Mainly <br> husband | Someone <br> else | Other | Total | Number of <br> respondents |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Decision |  |  | WOMEN |  |  |  |  |
| Own health care | 17.3 | 30.4 | 50.4 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 7,526 |
| Major household purchases | 10.3 | 29.7 | 55.2 | 4.3 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 7,526 |
| Visits to her family or relatives | 14.8 | 38.7 | 45.1 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 7,526 |
|  |  |  | MEN |  |  |  |  |
| Own health care | 6.8 | 12.7 | 79.9 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,645 |
| Major household purchases | 12.4 | 19.2 | 66.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 1,645 |

na $=$ Not applicable

Table 15.8.1 Women's participation in decision making by background characteristics
Percentage of currently married women age 15-49 who usually make specific decisions either alone or jointly with their husband, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Specific decisions |  |  | All three decisions | None of the three decisions | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Woman's own health care | Making major household purchases | Visits to her family or relatives |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 35.7 | 21.9 | 39.3 | 15.0 | 47.8 | 497 |
| 20-24 | 39.3 | 31.3 | 47.8 | 21.3 | 38.7 | 1,115 |
| 25-29 | 44.9 | 34.9 | 52.9 | 23.7 | 33.5 | 1,749 |
| 30-34 | 48.2 | 41.5 | 55.8 | 28.0 | 31.0 | 1,381 |
| 35-39 | 48.4 | 43.0 | 55.4 | 27.3 | 26.9 | 1,273 |
| 40-44 | 58.3 | 54.8 | 57.9 | 35.5 | 23.5 | 889 |
| 45-49 | 63.0 | 54.0 | 60.7 | 36.2 | 20.3 | 623 |
| Employment (past 12 months) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not employed | 35.8 | 26.3 | 46.7 | 19.0 | 44.2 | 2,398 |
| Employed for cash | 57.0 | 49.5 | 59.7 | 33.1 | 22.4 | 4,161 |
| Employed not for cash | 37.6 | 33.1 | 43.1 | 17.6 | 37.8 | 967 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 45.7 | 33.9 | 49.9 | 23.3 | 35.1 | 939 |
| 1-2 | 44.1 | 35.2 | 51.4 | 24.5 | 35.8 | 2,268 |
| 3-4 | 46.7 | 39.5 | 53.0 | 25.3 | 30.9 | 2,134 |
| 5+ | 53.4 | 48.1 | 57.5 | 31.5 | 25.7 | 2,185 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 47.1 | 40.2 | 53.9 | 26.4 | 30.3 | 5,133 |
| Rural | 49.1 | 39.7 | 52.5 | 27.0 | 33.7 | 2,393 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 63.8 | 48.7 | 63.1 | 32.9 | 18.5 | 85 |
| Kanifing | 58.1 | 46.4 | 63.4 | 36.0 | 25.0 | 1,376 |
| Brikama | 38.6 | 36.4 | 47.3 | 19.3 | 33.6 | 3,143 |
| Mansakonko | 42.9 | 30.0 | 21.9 | 14.7 | 50.6 | 308 |
| Kerewan | 61.5 | 55.1 | 71.1 | 41.7 | 17.5 | 813 |
| Kuntaur | 36.5 | 24.5 | 41.8 | 12.4 | 44.4 | 432 |
| Janjanbureh | 58.6 | 31.2 | 63.6 | 21.0 | 23.2 | 466 |
| Basse | 51.5 | 43.7 | 53.9 | 37.2 | 38.3 | 903 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 47.0 | 39.1 | 52.0 | 26.4 | 34.0 | 3,571 |
| Primary | 45.3 | 40.3 | 50.5 | 25.1 | 33.0 | 1,298 |
| Secondary or higher | 50.0 | 41.1 | 56.7 | 27.7 | 27.0 | 2,657 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 49.1 | 38.4 | 50.1 | 24.3 | 33.6 | 1,536 |
| Second | 48.1 | 42.1 | 53.4 | 29.9 | 32.5 | 1,475 |
| Middle | 44.7 | 40.8 | 53.0 | 25.7 | 31.7 | 1,532 |
| Fourth | 46.5 | 39.5 | 51.1 | 24.4 | 31.5 | 1,495 |
| Highest | 50.4 | 39.2 | 59.6 | 28.9 | 27.5 | 1,488 |
| Total | 47.8 | 40.0 | 53.4 | 26.6 | 31.4 | 7,526 |

Table 15.8.2 Men's participation in decision making by background characteristics
Percentage of currently married men age 15-49 who usually make specific decisions either alone or jointly with their wife, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Specific decisions |  | Both decisions | Neither of the two decisions | Number of men |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Man's own health | Making major household purchases |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | * | * | * | * | 2 |
| 20-24 | (96.0) | (92.9) | (92.3) | (3.5) | 31 |
| 25-29 | 93.4 | 87.6 | 82.2 | 1.2 | 201 |
| 30-34 | 91.2 | 84.6 | 78.6 | 2.7 | 349 |
| 35-39 | 91.7 | 83.4 | 78.3 | 3.2 | 428 |
| 40-44 | 91.6 | 87.5 | 82.4 | 3.3 | 316 |
| 45-49 | 95.7 | 88.2 | 84.6 | 0.6 | 318 |
| Employment (past 12 months) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not employed | * | * | * | * | 19 |
| Employed for cash | 92.7 | 85.8 | 81.0 | 2.5 | 1,570 |
| Employed not for cash | 88.7 | 91.1 | 81.9 | 2.0 | 56 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 94.5 | 88.2 | 84.4 | 1.7 | 221 |
| 1-2 | 92.0 | 84.1 | 79.5 | 3.4 | 514 |
| 3-4 | 91.3 | 85.1 | 79.2 | 2.8 | 443 |
| 5+ | 93.8 | 87.9 | 83.0 | 1.3 | 466 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 95.0 | 84.2 | 81.5 | 2.3 | 1,189 |
| Rural | 86.5 | 90.7 | 80.1 | 2.8 | 455 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 89.8 | 86.4 | 82.5 | 6.2 | 34 |
| Kanifing | 89.6 | 87.5 | 82.5 | 5.4 | 347 |
| Brikama | 98.9 | 81.1 | 80.9 | 0.8 | 717 |
| Mansakonko | 86.9 | 92.7 | 82.4 | 2.8 | 59 |
| Kerewan | 94.9 | 84.2 | 81.6 | 2.5 | 150 |
| Kuntaur | 90.4 | 88.0 | 82.6 | 4.2 | 79 |
| Janjanbureh | 96.6 | 95.8 | 94.7 | 2.3 | 97 |
| Basse | 70.5 | 96.7 | 68.9 | 1.7 | 161 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 92.2 | 89.8 | 83.9 | 1.9 | 534 |
| Primary | 91.1 | 84.2 | 76.1 | 0.9 | 271 |
| Secondary or higher | 93.4 | 84.2 | 80.9 | 3.3 | 840 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 90.6 | 92.3 | 85.2 | 2.3 | 297 |
| Second | 88.8 | 87.5 | 78.2 | 2.0 | 317 |
| Middle | 94.2 | 85.9 | 81.2 | 1.1 | 391 |
| Fourth | 95.8 | 86.8 | 84.6 | 2.0 | 299 |
| Highest | 93.4 | 78.6 | 76.9 | 4.9 | 340 |
| Total 15-49 | 92.6 | 86.0 | 81.1 | 2.4 | 1,645 |
| 50-59 | 93.7 | 87.9 | 83.3 | 1.8 | 362 |
| Total 15-59 | 92.8 | 86.4 | 81.5 | 2.3 | 2,006 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

Table 15.9.1 Attitude toward wife beating: Women
Percentage of all women age 15-49 who agree that a husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife for specific reasons, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife if she: |  |  |  |  | Percentage who agree with at least one of these 5 specified reasons | Husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife if she: |  | Percentage who agree with at least one of these 7 specified reasons | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Burns the food | Argues with him | Goes out without telling him | Neglects the children | Refuses to have sexual intercourse with him |  | Uses contraceptives without his consent | Argues with his relatives |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 14.2 | 24.2 | 39.1 | 40.8 | 35.7 | 56.8 | 44.3 | 17.3 | 61.2 | 2,633 |
| 20-24 | 9.7 | 20.3 | 30.1 | 32.8 | 32.8 | 48.3 | 39.1 | 12.3 | 53.2 | 2,181 |
| 25-29 | 9.4 | 21.6 | 34.2 | 35.9 | 36.4 | 49.4 | 37.4 | 13.5 | 52.0 | 2,248 |
| 30-34 | 9.3 | 21.0 | 32.8 | 33.5 | 34.8 | 48.2 | 34.8 | 12.7 | 51.6 | 1,619 |
| 35-39 | 10.0 | 20.8 | 36.9 | 34.1 | 39.3 | 51.4 | 36.4 | 13.5 | 53.6 | 1,438 |
| 40-44 | 9.9 | 20.7 | 38.3 | 35.7 | 39.9 | 53.2 | 35.9 | 12.8 | 54.3 | 1,028 |
| 45-49 | 11.6 | 19.0 | 36.2 | 34.9 | 40.3 | 51.0 | 36.5 | 13.3 | 52.2 | 718 |
| Employment (past 12 months) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not employed | 9.8 | 19.8 | 32.9 | 35.0 | 33.7 | 50.2 | 38.2 | 12.7 | 53.9 | 4,752 |
| Employed for cash | 9.1 | 19.7 | 33.5 | 33.1 | 34.9 | 48.5 | 35.2 | 12.1 | 51.3 | 5,648 |
| Employed not for cash | 20.4 | 34.1 | 49.0 | 48.7 | 49.8 | 66.0 | 52.7 | 25.4 | 69.8 | 1,464 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 9.9 | 18.5 | 29.7 | 31.8 | 28.6 | 46.7 | 36.8 | 12.5 | 51.6 | 4,401 |
| 1-2 | 10.7 | 21.9 | 33.8 | 36.2 | 36.2 | 49.4 | 38.5 | 14.0 | 52.4 | 2,841 |
| 3-4 | 10.8 | 22.1 | 37.2 | 36.2 | 39.5 | 52.3 | 39.0 | 14.1 | 54.5 | 2,303 |
| 5+ | 12.5 | 26.1 | 45.3 | 42.4 | 47.7 | 61.7 | 41.5 | 16.6 | 63.2 | 2,320 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 9.4 | 17.6 | 28.8 | 31.5 | 26.7 | 46.1 | 35.7 | 11.7 | 51.3 | 3,704 |
| Married or living together | 11.8 | 24.2 | 39.4 | 39.0 | 42.0 | 55.1 | 41.0 | 15.6 | 57.5 | 7,526 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 6.1 | 12.5 | 21.6 | 22.8 | 23.8 | 37.3 | 26.0 | 8.3 | 40.3 | 635 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 7.4 | 16.4 | 28.8 | 29.5 | 29.2 | 44.5 | 32.6 | 9.9 | 48.2 | 8,747 |
| Rural | 20.3 | 36.0 | 53.0 | 53.3 | 56.1 | 70.6 | 55.2 | 25.5 | 72.5 | 3,118 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 4.1 | 14.0 | 23.6 | 22.3 | 21.2 | 37.6 | 26.4 | 8.3 | 42.0 | 163 |
| Kanifing | 5.6 | 11.3 | 19.5 | 21.0 | 19.1 | 32.7 | 23.1 | 5.1 | 35.9 | 2,590 |
| Brikama | 7.5 | 17.7 | 32.2 | 32.6 | 33.8 | 49.6 | 35.9 | 10.6 | 53.6 | 5,299 |
| Mansakonko | 18.2 | 38.1 | 55.5 | 54.4 | 56.7 | 73.7 | 57.6 | 23.9 | 75.9 | 431 |
| Kerewan | 11.6 | 21.8 | 40.6 | 40.6 | 38.5 | 54.3 | 40.1 | 17.3 | 56.1 | 1,129 |
| Kuntaur | 28.2 | 45.9 | 56.9 | 57.0 | 59.3 | 74.6 | 58.4 | 33.8 | 75.9 | 522 |
| Janjanbureh | 8.0 | 18.2 | 47.9 | 47.4 | 50.3 | 65.0 | 48.0 | 9.8 | 67.8 | 595 |
| Basse | 28.5 | 47.4 | 56.8 | 58.3 | 61.0 | 74.7 | 65.2 | 36.6 | 77.6 | 1,137 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 15.9 | 30.7 | 48.1 | 46.5 | 50.8 | 64.4 | 49.1 | 19.8 | 66.2 | 4,119 |
| Primary | 13.5 | 28.1 | 43.2 | 43.5 | 43.5 | 60.3 | 44.8 | 17.4 | 63.1 | 1,854 |
| Secondary or higher | 6.4 | 13.0 | 23.6 | 25.9 | 23.8 | 39.5 | 29.2 | 8.8 | 43.8 | 5,892 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 20.9 | 37.2 | 53.7 | 54.9 | 57.0 | 70.5 | 55.9 | 25.5 | 72.8 | 1,998 |
| Second | 15.6 | 28.6 | 44.4 | 43.4 | 47.4 | 64.0 | 48.5 | 18.6 | 67.1 | 2,135 |
| Middle | 10.7 | 23.3 | 37.4 | 37.8 | 36.5 | 53.9 | 38.2 | 14.1 | 56.2 | 2,292 |
| Fourth | 6.6 | 15.5 | 29.4 | 29.6 | 29.1 | 45.2 | 33.8 | 10.7 | 49.3 | 2,591 |
| Highest | 3.9 | 9.3 | 18.7 | 20.7 | 19.7 | 32.0 | 23.6 | 5.2 | 36.0 | 2,849 |
| Total | 10.8 | 21.5 | 35.2 | 35.8 | 36.3 | 51.4 | 38.6 | 14.0 | 54.6 | 11,865 |

Table 15.9.2 Attitude toward wife beating: Men
Percentage of all men age 15-49 who agree that a husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife for specific reasons, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife if she: |  |  |  |  | Percentage who agree with at least one of these 5 specified reasons | Husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife if she: |  | Percentage who agree with at least one of these 7 specified reasons | Number of men |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Burns the } \\ \text { food } \end{gathered}$ | Argues with him | Goes out without telling him | Neglects the children | Refuses to have sexual intercourse with him |  | Uses contraceptives without his consent | Argues with his relatives |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 11.4 | 20.7 | 34.2 | 32.8 | 23.4 | 50.2 | 36.7 | 16.3 | 55.6 | 1,097 |
| 20-24 | 7.6 | 11.7 | 23.3 | 24.4 | 16.4 | 38.4 | 30.9 | 11.5 | 44.2 | 802 |
| 25-29 | 5.6 | 9.0 | 17.0 | 16.7 | 11.7 | 27.8 | 21.8 | 7.0 | 33.4 | 634 |
| 30-34 | 4.4 | 10.1 | 17.4 | 14.8 | 9.0 | 25.6 | 15.6 | 6.2 | 29.2 | 524 |
| 35-39 | 5.0 | 13.8 | 17.8 | 18.0 | 10.9 | 26.9 | 18.3 | 7.1 | 30.8 | 499 |
| 40-44 | 6.0 | 12.7 | 13.9 | 14.3 | 10.6 | 25.6 | 15.7 | 5.6 | 28.8 | 357 |
| 45-49 | 5.6 | 11.1 | 15.8 | 13.5 | 12.5 | 25.2 | 16.5 | 7.2 | 28.2 | 342 |
| Employment (past 12 months) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not employed | 6.5 | 8.9 | 24.2 | 22.3 | 14.1 | 36.2 | 25.3 | 11.2 | 40.4 | 682 |
| Employed for cash | 6.0 | 12.5 | 19.8 | 18.2 | 12.7 | 30.6 | 21.0 | 7.9 | 35.0 | 3,024 |
| Employed not for cash | 15.5 | 26.8 | 34.9 | 40.5 | 29.8 | 56.1 | 48.6 | 20.9 | 63.5 | 549 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 8.4 | 14.4 | 25.6 | 24.3 | 17.3 | 38.6 | 29.0 | 11.9 | 44.1 | 2,717 |
| 1-2 | 4.1 | 8.9 | 14.7 | 15.8 | 8.7 | 24.1 | 16.4 | 6.4 | 27.7 | 606 |
| 3-4 | 5.1 | 15.3 | 18.9 | 19.9 | 12.0 | 33.2 | 20.7 | 6.9 | 37.7 | 463 |
| 5+ | 7.5 | 14.3 | 17.7 | 16.5 | 14.3 | 27.8 | 19.6 | 7.6 | 30.3 | 468 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 8.5 | 14.1 | 25.7 | 24.5 | 17.4 | 38.9 | 29.2 | 11.8 | 44.5 | 2,552 |
| Married or living together | 5.7 | 13.4 | 17.8 | 17.9 | 12.1 | 29.1 | 19.5 | 7.5 | 32.5 | 1,645 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 0.9 | 3.9 | 8.6 | 9.9 | 5.1 | 14.8 | 10.8 | 7.5 | 20.1 | 58 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 5.0 | 10.1 | 19.3 | 17.2 | 11.1 | 29.6 | 20.0 | 7.6 | 34.1 | 3,299 |
| Rural | 15.4 | 26.1 | 33.2 | 37.6 | 29.1 | 52.9 | 43.3 | 18.6 | 58.3 | 955 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 1.0 | 8.4 | 12.2 | 12.3 | 7.7 | 24.3 | 13.7 | 4.5 | 29.6 | 80 |
| Kanifing | 5.7 | 8.8 | 13.4 | 16.4 | 8.2 | 23.0 | 19.6 | 6.6 | 29.7 | 1,040 |
| Brikama | 2.5 | 7.9 | 19.2 | 14.1 | 9.4 | 29.1 | 16.5 | 5.4 | 32.0 | 1,967 |
| Mansakonko | 8.6 | 11.5 | 23.6 | 30.2 | 14.9 | 41.2 | 27.7 | 10.9 | 47.2 | 134 |
| Kerewan | 7.4 | 15.1 | 25.1 | 31.4 | 18.3 | 44.3 | 37.9 | 13.0 | 52.6 | 351 |
| Kuntaur | 3.4 | 14.3 | 21.7 | 26.2 | 18.9 | 42.4 | 26.8 | 7.9 | 47.8 | 142 |
| Janjanbureh | 10.0 | 29.0 | 32.2 | 37.4 | 32.8 | 59.4 | 49.3 | 23.5 | 66.1 | 202 |
| Basse | 41.1 | 53.6 | 62.3 | 60.3 | 56.2 | 76.0 | 66.5 | 38.4 | 79.3 | 340 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 9.8 | 19.3 | 26.9 | 26.8 | 21.6 | 43.0 | 31.4 | 13.1 | 48.0 | 921 |
| Primary | 11.2 | 21.6 | 31.8 | 31.6 | 24.5 | 47.7 | 33.6 | 17.1 | 52.3 | 716 |
| Secondary or higher | 5.4 | 9.6 | 18.3 | 17.3 | 10.3 | 28.4 | 20.8 | 7.1 | 33.0 | 2,618 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 13.2 | 23.2 | 32.0 | 35.0 | 27.8 | 52.2 | 41.3 | 17.8 | 57.7 | 632 |
| Second | 10.5 | 18.9 | 29.1 | 30.0 | 18.8 | 43.2 | 31.7 | 13.7 | 47.9 | 768 |
| Middle | 6.9 | 13.8 | 23.7 | 21.9 | 14.3 | 35.8 | 24.6 | 9.4 | 41.2 | 848 |
| Fourth | 6.6 | 12.2 | 17.7 | 17.8 | 11.1 | 28.5 | 20.9 | 8.9 | 32.4 | 875 |
| Highest | 2.7 | 6.1 | 15.2 | 11.7 | 9.4 | 23.5 | 15.7 | 4.8 | 28.1 | 1,132 |
| Total 15-49 | 7.3 | 13.7 | 22.4 | 21.8 | 15.1 | 34.8 | 25.2 | 10.1 | 39.5 | 4,255 |
| 50-59 | 3.3 | 10.9 | 15.5 | 12.6 | 7.8 | 25.0 | 14.7 | 5.0 | 27.4 | 381 |
| Total 15-59 | 7.0 | 13.5 | 21.9 | 21.0 | 14.5 | 34.0 | 24.4 | 9.7 | 38.5 | 4,636 |

Table 15.10 Attitudes toward negotiating safer sexual relations with husband
Percentage of women and men age 15-49 who believe that a woman is justified in refusing to have sexual intercourse with her husband if she knows that he has sexual intercourse with other women, and percentage who believe that a woman is justified in asking that they use a condom if she knows that her husband has a sexually transmitted infection (STI), according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Women |  |  | Men |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Refusing to have sexual intercourse with her husband if she knows he has sex with other women | Asking that they use a condom if she knows that her husband has an STI | Number of women | Refusing to have sexual intercourse with her husband if she knows he has sex with other women | Asking that they use a condom if she knows that her husband has an STI | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-24 | 61.3 | 74.7 | 4,814 | 58.8 | 81.8 | 1,898 |
| 15-19 | 59.8 | 69.7 | 2,633 | 60.3 | 80.2 | 1,097 |
| 20-24 | 63.1 | 80.7 | 2,181 | 56.7 | 83.9 | 802 |
| 25-29 | 63.3 | 85.2 | 2,248 | 55.0 | 88.8 | 634 |
| 30-39 | 64.8 | 86.2 | 3,057 | 61.0 | 90.6 | 1,023 |
| 40-49 | 64.9 | 86.7 | 1,746 | 63.5 | 92.7 | 699 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 61.1 | 74.7 | 3,704 | 57.2 | 83.9 | 2,552 |
| Ever had sex | 70.1 | 85.7 | 509 | 57.9 | 89.2 | 1,233 |
| Never had sex | 59.7 | 72.9 | 3,195 | 56.5 | 78.9 | 1,319 |
| Married/living together | 63.8 | 84.2 | 7,526 | 63.0 | 91.0 | 1,645 |
| Divorced/separated/wid owed | 66.3 | 88.2 | 635 | 67.8 | 89.1 | 58 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 61.9 | 81.1 | 8,747 | 56.5 | 86.9 | 3,299 |
| Rural | 66.4 | 82.3 | 3,118 | 69.9 | 86.3 | 955 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 62.0 | 81.9 | 163 | 56.7 | 87.7 | 80 |
| Kanifing | 57.9 | 78.2 | 2,590 | 60.9 | 87.7 | 1,040 |
| Brikama | 61.3 | 81.7 | 5,299 | 53.3 | 86.8 | 1,967 |
| Mansakonko | 65.6 | 81.8 | 431 | 63.3 | 81.0 | 134 |
| Kerewan | 69.4 | 86.8 | 1,129 | 62.3 | 83.1 | 351 |
| Kuntaur | 57.5 | 71.4 | 522 | 55.1 | 81.7 | 142 |
| Janjanbureh | 73.7 | 87.9 | 595 | 74.4 | 92.3 | 202 |
| Basse | 73.2 | 83.1 | 1,137 | 80.7 | 87.7 | 340 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 62.2 | 79.4 | 4,119 | 58.3 | 82.3 | 921 |
| Primary | 63.9 | 79.4 | 1,854 | 59.3 | 80.4 | 716 |
| Secondary or higher | 63.5 | 83.5 | 5,892 | 60.0 | 90.0 | 2,618 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 66.2 | 80.2 | 1,998 | 67.3 | 85.0 | 632 |
| Second | 62.6 | 79.2 | 2,135 | 60.9 | 85.1 | 768 |
| Middle | 62.4 | 79.2 | 2,292 | 60.2 | 86.9 | 848 |
| Fourth | 62.4 | 82.5 | 2,591 | 56.6 | 85.3 | 875 |
| Highest | 62.5 | 84.7 | 2,849 | 56.1 | 89.8 | 1,132 |
| Total 15-49 | 63.1 | 81.4 | 11,865 | 59.5 | 86.7 | 4,255 |
| 50-59 | na | na | na | 61.4 | 94.6 | 381 |
| Total 15-59 | na | na | na | 59.7 | 87.4 | 4,636 |

na $=$ Not applicable

Table 15.11 Ability to negotiate sexual relations with husband
Percentage of currently married women age 15-49 who can say no to their husband if they do not want to have sexual intercourse, and percentage who can ask their husband to use a condom, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  | Percentage who <br> can say no to their <br> husband if they do <br> not want to have <br> sexual intercourse | Percentage who <br> can ask their <br> husband to use a <br> condom | Number of women |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Background <br> characteristic |  |  |  |
| Age | 43.3 | 46.2 |  |
| 15-24 | 42.2 | 41.4 | 1,612 |
| $15-19$ | 43.8 | 48.3 | 497 |
| $20-24$ | 45.3 | 50.1 | 1,115 |
| $25-29$ | 47.1 | 50.7 | 1,749 |
| $30-39$ | 44.2 | 49.4 | 2,653 |
| 40-49 |  |  | 1,512 |
| Residence | 45.3 | 50.6 |  |
| Urban | 45.3 | 46.5 | 5,133 |
| Rural |  |  | 2,393 |
| Local Government Area | 56.4 | 53.1 |  |
| Banjul | 41.6 | 47.7 | 85 |
| Kanifing | 47.7 | 54.8 | 1,376 |
| Brikama | 57.4 | 56.5 | 3,143 |
| Mansakonko | 30.2 | 41.9 | 308 |
| Kerewan | 48.4 | 47.4 | 813 |
| Kuntaur | 58.2 | 42.1 | 432 |
| Janjanbureh | 43.0 | 41.6 | 466 |
| Basse |  |  | 903 |
| Education | 41.0 | 41.6 |  |
| No education | 44.3 | 50.0 | 3,571 |
| Primary | 51.6 | 59.4 | 1,298 |
| Secondary or higher |  |  | 2,657 |
| Wealth quintile | 46.0 | 45.6 |  |
| Lowest | 41.8 | 45.9 | 1,536 |
| Second | 42.4 | 46.5 | 1,475 |
| Middle | 46.4 | 50.5 | 1,532 |
| Fourth | 50.0 | 58.3 | 1,495 |
| Highest | 45.3 | 49.3 | 1,488 |
| Total |  |  | 7,526 |

## Table 15.12 Indicators of women's empowerment

Percentage of currently married women age 15-49 who participate in all decision making and percentage who disagree with all of the reasons justifying wife beating, according to value on each of the indicators of women's empowerment, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Empowerment indicator | Percentage who participate in all decision making | Percentage who disagree with all of the reasons justifying wife beating | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of decisions in which women participate ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |
| 0 | na | 36.5 | 2,360 |
| 1-2 | na | 42.2 | 3,163 |
| 3 | na | 50.2 | 2,003 |
| Number of reasons for which wife beating is justified ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |
| 0 | 31.4 | na | 3,202 |
| 1-2 | 22.3 | na | 1,404 |
| 3-4 | 22.4 | na | 1,417 |
| 5-6 | 22.5 | na | 1,005 |
| 7 | 28.2 | na | 498 |

[^17]Table 15.13 Current use of contraception by women's empowerment
Percent distribution of currently married women age 15-49 by current contraceptive method, according to selected indicators of women's status, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Empowerment indicator | Any method | Any modern method ${ }^{1}$ | Modern methods |  |  |  | Any traditional method | Not currently using | Total | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Female sterilisation | Male sterilisation | Temporary modern female methods ${ }^{2}$ | Male condom |  |  |  |  |
| Number of decisions in which women participate ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 16.2 | 13.7 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 13.1 | 0.2 | 2.4 | 83.8 | 100.0 | 2,360 |
| 1-2 | 20.4 | 18.6 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 17.6 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 79.6 | 100.0 | 3,163 |
| 3 | 19.8 | 18.7 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 17.6 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 80.2 | 100.0 | 2,003 |
| Number of reasons for which wife beating is justified ${ }^{4}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 19.4 | 17.9 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 16.8 | 0.4 | 1.5 | 80.6 | 100.0 | 3,202 |
| 1-2 | 21.7 | 19.5 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 18.9 | 0.2 | 2.2 | 78.3 | 100.0 | 1,404 |
| 3-4 | 19.1 | 16.6 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 15.8 | 0.2 | 2.5 | 80.9 | 100.0 | 1,417 |
| 5-6 | 15.2 | 13.5 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 12.5 | 0.4 | 1.6 | 84.8 | 100.0 | 1,005 |
| 7 | 15.0 | 13.7 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 12.9 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 85.0 | 100.0 | 498 |
| Total | 18.9 | 17.1 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 16.2 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 81.1 | 100.0 | 7,526 |

Note: If more than one method is used, only the most effective method is considered in this tabulation.
${ }^{1}$ Female sterilisation, male sterilisation, pill, IUD, injectables, implants, male condom, female condom, emergency contraception, standard days method (SDM), lactational amenorrhoea method (LAM), and other modern methods
${ }^{2}$ Pill, IUD, injectables, implants, female condom, emergency contraception, standard days method, lactational amenorrhoea method, and other modern methods
${ }^{3}$ See Table 15.8 .1 for the list of decisions.
${ }^{4}$ See Table 15.9.1 for the list of reasons.

## Table 15.14 Ideal number of children and unmet need for family planning by women's empowerment

Mean ideal number of children for women age 15-49, and percentage of currently married women age 15-49 with an unmet need for family planning, according to indicators of women's empowerment, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Empowerment indicator | Mean ideal number of children ${ }^{1}$ | Number of women | Percentage of currently married women with an unmet need for family planning ${ }^{2}$ |  |  | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | For spacing | For limiting | Total |  |
| Number of decisions in which women participate ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 6.5 | 1,959 | 21.7 | 4.3 | 25.9 | 2,360 |
| 1-2 | 6.2 | 2,733 | 17.0 | 6.1 | 23.0 | 3,163 |
| 3 | 6.0 | 1,780 | 17.6 | 6.3 | 23.9 | 2,003 |
| Number of reasons for which wife beating is justified ${ }^{4}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 5.4 | 4,814 | 17.9 | 5.3 | 23.2 | 3,202 |
| 1-2 | 5.9 | 2,069 | 19.0 | 6.1 | 25.1 | 1,404 |
| 3-4 | 6.2 | 1,792 | 18.3 | 5.2 | 23.5 | 1,417 |
| 5-6 | 6.4 | 1,194 | 18.7 | 5.3 | 24.0 | 1,005 |
| 7 | 6.4 | 578 | 22.8 | 7.1 | 29.9 | 498 |
| Total | 5.8 | 10,448 | 18.6 | 5.6 | 24.2 | 7,526 |

[^18]Table 15.15 Reproductive health care by women's empowerment
Percentage of women age 15-49 with a live birth in the 5 years preceding the survey who received antenatal care, delivery assistance, and postnatal care from health personnel for the most recent birth, according to indicators of women's empowerment, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  | Percentage <br> receiving <br> antenatal care <br> from a skilled $^{\text {provider }^{1}}$ | Percentage <br> receiving <br> delivery care <br> from a skilled <br> provider $^{1}$ | Percentage with <br> a postnatal <br> check during the <br> first 2 days after <br> birth $^{2}$ | Number of <br> women with a <br> child born in the <br> last 5 years |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Empowerment indicator |  |  |  |  |
| Number of decisions in which women |  |  |  |  |
| participate ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 97.2 | 83.6 | 86.0 | 1,648 |
| 1-2 | 98.1 | 86.3 | 85.7 | 2,058 |
| 3 | 98.8 | 85.7 | 85.1 | 1,205 |
| Number of reasons for which wife |  |  |  |  |
| beating is justified ${ }^{4}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 96.9 | 90.1 | 87.9 | 2,212 |
| 1-2 | 98.0 | 85.1 | 85.0 | 1,018 |
| 3-4 | 98.8 | 83.9 | 85.3 | 1,043 |
| 5-6 | 98.6 | 79.1 | 83.0 | 715 |
| 7 | 98.5 | 76.9 | 77.5 | 384 |
| Total | 97.8 | 85.5 | 85.5 | 5,372 |

${ }_{1}^{1}$ Skilled provider includes doctor, nurse, or midwife.
${ }^{2}$ Includes women who received a postnatal check from a doctor, nurse, midwife, auxiliary nurse, community nurse attendant, community birth companion, or village health worker in the first 2 days after the birth. Includes women who gave birth in a health facility and those who did not give birth in a health facility.
${ }^{3}$ Restricted to currently married women. See Table 15.8.1 for the list of decisions.
${ }^{4}$ See Table 15.9.1 for the list of reasons.

Table 15.16 Early childhood mortality rates by women's status
Infant, child, and under-5 mortality rates for the 10-year period preceding the survey, according to indicators of women's empowerment, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Empowerment indicator | Infant mortality <br> $\left(1 q_{0}\right)$ | Child mortality <br> $\left(4 q_{1}\right)$ | Under-5 <br> mortality <br> $\left(5 q_{0}\right)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of decisions in which women <br> participate ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |
| 0 | 46 |  |  |
| 1-2 | 49 | 21 | 66 |
| 3 | 39 | 12 | 61 |
| Number of reasons for which wife |  | 13 | 51 |
| beating is justified ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |
| 0 |  |  |  |
| $1-2$ | 39 | 12 | 50 |
| $3-4$ | 50 | 16 | 65 |
| $5-6$ | 48 | 18 | 66 |
| 7 | 56 | 18 | 73 |

${ }^{1}$ Restricted to currently married women. See Table 15.8.1 for the list of decisions.
${ }^{2}$ See Table 15.9.1 for the list of reasons.

## Key Findings

- Experience of violence: $46 \%$ of women age 15-49 have experienced physical violence at least once since age 15, and $11 \%$ experienced physical violence within the 12 months prior to the survey.
- Marital control: 20\% of ever-married women age 15-49 reported that their current or most recent husband or partner has ever exhibited at least three types of specified controlling behaviours.
- Spousal violence: 41\% of ever-married women age 15-49 have ever experienced any form of emotional, physical, or sexual violence committed by any husband/partner.
- Injuries due to spousal violence: 22\% of ever-married women age 15-49 who have experienced physical or sexual violence committed by their current or most recent husband/partner have sustained injuries.
- Help seeking: 65\% of women who ever experienced physical or sexual violence never sought help and never told anyone.

Gender-based violence (GBV) against women has been acknowledged worldwide as a violation of basic human rights. Increasing research has highlighted the health burdens, intergenerational effects, and demographic consequences of such violence (UN 2006). This is defined by the United Nations as any act of violence that results in physical, sexual, or psychological harm or suffering to women, girls, men, and boys, as well as threats of such acts, coercion, or the arbitrary deprivation of liberty. This chapter focuses on domestic violence, a form of gender-based violence.

GBV in The Gambia has long been recognised as a problem that needs to be addressed. Women and girls face physical, emotional, and sexual abuses that undermine their health and ability to earn a living, disrupt their social systems and relationships, and rob them of their childhood and education.

## Domestic Violence Subsample

The 2019-20 GDHS implemented a module of questions on domestic violence, the most common form of violence against women. In accord with the World Health Organization's guidelines on the ethical collection of information on domestic violence, only one eligible woman per household was randomly selected for interviewing, and the module was not implemented if privacy could not be obtained. These restrictions resulted in a total of 2,470 women being successfully interviewed. Specially constructed weights were used to adjust for the selection of only one woman per household and to ensure that the domestic violence subsample was nationally representative.

### 16.1 Measurement of Violence

In the 2019-20 GDHS, information was obtained from never-married women on their experience of violence committed by anyone and from ever-married women on their experience of violence committed
by their current and former husbands/partners and by others. More specifically, violence committed by the current husband/partner (for currently married women) and by the most recent husband/partner (for formerly married women) was measured by asking all ever-married women if their husband/partner ever did the following to them:

Physical spousal violence: push you, shake you, or throw something at you; slap you; twist your arm or pull your hair; punch you with his fist or with something that could hurt you; kick you, drag you, or beat you up; try to choke you or burn you on purpose; or threaten or attack you with a knife, gun, or any other weapon

Sexual spousal violence: physically force you to have sexual intercourse with him even when you did not want to, physically force you to perform any other sexual acts you did not want to, or force you with threats or in any other way to perform sexual acts you did not want to

Emotional spousal violence: say or do something to humiliate you in front of others, threaten to hurt or harm you or someone close to you, or insult you or make you feel bad about yourself

In addition, information was obtained from all women (married and unmarried) about physical violence committed by anyone (other than a current or most recent husband/partner) since they were age 15 by asking if anyone had hit, slapped, kicked, or done something else to hurt them physically. Similarly, information was gathered on experiences of sexual violence committed by anyone (other than a current or most recent husband/partner) by asking women if at any time in their life, as a child or as an adult, they were forced in any way to have sexual intercourse or to perform any other sexual acts when they did not want to.

In this chapter, married women include both women who said they were married and women who said they were living with a man as if married. Correspondingly, husbands include both husbands of married women and partners of women who are not married but are living with a man as if married.

### 16.2 Women’s Experience of Physical Violence

## Physical violence by anyone

Percentage of women who have experienced any physical violence (committed by a husband or anyone else) since age 15 and in the 12 months before the survey.
Sample: Women age 15-49

### 16.2.1 Prevalence of Physical Violence

Forty-six percent of women age 15-49 have experienced physical violence since age 15, and $11 \%$ experienced physical violence in the 12 months before the survey (Table 16.1).

Trends: The percentage of women who have experienced physical violence since age 15 increased from $41 \%$ in 2013 to $46 \%$ in 2019-20. However, over the same period, the percentage of women who have experienced physical violence in the last 12 months remained relatively stagnant ( $10 \%$ in 2013 and $11 \%$ in 2019-20).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Experience of physical violence in the last 12 months decreases with increasing age, from $16 \%$ among women age 15-19 to $6 \%$ among women age 40-49 (Table 16.1).
- The percentage of women who have ever experienced physical violence is lower among those who have never been married (37\%) than among those who are currently married and those who are divorced, separated, or widowed (49\% each) (Figure 16.1).
- The percentage of women who have experienced physical violence since age 15 is higher in rural areas ( $47 \%$ ) than in urban areas ( $45 \%$ ).

Figure 16.1 Women's experience of violence by marital status

| $\square$ Never married | Married or <br> living together |
| :---: | :---: | | Divorced/ |
| :---: |
| separated $/$ |
| widowed |



- By LGA, women's experience of physical violence since age 15 varies from a high of $57 \%$ in Basse to a low of $33 \%$ in Kerewan.
- Women who are employed for cash ( $49 \%$ ) are more likely than women who are not employed ( $41 \%$ ) to have experienced physical violence since age 15 .
- Experience of physical violence increases with number of living children, from $39 \%$ among women with no children to $51 \%$ among those with five or more children.
- The percentage of women who have experienced physical violence since age 15 declines from $52 \%$ among those in the lowest wealth quintile to $40 \%$ among those in the fourth quintile before increasing to $44 \%$ among those in the highest quintile.


### 16.2.2 Perpetrators of Physical Violence

Table 16.2 shows perpetrators of physical violence according to women's marital status. The most commonly reported perpetrators among ever-married women are current husbands/partners (53\%).

Among never-married women who have experienced physical violence since age 15 , the most commonly reported perpetrators are mothers/stepmothers (53\%), fathers/stepfathers (31\%), teachers (27\%), and sisters/brothers (25\%).

### 16.3 Experience of Sexual Violence

## Sexual violence

Percentage of women who have experienced any sexual violence (committed by a husband or anyone else) ever and in the 12 months before the survey.
Sample: Women age 15-49

### 16.3.1 Prevalence of Sexual Violence

Nine percent of women age 15-49 have ever experienced sexual violence, and $2 \%$ experienced sexual violence in the 12 months before the survey. The percentage of women ever experiencing sexual violence generally increases with age; less than $1 \%$ had experienced sexual violence by age 10 and $7 \%$ by age 22
(Tables 16.3 and 16.5).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Women in rural areas (8\%) are less likely to have ever experienced sexual violence than women in urban areas (10\%).
- By LGA, the percentage of women who have ever experienced sexual violence is highest in Banjul ( $11 \%$ ) and lowest in Mansakonko and Kerewan ( $7 \%$ each).
- Experience of sexual violence is more common among divorced/separated/widowed women (16\%) than among those who are currently married or living with a partner ( $9 \%$ ) and those who have never been married (8\%).
- Women who are employed for cash (12\%) are more likely to have ever experienced sexual violence than those who are employed but not for cash (10\%) and those who are not employed (5\%).


### 16.3.2 Perpetrators of Sexual Violence

Table 16.4 shows perpetrators of sexual violence by marital status. Among ever-married women, the most common perpetrators are current husbands/partners (50\%) and former husbands/partners (27\%).

### 16.4 Experience of Different Forms of Violence

Women may experience a combination of different forms of violence. Overall, $48 \%$ of women age 15-49 experienced either physical or sexual violence. Thirty-nine percent of women experienced only physical violence, $2 \%$ experienced only sexual violence, and $7 \%$ experienced both physical and sexual violence (Table 16.6). Seven percent of women age 15-49 who have ever been pregnant have experienced physical violence during pregnancy (Table 16.7).

### 16.5 Marital Control by Husband


#### Abstract

Marital control Percentage of women whose current husband/partner (if currently married) or most recent husband/partner (if formerly married) demonstrates at least one of the following controlling behaviours: is jealous or angry if she talks to other men, frequently accuses her of being unfaithful, does not permit her to meet her female friends, tries to limit her contact with her family, and insists on knowing where she is at all times.


Sample: Ever-married women age 15-49

Attempts by husbands to closely control and monitor their wives' behaviour are important warning signs and correlates of violence in a relationship. Because the concentration of behaviours is more significant than the display of any single behaviour, the proportion of women whose husbands/partners display at least three such behaviours is also an important indicator.

Twenty percent of ever-married women age 15-49 reported that their husband/partner demonstrates three or more of the specific behaviours. Women were most likely to report that their husband/partner is jealous or angry if they talk to other men (44\%) and that he insists on knowing where they are at all times (37\%)
(Table 16.8).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- By LGA, the percentage of ever-married women reporting that their husband or partner displays three or more of the specified behaviours is highest in Banjul and Kanifing ( $24 \%$ each) and lowest in Kuntaur (18\%).
- Women who are married or living together with their partner (19\%) are less likely than divorced, separated, or widowed women ( $28 \%$ ) to report that their current or most recent partner displays at least three of the specified behaviours.
- Women who are afraid of their husbands/partners are more likely to experience controlling behaviours than women who are not afraid of their husbands/partners. About 5 in $10(55 \%)$ women who are afraid of their husband/partner most of the time reported experiencing at least three forms of controlling behaviours, as compared with $16 \%$ of women who are never afraid of their husband/partner.


### 16.6 Forms of Spousal Violence

## Spousal violence

Percentage of women who have experienced any of the specified acts of physical, sexual, or emotional violence committed by their current husband/partner (if currently married) or most recent husband/partner (if formerly married), ever and in the 12 months preceding the survey.
Sample: Ever-married women age 15-49

### 16.6.1 Prevalence of Spousal Violence

Forty-one percent of ever-married women age 15-49 have ever experienced any form of emotional, physical, or sexual violence committed by any husband/partner. Thirty-nine percent of ever-married women experienced such violence from their current or most recent husband/partner. Among these women, $29 \%$ experienced physical violence, $6 \%$ experienced sexual violence, and $24 \%$ experienced emotional violence (Table 16.9).

In the 12 months preceding the survey, $17 \%$ of ever-married wphysical, or sexual violence committed by any husband/partner
(Table 16.12); 14\% experienced emotional violence, $9 \%$ experienced physical violence, and $2 \%$ experienced sexual violence.

Among specific kinds of nonemotional violence ever experienced from a current or most recent husband/partner, women were most likely to report being slapped ( $21 \%$ ) or being kicked, dragged, or beaten (14\%) (Figure

Figure 16.2 Forms of spousal violence

16.2). With respect to emotional violence, women most commonly reported being insulted or made to feel bad about themselves (19\%) (Table 16.9).

Trends: The percentage of married women age 15-49 who have ever experienced spousal violence of any form from their current or most recent husband increased from $26 \%$ in 2013 to $39 \%$ in 2019-20. The percentage of women who have experienced spousal violence in the past 12 months increased from $12 \%$ to $17 \%$ over the same period.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- By residence, women in rural areas ( $42 \%$ ) are more likely than their urban counterparts ( $38 \%$ ) to have experienced physical, sexual, or emotional violence by their current or most recent husband/partner (Table 16.10).
- By LGA, the percentage of ever-married women who have experienced physical, sexual, or emotional violence by their current husband or partner is lowest in Kerewan (32\%) and highest in Janjanbureh (52\%) (Figure 16.3).
- Fifty percent of divorced/separated/widowed women have experienced physical, sexual, or emotional violence by their current or most recent husband or partner, as compared with $38 \%$ of their counterparts who are currently married or living together with a partner.
- The percentage of women who have experienced physical, sexual, or emotional violence by their current or most recent husband/partner generally decreases with increasing household wealth.

Figure 16.3 Spousal violence by Local Government Area
Percentage of ever-married women age 15-49 who have ever experienced physical, sexual, or emotional violence committed by their husband/partner


Patterns by husband's characteristics and empowerment indicators

- The likelihood of spousal violence generally declines as husband's education increases, from $52 \%$ among women whose husbands have only a primary education to $36 \%$ among women whose husbands have a secondary education or higher (Table 16.11).
- Women's likelihood of experiencing spousal violence increases with the number of marital control behaviours exhibited by their husband. Twenty-one percent of women whose spouse exhibits no controlling behaviours have experienced spousal violence, as compared with $93 \%$ of women whose spouse exhibits all five specified controlling behaviours.
- Intergenerational effects of spousal violence are evident in The Gambia. Women who report that their fathers beat their mothers are more likely ( $61 \%$ ) to have experienced spousal violence than women who report that their fathers did not beat their mothers (35\%).
- The percentage of women who have experienced spousal physical, sexual, or emotional violence by any husband in the last 12 months generally decreases with increasing age from $23 \%$ among those 20 24 to $10 \%$ among those $40-49$ (Table 16.12).


### 16.6.2 Experience of Spousal Violence by Duration of Marriage

Table 16.13 shows when spousal violence first occurred in relation to the start of their marriage among women who were married only once. Eleven percent of women experienced violence by 2 years of marriage, $22 \%$ by 5 years of marriage, and $26 \%$ by 10 years of marriage. Less than $1 \%$ of women experienced violence before marriage.

### 16.7 Injuries to Women due to Spousal Violence

## Injuries due to spousal violence

Percentage of women who have the following types of injuries from spousal violence: cuts, bruises, or aches; eye injuries, sprains, dislocations, or burns; or deep wounds, broken bones, broken teeth, or any other serious injury.
Sample: Ever-married women age 15-49 who have experienced physical or sexual violence committed by their current husband (if currently married) or most recent husband (if formerly married)

Twenty-two percent of ever-married women age 15-49 who have experienced physical or sexual violence committed by their current or most recent husband/partner have sustained injuries.

The most commonly reported injuries were cuts, bruises, or aches; $19 \%$ of women reported that they had ever experienced these injuries, and $24 \%$ reported that they had experienced them in the 12 months prior to the survey (Table 16.14).

Trends: The percentage of women reporting any form of injury resulting from spousal violence in the 12 months prior to the survey increased from $24 \%$ in 2013 to $28 \%$ in 2019-20.

### 16.8 Violence Initiated by Women against Husbands

## Initiation of physical violence by wives

Percentage of women who have ever hit, slapped, kicked, or done anything else to physically hurt their current (if currently married) or most recent (if formerly married) husband at times when he was not already beating or physically hurting her.
Sample: Ever-married women age 15-49

Three percent of ever-married women age 15-49 have ever committed physical violence against their current or most recent husband/partner when he was not already beating or physically hurting them. One percent of women reported having committed physical violence against their husband/partner in the 12 months prior to the survey (Table 16.15).

Trends: The percentage of ever-married women who have committed physical violence against their current or most recent husband/partner increased from 1\% in 2013 to 3\% in 2019-20.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- More women in urban areas (3\%) than rural areas (1\%) have committed physical violence against their current or most recent husband/partner when he was not already beating or physically hurting them.
- The percentage of women who have committed physical violence against their current or most recent husband/partner is highest in Banjul (7\%) and lowest in Kerewan (less than 1\%).
- Women who are divorced, separated, or widowed (14\%) are more likely to have committed physical violence against their current or most recent husband/partner than those who are married or living together with a partner (2\%).


### 16.9 Help Seeking among Women Who Have Experienced Violence

Overall, women age 15-49 who have experienced physical or sexual violence have a tendency not to seek help or tell someone. Only $26 \%$ of women who ever experienced physical or sexual violence sought help, while $9 \%$ never sought help but told someone and $65 \%$ never sought help and never told anyone (Table 16.17).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Women who are divorced, separated, or widowed (43\%) are more likely to seek help than those who are currently married or living together with a partner (26\%) and those who have never been married (25\%).
- By LGA, the percentage of women who have ever sought help varies from a high of $35 \%$ in Kuntaur to a low of $16 \%$ in Basse.


## Sources for Help

Women age 15-49 who have experienced physical or sexual violence are most likely to seek help from their own family ( $66 \%$ ) and from their husband's or partner's family ( $22 \%$ ) (Table 16.18).

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Table 16.1 Experience of physical violence
Percentage of women age 15-49 who have experienced physical violence since age 15 and percentage who have experienced physical violence during the 12 months preceding the survey, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Percentage who have experienced physical violence since age $15^{1}$ | Percentage who have experienced physical violence in the past 12 months |  |  | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Often | Sometimes | Often or sometimes ${ }^{2}$ |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 38.5 | 1.2 | 15.0 | 16.2 | 483 |
| 20-24 | 47.8 | 2.3 | 12.2 | 14.5 | 451 |
| 25-29 | 51.9 | 0.9 | 9.3 | 10.4 | 477 |
| 30-39 | 44.1 | 0.7 | 8.1 | 8.8 | 646 |
| 40-49 | 47.1 | 0.7 | 5.0 | 5.7 | 413 |
| Religion |  |  |  |  |  |
| Islam | 45.9 | 1.1 | 10.1 | 11.2 | 2,384 |
| Christianity | 41.3 | 3.2 | 5.3 | 8.4 | 85 |
| Other | * | * |  |  | 1 |
| Ethnic group |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mandinka/Jahanka | 48.8 | 1.9 | 10.3 | 12.2 | 813 |
| Wollof | 41.9 | 0.1 | 11.1 | 11.2 | 295 |
| Jola/Karoninka | 42.8 | 1.0 | 10.7 | 11.7 | 274 |
| Fula/Tukulur/Lorobo | 46.6 | 1.3 | 8.7 | 10.0 | 469 |
| Serere | 27.5 | 0.1 | 12.6 | 12.6 | 106 |
| Sarahule | 44.4 | 1.2 | 4.9 | 6.8 | 147 |
| Creole/Aku Marabout | * | * |  | * | 12 |
| Manjago | (52.6) | (0.0) | (5.5) | (5.5) | 26 |
| Bambara | (53.0) | (0.0) | (0.7) | (0.7) | 48 |
| Other | * | * | * | * | 19 |
| Non-Gambian | 46.0 | 0.6 | 12.7 | 13.3 | 261 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 45.3 | 1.0 | 9.9 | 11.0 | 1,815 |
| Rural | 46.7 | 1.4 | 9.9 | 11.3 | 655 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 47.2 | 2.8 | 7.5 | 10.3 | 35 |
| Kanifing | 45.4 | 1.1 | 7.7 | 8.8 | 532 |
| Brikama | 45.4 | 0.8 | 11.1 | 11.9 | 1,108 |
| Mansakonko | 44.6 | 1.6 | 10.7 | 12.3 | 97 |
| Kerewan | 33.1 | 0.6 | 9.2 | 9.8 | 241 |
| Kuntaur | 49.0 | 0.7 | 11.8 | 12.5 | 109 |
| Janjanbureh | 50.9 | 1.2 | 6.4 | 7.6 | 131 |
| Basse | 56.8 | 3.5 | 11.2 | 14.7 | 217 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 36.7 | 1.2 | 11.4 | 12.6 | 707 |
| Married or living together | 49.3 | 1.1 | 9.4 | 10.5 | 1,623 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 49.2 | 1.0 | 8.8 | 9.8 | 139 |
| Employment |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employed for cash | 48.9 | 0.6 | 9.3 | 9.9 | 1,254 |
| Employed not for cash | 47.4 | 0.7 | 10.8 | 11.5 | 299 |
| Not employed | 40.7 | 2.0 | 10.5 | 12.5 | 917 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 39.3 | 1.0 | 11.4 | 12.5 | 889 |
| 1-2 | 48.5 | 2.0 | 10.6 | 12.6 | 537 |
| 3-4 | 48.8 | 0.8 | 10.5 | 11.5 | 543 |
| 5+ | 50.5 | 0.7 | 5.8 | 6.5 | 501 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 46.5 | 0.9 | 9.5 | 10.4 | 860 |
| Primary | 47.3 | 1.9 | 11.3 | 13.4 | 381 |
| Secondary or higher | 44.6 | 1.1 | 9.7 | 10.8 | 1,229 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 51.8 | 1.7 | 11.9 | 13.6 | 427 |
| Second | 50.2 | 1.1 | 12.0 | 13.4 | 432 |
| Middle | 44.1 | 1.3 | 11.4 | 12.8 | 507 |
| Fourth | 40.2 | 0.6 | 6.6 | 7.2 | 512 |
| Highest | 44.0 | 1.0 | 8.5 | 9.5 | 592 |
| Total | 45.7 | 1.1 | 9.9 | 11.1 | 2,470 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ Includes violence in the past 12 months. For women who were married before age 15 and reported physical violence only by their husband/partner, the violence could have occurred before age 15.
${ }^{2}$ Includes women for whom frequency in the past 12 months is not known

Table 16.2 Persons committing physical violence
Among women age 15-49 who have experienced physical violence since age 15 percentage who report specific persons who committed the violence, according to the respondent's current marital status, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  | Marital status |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| Person | Ever married | Never married | Total |
| Current husband/partner | 53.3 | na | 41.1 |
| Former husband/partner | 15.5 | na | 11.9 |
| Current boyfriend | 0.1 | 1.4 | 0.4 |
| Former boyfriend | 0.7 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| Father/stepfather | 17.2 | 31.3 | 20.4 |
| Mother/stepmother | 33.0 | 52.8 | 37.6 |
| Sister/brother | 19.2 | 25.4 | 20.6 |
| Other relative | 10.0 | 15.0 | 11.2 |
| Mother-in-law | 0.0 | na | 0.0 |
| Other in-law | 0.9 | na | 0.7 |
| Teacher | 3.2 | 26.7 | 8.6 |
| Security personnel/police/soldier | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Friend/neighbour | 4.5 | 4.0 | 4.4 |
| Other | 2.0 | 2.6 | 2.1 |
| Number of women who have |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ experienced physical violence |  |  |  |
| since age 15 | 869 | 259 | 1,128 |

Note: Women can report more than one person who committed the violence. na $=$ Not applicable

Table 16.3 Experience of sexual violence
Percentage of women age 15-49 who have ever experienced sexual violence and percentage who have experienced sexual violence in the 12 months preceding the survey, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Percentage who have experienced sexual violence: |  | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ever ${ }^{1}$ | In the past 12 months |  |
| Age |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 6.3 | 1.5 | 483 |
| 20-24 | 9.2 | 3.4 | 451 |
| 25-29 | 9.3 | 3.0 | 477 |
| 30-39 | 10.7 | 2.7 | 646 |
| 40-49 | 8.6 | 1.5 | 413 |
| Religion |  |  |  |
| Islam | 8.8 | 2.4 | 2,384 |
| Christianity | 11.7 | 4.2 | 85 |
| Other | * | * | 1 |
| Ethnic group |  |  |  |
| Mandinka/Jahanka | 8.8 | 1.4 | 813 |
| Wollof | 9.7 | 2.2 | 295 |
| Jola/Karoninka | 10.0 | 3.5 | 274 |
| Fula/Tukulur/Lorobo | 7.9 | 3.1 | 469 |
| Serere | 8.2 | 1.6 | 106 |
| Sarahule | 10.3 | 2.3 | 147 |
| Creole/Aku Marabout | * | * | 12 |
| Manjago | (9.7) | (3.6) | 26 |
| Bambara | (3.3) | (0.0) | 48 |
| Other |  | * | 19 |
| Non-Gambian | 7.8 | 4.2 | 261 |
| Residence |  |  |  |
| Urban | 9.5 | 2.4 | 1,815 |
| Rural | 7.5 | 2.6 | 655 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 10.6 | 3.8 | 35 |
| Kanifing | 8.4 | 1.8 | 532 |
| Brikama | 9.7 | 2.5 | 1,108 |
| Mansakonko | 6.7 | 1.4 | 97 |
| Kerewan | 6.6 | 2.5 | 241 |
| Kuntaur | 10.3 | 2.8 | 109 |
| Janjanbureh | 8.9 | 3.8 | 131 |
| Basse | 8.9 | 2.4 | 217 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |
| Never married | 7.5 | 1.8 | 707 |
| Married or living together | 9.0 | 2.6 | 1,623 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 15.9 | 3.2 | 139 |
| Employment |  |  |  |
| Employed for cash | 11.5 | 2.9 | 1,254 |
| Employed not for cash | 9.9 | 3.7 | 299 |
| Not employed | 5.1 | 1.3 | 917 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |
| 0 | 7.2 | 1.3 | 889 |
| 1-2 | 11.9 | 3.8 | 537 |
| 3-4 | 8.8 | 2.7 | 543 |
| 5+ | 8.9 | 2.7 | 501 |
| Education |  |  |  |
| No education | 8.4 | 2.8 | 860 |
| Primary | 10.8 | 3.8 | 381 |
| Secondary or higher | 8.7 | 1.8 | 1,229 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 9.5 | 3.3 | 427 |
| Second | 10.7 | 2.7 | 432 |
| Middle | 6.7 | 2.8 | 507 |
| Fourth | 8.0 | 1.6 | 512 |
| Highest | 9.9 | 2.0 | 592 |
| Total | 8.9 | 2.4 | 2,470 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ Includes violence in the past 12 months

Table 16.4 Persons committing sexual violence
Among women age 15-49 who have experienced sexual violence, percentage who report specific persons who committed the violence, according to the respondent's current marital status, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Person | Marital status |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ever married | Never married |  |
| Current husband/partner | 49.7 | na | 37.8 |
| Former husband/partner | 27.1 | na | 20.6 |
| Current/former boyfriend | 11.1 | (22.1) | 13.8 |
| Father/stepfather | 0.6 | (2.6) | 1.1 |
| Other relative | 10.4 | (27.3) | 14.4 |
| In-law | 0.8 | na | 0.6 |
| Own friend/acquaintance | 1.6 | (2.0) | 1.7 |
| Family friend | 1.0 | (9.3) | 3.0 |
| Teacher | 1.0 | (1.5) | 1.1 |
| Security personnel/police/soldier | 0.1 | (0.0) | 0.1 |
| Stranger | 6.3 | (29.4) | 11.8 |
| Other | 2.9 | (5.7) | 3.5 |
| Number of women who have experienced sexual violence | 168 | 53 | 220 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. Ever-married women can report up to three perpetrators: a current husband, former husband, or one other person who is not a current or former husband. Never-married women can report only the one person who was the first to commit the violence. na $=$ Not applicable

## Table 16.5 Age at first experience of sexual violence

Percentage of women age 15-49 who experienced sexual violence by specific exact ages, according to current age and current marital status, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Percentage who first experienced sexual violence by exact age: |  |  |  |  | Percentage who have not experienced sexual violence | Number of women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 10 | 12 | 15 | 18 | 22 |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 4.3 | na | na | 93.7 | 483 |
| 20-24 | 1.4 | 2.5 | 3.3 | 4.8 | na | 90.8 | 451 |
| 25-29 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 2.6 | 4.7 | 7.0 | 90.7 | 477 |
| 30-39 | 0.5 | 1.5 | 3.1 | 5.1 | 6.3 | 89.3 | 646 |
| 40-49 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.7 | 3.4 | 6.0 | 91.4 | 413 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 1.5 | 2.1 | 4.2 | 5.4 | 6.1 | 92.5 | 707 |
| Ever married | 0.4 | 0.9 | 2.6 | 4.6 | 6.8 | 90.5 | 1,763 |
| Total | 0.7 | 1.2 | 3.0 | 4.8 | 6.6 | 91.1 | 2,470 |

na $=$ Not applicable

## Table 16.6 Experience of different forms of violence

Percentage of women age 15-49 who have ever experienced different forms of violence, by current age, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  | Physical <br> violence <br> only | Sexual <br> violence <br> only | Physical <br> and sexual <br> violence | Physical or <br> sexual <br> violence | Number of <br> women |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $15-19$ | 34.1 | 2.0 | 4.3 | 40.4 | 483 |
| $15-17$ | 33.5 | 0.2 | 5.6 | 39.3 | 287 |
| $18-19$ | 35.1 | 4.5 | 2.4 | 42.1 | 196 |
| $20-24$ | 41.9 | 3.3 | 5.9 | 51.1 | 451 |
| $25-29$ | 44.4 | 1.8 | 7.5 | 53.7 | 477 |
| $30-39$ | 36.7 | 3.2 | 7.4 | 47.3 | 646 |
| $40-49$ | 39.5 | 1.0 | 7.6 | 48.1 | 413 |
| Total | 39.1 | 2.3 | 6.6 | 48.0 | 2,470 |

Table 16.7 Experience of violence during pregnancy
Among women age 15-49 who have ever been pregnant, percentage who have ever experienced physical violence during pregnancy, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Percentage who experienced violence during pregnancy | Number of women who have ever been pregnant |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age |  |  |
| 15-19 | 18.0 | 71 |
| 20-24 | 5.9 | 232 |
| 25-29 | 10.2 | 366 |
| 30-39 | 5.6 | 617 |
| 40-49 | 6.7 | 407 |
| Religion |  |  |
| Islam | 7.7 | 1,635 |
| Christianity | 1.2 | 57 |
| Ethnic group |  |  |
| Mandinka/Jahanka | 9.6 | 550 |
| Wollof | 8.0 | 213 |
| Jola/Karoninka | 6.3 | 165 |
| Fula/Tukulur/Lorobo | 8.0 | 330 |
| Serere | 12.6 | 58 |
| Sarahule | 3.4 | 90 |
| Creole/Aku Marabout | * | 6 |
| Manjago | * | 19 |
| Bambara | (1.1) | 29 |
| Other |  | 8 |
| Non-Gambian | 2.9 | 224 |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 8.0 | 1,205 |
| Rural | 6.0 | 487 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |
| Banjul | 6.4 | 23 |
| Kanifing | 6.9 | 328 |
| Brikama | 8.9 | 758 |
| Mansakonko | 7.0 | 69 |
| Kerewan | 6.3 | 163 |
| Kuntaur | 8.2 | 89 |
| Janjanbureh | 5.4 | 108 |
| Basse | 3.8 | 154 |
| Marital status |  |  |
| Never married | 0.1 | 70 |
| Married or living together | 6.9 | 1,492 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 17.4 | 130 |
| Number of living children |  |  |
| 0 | 7.4 | 111 |
| 1-2 | 5.5 | 537 |
| 3-4 | 10.7 | 543 |
| 5+ | 6.0 | 501 |
| Education |  |  |
| No education | 6.6 | 760 |
| Primary | 12.5 | 285 |
| Secondary or higher | 6.2 | 648 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |
| Lowest | 7.7 | 336 |
| Second | 10.3 | 326 |
| Middle | 6.7 | 370 |
| Fourth | 9.7 | 335 |
| Highest | 2.8 | 324 |
| Total | 7.4 | 1,692 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

Table 16.8 Marital control exercised by husbands
Percentage of ever-married women age 15-49 whose husbands/partners have ever demonstrated specific types of controlling behaviours, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Percentage of women whose husband/partner: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Is jealous or angry if she talks to other men | Frequently accuses her of being unfaithful | Does not permit her to meet her female friends | Tries to limit her contact with her family | Insists on knowing where she is at all times | Displays 3 or more of the specific behaviours | Displays none of the specific behaviours | Number of ever-married women |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 36.9 | 7.3 | 22.5 | 10.8 | 28.7 | 20.5 | 57.7 | 105 |
| 20-24 | 51.1 | 14.3 | 20.9 | 12.6 | 39.1 | 24.3 | 37.7 | 245 |
| 25-29 | 49.0 | 15.5 | 17.8 | 19.0 | 43.4 | 24.9 | 35.9 | 379 |
| 30-39 | 42.1 | 11.2 | 18.7 | 9.6 | 38.4 | 17.6 | 41.3 | 620 |
| 40-49 | 40.3 | 12.1 | 12.8 | 7.8 | 29.0 | 16.0 | 52.0 | 413 |
| Religion |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Islam | 44.6 | 12.7 | 17.8 | 11.7 | 37.0 | 20.2 | 42.9 | 1,716 |
| Christianity | 25.9 | 4.5 | 14.6 | 9.2 | 31.2 | 7.8 | 49.3 | 47 |
| Ethnic group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mandinka/Jahanka | 44.1 | 10.9 | 19.2 | 15.0 | 37.8 | 18.4 | 40.8 | 572 |
| Wollof | 32.2 | 9.4 | 8.8 | 4.3 | 32.7 | 11.5 | 50.2 | 220 |
| Jola/Karoninka | 53.8 | 21.8 | 30.3 | 25.4 | 48.5 | 36.7 | 30.5 | 162 |
| Fula/Tukulur/Lorobo | 49.9 | 15.5 | 16.5 | 8.0 | 37.2 | 20.6 | 41.5 | 344 |
| Serere | 46.6 | 9.5 | 34.3 | 7.6 | 43.5 | 34.8 | 40.2 | 61 |
| Sarahule | 35.5 | 9.2 | 12.8 | 10.3 | 36.1 | 16.4 | 55.3 | 114 |
| Creole/Aku Marabout | * | . | * | * | . | 16.4 | 5.3 | 5 |
| Manjago | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 16 |
| Bambara | (31.1) | (5.5) | (4.1) | (6.8) | (13.1) | (8.9) | (63.6) | 35 |
| Other | (31.) | * | * | ${ }_{\text {* }}$ | ( | * | * | 10 |
| Non-Gambian | 45.6 | 13.7 | 14.8 | 8.1 | 30.3 | 17.6 | 46.4 | 223 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 46.2 | 11.6 | 18.4 | 11.2 | 36.3 | 19.6 | 41.3 | 1,240 |
| Rural | 39.1 | 14.8 | 16.0 | 12.7 | 38.1 | 20.5 | 47.3 | 523 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 43.3 | 12.9 | 22.9 | 13.8 | 38.6 | 23.6 | 44.0 | 21 |
| Kanifing | 47.5 | 13.5 | 21.5 | 13.8 | 38.0 | 23.5 | 38.4 | 328 |
| Brikama | 47.5 | 11.1 | 18.3 | 11.3 | 36.7 | 19.1 | 39.8 | 783 |
| Mansakonko | 43.4 | 15.9 | 14.6 | 9.9 | 45.9 | 19.2 | 41.6 | 72 |
| Kerewan | 36.8 | 12.7 | 15.0 | 11.3 | 33.6 | 19.0 | 52.3 | 173 |
| Kuntaur | 43.7 | 10.5 | 15.8 | 10.7 | 35.4 | 18.2 | 44.7 | 95 |
| Janjanbureh | 37.7 | 15.7 | 13.1 | 8.3 | 34.1 | 19.1 | 48.7 | 113 |
| Basse | 34.4 | 14.2 | 14.8 | 12.6 | 37.0 | 18.6 | 53.5 | 177 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Married or living together | 43.5 | 11.9 | 17.4 | 10.8 | 36.1 | 19.2 | 43.8 | 1,623 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 50.9 | 19.8 | 21.3 | 21.6 | 45.4 | 28.3 | 35.4 | 139 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 39.2 | 9.6 | 17.6 | 12.1 | 29.2 | 16.0 | 47.4 | 235 |
| 1-2 | 48.5 | 14.2 | 20.2 | 14.5 | 43.4 | 25.0 | 37.8 | 487 |
| 3-4 | 44.2 | 12.0 | 20.4 | 12.9 | 37.8 | 19.4 | 40.1 | 541 |
| 5+ | 42.1 | 12.7 | 12.3 | 7.4 | 32.9 | 17.2 | 49.4 | 501 |
| Employment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employed for cash | 43.8 | 12.0 | 15.9 | 10.4 | 35.0 | 18.7 | 44.2 | 1,053 |
| Employed not for cash | 43.4 | 18.2 | 20.8 | 14.0 | 43.6 | 23.3 | 43.6 | 196 |
| Not employed | 44.9 | 11.4 | 20.2 | 13.3 | 37.9 | 20.9 | 40.6 | 514 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 35.6 | 11.6 | 14.1 | 8.6 | 31.9 | 16.1 | 52.0 | 791 |
| Primary | 49.7 | 17.4 | 25.7 | 14.2 | 38.3 | 27.7 | 42.2 | 302 |
| Secondary or higher | 51.6 | 11.3 | 18.3 | 14.2 | 41.9 | 20.9 | 33.1 | 670 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 42.6 | 16.0 | 16.5 | 12.9 | 38.5 | 22.2 | 45.4 | 355 |
| Second | 41.8 | 17.1 | 20.5 | 15.6 | 36.4 | 23.3 | 46.8 | 321 |
| Middle | 44.9 | 14.6 | 17.8 | 12.3 | 33.0 | 21.8 | 45.2 | 395 |
| Fourth | 39.9 | 10.3 | 17.2 | 8.1 | 37.8 | 17.9 | 41.8 | 351 |
| Highest | 51.2 | 4.4 | 16.6 | 9.8 | 38.8 | 14.1 | 36.3 | 341 |
| Woman afraid of husband/partner |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Afraid most of the time | 67.9 | 47.3 | 40.9 | 36.6 | 68.5 | 54.7 | 17.9 | 109 |
| Sometimes afraid | 46.3 | 14.4 | 16.9 | 13.9 | 38.5 | 21.7 | 41.6 | 546 |
| Never afraid | 40.7 | 8.1 | 15.8 | 8.1 | 32.8 | 15.6 | 46.3 | 1,108 |
| Total | 44.1 | 12.5 | 17.7 | 11.7 | 36.8 | 19.9 | 43.1 | 1,763 |

Note: Husband/partner refers to the current husband/partner for currently married women and the most recent husband/partner for divorced, separated, or widowed women. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

## Table 16.9 Forms of spousal violence

Percentage of ever-married women age 15-49 who have experienced various forms of violence ever or in the 12 months preceding the survey committed by their current or most recent husband/partner, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  | Ever experienced | Experienced in the past 12 months | Frequency in the past 12 months |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Type of violence experienced |  |  | Often | Sometimes |

SPOUSAL VIOLENCE COMMITTED BY CURRENT OR MOST RECENT HUSBAND/PARTNER ${ }^{1}$

| Physical violence |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Any physical violence | 29.1 | 8.9 | 1.1 | 7.8 |
| Pushed her, shook her, or threw something at her | 9.1 | 4.0 | 0.3 | 3.7 |
| Slapped her | 21.2 | 5.4 | 0.6 | 4.9 |
| Twisted her arm or pulled her hair | 4.9 | 2.2 | 0.1 | 2.0 |
| Punched her with his fist or with something that could hurt her | 5.4 | 2.1 | 0.2 | 1.9 |
| Kicked her, dragged her, or beat her up | 13.9 | 3.1 | 0.3 | 2.8 |
| Tried to choke her or burn her on purpose | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Threatened her or attacked her with a knife, gun, or other weapon | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Sexual violence |  |  |  |  |
| Any sexual violence | 5.5 | 2.3 | 0.2 | 2.1 |
| Physically forced her to have sexual intercourse with him when she did not want to | 5.2 | 2.1 | 0.2 | 1.9 |
| Physically forced her to perform any other sexual acts she did not want to | 1.5 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| Forced her with threats or in any other way to perform sexual acts she did not want to | 1.3 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Emotional violence |  |  |  |  |
| Any emotional violence | 24.0 | 13.7 | 2.1 | 11.6 |
| Said or did something to humiliate her in front of others | 12.9 | 7.1 | 1.1 | 6.1 |
| Threatened to hurt or harm her or someone she cared about | 5.2 | 3.3 | 0.5 | 2.8 |
| Insulted her or made her feel bad about herself | 19.0 | 9.7 | 1.4 | 8.3 |
| Any form of physical or sexual violence | 31.0 | 10.2 | 1.2 | 9.0 |
| Any form of emotional or physical and/or sexual violence | 39.2 | 17.3 | 2.8 | 14.5 |
| SPOUSAL VIOLENCE COMMITTED BY ANY HUSBAND/PARTNER |  |  |  |  |
| Physical violence | 31.8 | 9.0 | na | na |
| Sexual violence | 6.4 | 2.4 | na | na |
| Emotional violence | 25.3 | 13.7 | na | na |
| Any form of physical or sexual violence | 33.5 | 10.4 | na | na |
| Any form of emotional or physical or sexual violence | 41.1 | 17.3 | na | na |
| Number of ever-married women | 1,763 | 1,763 | 1,763 | 1,763 |

na $=$ Not available
${ }^{1}$ Includes current husband/partner for currently married women and most recent husband/partner for divorced, separated, or widowed women

Table 16.10 Spousal violence by background characteristics
Percentage of ever-married women age 15-49 who have ever experienced emotional, physical, or sexual violence committed by their current or most recent husband/partner, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Emotional violence | Physical violence | Sexual violence | Physical and sexual | Physical and sexual and emotional | Physical or sexual | Physical or sexual or emotional | Number of evermarried women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 13.5 | 20.6 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 21.1 | 25.5 | 105 |
| 20-24 | 21.8 | 27.5 | 6.1 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 30.7 | 36.4 | 245 |
| 25-29 | 26.8 | 32.8 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 4.0 | 33.1 | 42.6 | 379 |
| 30-39 | 24.7 | 29.6 | 5.9 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 32.6 | 41.2 | 620 |
| 40-49 | 24.5 | 28.1 | 4.8 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 29.4 | 38.4 | 413 |
| Religion |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Islam | 23.9 | 29.5 | 5.5 | 3.7 | 3.0 | 31.2 | 39.4 | 1,716 |
| Christianity | 28.2 | 14.7 | 7.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 22.1 | 34.7 | 47 |
| Ethnic group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mandinka/Jahanka | 27.2 | 34.3 | 6.1 | 4.6 | 3.5 | 35.9 | 44.4 | 572 |
| Wollof | 20.3 | 20.3 | 2.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 21.3 | 28.2 | 220 |
| Jola/Karoninka | 29.7 | 24.6 | 4.7 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 29.0 | 41.9 | 162 |
| Fula/Tukulur/Lorobo | 27.0 | 31.1 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 31.6 | 42.0 | 344 |
| Serere | 11.7 | 22.6 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 0.1 | 22.6 | 26.2 | 61 |
| Sarahule | 20.4 | 25.7 | 8.2 | 4.4 | 2.6 | 29.6 | 34.9 | 114 |
| Creole/Aku Marabout | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 5 |
| Manjago | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 16 |
| Bambara | (7.9) | (23.3) | (4.2) | (1.1) | (1.1) | (26.4) | (30.3) | 35 |
| Other |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 10 |
| Non-Gambian | 19.3 | 29.3 | 6.8 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 32.5 | 38.0 | 223 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 23.0 | 27.5 | 5.6 | 3.4 | 2.7 | 29.7 | 38.0 | 1,240 |
| Rural | 26.6 | 32.8 | 5.4 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 34.1 | 42.1 | 523 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 31.1 | 29.2 | 9.6 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 31.8 | 41.8 | 21 |
| Kanifing | 26.8 | 25.0 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 25.3 | 37.5 | 328 |
| Brikama | 21.5 | 27.5 | 6.9 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 30.3 | 37.8 | 783 |
| Mansakonko | 34.7 | 29.6 | 4.2 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 31.1 | 42.4 | 72 |
| Kerewan | 22.1 | 22.8 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 23.0 | 31.6 | 173 |
| Kuntaur | 27.0 | 34.0 | 5.8 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 35.5 | 43.4 | 95 |
| Janjanbureh | 36.0 | 42.8 | 9.7 | 6.6 | 5.7 | 45.9 | 51.8 | 113 |
| Basse | 17.5 | 38.3 | 6.4 | 4.1 | 2.5 | 40.5 | 44.2 | 177 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Married or living together | 23.3 | 28.4 | 5.1 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 30.4 | 38.3 | 1,623 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 33.0 | 37.3 | 10.3 | 9.5 | 7.5 | 38.1 | 49.8 | 139 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 19.5 | 19.3 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 20.3 | 27.7 | 235 |
| 1-2 | 24.4 | 29.3 | 7.0 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 32.4 | 39.9 | 487 |
| 3-4 | 25.4 | 26.9 | 5.6 | 4.9 | 3.8 | 27.7 | 37.5 | 541 |
| 5+ | 24.2 | 35.8 | 5.9 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 38.2 | 45.8 | 501 |
| Employment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employed for cash | 23.9 | 29.0 | 6.3 | 3.8 | 3.0 | 31.5 | 39.6 | 1,053 |
| Employed not for cash | 28.9 | 33.7 | 6.6 | 4.4 | 3.9 | 36.0 | 42.3 | 196 |
| Not employed | 22.4 | 27.6 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 28.1 | 37.2 | 514 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 23.4 | 30.2 | 5.7 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 32.3 | 40.3 | 791 |
| Primary | 27.1 | 37.3 | 7.0 | 5.8 | 3.8 | 38.5 | 45.9 | 302 |
| Secondary or higher | 23.4 | 24.0 | 4.7 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 26.1 | 35.0 | 670 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 28.2 | 35.3 | 6.6 | 5.3 | 4.0 | 36.6 | 45.0 | 355 |
| Second | 27.8 | 35.5 | 8.4 | 7.1 | 5.7 | 36.9 | 44.2 | 321 |
| Middle | 21.2 | 30.1 | 6.0 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 32.5 | 39.9 | 395 |
| Fourth | 21.5 | 26.4 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 26.9 | 34.8 | 351 |
| Highest | 22.1 | 18.2 | 5.6 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 22.1 | 32.3 | 341 |
| Total | 24.0 | 29.1 | 5.5 | 3.6 | 2.9 | 31.0 | 39.2 | 1,763 |

[^19]Table 16.11 Spousal violence by husband's characteristics and empowerment indicators
Percentage of ever-married women age 15-49 who have ever experienced emotional, physical, or sexual violence committed by their current or most recent husband/partner, according to the husband's characteristics and women's empowerment indicators, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Emotional violence | Physical violence | Sexual violence | Physical and sexual | Physical and sexual and emotional | Physical or sexual | Physical or sexual or emotional | Number of ever-married women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Husband's/partner's education ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 22.7 | 28.8 | 5.0 | 3.3 | 2.6 | 30.4 | 38.3 | 782 |
| Primary | 28.8 | 44.3 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 44.6 | 52.2 | 78 |
| Secondary or higher | 21.6 | 26.1 | 3.9 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 27.7 | 36.1 | 606 |
| Don't know/missing | 29.9 | 27.3 | 11.3 | 5.1 | 3.8 | 33.5 | 40.2 | 157 |
| Husband's/partner's alcohol consumption |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Does not drink alcohol | 23.5 | 29.2 | 5.5 | 3.7 | 3.0 | 31.0 | 39.0 | 1,731 |
| Drinks alcohol but is never drunk |  |  | * | * | * | * | * | 3 |
| Is sometimes drunk | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 18 |
| Is often drunk | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 11 |
| Spousal education difference ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Husband better educated | 22.2 | 30.5 | 3.6 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 32.2 | 40.7 | 481 |
| Wife better educated | 22.0 | 26.3 | 6.0 | 4.1 | 3.0 | 28.1 | 35.2 | 400 |
| Both equally educated | 24.6 | 20.2 | 4.6 | 3.3 | 2.3 | 21.4 | 29.0 | 77 |
| Neither educated | 22.7 | 29.7 | 3.5 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 30.9 | 39.2 | 477 |
| Don't know/missing | 29.5 | 27.4 | 11.3 | 5.8 | 4.7 | 32.9 | 40.6 | 188 |
| Spousal age difference ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wife older | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 22 |
| Wife is same age | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 7 |
| Wife 1-4 years younger | 17.3 | 23.6 | 6.0 | 3.6 | 2.3 | 26.1 | 31.1 | 223 |
| Wife 5-9 years younger | 25.5 | 30.3 | 6.5 | 4.1 | 3.3 | 32.7 | 41.1 | 480 |
| Wife 10 or more years younger | 23.9 | 28.6 | 4.3 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 30.4 | 39.0 | 891 |
| Number of marital control behaviours displayed by husband/partner ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 9.1 | 15.7 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 16.3 | 20.8 | 760 |
| 1-2 | 22.3 | 28.4 | 4.4 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 31.0 | 39.3 | 653 |
| 3-4 | 55.5 | 57.1 | 15.0 | 11.5 | 9.9 | 60.6 | 77.2 | 304 |
| 5 | 87.0 | 74.4 | 28.2 | 25.7 | 25.7 | 76.9 | 92.6 | 47 |
| Number of decisions in which women participate ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 22.8 | 28.1 | 4.3 | 3.2 | 2.6 | 29.3 | 37.3 | 488 |
| 1-2 | 27.4 | 30.5 | 7.2 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 33.8 | 43.0 | 718 |
| 3 | 16.6 | 25.0 | 2.5 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 25.8 | 31.5 | 417 |
| Number of reasons for which wife beating is justified ${ }^{4}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 22.8 | 22.7 | 4.9 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 24.5 | 33.9 | 767 |
| 1-2 | 19.8 | 30.3 | 7.6 | 4.2 | 2.8 | 33.6 | 40.8 | 325 |
| 3-4 | 29.9 | 34.2 | 4.4 | 3.4 | 1.9 | 35.2 | 44.9 | 308 |
| 5-6 | 24.5 | 38.1 | 7.7 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 40.3 | 44.9 | 251 |
| 7 | 27.4 | 35.2 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 35.4 | 42.7 | 111 |
| Father beat mother |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 44.3 | 53.4 | 12.8 | 10.8 | 8.5 | 55.4 | 61.0 | 192 |
| No | 20.9 | 24.7 | 3.7 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 26.4 | 34.9 | 1,436 |
| Don't know/missing | 28.3 | 41.0 | 14.4 | 10.4 | 9.9 | 45.1 | 54.2 | 134 |
| Woman afraid of husband/ partner |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Afraid most of the time | 60.6 | 71.8 | 14.4 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 73.7 | 79.8 | 109 |
| Sometimes afraid | 27.2 | 37.9 | 6.5 | 4.7 | 3.7 | 39.7 | 47.9 | 546 |
| Never afraid | 18.9 | 20.5 | 4.1 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 22.5 | 31.0 | 1,108 |
| Total | 24.0 | 29.1 | 5.5 | 3.6 | 2.9 | 31.0 | 39.2 | 1,763 |

Note: Husband/partner refers to the current husband/partner for currently married women and the most recent husband/partner for divorced, separated, or widowed women. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ Includes only currently married women
${ }^{2}$ According to the wife's report. See Table 16.8 for list of behaviours.
${ }^{3}$ According to the wife's report. Includes only currently married women. See Table 15.8.1 for list of decisions.
${ }^{4}$ According to the wife's report. See Table 15.9.1 for list of reasons.

Table 16.12 Violence by any husband/partner in the last 12 months
Percentage of ever-married women who have experienced emotional, physical, or sexual violence by any husband/partner in the past 12 months, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Emotional violence | Physical violence | Sexual violence | Physical and sexual | Physical and sexual and emotional | Physical or sexual | Physical or sexual or emotional | Number of evermarried women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 12.0 | 13.4 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 13.9 | 17.4 | 105 |
| 20-24 | 16.0 | 13.5 | 3.7 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 16.0 | 22.7 | 245 |
| 25-29 | 15.9 | 12.4 | 3.0 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 13.2 | 20.2 | 379 |
| 30-39 | 15.3 | 7.5 | 2.3 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 9.1 | 18.2 | 620 |
| 40-49 | 8.5 | 4.3 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 5.4 | 10.1 | 413 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 14.3 | 8.9 | 2.3 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 10.2 | 17.5 | 1,240 |
| Rural | 12.4 | 9.2 | 2.6 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 10.7 | 16.9 | 523 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 16.0 | 10.8 | 5.6 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 12.5 | 19.0 | 21 |
| Kanifing | 15.2 | 7.6 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 7.6 | 16.3 | 328 |
| Brikama | 14.4 | 8.7 | 2.9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 10.6 | 18.1 | 783 |
| Mansakonko | 15.9 | 9.1 | 1.9 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 10.8 | 18.2 | 72 |
| Kerewan | 11.7 | 7.3 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 7.3 | 13.6 | 173 |
| Kuntaur | 10.8 | 10.5 | 2.4 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 12.0 | 15.7 | 95 |
| Janjanbureh | 10.9 | 7.2 | 3.6 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 8.8 | 13.3 | 113 |
| Basse | 12.5 | 14.4 | 2.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 17.0 | 22.5 | 177 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 12.1 | 8.4 | 2.9 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 10.3 | 17.3 | 791 |
| Primary | 16.3 | 11.7 | 3.3 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 12.7 | 18.4 | 302 |
| Secondary or higher | 14.6 | 8.4 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 9.3 | 16.9 | 670 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 13.8 | 11.4 | 2.9 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 12.7 | 18.3 | 355 |
| Second | 17.0 | 10.0 | 3.2 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 11.2 | 20.5 | 321 |
| Middle | 11.9 | 12.2 | 2.9 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 14.3 | 19.6 | 395 |
| Fourth | 13.7 | 6.3 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 6.9 | 14.6 | 351 |
| Highest | 12.7 | 4.6 | 2.2 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 6.1 | 13.5 | 341 |
| Total | 13.7 | 9.0 | 2.4 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 10.4 | 17.3 | 1,763 |

Note: Any husband/partner includes all current, most recent, and former husbands/partners.

Table 16.13 Experience of spousal violence by duration of marriage
Among currently married women age 15-49 who have been married only once, percentage who first experienced physical or sexual violence committed by their current husband/partner by specific exact years since marriage, according to marital duration, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Years since marriage | Percentage who first experienced spousal physical or sexual violence by exact marital duration |  |  |  | Percentage who have not experienced sexual or physical violence | Number of currently married women who have been married only once |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Before marriage | 2 years | 5 years | 10 years |  |  |
| <2 | 0.0 | na | na | na | 83.8 | 171 |
| 2-4 | 0.0 | 13.6 | na | na | 77.9 | 187 |
| 5-9 | 0.5 | 13.1 | 27.9 | na | 67.3 | 279 |
| 10+ | 0.0 | 7.4 | 21.8 | 27.7 | 64.9 | 713 |
| Total | 0.1 | 10.5 | 22.3 | 26.4 | 69.6 | 1,350 |
| $\mathrm{na}=$ Not applicable |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 16.14 Injuries to women due to spousal violence
Among ever-married women age 15-49 who have experienced violence committed by their current or most recent husband/partner, percentage who have been injured as a result of the violence, by types of injuries, according to type of violence, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Type of violence experienced | Cuts, bruises, or aches | Eye injuries, sprains, dislocations, or burns | Deep wounds, broken bones, broken teeth, or any other serious injury | Any of these injuries | Number of ever-married women who have experienced physical or sexual violence |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Physical violence ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ever ${ }^{2}$ | 19.4 | 9.3 | 6.8 | 23.4 | 513 |
| Past 12 months | 25.6 | 11.5 | 8.4 | 30.4 | 157 |
| Sexual violence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ever ${ }^{2}$ | 35.3 | 18.2 | 3.6 | 37.0 | 97 |
| Past 12 months | 32.5 | 13.6 | 0.8 | 33.2 | 41 |
| Physical or sexual violence ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ever ${ }^{2}$ | 18.6 | 9.0 | 6.4 | 22.3 | 546 |
| Past 12 months | 23.5 | 10.8 | 7.5 | 27.9 | 180 |

Note: Husband/partner refers to the current husband/partner for currently married women and the most recent husband/partner for divorced, separated, or widowed women.
${ }^{1}$ Excludes women who reported violence only in response to a direct question on violence during pregnancy
${ }^{2}$ Includes in the past 12 months

Table 16.15 Violence by women against their husband by women's background characteristics

Percentage of ever-married women who have committed physical violence against their current or most recent husband/partner when he was not already beating or physically hurting them, ever and in the past 12 months, according to women's own experience of spousal violence and background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Percentage who committed physical violence against their husband/partner |  | Number of evermarried women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ever ${ }^{1}$ | Past 12 months |  |
| Woman's experience of spousal physical violence |  |  |  |
| Ever ${ }^{1}$ | 8.3 | 2.9 | 513 |
| In the past 12 months | 9.8 | 7.5 | 157 |
| Never | 0.5 | 0.3 | 1,250 |
| Age |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 105 |
| 20-24 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 245 |
| 25-29 | 2.1 | 0.6 | 379 |
| 30-39 | 3.6 | 1.4 | 620 |
| 40-49 | 3.1 | 1.0 | 413 |
| Religion |  |  |  |
| Islam | 2.8 | 1.0 | 1,716 |
| Christianity | 1.8 | 1.8 | 47 |
| Ethnic group |  |  |  |
| Mandinka/Jahanka | 3.6 | 0.8 | 572 |
| Wollof | 1.7 | 1.7 | 220 |
| Jola/Karoninka | 4.8 | 2.4 | 162 |
| Fula/Tukulur/Lorobo | 1.9 | 0.7 | 344 |
| Serere | 3.3 | 0.0 | 61 |
| Sarahule | 1.6 | 0.0 | 114 |
| Creole/Aku Marabout | * | * | 5 |
| Manjago | * | * | 16 |
| Bambara | (0.0) | (0.0) | 35 |
| Other | * | * | 10 |
| Non-Gambian | 2.3 | 1.2 | 223 |
| Residence |  |  |  |
| Urban | 3.4 | 1.4 | 1,240 |
| Rural | 1.1 | 0.2 | 523 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 7.2 | 2.4 | 21 |
| Kanifing | 3.8 | 1.6 | 328 |
| Brikama | 3.5 | 1.4 | 783 |
| Mansakonko | 2.5 | 0.0 | 72 |
| Kerewan | 0.2 | 0.2 | 173 |
| Kuntaur | 1.1 | 0.6 | 95 |
| Janjanbureh | 1.2 | 0.0 | 113 |
| Basse | 1.4 | 0.2 | 177 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |
| Married or living together | 1.8 | 0.9 | 1,623 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 13.6 | 2.8 | 139 |
| Employment |  |  |  |
| Employed for cash | 2.9 | 0.7 | 1,053 |
| Employed not for cash | 2.3 | 1.9 | 196 |
| Not employed | 2.6 | 1.3 | 514 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |
| 0 | 1.9 | 1.1 | 235 |
| 1-2 | 3.2 | 1.1 | 487 |
| 3-4 | 4.0 | 1.8 | 541 |
| 5+ | 1.3 | 0.2 | 501 |
| Education |  |  |  |
| No education | 2.3 | 1.0 | 791 |
| Primary | 3.6 | 2.4 | 302 |
| Secondary or higher | 2.9 | 0.4 | 670 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.6 | 0.0 | 355 |
| Second | 4.7 | 1.6 | 321 |
| Middle | 2.8 | 1.7 | 395 |
| Fourth | 3.0 | 0.2 | 351 |
| Highest | 2.9 | 1.7 | 341 |
| Total | 2.8 | 1.0 | 1,763 |

Note: Husband/partner refers to the current husband/partner for currently married women and the most recent husband/partner for divorced, separated, or widowed women. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ Includes in the past 12 months

Table 16.16 Violence by women against their husband by husband's characteristics and empowerment indicators

Percentage of ever-married women who have committed physical violence against their current or most recent husband/partner when he was not already beating or physically hurting them, ever and in the past 12 months, according to their husband's characteristics and women's empowerment indicators, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Percentage who committed physical violence against their husband/partner |  | Number of evermarried women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ever ${ }^{1}$ | Past 12 months |  |
| Husband's/partner's education ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |
| No education | 1.5 | 1.0 | 782 |
| Primary | 6.2 | 4.2 | 78 |
| Secondary or higher | 1.9 | 0.4 | 606 |
| Don't know/missing | 0.9 | 0.3 | 157 |
| Husband's/partner's alcohol consumption |  |  |  |
| Does not drink alcohol | 2.7 | 1.0 | 1,731 |
| Drinks alcohol but is never drunk |  |  | 3 |
| Is sometimes drunk | * | * | 18 |
| Is often drunk | * | * | 11 |
| Spousal education difference ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |
| Husband better educated | 2.0 | 0.5 | 481 |
| Wife better educated | 2.4 | 1.6 | 400 |
| Both equally educated | 2.7 | 0.8 | 77 |
| Neither educated | 1.3 | 0.9 | 477 |
| Don't know/missing | 1.1 | 0.5 | 188 |
| Spousal age difference ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |
| Wife older | * | * | 22 |
| Wife is same age | * | * | 7 |
| Wife 1-4 years younger | 1.5 | 1.2 | 223 |
| Wife 5-9 years younger | 1.7 | 0.2 | 480 |
| Wife 10 or more years younger | 2.0 | 1.2 | 891 |
| Number of marital control behaviours displayed by husband/ partner ${ }^{3}$ |  |  |  |
| 0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 760 |
| 1-2 | 1.8 | 1.1 | 653 |
| 3-4 | 7.3 | 3.1 | 304 |
| 5 | 19.1 | 3.7 | 47 |
| Number of decisions in which women participate ${ }^{4}$ |  |  |  |
| 0 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 488 |
| 1-2 | 2.5 | 1.3 | 718 |
| 3 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 417 |
| Number of reasons for which wife beating is justified ${ }^{5}$ |  |  |  |
| 0 | 2.3 | 0.7 | 767 |
| 1-2 | 2.7 | 0.4 | 325 |
| 3-4 | 5.1 | 2.2 | 308 |
| 5-6 | 2.4 | 1.6 | 251 |
| 7 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 111 |
| Father beat mother |  |  |  |
| Yes | 5.7 | 0.8 | 192 |
| No | 2.1 | 1.1 | 1,436 |
| Don't know/missing | 5.8 | 0.3 | 134 |
| Woman afraid of husband/ partner |  |  |  |
| Afraid most of the time | 13.0 | 7.3 | 109 |
| Sometimes afraid | 2.2 | 0.6 | 546 |
| Never afraid | 2.0 | 0.6 | 1,108 |
| Total | 2.8 | 1.0 | 1,763 |

Note: Husband/partner refers to the current husband/partner for currently married women and the most recent husband/partner for divorced, separated or widowed women. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
${ }^{1}$ Includes in the past 12 months
${ }^{2}$ Includes only currently married women
${ }^{3}$ According to the wife's report. See Table 16.8 for list of behaviours.
${ }^{4}$ According to the wife's report. Includes only currently married women. See Table 15.8.1 for list of decisions.
${ }^{5}$ According to the wife's report. See Table 15.9.1 for list of reasons.

Table 16.17 Help seeking to stop violence
Percent distribution of women age 15-49 who have ever experienced physical or sexual violence by their help-seeking behaviour, according to type of violence and background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Type of violence/ background characteristic | Sought help to stop violence | Never sought help but told someone | Never sought help, never told anyone | Total | Number of women who have ever experienced any physical or sexual violence |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Type of violence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Physical only | 24.5 | 7.9 | 67.6 | 100.0 | 965 |
| Sexual only | (33.7) | (16.1) | (50.3) | 100.0 | 58 |
| Both physical and sexual | 35.1 | 10.5 | 54.4 | 100.0 | 163 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 21.4 | 7.6 | 71.0 | 100.0 | 195 |
| 20-24 | 28.7 | 7.8 | 63.5 | 100.0 | 230 |
| 25-29 | 25.0 | 9.9 | 65.1 | 100.0 | 256 |
| 30-39 | 27.5 | 9.6 | 62.8 | 100.0 | 306 |
| 40-49 | 28.8 | 7.6 | 63.6 | 100.0 | 199 |
| Religion |  |  |  |  |  |
| Islam | 26.6 | 8.7 | 64.7 | 100.0 | 1,145 |
| Christianity | (21.2) | (6.5) | (72.3) | 100.0 | 41 |
| Ethnic group |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mandinka/Jahanka | 30.2 | 9.1 | 60.7 | 100.0 | 414 |
| Wollof | 37.1 | 8.8 | 54.2 | 100.0 | 136 |
| Jola/Karoninka | 20.3 | 7.2 | 72.5 | 100.0 | 124 |
| Fula/Tukulur/Lorobo | 25.4 | 11.4 | 63.2 | 100.0 | 225 |
| Serere | (5.9) | (2.9) | (91.2) | 100.0 | 32 |
| Sarahule | 17.6 | 5.1 | 77.3 | 100.0 | 70 |
| Creole/Aku Marabout | * | * | * | 100.0 | 9 |
| Manjago | * | * | * | 100.0 | 15 |
| Bambara | * | * | * | 100.0 | 26 |
| Other | * | * | * | 100.0 | 13 |
| Non-Gambian | 26.3 | 5.7 | 68.0 | 100.0 | 123 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 26.8 | 9.0 | 64.2 | 100.0 | 867 |
| Rural | 25.4 | 7.7 | 66.9 | 100.0 | 318 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 34.4 | 17.6 | 48.0 | 100.0 | 17 |
| Kanifing | 26.7 | 13.3 | 60.0 | 100.0 | 260 |
| Brikama | 27.0 | 6.7 | 66.3 | 100.0 | 526 |
| Mansakonko | 31.9 | 8.5 | 59.6 | 100.0 | 44 |
| Kerewan | 28.9 | 7.7 | 63.4 | 100.0 | 86 |
| Kuntaur | 35.4 | 10.4 | 54.2 | 100.0 | 56 |
| Janjanbureh | 24.4 | 12.6 | 63.0 | 100.0 | 69 |
| Basse | 15.9 | 3.9 | 80.1 | 100.0 | 129 |
| Marital status |  |  |  |  |  |
| Never married | 24.8 | 8.8 | 66.3 | 100.0 | 287 |
| Married or living together | 25.6 | 9.1 | 65.3 | 100.0 | 828 |
| Divorced/separated/ widowed | 42.5 | 2.6 | 54.8 | 100.0 | 71 |
| Number of living children |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0 | 23.4 | 10.0 | 66.6 | 100.0 | 376 |
| 1-2 | 25.1 | 8.5 | 66.3 | 100.0 | 278 |
| 3-4 | 28.7 | 7.6 | 63.7 | 100.0 | 272 |
| 5+ | 29.8 | 8.0 | 62.2 | 100.0 | 259 |
| Employment |  |  |  |  |  |
| Employed for cash | 24.7 | 8.2 | 67.1 | 100.0 | 643 |
| Employed not for cash | 25.9 | 9.0 | 65.1 | 100.0 | 154 |
| Not employed | 29.5 | 9.3 | 61.2 | 100.0 | 390 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 27.9 | 7.6 | 64.5 | 100.0 | 411 |
| Primary | 28.0 | 6.6 | 65.4 | 100.0 | 186 |
| Secondary or higher | 24.8 | 10.1 | 65.1 | 100.0 | 588 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 26.4 | 8.0 | 65.5 | 100.0 | 230 |
| Second | 28.8 | 6.5 | 64.7 | 100.0 | 226 |
| Middle | 25.1 | 6.8 | 68.1 | 100.0 | 229 |
| Fourth | 24.6 | 14.6 | 60.8 | 100.0 | 212 |
| Highest | 26.9 | 8.1 | 65.0 | 100.0 | 288 |
| Total | 26.4 | 8.7 | 64.9 | 100.0 | 1,186 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

Table 16.18 Sources for help to stop the violence
Percentage of women age 15-49 who have experienced physical or sexual violence and sought help by sources from which they sought help, according to the type of violence that women reported, The Gambia DHS 201920

|  | Type of violence experienced |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Source | Physical only | Sexual only | Both physical and <br> sexual | Physical or sexual <br> violence |
| Own family | 62.7 | $*$ | 71.1 | 65.7 |
| Husband/partner's family | 23.5 | $*$ | 21.1 | 21.8 |
| Current/former husband/ |  |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ partner | 1.7 | $*$ | 1.7 | 1.6 |
| Current/former boyfriend | 0.4 | $*$ | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Friend | 9.5 | $*$ | 14.6 | 11.0 |
| Neighbour | 16.7 | $*$ | 12.5 | 14.9 |
| Religious leader | 1.8 | $*$ | 0.3 | 1.4 |
| Doctor/medical personnel | 3.6 | $*$ | 0.0 | 2.7 |
| Police | 5.4 | $*$ | 7.1 | 5.3 |
| Other | 1.0 | 19 | 5.1 | 2.3 |
| Number of women who |  |  | 57 |  |
| $\quad$ have sought help | 237 |  |  |  |

Note: Women can report more than one source from which they sought help. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

## Key Findings

- Prevalence of female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C): 73\% of women age 15-49 are circumcised, a slight decrease from 2013 (75\%).
- Age at circumcision: 65\% of circumcised women age 15-49 were circumcised before age 5 .
- Person performing circumcisions: Traditional circumcisers account for nearly all circumcisions ( $98 \%$ for girls age 0-14 and $95 \%$ for women age 15-49) in The Gambia.
- Attitudes towards FGM/C: Among women who have heard of FGM/C, $34 \%$ believe that female genital mutilation/cutting is not required by their religion and $46 \%$ believe that it should not be continued.

Flemale genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C), also known as female circumcision, is defined by the World Health Organization (WHO) as any procedure that involves partial or total removal of the external genitalia and/or injury to the female genital organs whether for cultural or any other nontherapeutic reasons (WHO, UNICEF, and UNFPA 1997). FGM/C, widely recognized as a violation of human rights, is deeply rooted in beliefs and perceptions over decades and generations. In 2015, The Government of The Republic of The Gambia passed the Women's (Amendment) Act 2015, which prohibits female circumcision. Sections 32A and 32B of the Women's (Amendment) Act 2015 criminalize and set out punishments for performing, procuring, and aiding and abetting the practice of FGM/C.

WHO classifies female genital mutilation/cutting into four main categories:
Type I: Excision of the prepuce with or without excision of part or all of the clitoris.
Type II: Excision of the clitoris with partial or total excision of the labia minora.
Type III: Excision of part or all of the external genitalia and stitching or narrowing of the vaginal opening (infibulation).

Type IV: Other forms, including pricking, piercing, or incising of the clitoris and/or labia; stretching of the clitoris and/or labia; cauterization by burning of the clitoris and surrounding tissue; scraping of tissue surrounding the opening of the vagina (angurya cuts) or cutting of the vagina (gishiri cuts); and introduction of corrosive substances or herbs into the vagina to cause bleeding or to tighten or narrow the vagina.

The 2019-20 GDHS collected information on FGM/C from all women age 15-49 in half of the survey households. The topics covered in this chapter include knowledge and prevalence of FGM/C, type of circumcision, age at circumcision, person performing circumcision, and attitudes towards the practice of circumcision.

### 17.1 Respondents' Knowledge of Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting

Overall, $99 \%$ of women and $98 \%$ of men in The Gambia have heard of FGM/C (Table 17.1).
Trends: Awareness of FGM/C among women age 15-49 has remained stable at 99\% since 2013.

## Patterns by background characteristics

- There are no substantial differences in knowledge of FGM/C among women by background characteristics.
- Men in urban areas ( $98 \%$ ) are slightly more likely than men in rural areas $(96 \%)$ to have heard of FGM/C.
- Knowledge of FGM/C among men rises with increasing education, from $94 \%$ among those with no education to $99 \%$ among those with a secondary education or higher.
- Men in the highest wealth quintile (99\%) are more knowledgeable about FGM/C than those in the lowest quintile (95\%).


### 17.2 Prevalence of Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting

### 17.2.1 Type of Circumcision

Table 17.2 shows that $73 \%$ of women age 15-49 are circumcised. The most common type of FGM/C in The Gambia is Type II (some flesh removed), with $73 \%$ of circumcised women undergoing this procedure. Seventeen percent of women underwent a Type III procedure (also known as infibulation). Only $1 \%$ of women underwent a Type I procedure (clitoris nicked, no flesh removed) (Figure 17.1).

Trends: The prevalence of FGM/C in The Gambia has decreased only slightly since 2013, from $75 \%$ to $73 \%$.

## Patterns by background characteristics

Figure 17.1 Type of female circumcision


- The prevalence of circumcision is steady across age groups in The Gambia. Seventy-three percent of women age 15-19 have been circumcised, as compared with $74 \%$ of women age 45-49.
- By religion, the prevalence of FGM/C is higher among Muslim women (74\%) than Christian women (19\%).
- Women in urban areas are more likely than women in rural areas to have experienced FGM/C (75\% and $67 \%$, respectively).
- The prevalence of FGM/C is highest in Basse (97\%) and lowest in Kerewan (42\%) (Figure 17.2).

Figure 17.2 Female circumcision by Local Government Area
Percentage of women age 15-49 who are circumcised


### 17.2.2 Age at Circumcision

In The Gambia, FGM/C is performed throughout childhood. Nearly two-thirds of circumcised women (65\%) reported that they were circumcised when they were younger than age 5 , while $18 \%$ were circumcised at age 5-9, 6\% at age 10-14, and $1 \%$ at age 15 or older (Table 17.3 and Figure 17.3).

Patterns by background characteristics

- Urban women are more likely to have been circumcised at all ages than rural women.
- Women age 45-59 (47\%) are least likely to have been circumcised before age 5 .
- The percentage of women who were circumcised before age 5 is highest in Janjanbureh ( $80 \%$ ) and lowest in Kuntaur ( $56 \%$ ).


### 17.3 CIRCUMCISION OF DAUGHTERS

Information on the circumcision status of women age 15-49 reflects the outcomes of circumcision practices over a nearly 50 -year period before the survey. To obtain insights into the extent to which young girls are continuing to be circumcised, women who had daughters were asked if any of their daughters born in 1995 or later had been circumcised. Fifty-four percent of daughters have not been circumcised, while $22 \%$ were circumcised before their first birthday (Table 17.4).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- There is no difference in the prevalence of FGM/C among girls age 0-14 in urban and rural areas (46\% each) (Table 17.5).
- By LGA, the prevalence of FGM/C among girls is highest in Basse (79\%) and lowest in Kerewan (24\%).
- The prevalence of FGM/C among daughters generally decreases with increasing mother's education, from $49 \%$ among those whose mothers have no education to $39 \%$ among those whose mothers have a secondary education or higher.
- Only $4 \%$ of girls whose mothers have not been circumcised are circumcised themselves.

Table 17.6 shows that 15\% of daughters who were circumcised had their genital area sewn closed (a process known as infibulation).

### 17.4 Person Who Performed the Circumcision

The survey included questions on the person who performed the circumcision. Table $\mathbf{1 7 . 7}$ shows the percentage of circumcised girls age $0-14$ by current age and women age 15-49 according to the person performing the circumcision and the type of circumcision.

Traditional circumcisers account for nearly all circumcisions ( $98 \%$ for girls and $95 \%$ for women) in The Gambia. Less than $1 \%$ of girls and women were circumcised by medical professionals. Fifteen percent of circumcised girls and $17 \%$ of circumcised women had their genital area sewn closed.

### 17.5 Attitudes Towards Female Circumcision

Women and men age 15-49 who have heard of female circumcision were asked whether this practice is a requirement of their religion. Only about one third of women ( $34 \%$ ) and men ( $31 \%$ ) believe that it is not a religious requirement (Table 17.8). Less than half of women ( $46 \%$ ) and men ( $42 \%$ ) believe that female circumcision should not be continued (Table 17.9).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Women who are circumcised are more likely than those who are not to believe that FGM/C is required by their religion ( $69 \%$ and $11 \%$, respectively) (Figure 17.4).
- Women who are circumcised are more likely to believe that FGM/C should be continued than those who are not circumcised ( $61 \%$ and 5\%, respectively).
- There is little difference in attitudes between women in urban and rural areas regarding whether FGM/C is required by their religion or if the practice should continue.

Figure 17.4 Attitudes about female circumcision by circumcision status

Percentage of women age 15-49
$■$ Circumcised $\quad$ Not circumcised


### 17.6 Justifications for Continuing or Ending Female Circumcision

Women and men who agreed that FGM/C should be continued or ended were each asked questions regarding justifications for their position.

Among women and men age 15-49 who agreed that FGM/C should be continued, the most common justifications given were religious obligation ( $59 \%$ and $63 \%$, respectively) and tradition/culture ( $45 \%$ and $34 \%$, respectively). However, more men than women cited reduced promiscuity as a justification ( $25 \%$ and $11 \%$, respectively) (Table 17.10).

Among women and men who agreed that FGM/C should be ended, the most common justification given was that the practice is harmful ( $45 \%$ and $43 \%$, respectively). Thirty-six percent of women cited the fact that it complicates delivery, while $29 \%$ of men cited its negative health effects. Twenty-four percent of women and $17 \%$ of men said that FGM/C should be ended because it leads to painful or unsatisfying sex
(Table 17.11).

### 17.7 Knowledge of FGM/C Legality

FGM/C has been illegal in The Gambia since 2015. Overall, $89 \%$ of women and $65 \%$ of men who have heard of FGM/C are aware that it is illegal (Table 17.12).

## Patterns by background characteristics

- Among both women and men, more Muslims ( $89 \%$ and $66 \%$, respectively) than Christians ( $80 \%$ and $54 \%$, respectively) are aware that FGM/C is illegal.
- Urban women and men ( $91 \%$ and $67 \%$, respectively) are more likely to be aware that FGM/C is illegal than their rural counterparts ( $84 \%$ and $60 \%$, respectively).
- Awareness that FGM/C is illegal generally increases with increasing education and household wealth.


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Table 17.1 Knowledge of female circumcision
Percentage of women age 15-49 and men 15-59 who have heard of female circumcision, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Women |  | Men |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Have heard of female circumcision | Number of women | Have heard of female circumcision | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 99.0 | 1,368 | 95.0 | 1,097 |
| 20-24 | 99.0 | 1,140 | 98.0 | 802 |
| 25-29 | 99.4 | 1,145 | 98.3 | 634 |
| 30-34 | 99.3 | 876 | 98.3 | 524 |
| 35-39 | 99.7 | 708 | 97.8 | 499 |
| 40-44 | 99.8 | 562 | 99.8 | 357 |
| 45-49 | 99.3 | 387 | 98.8 | 342 |
| Religion |  |  |  |  |
| Islam | 99.3 | 5,990 | 97.5 | 4,104 |
| Christianity | 99.8 | 192 | 98.5 | 143 |
| Other | * | 3 | * | 2 |
| No religion | * | 0 | * | 6 |
| Ethnic group |  |  |  |  |
| Mandinka/Jahanka | 99.8 | 2,012 | 99.7 | 1,408 |
| Wollof | 98.2 | 782 | 96.4 | 587 |
| Jola/Karoninka | 99.8 | 693 | 99.3 | 470 |
| Fula/Tukulur/Lorobo | 99.5 | 1,140 | 96.8 | 774 |
| Serere | 99.7 | 243 | 98.9 | 139 |
| Sarahule | 99.9 | 478 | 94.4 | 297 |
| Creole/Aku Marabout | (99.5) | 30 | (99.3) | 24 |
| Manjago | 100.0 | 68 | (100.0) | 63 |
| Bambara | 98.0 | 81 | 97.3 | 63 |
| Other | (100.0) | 49 | (100.0) | 37 |
| Non-Gambian | 97.3 | 611 | 91.8 | 393 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 99.5 | 4,567 | 98.1 | 3,299 |
| Rural | 98.8 | 1,619 | 95.6 | 955 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 98.8 | 86 | 95.1 | 80 |
| Kanifing | 99.4 | 1,393 | 98.0 | 1,040 |
| Brikama | 99.6 | 2,736 | 98.5 | 1,967 |
| Mansakonko | 99.0 | 230 | 97.9 | 134 |
| Kerewan | 99.2 | 573 | 95.3 | 351 |
| Kuntaur | 98.4 | 263 | 90.3 | 142 |
| Janjanbureh | 96.4 | 307 | 97.5 | 202 |
| Basse | 99.9 | 598 | 96.2 | 340 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 98.8 | 2,135 | 93.6 | 921 |
| Primary | 99.7 | 983 | 97.7 | 716 |
| Secondary or higher | 99.5 | 3,068 | 98.8 | 2,618 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 98.6 | 1,007 | 95.0 | 632 |
| Second | 98.9 | 1,056 | 96.2 | 768 |
| Middle | 99.4 | 1,247 | 98.6 | 848 |
| Fourth | 99.7 | 1,317 | 98.1 | 875 |
| Highest | 99.6 | 1,559 | 98.5 | 1,132 |
| Total 15-49 | 99.3 | 6,186 | 97.5 | 4,255 |
| 50-59 | na | na | 99.1 | 381 |
| Total 15-59 | na | na | 97.6 | 4,636 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed. na $=$ Not applicable

Table 17.2 Prevalence of female circumcision
Percentage of women age 15-49 who have been circumcised, and percent distribution of circumcised women by type of circumcision according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Percentage of women circumcised | Number of women | Type of circumcision |  |  |  | Total | Number of circumcised women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Cut, no flesh removed | Cut, flesh removed | Sewn closed | Don't know |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 72.6 | 1,368 | 1.4 | 73.8 | 12.2 | 12.5 | 100.0 | 993 |
| 20-24 | 71.7 | 1,140 | 1.5 | 70.9 | 15.4 | 12.2 | 100.0 | 817 |
| 25-29 | 74.8 | 1,145 | 0.9 | 73.3 | 19.4 | 6.5 | 100.0 | 856 |
| 30-34 | 71.3 | 876 | 1.8 | 70.9 | 20.5 | 6.9 | 100.0 | 624 |
| 35-39 | 72.1 | 708 | 1.1 | 74.3 | 18.0 | 6.6 | 100.0 | 510 |
| 40-44 | 71.6 | 562 | 1.8 | 79.3 | 14.8 | 4.1 | 100.0 | 402 |
| 45-49 | 74.0 | 387 | 0.9 | 74.8 | 18.2 | 6.0 | 100.0 | 287 |
| Religion |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Islam | 74.3 | 5,990 | 1.4 | 73.3 | 16.7 | 8.7 | 100.0 | 4,453 |
| Christianity | 19.3 | 192 | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 37 |
| Other | * | 3 | na | na | na | na | na | 0 |
| Ethnic group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mandinka/Jahanka | 96.2 | 2,012 | 2.0 | 70.8 | 18.6 | 8.6 | 100.0 | 1,935 |
| Wollof | 9.1 | 782 | 0.8 | 75.8 | 16.8 | 6.6 | 100.0 | 71 |
| Jola/Karoninka | 85.5 | 693 | 1.8 | 81.2 | 7.7 | 9.3 | 100.0 | 593 |
| Fula/Tukulur/Lorobo | 79.3 | 1,140 | 0.5 | 74.1 | 17.2 | 8.2 | 100.0 | 903 |
| Serere | 37.3 | 243 | 0.0 | 72.3 | 12.1 | 15.6 | 100.0 | 90 |
| Sarahule | 91.4 | 478 | 0.9 | 73.4 | 18.8 | 6.9 | 100.0 | 437 |
| Creole/Aku Marabout | (2.9) | 30 | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 1 |
| Manjago | 8.1 | 68 | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 6 |
| Bambara | 82.0 | 81 | 0.9 | 87.4 | 9.8 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 66 |
| Other | (79.1) | 49 | (0.0) | (74.4) | (3.8) | (21.8) | 100.0 | 39 |
| Non-Gambian | 57.3 | 611 | 0.4 | 69.5 | 20.1 | 10.1 | 100.0 | 350 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 74.5 | 4,567 | 1.2 | 72.7 | 16.5 | 9.6 | 100.0 | 3,405 |
| Rural | 67.1 | 1,619 | 2.0 | 75.5 | 16.8 | 5.8 | 100.0 | 1,086 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 48.3 | 86 | 3.1 | 63.5 | 16.1 | 17.3 | 100.0 | 42 |
| Kanifing | 70.6 | 1,393 | 1.9 | 71.0 | 17.0 | 10.1 | 100.0 | 983 |
| Brikama | 78.0 | 2,736 | 0.8 | 75.5 | 14.1 | 9.6 | 100.0 | 2,134 |
| Mansakonko | 80.1 | 230 | 3.3 | 62.0 | 16.3 | 18.4 | 100.0 | 184 |
| Kerewan | 42.0 | 573 | 1.0 | 80.2 | 15.4 | 3.3 | 100.0 | 241 |
| Kuntaur | 53.5 | 263 | 4.0 | 71.9 | 18.5 | 5.6 | 100.0 | 141 |
| Janjanbureh | 60.7 | 307 | 0.3 | 81.8 | 15.8 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 186 |
| Basse | 97.0 | 598 | 1.8 | 68.9 | 25.1 | 4.2 | 100.0 | 580 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 69.5 | 2,135 | 1.3 | 71.9 | 20.0 | 6.8 | 100.0 | 1,484 |
| Primary | 78.4 | 983 | 1.1 | 70.3 | 18.3 | 10.4 | 100.0 | 770 |
| Secondary or higher | 72.9 | 3,068 | 1.5 | 75.4 | 13.7 | 9.3 | 100.0 | 2,236 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 64.5 | 1,007 | 2.6 | 69.9 | 19.2 | 8.4 | 100.0 | 649 |
| Second | 73.2 | 1,056 | 0.9 | 76.6 | 14.2 | 8.3 | 100.0 | 773 |
| Middle | 80.1 | 1,247 | 1.6 | 73.2 | 18.0 | 7.2 | 100.0 | 999 |
| Fourth | 75.9 | 1,317 | 1.0 | 73.3 | 17.3 | 8.4 | 100.0 | 999 |
| Highest | 68.7 | 1,559 | 1.1 | 73.4 | 14.7 | 10.8 | 100.0 | 1,071 |
| Total | 72.6 | 6,186 | 1.4 | 73.4 | 16.6 | 8.7 | 100.0 | 4,490 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
na $=$ Not applicable

Table 17.3 Age at circumcision
Percent distribution of circumcised women age 15-49 by age at circumcision, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Age at circumcision |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of circumcised women |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $<5^{1}$ | 5-9 | 10-14 | 15+ | Don't know |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 69.1 | 15.2 | 3.1 | 0.1 | 12.6 | 100.0 | 993 |
| 20-24 | 68.2 | 16.9 | 3.5 | 0.7 | 10.7 | 100.0 | 817 |
| 25-29 | 65.2 | 18.1 | 7.4 | 1.4 | 7.9 | 100.0 | 856 |
| 30-34 | 58.2 | 22.5 | 7.2 | 0.4 | 11.7 | 100.0 | 624 |
| 35-39 | 68.4 | 16.2 | 5.6 | 0.6 | 9.3 | 100.0 | 510 |
| 40-44 | 66.6 | 12.4 | 11.0 | 0.7 | 9.3 | 100.0 | 402 |
| 45-49 | 46.5 | 27.4 | 10.4 | 1.9 | 13.8 | 100.0 | 287 |
| Religion |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Islam | 64.8 | 17.8 | 6.0 | 0.6 | 10.7 | 100.0 | 4,453 |
| Christianity |  | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 37 |
| Ethnic group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mandinka/Jahanka | 66.6 | 17.3 | 6.0 | 0.4 | 9.8 | 100.0 | 1,935 |
| Wollof | 53.4 | 19.9 | 12.8 | 1.4 | 12.6 | 100.0 | 71 |
| Jola/Karoninka | 58.1 | 22.2 | 8.6 | 1.7 | 9.4 | 100.0 | 593 |
| Fula/Tukulur/Lorobo | 61.9 | 19.2 | 5.6 | 0.2 | 13.1 | 100.0 | 903 |
| Serere | 52.6 | 29.5 | 7.0 | 6.6 | 4.3 | 100.0 | 90 |
| Sarahule | 81.3 | 4.8 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 12.4 | 100.0 | 437 |
| Creole/Aku Marabout | * | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 1 |
| Manjago |  | * | * | * | * | 100.0 | 6 |
| Bambara | 74.0 | 9.1 | 11.3 | 0.0 | 5.6 | 100.0 | 66 |
| Other | (61.7) | (14.9) | (7.2) | (0.0) | (16.2) | 100.0 | 39 |
| Non-Gambian | 59.1 | 22.7 | 6.4 | 1.2 | 10.5 | 100.0 | 350 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 66.1 | 18.5 | 6.3 | 0.8 | 8.2 | 100.0 | 3,405 |
| Rural | 61.4 | 15.0 | 5.0 | 0.3 | 18.2 | 100.0 | 1,086 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 61.0 | 26.1 | 8.8 | 1.6 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 42 |
| Kanifing | 61.3 | 20.7 | 7.6 | 0.6 | 9.8 | 100.0 | 983 |
| Brikama | 66.2 | 20.0 | 6.0 | 1.0 | 6.8 | 100.0 | 2,134 |
| Mansakonko | 58.2 | 17.8 | 6.0 | 0.6 | 17.4 | 100.0 | 184 |
| Kerewan | 60.1 | 18.0 | 14.7 | 1.2 | 6.1 | 100.0 | 241 |
| Kuntaur | 56.4 | 13.8 | 6.5 | 0.3 | 23.1 | 100.0 | 141 |
| Janjanbureh | 80.4 | 11.5 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 5.0 | 100.0 | 186 |
| Basse | 68.1 | 6.3 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 25.2 | 100.0 | 580 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 64.9 | 15.9 | 5.4 | 0.8 | 13.0 | 100.0 | 1,484 |
| Primary | 65.6 | 14.4 | 7.1 | 1.2 | 11.6 | 100.0 | 770 |
| Secondary or higher | 64.7 | 20.0 | 6.0 | 0.5 | 8.7 | 100.0 | 2,236 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 60.9 | 13.5 | 5.5 | 0.4 | 19.7 | 100.0 | 649 |
| Second | 64.9 | 14.6 | 7.5 | 0.4 | 12.6 | 100.0 | 773 |
| Middle | 64.9 | 20.1 | 4.2 | 1.3 | 9.5 | 100.0 | 999 |
| Fourth | 70.0 | 17.6 | 5.4 | 0.4 | 6.6 | 100.0 | 999 |
| Highest | 62.7 | 20.3 | 7.5 | 0.8 | 8.7 | 100.0 | 1,071 |
| Total | 64.9 | 17.7 | 6.0 | 0.7 | 10.6 | 100.0 | 4,490 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
Includes women who reported they were circumcised during infancy but did not provide a specific age

Table 17.4 Prevalence of circumcision and age at circumcision: Girls age 0-14
Percent distribution of girls age 0-14 by age at circumcision, and percentage of girls circumcised, according to current age, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Current age | Age at circumcision |  |  |  |  |  | Total | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number of } \\ \text { girls } \end{gathered}$ | Percentage circumcised |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $<1$ | 1-4 | 5-9 | 10-14 | Don't know | Percentage not circumcised |  |  |  |
| 0-4 | 15.9 | 8.6 | na | na | 0.0 | 74.9 | 100.0 | 1,823 | 25.1 |
| 5-9 | 24.2 | 24.6 | 3.6 | na | 0.6 | 46.9 | 100.0 | 1,845 | 53.1 |
| 10-14 | 26.4 | 26.5 | 8.9 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 36.9 | 100.0 | 1,437 | 63.1 |
| Total 0-14 | 21.9 | 19.4 | 3.9 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 54.1 | 100.0 | 5,105 | 45.9 |

Note: The circumcision status of girls is reported by their mothers.
na $=$ Not applicable due to censoring

| Table 17.5 Circumcision of girls age 0-14 by mother's background characteristics |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage of girls age $0-14$ who are circumcised, according to age and mother's background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20 |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Current age of girls |  |  |  |
|  | 0-4 | 5-9 | 10-14 | 0-14 |
| Religion |  |  |  |  |
| Islam | 25.6 | 54.2 | 64.6 | 46.8 |
| Christianity | (0.0) | (6.1) | (12.9) | 6.5 |
| Ethnic group |  |  |  |  |
| Mandinka/Jahanka | 31.4 | 76.3 | 88.4 | 63.1 |
| Wollof | 2.5 | 7.1 | 7.8 | 5.7 |
| Jola/Karoninka | 30.0 | 58.2 | 67.8 | 51.8 |
| Fula/Tukulur/Lorobo | 21.0 | 47.8 | 63.6 | 43.1 |
| Serere | (14.7) | 22.4 | (14.0) | 17.3 |
| Sarahule | 54.5 | 78.2 | 81.4 | 70.6 |
| Manjago | * | * | * | (1.0) |
| Bambara | * | (40.7) | * | 40.8 |
| Non-Gambian | 17.0 | 39.6 | 45.5 | 33.1 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 22.5 | 54.2 | 65.8 | 46.1 |
| Rural | 30.2 | 50.8 | 57.8 | 45.5 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 10.8 | 27.8 | 36.0 | 25.0 |
| Kanifing | 19.5 | 42.9 | 57.4 | 37.8 |
| Brikama | 22.2 | 57.9 | 69.9 | 49.2 |
| Mansakonko | 18.5 | 62.6 | 72.8 | 48.8 |
| Kerewan | 12.3 | 28.1 | 35.1 | 24.4 |
| Kuntaur | 17.5 | 28.7 | 33.4 | 26.0 |
| Janjanbureh | 21.0 | 45.5 | 51.8 | 37.8 |
| Basse | 63.2 | 87.6 | 89.2 | 79.3 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 27.9 | 54.2 | 62.6 | 48.9 |
| Primary | 24.7 | 59.9 | 69.9 | 49.3 |
| Secondary or higher | 21.8 | 46.9 | 59.8 | 38.9 |
| Mother's circumcision status |  |  |  |  |
| Circumcised | 32.8 | 71.1 | 82.1 | 60.4 |
| Not circumcised | 1.7 | 5.0 | 6.7 | 4.4 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 24.2 | 47.7 | 56.0 | 42.1 |
| Second | 29.6 | 52.0 | 60.9 | 46.6 |
| Middle | 27.4 | 63.3 | 70.8 | 52.3 |
| Fourth | 23.6 | 58.6 | 69.4 | 48.8 |
| Highest | 19.1 | 42.5 | 59.3 | 38.5 |
| Total | 25.1 | 53.1 | 63.1 | 45.9 |

[^20]Table 17.6 Infibulation among circumcised girls age 0-14
Percent distribution of girls age $0-14$ who are circumcised by whether or not they are infibulated, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Infibulation status |  |  | Total | Number of girls |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sewn closed | Not sewn closed | Don't know |  |  |
| Religion |  |  |  |  |  |
| Islam | 14.9 | 68.0 | 17.1 | 100.0 | 2,335 |
| Christianity | * |  |  | 100.0 | 8 |
| Ethnic group |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mandinka/Jahanka | 18.6 | 63.1 | 18.3 | 100.0 | 1,078 |
| Wollof | (2.9) | (73.1) | (23.9) | 100.0 | 36 |
| Jola/Karoninka | 5.9 | 81.9 | 12.2 | 100.0 | 255 |
| Fula/Tukulur/Lorobo | 13.3 | 73.0 | 13.7 | 100.0 | 414 |
| Serere | * | * | * | 100.0 | 24 |
| Sarahule | 20.3 | 60.8 | 18.9 | 100.0 | 297 |
| Creole/Aku Marabout | * | * | * | 100.0 | 2 |
| Manjago | * | * | * | 100.0 | 0 |
| Bambara | (0.7) | (85.2) | (14.1) | 100.0 | 23 |
| Other | * |  | * | 100.0 | 11 |
| Non-Gambian | 10.4 | 67.7 | 22.0 | 100.0 | 203 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 15.0 | 66.8 | 18.2 | 100.0 | 1,563 |
| Rural | 15.5 | 69.7 | 14.8 | 100.0 | 780 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 26.3 | 57.0 | 16.7 | 100.0 | 14 |
| Kanifing | 14.7 | 72.8 | 12.5 | 100.0 | 326 |
| Brikama | 14.3 | 67.4 | 18.3 | 100.0 | 1,059 |
| Mansakonko | 16.0 | 69.8 | 14.2 | 100.0 | 101 |
| Kerewan | 17.5 | 75.4 | 7.2 | 100.0 | 140 |
| Kuntaur | 15.8 | 64.3 | 19.9 | 100.0 | 73 |
| Janjanbureh | 13.0 | 83.9 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 124 |
| Basse | 16.7 | 59.5 | 23.8 | 100.0 | 504 |
| Mother's education |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 15.3 | 67.8 | 16.9 | 100.0 | 1,302 |
| Primary | 20.6 | 59.8 | 19.7 | 100.0 | 438 |
| Secondary or higher | 11.0 | 73.5 | 15.5 | 100.0 | 603 |
| Mother's circumcision status |  |  |  |  |  |
| Infibulated | 32.9 | 39.8 | 27.3 | 100.0 | 438 |
| Circumcised, not infibulated | 11.1 | 74.6 | 14.3 | 100.0 | 1,849 |
| Not circumcised | 10.5 | 61.7 | 27.8 | 100.0 | 56 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 14.2 | 66.9 | 18.9 | 100.0 | 479 |
| Second | 16.2 | 67.2 | 16.6 | 100.0 | 495 |
| Middle | 13.3 | 72.5 | 14.3 | 100.0 | 580 |
| Fourth | 16.8 | 66.5 | 16.7 | 100.0 | 462 |
| Highest | 15.9 | 63.3 | 20.8 | 100.0 | 327 |
| Total | 15.2 | 67.8 | 17.1 | 100.0 | 2,343 |

Note: The circumcision status of girls is reported by their mothers. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

Table 17.7 Aspects of circumcision among circumcised girls age 0-14 and women age 15-49
Percent distribution of circumcised girls age $0-14$ by current age and women age 15-49, according to person performing the circumcision and type of circumcision, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background | Current age of girls |  |  |  | Girls age <br> characteristic |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | $0-4$ | $5-9$ | $10-14$ | Women age <br> $15-49$ |  |
| Person who performed the |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ circumcision |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Traditional agent | 98.8 | 98.6 | 99.0 | 98.8 | 95.1 |
| $\quad$ Traditional circumciser | 98.3 | 97.8 | 98.7 | 98.3 | 94.9 |
| $\quad$ Community birth attendant | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.1 |
| $\quad$ Other traditional agent | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| $\quad$ Medical professional | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| $\quad$ Doctor | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| $\quad$ Nurse/midwife | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| $\quad$ Don't know | 0.7 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 4.5 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Type of circumcision |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Sewn closed | 12.9 | 16.4 | 15.0 | 15.2 | 16.6 |
| Not sewn closed | 70.8 | 66.9 | 67.2 | 67.8 | 68.1 |
| Don't know | 16.3 | 16.7 | 17.9 | 17.1 | 15.3 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number | 457 | 979 | 907 | 2,343 | 4,490 |

Note: The circumcision status of girls is reported by their mothers.

Table 17.8 Opinions of women and men about whether circumcision is required by religion
Percent distribution of women age 15-49 and men age 15-59 who have heard of female circumcision by opinion on whether their religion requires female circumcision, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Women |  |  |  |  | Men |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Required | Not required | Don't know/ no religion | Total | Number of women who have heard of female circumcision | Required | Not required | Don't know/ no religion | Total | Number of men who have heard of female circumcision |
| Female circumcision status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Circumcised | 68.9 | 20.2 | 10.9 | 100.0 | 4,490 | na | na | na | na | na |
| Not circumcised | 11.2 | 72.1 | 16.7 | 100.0 | 1,652 | na | na | na | na | na |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 51.6 | 33.9 | 14.4 | 100.0 | 1,354 | 38.3 | 32.9 | 28.8 | 100.0 | 1,041 |
| 20-24 | 51.3 | 35.7 | 13.0 | 100.0 | 1,128 | 45.1 | 31.2 | 23.7 | 100.0 | 786 |
| 25-29 | 54.8 | 33.3 | 11.9 | 100.0 | 1,138 | 48.7 | 29.2 | 22.2 | 100.0 | 623 |
| 30-34 | 52.5 | 36.0 | 11.5 | 100.0 | 870 | 51.3 | 30.9 | 17.8 | 100.0 | 515 |
| 35-39 | 54.9 | 32.0 | 13.1 | 100.0 | 706 | 49.9 | 31.8 | 18.2 | 100.0 | 488 |
| 40-44 | 56.4 | 32.4 | 11.2 | 100.0 | 561 | 50.8 | 28.7 | 20.5 | 100.0 | 357 |
| 45-49 | 56.3 | 35.3 | 8.4 | 100.0 | 385 | 55.1 | 29.2 | 15.8 | 100.0 | 338 |
| Religion |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Islam | 54.8 | 32.9 | 12.3 | 100.0 | 5,947 | 47.9 | 29.6 | 22.5 | 100.0 | 4,001 |
| Christianity | 10.2 | 70.9 | 18.9 | 100.0 | 192 | 11.3 | 71.1 | 17.6 | 100.0 | 141 |
| Other | * | * | * | 100.0 | 3 | * | * | * | 100.0 | 1 |
| No religion | na | na | na | na | 0 | * | * | * | 100.0 | 6 |
| Ethnic group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mandinka/Jahanka | 73.2 | 18.0 | 8.8 | 100.0 | 2,009 | 62.7 | 14.1 | 23.3 | 100.0 | 1,403 |
| Wollof | 8.8 | 76.2 | 15.0 | 100.0 | 769 | 13.0 | 70.1 | 16.9 | 100.0 | 565 |
| Jola/Karoninka | 55.3 | 32.7 | 12.0 | 100.0 | 692 | 39.5 | 32.1 | 28.3 | 100.0 | 466 |
| Fula/Tukulur/Lorobo | 50.8 | 34.2 | 15.0 | 100.0 | 1,134 | 47.2 | 27.9 | 24.8 | 100.0 | 749 |
| Serere | 32.7 | 54.9 | 12.4 | 100.0 | 242 | 33.9 | 44.2 | 21.9 | 100.0 | 138 |
| Sarahule | 73.7 | 13.8 | 12.5 | 100.0 | 477 | 68.3 | 14.5 | 17.2 | 100.0 | 280 |
| Creole/Aku Marabout | (21.4) | (56.8) | (21.8) | 100.0 | 29 | (14.4) | (48.2) | (37.4) | 100.0 | 24 |
| Manjago | 3.0 | 80.4 | 16.6 | 100.0 | 68 | (6.8) | (73.9) | (19.3) | 100.0 | 63 |
| Bambara | 60.2 | 36.3 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 79 | 37.2 | 39.8 | 23.0 | 100.0 | 62 |
| Other | (59.7) | (20.0) | (20.2) | 100.0 | 49 | (46.6) | (34.5) | (18.9) | 100.0 | 37 |
| Non-Gambian | 44.7 | 38.3 | 17.0 | 100.0 | 594 | 42.7 | 37.5 | 19.8 | 100.0 | 361 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 53.8 | 34.2 | 12.0 | 100.0 | 4,542 | 45.4 | 29.4 | 25.2 | 100.0 | 3,236 |
| Rural | 52.3 | 34.1 | 13.7 | 100.0 | 1,600 | 50.8 | 36.4 | 12.8 | 100.0 | 913 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 34.2 | 52.3 | 13.5 | 100.0 | 85 | 29.4 | 46.8 | 23.8 | 100.0 | 76 |
| Kanifing | 49.8 | 35.6 | 14.6 | 100.0 | 1,384 | 45.9 | 38.0 | 16.1 | 100.0 | 1,019 |
| Brikama | 56.8 | 32.6 | 10.5 | 100.0 | 2,724 | 44.8 | 24.8 | 30.4 | 100.0 | 1,936 |
| Mansakonko | 70.0 | 23.7 | 6.3 | 100.0 | 228 | 63.7 | 24.8 | 11.5 | 100.0 | 131 |
| Kerewan | 30.1 | 56.1 | 13.8 | 100.0 | 568 | 31.0 | 47.0 | 22.0 | 100.0 | 334 |
| Kuntaur | 34.9 | 42.9 | 22.2 | 100.0 | 259 | 43.3 | 39.5 | 17.3 | 100.0 | 128 |
| Janjanbureh | 51.2 | 40.4 | 8.4 | 100.0 | 296 | 53.8 | 33.1 | 13.0 | 100.0 | 197 |
| Basse | 73.5 | 11.3 | 15.2 | 100.0 | 598 | 68.9 | 23.4 | 7.7 | 100.0 | 327 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 55.8 | 31.2 | 13.0 | 100.0 | 2,109 | 46.8 | 34.0 | 19.2 | 100.0 | 862 |
| Primary | 55.2 | 28.2 | 16.6 | 100.0 | 980 | 52.0 | 25.0 | 23.0 | 100.0 | 699 |
| Secondary or higher | 51.1 | 38.1 | 10.7 | 100.0 | 3,053 | 45.0 | 31.6 | 23.4 | 100.0 | 2,587 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 46.6 | 37.5 | 15.9 | 100.0 | 993 | 48.6 | 34.3 | 17.1 | 100.0 | 600 |
| Second | 56.8 | 30.4 | 12.9 | 100.0 | 1,044 | 50.3 | 31.3 | 18.3 | 100.0 | 739 |
| Middle | 62.5 | 25.8 | 11.6 | 100.0 | 1,239 | 48.4 | 30.5 | 21.1 | 100.0 | 836 |
| Fourth | 55.5 | 32.8 | 11.7 | 100.0 | 1,312 | 45.9 | 27.4 | 26.6 | 100.0 | 858 |
| Highest | 46.4 | 42.4 | 11.3 | 100.0 | 1,553 | 42.1 | 32.0 | 25.9 | 100.0 | 1,115 |
| Total 15-49 | 53.4 | 34.2 | 12.5 | 100.0 | 6,142 | 46.6 | 31.0 | 22.5 | 100.0 | 4,148 |
| 50-59 | na | na | na | na | na | 50.0 | 31.5 | 18.5 | 100.0 | 378 |
| Total 15-59 | na | na | na | na | na | 46.8 | 31.0 | 22.1 | 100.0 | 4,526 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
na $=$ Not applicable

Table 17.9 Opinions of women and men about whether the practice of circumcision should continue
Percent distribution of women age 15-49 and men age 15-59 who have heard of female circumcision by opinion on whether the practice of circumcision should be continued, by background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Women |  |  |  |  | Men |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Continued | Not continued | Don't know/ depends | Total | Number of women who have heard of female circumcision | Continued | Not continued | Don't know/ depends | Total | Number of men who have heard of female circumcision |
| Aware of female circumcision legality |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Illegal | 29.5 | 52.8 | 17.7 | 100.0 | 687 | 38.7 | 47.2 | 14.1 | 100.0 | 1,447 |
| Female circumcision status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 45.5 | 45.4 | 9.1 | 100.0 | 1,354 | 38.7 | 47.6 | 13.7 | 100.0 | 1,041 |
| 20-24 | 43.8 | 48.9 | 7.3 | 100.0 | 1,128 | 46.8 | 44.2 | 9.0 | 100.0 | 786 |
| 25-29 | 46.1 | 45.9 | 8.0 | 100.0 | 1,138 | 47.5 | 38.4 | 14.1 | 100.0 | 623 |
| 30-34 | 45.4 | 45.6 | 9.0 | 100.0 | 870 | 48.1 | 39.2 | 12.7 | 100.0 | 515 |
| 35-39 | 48.3 | 44.8 | 6.9 | 100.0 | 706 | 48.4 | 38.0 | 13.6 | 100.0 | 488 |
| 40-44 | 45.6 | 45.8 | 8.6 | 100.0 | 561 | 42.1 | 42.4 | 15.5 | 100.0 | 357 |
| 45-49 | 47.3 | 42.9 | 9.8 | 100.0 | 385 | 49.8 | 39.0 | 11.2 | 100.0 | 338 |
| Religion |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Islam | 47.0 | 44.8 | 8.2 | 100.0 | 5,947 | 46.4 | 40.8 | 12.8 | 100.0 | 4,001 |
| Christianity | 8.2 | 81.3 | 10.5 | 100.0 | 192 | 9.6 | 82.5 | 7.9 | 100.0 | 141 |
| Other |  | * | * | 100.0 | 3 | * | * | * | 100.0 | 1 |
| No religion | na | na | na | na | 0 | * | * | * | 100.0 | 6 |
| Ethnic group |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mandinka/Jahanka | 66.9 | 27.7 | 5.5 | 100.0 | 2,009 | 63.9 | 22.8 | 13.3 | 100.0 | 1,403 |
| Wollof | 3.7 | 86.5 | 9.8 | 100.0 | 769 | 8.5 | 79.8 | 11.7 | 100.0 | 565 |
| Jola/Karoninka | 49.8 | 44.4 | 5.9 | 100.0 | 692 | 38.7 | 45.8 | 15.5 | 100.0 | 466 |
| Fula/Tukulur/Lorobo | 39.6 | 49.6 | 10.8 | 100.0 | 1,134 | 45.4 | 43.0 | 11.6 | 100.0 | 749 |
| Serere | 19.1 | 75.1 | 5.8 | 100.0 | 242 | 22.9 | 65.9 | 11.2 | 100.0 | 138 |
| Sarahule | 62.9 | 24.1 | 13.1 | 100.0 | 477 | 67.0 | 22.1 | 10.9 | 100.0 | 280 |
| Creole/Aku Marabout | (3.4) | (84.7) | (11.9) | 100.0 | 29 | (23.3) | (64.4) | (12.3) | 100.0 | 24 |
| Manjago | 4.3 | 88.9 | 6.8 | 100.0 | 68 | (3.9) | (92.2) | (3.8) | 100.0 | 63 |
| Bambara | 63.4 | 30.7 | 5.9 | 100.0 | 79 | 36.2 | 58.9 | 4.9 | 100.0 | 62 |
| Other | (46.3) | (47.2) | (6.5) | 100.0 | 49 | (43.3) | (48.6) | (8.1) | 100.0 | 37 |
| Non-Gambian | 37.1 | 51.2 | 11.7 | 100.0 | 594 | 38.6 | 45.7 | 15.7 | 100.0 | 361 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 46.4 | 45.7 | 7.9 | 100.0 | 4,542 | 44.3 | 42.2 | 13.5 | 100.0 | 3,236 |
| Rural | 43.8 | 46.9 | 9.3 | 100.0 | 1,600 | 47.7 | 42.6 | 9.7 | 100.0 | 913 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 30.9 | 61.3 | 7.8 | 100.0 | 85 | 28.2 | 58.9 | 12.9 | 100.0 | 76 |
| Kanifing | 36.5 | 54.1 | 9.4 | 100.0 | 1,384 | 41.6 | 45.9 | 12.5 | 100.0 | 1,019 |
| Brikama | 52.7 | 40.7 | 6.6 | 100.0 | 2,724 | 45.5 | 40.5 | 14.1 | 100.0 | 1,936 |
| Mansakonko | 54.1 | 40.9 | 5.0 | 100.0 | 228 | 56.6 | 33.2 | 10.1 | 100.0 | 131 |
| Kerewan | 26.6 | 65.7 | 7.7 | 100.0 | 568 | 26.5 | 60.4 | 13.1 | 100.0 | 334 |
| Kuntaur | 25.9 | 62.1 | 12.0 | 100.0 | 259 | 33.3 | 51.7 | 14.9 | 100.0 | 128 |
| Janjanbureh | 43.9 | 46.3 | 9.9 | 100.0 | 296 | 52.0 | 37.3 | 10.8 | 100.0 | 197 |
| Basse | 61.9 | 24.9 | 13.2 | 100.0 | 598 | 72.2 | 21.7 | 6.2 | 100.0 | 327 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 48.7 | 40.9 | 10.4 | 100.0 | 2,109 | 46.6 | 39.2 | 14.2 | 100.0 | 862 |
| Primary | 51.8 | 37.8 | 10.4 | 100.0 | 980 | 54.5 | 33.5 | 12.0 | 100.0 | 699 |
| Secondary or higher | 41.7 | 52.1 | 6.2 | 100.0 | 3,053 | 42.0 | 45.6 | 12.4 | 100.0 | 2,587 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 41.1 | 49.3 | 9.6 | 100.0 | 993 | 46.4 | 43.1 | 10.5 | 100.0 | 600 |
| Second | 48.9 | 42.8 | 8.3 | 100.0 | 1,044 | 50.1 | 37.9 | 12.0 | 100.0 | 739 |
| Middle | 58.1 | 33.0 | 8.9 | 100.0 | 1,239 | 49.2 | 38.1 | 12.6 | 100.0 | 836 |
| Fourth | 47.8 | 43.8 | 8.5 | 100.0 | 1,312 | 45.5 | 38.9 | 15.6 | 100.0 | 858 |
| Highest | 34.9 | 58.2 | 6.9 | 100.0 | 1,553 | 37.5 | 50.3 | 12.2 | 100.0 | 1,115 |
| Total 15-49 | 45.7 | 46.0 | 8.3 | 100.0 | 6,142 | 45.1 | 42.2 | 12.7 | 100.0 | 4,148 |
| 50-59 | na | na | na | na | na | 42.4 | 44.3 | 13.3 | 100.0 | 378 |
| Total 15-59 | na | na | na | na | na | 44.8 | 42.4 | 12.7 | 100.0 | 4,526 |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
na $=$ Not applicable
Table 17.10 Justifications for continuing female circumcision
Among women and men age $15-49$ who believe that female circumcision should be continued, percentage who cite various justifications, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  | Women |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Men |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background characteristic | Religious obligation | Prevents pregnancy | Hygiene/ cleanliness | Easier delivery | Reduced promiscuity | Tradition/ culture | Part of womanhood | Number of women who believe that female circumcision should be continued | Religious obligation | Prevents pregnancy | Hygiene/ cleanliness | Easier delivery | Reduced promiscuity | Tradition/ culture | Part of womanhood | Number of men who believe that female circumcision should be continued |
| Aware of female circumcision legality |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Illegal | 48.6 | 2.8 | 4.8 | 1.6 | 8.1 | 34.7 | 19.7 | 2,606 | 55.5 | 2.0 | 8.2 | 3.5 2.8 | 20.4 | 36.7 | 6.8 | 560 |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 52.2 | 2.6 | 6.4 | 10.4 | 8.6 | 34.6 | 19.3 | 616 | 57.4 | 2.1 | 7.4 | 4.7 | 12.0 | 35.0 | 8.1 | 403 |
| 20-24 | 52.7 | 5.2 | 9.0 | 9.1 | 14.6 | 43.4 | 17.1 | 494 | 57.2 | 1.2 | 7.0 | 2.3 | 27.7 | 32.8 | 4.4 | 368 |
| 25-29 | 62.7 | 5.8 | 9.7 | 8.5 | 12.3 | 44.0 | 20.2 | 524 | 62.4 | 0.8 | 8.6 | 4.8 | 26.9 | 32.6 | 7.2 | 296 |
| 30-34 | 67.0 | 1.9 | 12.3 | 10.3 | 11.0 | 49.9 | 19.7 | 395 | 66.3 | 1.4 | 8.3 | 1.0 | 34.9 | 29.3 | 5.8 | 248 |
| 35-39 | 62.0 | 4.4 | 14.1 | 14.5 | 12.2 | 48.5 | 18.9 | 341 | 62.0 | 0.1 | 9.4 | 2.6 | 32.2 | 39.2 | 6.5 | 237 |
| 40-44 | 63.5 | 3.7 | 12.2 | 4.4 | 11.5 | 56.8 | 13.4 | 256 | 70.6 | 0.3 | 11.7 | 5.4 | 26.0 | 30.1 | 3.0 | 150 |
| 45-49 | 60.8 | 4.9 | 11.5 | 9.8 | 9.8 | 57.5 | 15.6 | 182 | 77.5 | 1.6 | 6.7 | 1.9 | 26.1 | 39.4 | 5.6 | 168 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 61.8 | 3.9 | 10.8 | 8.7 | 11.6 | 41.3 | 16.6 | 2,107 | 61.9 | 0.6 | 7.9 | 3.0 | 25.4 | 32.7 | 4.9 | 1,434 |
| Rural | 51.1 | 4.2 | 8.0 | 12.9 | 11.0 | 57.2 | 23.6 | 701 | 65.6 | 2.9 | 8.8 | 4.2 | 25.3 | 38.2 | 10.0 | 436 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 56.9 | 8.2 | 19.7 | 12.0 | 19.6 | 54.7 | 19.8 | 26 | 66.6 | 3.1 | 6.8 | 4.4 | 31.8 | 26.3 | 6.2 | 21 |
| Kanifing | 64.4 | 5.5 | 8.0 | 9.0 | 13.7 | 37.0 | 22.0 | 505 | 70.1 | 0.9 | 8.0 | 5.9 | 28.2 | 34.8 | 5.4 | 424 |
| Brikama | 59.0 | 3.6 | 11.6 | 9.3 | 11.3 | 42.7 | 14.8 | 1,435 | 60.5 | 0.2 | 7.3 | 1.3 | 23.0 | 31.0 | 3.9 | 881 |
| Mansakonko | 53.6 | 4.6 | 10.3 | 12.8 | 11.2 | 59.1 | 22.6 | 123 | 62.6 | 0.9 | 12.3 | 2.0 | 19.0 | 35.4 | 3.5 | 74 |
| Kerewan | 48.0 | 4.5 | 14.8 | 10.9 | 8.6 | 52.6 | 32.0 | 151 | 44.8 | 0.7 | 9.6 | 9.5 | 21.9 | 39.1 | 3.8 | 88 |
| Kuntaur | 46.9 | 2.6 | 7.1 | 5.7 | 8.1 | 40.1 | 13.6 | 67 | 80.1 | 0.0 | 5.4 | 0.0 | 13.7 | 55.9 | 0.0 | 43 |
| Janjanbureh | 47.0 | 1.1 | 11.4 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 65.8 | 36.3 | 130 | 66.0 | 5.3 | 16.5 | 5.3 | 21.2 | 38.8 | 33.3 | 103 |
| Basse | 65.2 | 4.0 | 4.8 | 12.8 | 12.3 | 51.9 | 14.2 | 370 | 60.1 | 3.7 | 6.7 | 3.7 | 36.0 | 35.7 | 6.4 | 236 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 61.7 | 3.2 | 9.8 | 8.0 | 8.1 | 53.9 | 18.6 | 1,027 | 58.9 | 1.9 | 10.5 | 2.6 | 20.6 | 40.7 | 10.5 | 402 |
| Primary | 61.3 | 2.6 | 12.1 | 11.5 | 13.2 | 42.8 | 17.1 | 507 | 62.6 | 1.0 | 7.0 | 2.2 | 20.3 | 37.1 | 7.1 | 381 |
| Secondary or higher | 56.1 | 5.2 | 9.6 | 10.4 | 13.4 | 39.3 | 18.5 | 1,274 | 64.3 | 0.9 | 7.7 | 3.9 | 29.0 | 30.4 | 4.1 | 1,087 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 46.3 | 4.3 | 6.8 | 12.7 | 6.7 | 59.9 | 23.6 | 408 | 62.8 | 3.5 | 8.6 | 3.2 | 21.1 | 43.1 | 12.1 | 279 |
| Second | 60.5 | 4.1 | 6.4 | 13.5 | 9.8 | 48.9 | 20.1 | 511 | 67.8 | 1.7 | 7.9 | 3.6 | 20.0 | 35.1 | 7.5 | 370 |
| Middle | 58.3 | 3.0 | 12.7 | 9.5 | 12.2 | 45.3 | 15.8 | 720 | 59.1 | 0.9 | 8.8 | 3.6 | 26.9 | 34.8 | 5.1 | 411 |
| Fourth | 62.7 | 3.5 | 13.7 | 8.7 | 11.7 | 37.3 | 15.9 | 627 | 59.8 | 0.4 | 7.6 | 2.5 | 24.4 | 30.3 | 4.0 | 391 |
| Highest | 64.5 | 5.6 | 8.5 | 5.5 | 15.4 | 39.9 | 18.7 | 542 | 64.7 | 0.1 | 7.9 | 3.4 | 32.5 | 29.4 | 3.8 | 419 |
| Total 15-49 | 59.1 | 4.0 | 10.1 | 9.7 | 11.4 | 45.3 | 18.3 | 2,808 | 62.8 | 1.2 | 8.2 | 3.3 | 25.4 | 34.0 | 6.1 | 1,870 |
| 50-59 | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | 68.9 | 0.6 | 18.0 | 1.4 | 25.6 | 45.7 | 6.7 | 160 |
| Total 15-59 | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | na | 63.3 | 1.1 | 8.9 | 3.1 | 25.4 | 34.9 | 6.1 | 2,030 |

Table 17.12 Knowledge of female circumcision legality
Among women and men age 15-49 who have heard of female circumcision, percentage aware of any law that prohibits its practice, according to background characteristics, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Background characteristic | Women |  | Men |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Are aware that female circumcision is illegal | Number of women | Are aware that female circumcision is illegal | Number of men |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 81.7 | 1,354 | 46.6 | 1,041 |
| 20-24 | 87.3 | 1,128 | 61.4 | 786 |
| 25-29 | 90.9 | 1,138 | 68.0 | 623 |
| 30-34 | 92.0 | 870 | 72.2 | 515 |
| 35-39 | 92.6 | 706 | 76.4 | 488 |
| 40-44 | 92.1 | 561 | 78.6 | 357 |
| 45-49 | 93.3 | 385 | 84.4 | 338 |
| Religion |  |  |  |  |
| Islam | 89.1 | 5,947 | 65.5 | 4,001 |
| Christianity | 80.4 | 192 | 53.5 | 141 |
| Other | * | 3 | * | 1 |
| No religion | * | 0 | * | 6 |
| Ethnic group |  |  |  |  |
| Mandinka/Jahanka | 95.5 | 2,009 | 77.0 | 1,403 |
| Wollof | 78.7 | 769 | 52.9 | 565 |
| Jola/Karoninka | 94.6 | 692 | 68.3 | 466 |
| Fula/Tukulur/Lorobo | 88.3 | 1,134 | 66.3 | 749 |
| Serere | 91.5 | 242 | 69.3 | 138 |
| Sarahule | 85.1 | 477 | 51.5 | 280 |
| Creole/Aku Marabout | (88.7) | 29 | (43.2) | 24 |
| Manjago | 80.6 | 68 | (62.7) | 63 |
| Bambara | 88.7 | 79 | 67.4 | 62 |
| Other | (98.8) | 49 | (69.8) | 37 |
| Non-Gambian | 75.5 | 594 | 41.3 | 361 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 90.5 | 4,542 | 66.7 | 3,236 |
| Rural | 84.1 | 1,600 | 59.5 | 913 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No education | 86.3 | 2,109 | 55.7 | 862 |
| Primary | 85.7 | 980 | 53.7 | 699 |
| Secondary or higher | 91.5 | 3,053 | 71.4 | 2,587 |
| Wealth quintile |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 81.5 | 993 | 56.9 | 600 |
| Second | 88.5 | 1,044 | 58.6 | 739 |
| Middle | 90.2 | 1,239 | 68.4 | 836 |
| Fourth | 90.7 | 1,312 | 71.4 | 858 |
| Highest | 91.0 | 1,553 | 66.6 | 1,115 |
| Total 15-49 | 88.8 | 6,142 | 65.1 | 4,148 |
| 50-59 | na | na | 88.2 | 378 |
| Total 15-59 | na | na | 67.0 | 4,526 |

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## A. 1 Introduction

TThis appendix describes the objectives of the survey, the overall sample size, survey domains, and any subsamples used. The 2019-20 Gambia Demographic and Health Survey (2019-20 GDHS) is a nationwide survey with a nationally representative sample of residential households. All women age 15-49 who are usual members of the selected households or who spent the night before the survey in the selected households were eligible for individual interviews. In addition, in every second household, all men age 15-59 who are usual residents of the household or who slept in the household on the night before the interview were eligible for individual interviews. In the subsample of households selected for the man's questionnaire, children age 6-59 months were tested for anaemia and malaria, and height and weight measurements were recorded for children age 0-59 months and women age 15-49. In the same subsample, one woman age 15-49 was selected from each household to complete the domestic violence module.

The sample for the 2019-20 GDHS was designed to produce reliable estimates for key indicators at the national level as well as for urban and rural areas separately; each of the two urban municipalities, Banjul and Kanifing; and each of the following six Local Government Areas (LGAs): Brikama, Mansakonko, Kerewan, Kuntaur, Janjanbureh, and Basse.

## A. 2 Sample Frame

The 2019-20 GDHS sample was selected using a stratified, two-stage cluster design. The frame used for the first stage of the selection of the 2019-20 GDHS sample was based on an updated version of the 2013 Gambia Population and Housing Census (2013 GPHC) conducted by the Gambia Bureau of Statistics (GBoS). The census counts were updated in 2015-16 based on district-level projected counts from the 2015-16 Integrated Household Survey (IHS). The sampling frame is a complete list of enumeration areas (EAs) across the country. An EA is a geographic area, consisting of a convenient number of households, that serves as a counting unit for the census. EAs have an average size of 68 households. The sampling frame contains information about the location, type of residence, number of residential households, and population of each EA. A sketch map, available for each EA, delimits its geographic boundaries.

Administratively, The Gambia is divided into two urban municipalities, Banjul and Kanifing, and six LGAs. Each LGA/municipality is subdivided into districts, and each district is subdivided into settlements. A settlement, a group of small settlements, or a part of a large settlement can form an EA. These units allow the country as to be easily separated into small geographical area units, each with an urban or rural designation. There are 48 districts, 120 wards, and 4,098 EAs in The Gambia.

Table A. 1 shows the LGA distribution of households as described in the updated census frame, by type of residence (urban/rural). The table indicates that almost $37 \%$ of the households in The Gambia are in Brikama and that about $71 \%$ are in urban areas. Table A. 2 presents the distribution of EAs and their average size (in number of households) by LGA and residence. There are in total 4,098 EAs; among them, 2,540 are in urban areas and 1,558 are in rural areas. The average EA size is 68 households; urban EAs are larger in size, with an average of 79 households per EA, whereas rural EAs have an average of 52 households.

| Table A.1 Households |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Distribution of residential households in the sampling frame by Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (LGA) and residence, The Gambia DHS 2019-20 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Source: The 2013 GPHC conducted by GBoS

Table A. 2 Enumeration areas
Distribution of enumeration areas in the sampling frame by Local Government Area (LGA) and residence, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Local | Number of enumeration areas |  |  | Average enumeration area size |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Urban | Rural | Total |  | Urban | Rural | Total |
| Banjul | 74 | 0 | 74 |  | 98 | 0 | 98 |
| Kanifing | 743 | 0 | 773 |  | 90 | 0 | 90 |
| Brikama | 1,338 | 128 | 1,466 |  | 73 | 50 | 71 |
| Mansakonko | 32 | 172 | 204 |  | 79 | 55 | 59 |
| Kerewan | 106 | 387 | 493 |  | 72 | 52 | 57 |
| Kuntaur | 16 | 221 | 237 |  | 65 | 45 | 46 |
| Janjanbureh | 43 | 254 | 297 |  | 70 | 45 | 49 |
| Basse | 158 | 396 | 554 |  | 74 | 58 | 63 |
| The Gambia | 2,540 | 1,558 | 4,098 |  | 79 | 52 | 68 |

Source: The 2013 GPHC conducted by GBoS

## A. 3 Sample Design and Implementation

The sample for the 2019-20 GDHS is a stratified sample selected in two stages. In the first stage, 281 EAs were selected from the sampling frame with a stratified probability proportional to size selection. EA size is the number of households residing in the EA recorded in the updated 2013 GPHC frame. Stratification was achieved by separating every LGA into urban and rural areas. Therefore, the eight LGAs were stratified into 14 sampling strata since Banjul and Kanifing have no rural areas. Samples were selected independently in each stratum, with a predetermined number of EAs to be selected. Implicit stratification was achieved at each of the lower administrative unit levels by sorting the sampling frame according to districts and wards within each sampling stratum and by using a probability proportional to size selection procedure.

After the selection of EAs and before the main survey, a household listing operation was carried out in all selected EAs. The resulting lists of households served as the sampling frame for the selection of households in the second stage. In the second stage of selection, a fixed number of 25 households were selected in every sample cluster through equal probability systematic sampling. The survey interviewers were asked to interview only the pre-selected households. To prevent bias, replacements and changes of the pre-selected households were not allowed.

Table A. 3 shows the sample allocation of clusters and households by LGA and by type of residence. The numbers of interviews with women and men that were expected to be completed based on the sample design are shown by LGA and residence in Table A.4. The sample allocation is a power allocation with a small adjustment that took into account the LGA population and its urban-rural distribution. Among the 281 clusters selected, 173 were in urban areas and 108 were in rural areas. The total planned number of households to be selected in the 2019-20 GDHS was 7,$025 ; 4,325$ were from urban areas and 2,700 were
from rural areas. The sample was expected to result in about 12,475 completed interviews with women age 15-49 (6,785 in urban areas and 5,690 in rural areas) and about 4,305 completed interviews with men age 15-59 (2,509 in urban areas and 1,796 in rural areas).

| Table A. 3 Sample allocation of clusters and households |
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The allocations presented in Table A. 4 were based on the results obtained in the 2017 Gambia Malaria Indicator Survey (GMIS), in which household completion rates were $90 \%$ in urban areas and $96.7 \%$ in rural areas. On average, there were 1.80 women age 15-49 per household in urban areas and 2.24 women age 15-49 per household in rural areas; the overall response rate among women was about $97 \%$. Numbers for men age 15-59 were derived from the 2013 GDHS, in which there were about 1.58 men age 15-59 per household in urban areas and 1.55 men age 15-59 per household in rural areas; response rates for men were about $78 \%$ in urban areas and $85.6 \%$ in rural areas.

## A. 4 Sample Probabilities and Sampling Weights

Due to the non-proportional allocation of the sample to different LGAs and their urban and rural areas and the possible differences in response rates, sampling weights will be required for any analysis using the 2019-20 GDHS data to ensure the actual representativeness of the survey results at the national level as well as the domain level. Since the 2019-20 GDHS sample is a two-stage stratified cluster sample, sampling weights were calculated based on sampling probabilities separately for each sampling stage and for each cluster. The following notations were used:
$P_{1 h i}$ : first-stage sampling probability of the $i^{t h}$ cluster in stratum $h$
$P_{2 h i}$ : second-stage sampling probability within the $i^{\text {th }}$ cluster (households)
$P_{h i}$ : overall sampling probability of any households of the $i^{\text {th }}$ cluster in stratum $h$

Let $a_{h}$ be the number of EAs selected in stratum $h, M_{h i}$ the number of households according to the sampling frame in the $i^{\text {th }}$ EA, and $\sum M_{h i}$ the total number of households in the stratum. The probability of selecting the $i^{\text {th }}$ EA in the 2019-20 GDHS sample is calculated as follows:

$$
P_{l h i}=\frac{a_{h} M_{h i}}{\sum M_{h i}}
$$

Let $L_{h i}$ be the number of households listed in the household listing operation in cluster $i$ in stratum $h$, and let $g_{h i}$ be the number of households selected in the cluster. The second stage's selection probability for each household in the cluster is calculated as follows:

$$
P_{2 h i}=\frac{g_{h i}}{L_{h i}}
$$

The overall selection probability of each household in cluster $i$ of stratum $h$ is therefore the product of the two stages' selection probabilities:

$$
P_{h i}=P_{1 h i} \times P_{2 h i}
$$

The sampling weight for each household in cluster $i$ of stratum $h$ is the inverse of its overall selection probability:

$$
W_{h i}=1 / P_{h i}
$$

The design weights were adjusted for household non-response and individual non-response to obtain the sampling weights for households and for women and men, respectively. Non-response was adjusted at the sampling stratum level. For the household sampling weight, the household design weight was multiplied by the inverse of the household response rate by stratum. For women's individual sampling weight, the household sampling weight was multiplied by the inverse of women's individual response rate by stratum. After adjusting for non-response, the sampling weights were normalised to obtain the final standard weights that appear in the data files. The normalisation process was done to obtain a total number of unweighted cases equal to the total number of weighted cases at the national level for the total number of households, women, and men. Normalisation was done by multiplying the sampling weight by the estimated sampling fraction obtained from the survey for the household weight and the individual women's and men's weights. The normalised weights are relative weights that are valid for estimating means, proportions, ratios, and rates but are not valid for estimating population totals or for pooled data. Special weights for domestic violence were calculated that accounted for the selection of one woman per household and for non-response on the module.

Table A. 5 Sample implementation: Women
Percent distribution of households and eligible women by results of the household and individual interviews, and household, eligible women, and overall women response rates, according to urban-rural residence and Local Government Area (unweighted), The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Result | Residence |  | Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban | Rural | Banjul | Kanifing | Brikama | Mansakonko | Kerewan | Kuntaur | Janjanbureh | Basse |  |
| Selected households |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Completed (C) | 91.8 | 96.9 | 90.5 | 89.3 | 95.1 | 96.7 | 96.3 | 96.2 | 97.0 | 92.3 | 93.8 |
| Household present but no competent respondent at home (HP) | 1.9 | 0.3 | 3.8 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 1.3 |
| Postponed (P) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Refused (R) | 1.9 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 4.3 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 1.2 |
| Dwelling not found (DNF) | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.1 |
| Household absent (HA) | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 0.8 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.3 |
| Dwelling vacant/address not a dwelling (DV) | 2.3 | 0.6 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 2.9 | 1.7 |
| Dwelling destroyed (DD) | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| Other ( O ) | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.4 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of sampled households | 4,322 | 2,663 | 1,000 | 1,150 | 1,250 | 675 | 800 | 651 | 696 | 763 | 6,985 |
| Household response rate $(H R R)^{1}$ | 95.7 | 99.6 | 94.7 | 93.4 | 97.5 | 99.2 | 99.0 | 99.7 | 99.4 | 98.1 | 97.2 |
| Eligible women |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Completed (EWC) | 94.3 | 96.1 | 92.8 | 92.5 | 95.3 | 97.2 | 94.6 | 96.3 | 96.2 | 95.8 | 95.1 |
| Not at home (EWNH) | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 4.0 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 2.3 |
| Postponed (EWP) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Refused (EWR) | 1.8 | 0.5 | 3.9 | 2.4 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 1.2 |
| Incapacitated (EWI) | 0.7 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| Other (EWO) | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of women | 6,906 | 5,575 | 1,021 | 1,743 | 2,470 | 1,060 | 1,470 | 1,370 | 1,312 | 2,035 | 12,481 |
| Eligible women response rate (EWRR) ${ }^{2}$ | 94.3 | 96.1 | 92.8 | 92.5 | 95.3 | 97.2 | 94.6 | 96.3 | 96.2 | 95.8 | 95.1 |
| Overall women response rate (OWRR) ${ }^{3}$ | 90.2 | 95.7 | 87.8 | 86.3 | 93.0 | 96.4 | 93.7 | 96.0 | 95.6 | 93.9 | 92.4 |

${ }^{1}$ Using the number of households falling into specific response categories, the household response rate (HRR) is calculated as:

$$
\frac{100 * C}{C+H P+P+R+D N F}
$$

${ }^{2}$ The eligible women response rate (EWRR) is equivalent to the percentage of interviews completed (EWC).
${ }^{3}$ The overall women response rate (OWRR) is calculated as:
OWRR = HRR * EWRR/100

## Table A. 6 Sample implementation: Men

Percent distribution of households and eligible men by results of the household and individual interviews, and household, eligible men, and overall men response rates according to urban-rural residence and Local Government Area (unweighted), The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Result | Residence |  | Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban | Rural | Banjul | Kanifing | Brikama | Mansakonko | Kerewan | Kuntaur | Janjanbureh | Basse |  |
| Selected households |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Completed (C) | 92.8 | 98.1 | 90.2 | 91.7 | 96.8 | 97.1 | 96.5 | 98.1 | 98.0 | 93.2 | 94.8 |
| Household present but no competent respondent at home (HP) | 1.4 | 0.3 | 3.2 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 1.0 |
| Postponed (P) | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Refused (R) | 1.9 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 3.8 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| Dwelling not found (DNF) | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.1 |
| Household absent (HA) | 1.3 | 0.9 | 2.0 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 1.2 |
| Dwelling vacant/address not a dwelling (DV) | 2.0 | 0.2 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 2.6 | 1.3 |
| Dwelling destroyed (DD) | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.2 |
| Other ( O ) | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of sampled households | 2,158 | 1,333 | 499 | 576 | 624 | 339 | 401 | 323 | 346 | 383 | 3,491 |
| Household response rate $(H R R)^{1}$ | 96.4 | 99.6 | 94.7 | 94.6 | 98.7 | 99.4 | 99.0 | 99.7 | 99.7 | 97.5 | 97.6 |
| Eligible men |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Completed (EMC) | 84.0 | 91.3 | 84.5 | 79.8 | 85.2 | 90.6 | 91.0 | 90.1 | 94.3 | 86.8 | 86.9 |
| Not at home (EMNH) | 10.0 | 5.5 | 10.7 | 12.4 | 10.2 | 6.5 | 5.1 | 7.6 | 3.7 | 5.3 | 8.2 |
| Refused (EMR) | 3.8 | 0.9 | 3.2 | 6.0 | 2.3 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 3.9 | 2.7 |
| Incapacitated (EMI) | 1.7 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 2.6 | 1.8 |
| Other (EMO) | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 1.5 | 0.5 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Number of men | 3,252 | 2,085 | 618 | 860 | 1,118 | 414 | 567 | 476 | 542 | 742 | 5,337 |
| Eligible men response rate (EMRR) ${ }^{2}$ | 84.0 | 91.3 | 84.5 | 79.8 | 85.2 | 90.6 | 91.0 | 90.1 | 94.3 | 86.8 | 86.9 |
| Overall men response rate (OMRR) ${ }^{3}$ | 81.0 | 91.0 | 80.0 | 75.5 | 84.1 | 90.0 | 90.1 | 89.8 | 94.0 | 84.7 | 84.8 |

${ }^{1}$ Using the number of households falling into specific response categories, the household response rate (HRR) is calculated as:

$$
\frac{100 * R}{C+H P+P+R+D N F}
$$

${ }^{2}$ The eligible men response rate (EMRR) is equivalent to the percentage of interviews completed (EMC).
${ }^{3}$ The overall men response rate (OMRR) is calculated as:
OMRR $=$ HRR * EMRR/100

TThe estimates from a sample survey are affected by two types of errors: nonsampling errors and sampling errors. Nonsampling errors are the results of mistakes made in implementing data collection and data processing, such as failure to locate and interview the correct household, misunderstanding of the questions on the part of either the interviewer or the respondent, and data entry errors. Although numerous efforts were made during the implementation of the 2019-20 Gambia Demographic and Health Survey (GDHS) to minimise this type of error, nonsampling errors are impossible to avoid and difficult to evaluate statistically.

Sampling errors, on the other hand, can be evaluated statistically. The sample of respondents selected in the 2019-20 GDHS is only one of many samples that could have been selected from the same population, using the same design and expected size. Each of these samples would yield results that differ somewhat from the results of the actual sample selected. Sampling errors are a measure of the variability among all possible samples. Although the degree of variability is not known exactly, it can be estimated from the survey results.

Sampling error is usually measured in terms of the standard error for a particular statistic (mean, percentage, etc.), which is the square root of the variance. The standard error can be used to calculate confidence intervals within which the true value for the population can reasonably be assumed to fall. For example, for any given statistic calculated from a sample survey, the value of that statistic will fall within a range of plus or minus two times the standard error of that statistic in $95 \%$ of all possible samples of identical size and design.

If the sample of respondents had been selected as a simple random sample, it would have been possible to use straightforward formulas for calculating sampling errors. However, the 2019-20 GDHS sample is the result of a multi-stage stratified design, and, consequently, it was necessary to use more complex formulas. Sampling errors are computed in SAS, using programs developed by ICF. These programs use the Taylor linearisation method to estimate variances for survey estimates that are means, proportions, or ratios. The Jackknife repeated replication method is used for variance estimation of more complex statistics such as fertility and mortality rates.

The Taylor linearisation method treats any percentage or average as a ratio estimate, $r=y / x$, where $y$ represents the total sample value for variable $y$ and $x$ represents the total number of cases in the group or subgroup under consideration. The variance of $r$ is computed using the formula given below, with the standard error being the square root of the variance:

$$
S E^{2}(r)=\operatorname{var}(r)=\frac{1-f}{x^{2}} \sum_{h=1}^{H}\left[\frac{m_{h}}{m_{h}-1}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m_{h}} z_{h i}^{2}-\frac{z_{h}^{2}}{m_{h}}\right)\right]
$$

in which

$$
z_{h i}=y_{h i}-r x_{h i} \text { and } z_{h}=y_{h}-r x_{h}
$$

where $h \quad$ represents the stratum, which varies from 1 to $H$;
$m_{h} \quad$ is the total number of clusters selected in the $h^{\text {th }}$ stratum;
$y_{h i} \quad$ is the sum of the weighted values of variable $y$ in the $i^{\text {th }}$ cluster in the $h^{\text {th }}$ stratum;
$x_{h i}$ is the sum of the weighted number of cases in the $i^{\text {th }}$ cluster in the $h^{\text {th }}$ stratum; and
$f$
The Jackknife repeated replication method derives estimates of complex rates from each of several replications of the parent sample and calculates standard errors for these estimates using simple formulas. Each replication considers all but one cluster in the calculation of the estimates. Pseudo-independent replications are thus created. In the 2019-20 GDHS, there were 280 non-empty clusters. Hence, 280 replications were created. The variance of a rate $r$ is calculated as follows:

$$
S E^{2}(r)=\operatorname{var}(r)=\frac{1}{k(k-1)} \sum_{i=1}^{k}\left(r_{i}-r\right)^{2}
$$

in which

$$
r_{i}=k r-(k-1) r_{(i)}
$$

where $r$ is the estimate computed from the full sample of 280 clusters,
$r_{(i)} \quad$ is the estimate computed from the reduced sample of 279 clusters ( $i^{\text {th }}$ cluster excluded), and
$k \quad$ is the total number of clusters.

In addition to the standard error, the design effect (DEFT) for each estimate is also calculated. The design effect is defined as the ratio between the standard error using the given sample design and the standard error that would result if a simple random sample had been used. A DEFT value of 1.0 indicates that the sample design is as efficient as a simple random sample, while a value greater than 1.0 indicates the increase in the sampling error due to the use of a more complex and less statistically efficient design. Relative standard errors and confidence limits for the estimates are also calculated.

Sampling errors for the 2019-20 GDHS are calculated for selected variables considered to be of primary interest. The results are presented in this appendix for the country as a whole; for urban and rural areas; for each of the two urban municipalities, Banjul and Kanifing; and for each of the six LGAs. For each variable, the type of statistic (mean, proportion, or rate) and the base population are given in Table B.1.
Tables B. 2 through B. 12 present the value of the statistic (R), its standard error (SE), the number of unweighted ( N ) and weighted (WN) cases, the design effect (DEFT), the relative standard error (SE/R), and the $95 \%$ confidence limits ( $\mathrm{R} \pm 2$ SE) for each selected variable. The DEFT is considered undefined when the standard error considering a simple random sample is zero (when the estimate is close to 0 or 1 ).

The confidence interval (e.g., as calculated for ideal number of children) can be interpreted as follows: the overall average from the national sample is 5.798 , and its standard error is 0.053 . Therefore, to obtain the $95 \%$ confidence limits, one adds and subtracts twice the standard error to the sample estimate, that is, $5.798 \pm 2 \times 0.053$. There is a high probability $(95 \%)$ that the true ideal number of children is between 5.693 and 5.904.

For the total sample, the value of the DEFT, averaged over all indicators in the appendix, is about 1.6. This means that, due to multi-stage clustering of the sample, the average standard error is increased by a factor of 1.6 over that in an equivalent simple random sample.

Table B. 1 List of selected variables for sampling errors, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Variable | Estimate | Base population |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HOUSEHOLDS AND POPULATION |  |  |
| Ownership of at least one ITN | Proportion | Households |
| Access to an ITN | Proportion | De facto household population |
| Use of an ITN | Proportion | De facto household population |
| WOMEN |  |  |
| Urban residence | Proportion | Women 15-49 |
| Literacy | Proportion | Women 15-49 |
| No education | Proportion | Women 15-49 |
| Secondary education or higher | Proportion | Women 15-49 |
| Never married/never in union | Proportion | Women 15-49 |
| Currently married/in union | Proportion | Women 15-49 |
| Married before age 18 | Proportion | Women 20-49 |
| Had sexual intercourse before age 18 | Proportion | Women 20-49 |
| Currently pregnant | Proportion | Women 15-49 |
| Know any contraceptive method | Proportion | Currently married women 15-49 |
| Know a modern method | Proportion | Currently married women 15-49 |
| Currently using any method | Proportion | Currently married women 15-49 |
| Currently using a modern method | Proportion | Currently married women 15-49 |
| Currently using pill | Proportion | Currently married women 15-49 |
| Currently using male condoms | Proportion | Currently married women 15-49 |
| Currently using injectables | Proportion | Currently married women 15-49 |
| Currently using implants | Proportion | Currently married women 15-49 |
| Currently using female sterilisation | Proportion | Currently married women 15-49 |
| Currently using withdrawal | Proportion | Currently married women 15-49 |
| Currently using rhythm | Proportion | Currently married women 15-49 |
| Used public sector source | Proportion | Current users of modern method |
| Want no more children | Proportion | Currently married women 15-49 |
| Want to delay next birth at least 2 years | Proportion | Currently married women 15-49 |
| Ideal number of children | Mean | Women 15-49 |
| Mothers protected against tetanus for last birth | Proportion | Women with a live birth in last 5 years |
| Births with skilled attendant at delivery | Proportion | Births occurring 1-59 months before the survey |
| Received 3+ doses of SP/Fansidar | Proportion | Last birth of women 15-49 with live births in the last 2 years |
| Treated with ORS | Proportion | Children under 5 with diarrhoea in the past 2 weeks |
| Sought treatment for diarrhoea | Proportion | Children under 5 with diarrhoea in the past 2 weeks |
| Ever had vaccination card | Proportion | Children 12-23 months |
| Received BCG vaccination | Proportion | Children 12-23 months |
| Received birth dose HepB vaccination | Proportion | Children 12-23 months |
| Received DPT-HepB-Hib vaccination (3 doses) | Proportion | Children 12-23 months |
| Received birth dose polio 0 vaccination | Proportion | Children 12-23 months |
| Received polio vaccination (3 doses) | Proportion | Children 12-23 months |
| Received pneumococcal vaccination (3 doses) | Proportion | Children 12-23 months |
| Received rotavirus vaccination (2 doses) | Proportion | Children 12-23 months |
| Received measles-containing vaccination 1 | Proportion | Children 12-23 months |
| Received all basic vaccinations | Proportion | Children 12-23 months |
| Received all age-appropriate vaccinations (12-23 months) | Proportion | Children 12-23 months |
| Received measles-containing vaccination 2 | Proportion | Children 24-35 months |
| Received all age-appropriate vaccinations (24-35 months) | Proportion | Children 24-35 months |
| Height-for-age (-2SD) | Proportion | Children under 5 who were measured |
| Weight-for-height (-2SD) | Proportion | Children under 5 who were measured |
| Weight-for-age (-2SD) | Proportion | Children under 5 who were measured |
| Body mass index (BMI) < 18.5 | Proportion | Women 15-49 who were measured |
| Body mass index (BMI) $\geq 25$ | Proportion | Women 15-49 who were measured |
| Prevalence of anaemia (children 6-59 months) | Proportion | Children 6-59 months who were tested |
| Prevalence of malaria (based on rapid test) | Proportion | Children 6-59 months tested (rapid test) for malaria |
| Prevalence of anaemia (women 15-49) | Proportion | Women 15-49 who were tested |
| Ever experienced any physical violence since age 15 | Proportion | Women 15-49 |
| Ever experienced any sexual violence | Proportion | Women 15-49 |
| Ever experienced any physical/sexual violence by husband/partner | Proportion | Women 15-49 |
| Ever experienced any emotional/physical/sexual violence by any husband/partner | Proportion | Women 15-49 |
| Experienced any emotional/physical/sexual violence in the last 12 months by any husband/partner | Proportion | Women 15-49 |
| Had 2+ sexual partners in past 12 months | Proportion | Women 15-49 |
| Abstinence among never-married youth (never had sex) | Proportion | Never-married women 15-24 |
| Had an HIV test and received results in past 12 months | Proportion | Women 15-49 |
| Discriminatory attitudes towards people with HIV | Proportion | Women who have heard of HIV/AIDS |
| Prevalence of female circumcision | Proportion | Women 15-49 |
| Total fertility rate (3 years) | Rate | Woman-years of exposure to childbearing |
| Neonatal mortality rate ${ }^{1}$ | Rate | Children exposed to the risk of mortality |
| Postneonatal mortality rate ${ }^{1}$ | Rate | Children exposed to the risk of mortality |
| Infant mortality rate ${ }^{1}$ | Rate | Children exposed to the risk of mortality |
| Child mortality rate ${ }^{1}$ | Rate | Children exposed to the risk of mortality |
| Under-5 mortality rate ${ }^{1}$ | Rate | Children exposed to the risk of mortality |
| MEN |  |  |
| Urban residence | Proportion | Men 15-49 |
| Literacy | Proportion | Men 15-49 |
| No education | Proportion | Men 15-49 |
| Secondary education or higher | Proportion | Men 15-49 |
| Never married/never in union | Proportion | Men 15-49 |
| Currently married/in union | Proportion | Men 15-49 |
| Had sexual intercourse before age 18 | Proportion | Men 20-49 |
| Know any contraceptive method | Proportion | Currently married men 15-49 |
| Know a modern method | Proportion | Currently married men 15-49 |
| Want no more children | Proportion | Currently married men 15-49 |
| Want to delay next birth at least 2 years | Proportion | Currently married men 15-49 |
| Ideal number of children | Mean | Men 15-49 |
| Had 2+ sexual partners in past 12 months | Proportion | Men 15-49 |
| Condom use at last sex | Proportion | Men 15-49 with non-marital, non-cohabiting partners in the past 12 months |
| Abstinence among never-married youth (never had sex) | Proportion | Never-married men 15-24 |
| Paid for sexual intercourse in past 12 months | Proportion | Men 15-49 |
| Had an HIV test and received results in past 12 months | Proportion | Men 15-49 |
| Discriminatory attitudes towards people with HIV | Proportion | Men who have heard of HIV/AIDS |

${ }^{1}$ Mortality rates are calculated for the 5 years before the survey for the national, urban, and rural samples and for the 10 years before the survey for the LGA samples.

Table B. 2 Sampling errors: Total sample, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unweighted (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Lower } \\ \text { (R-2SE) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Upper } \\ \text { (R+2SE) } \end{gathered}$ |
| HOUSEHOLDS AND POPULATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ownership of at least one ITN | 0.773 | 0.011 | 6,549 | 6,549 | 2.167 | 0.015 | 0.751 | 0.796 |
| De facto population with access to an ITN | 0.608 | 0.008 | 53,460 | 52,227 | 1.611 | 0.014 | 0.592 | 0.625 |
| Household population that slept under an ITN last night | 0.378 | 0.010 | 53,460 | 52,227 | 1.882 | 0.027 | 0.358 | 0.399 |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.737 | 0.010 | 11,865 | 11,865 | 2.440 | 0.013 | 0.717 | 0.757 |
| Literacy | 0.472 | 0.011 | 11,865 | 11,865 | 2.504 | 0.024 | 0.449 | 0.495 |
| No education | 0.347 | 0.011 | 11,865 | 11,865 | 2.405 | 0.030 | 0.326 | 0.368 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.497 | 0.012 | 11,865 | 11,865 | 2.599 | 0.024 | 0.473 | 0.520 |
| Never married/never in union | 0.312 | 0.007 | 11,865 | 11,865 | 1.602 | 0.022 | 0.299 | 0.326 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.634 | 0.008 | 11,865 | 11,865 | 1.761 | 0.012 | 0.619 | 0.650 |
| Married before age 18 | 0.339 | 0.010 | 9,178 | 9,232 | 1.925 | 0.028 | 0.320 | 0.358 |
| Had sexual intercourse before age 18 | 0.407 | 0.011 | 9,178 | 9,232 | 2.089 | 0.026 | 0.385 | 0.428 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.074 | 0.003 | 11,865 | 11,865 | 1.325 | 0.043 | 0.068 | 0.081 |
| Know any contraceptive method | 0.993 | 0.001 | 8,083 | 7,526 | 1.223 | 0.001 | 0.991 | 0.996 |
| Know a modern method | 0.993 | 0.001 | 8,083 | 7,526 | 1.438 | 0.001 | 0.990 | 0.995 |
| Currently using any method | 0.189 | 0.007 | 8,083 | 7,526 | 1.578 | 0.036 | 0.175 | 0.203 |
| Currently using a modern method | 0.171 | 0.007 | 8,083 | 7,526 | 1.576 | 0.039 | 0.158 | 0.184 |
| Currently using pill | 0.019 | 0.002 | 8,083 | 7,526 | 1.381 | 0.111 | 0.015 | 0.023 |
| Currently using male condoms | 0.003 | 0.001 | 8,083 | 7,526 | 1.596 | 0.313 | 0.001 | 0.005 |
| Currently using injectables | 0.081 | 0.005 | 8,083 | 7,526 | 1.564 | 0.059 | 0.071 | 0.090 |
| Currently using implants | 0.055 | 0.004 | 8,083 | 7,526 | 1.625 | 0.075 | 0.046 | 0.063 |
| Currently using female sterilisation | 0.006 | 0.001 | 8,083 | 7,526 | 1.283 | 0.189 | 0.004 | 0.008 |
| Currently using withdrawal | 0.007 | 0.001 | 8,083 | 7,526 | 1.599 | 0.213 | 0.004 | 0.010 |
| Currently using rhythm | 0.001 | 0.000 | 8,083 | 7,526 | 1.210 | 0.368 | 0.000 | 0.002 |
| Used public sector source | 0.761 | 0.019 | 1,404 | 1,444 | 1.629 | 0.024 | 0.723 | 0.798 |
| Want no more children | 0.175 | 0.005 | 8,083 | 7,526 | 1.266 | 0.031 | 0.164 | 0.186 |
| Want to delay next birth at least 2 years | 0.366 | 0.008 | 8,083 | 7,526 | 1.441 | 0.021 | 0.350 | 0.381 |
| Ideal number of children | 5.798 | 0.053 | 10,426 | 10,448 | 2.330 | 0.009 | 5.693 | 5.904 |
| Mothers protected against tetanus for last birth | 0.706 | 0.009 | 5,799 | 5,372 | 1.566 | 0.013 | 0.687 | 0.725 |
| Births with skilled attendant at delivery | 0.838 | 0.008 | 8,362 | 7,653 | 1.785 | 0.010 | 0.822 | 0.855 |
| Received 3+ doses of SP/Fansidar | 0.522 | 0.013 | 3,441 | 3,129 | 1.523 | 0.025 | 0.495 | 0.548 |
| Treated with ORS | 0.443 | 0.018 | 1,529 | 1,403 | 1.366 | 0.041 | 0.407 | 0.480 |
| Sought treatment for diarrhoea | 0.622 | 0.020 | 1,529 | 1,403 | 1.558 | 0.033 | 0.582 | 0.663 |
| Ever had vaccination card | 0.996 | 0.002 | 1,582 | 1,456 | 1.344 | 0.002 | 0.992 | 1.000 |
| Received BCG vaccination | 0.990 | 0.003 | 1,582 | 1,456 | 1.089 | 0.003 | 0.984 | 0.995 |
| Received birth dose HepB vaccination | 0.989 | 0.003 | 1,582 | 1,456 | 1.207 | 0.003 | 0.982 | 0.995 |
| Received DPT-HepB-Hib vaccination (3 doses) | 0.928 | 0.009 | 1,582 | 1,456 | 1.419 | 0.010 | 0.909 | 0.947 |
| Received birth dose polio 0 vaccination | 0.983 | 0.004 | 1,582 | 1,456 | 1.232 | 0.004 | 0.975 | 0.991 |
| Received polio vaccination (3 doses) | 0.904 | 0.010 | 1,582 | 1,456 | 1.351 | 0.011 | 0.884 | 0.925 |
| Received pneumococcal vaccination (3 doses) | 0.923 | 0.009 | 1,582 | 1,456 | 1.360 | 0.010 | 0.904 | 0.942 |
| Received rotavirus vaccination (2 doses) | 0.947 | 0.008 | 1,582 | 1,456 | 1.446 | 0.009 | 0.930 | 0.963 |
| Received measles-containing vaccination 1 | 0.901 | 0.012 | 1,582 | 1,456 | 1.564 | 0.013 | 0.877 | 0.925 |
| Received all basic vaccinations | 0.846 | 0.014 | 1,582 | 1,456 | 1.483 | 0.016 | 0.818 | 0.873 |
| Received all age-appropriate vaccinations (12-23 months) | 0.772 | 0.016 | 1,582 | 1,456 | 1.442 | 0.020 | 0.741 | 0.803 |
| Received measles-containing vaccination 2 | 0.705 | 0.019 | 1,504 | 1,432 | 1.577 | 0.027 | 0.668 | 0.743 |
| Received all age-appropriate vaccinations (24-35 months) | 0.297 | 0.017 | 1,504 | 1,432 | 1.424 | 0.057 | 0.263 | 0.331 |
| Height-for-age (-2SD) | 0.175 | 0.009 | 4,164 | 3,938 | 1.295 | 0.050 | 0.157 | 0.192 |
| Weight-for-height (-2SD) | 0.051 | 0.004 | 4,171 | 3,944 | 1.231 | 0.088 | 0.042 | 0.060 |
| Weight-for-age (-2SD) | 0.116 | 0.007 | 4,186 | 3,964 | 1.194 | 0.056 | 0.103 | 0.130 |
| Body mass index (BMI) <18.5 | 0.136 | 0.006 | 5,297 | 5,328 | 1.349 | 0.047 | 0.124 | 0.149 |
| Body mass index (BMI) $\geq 25$ | 0.364 | 0.010 | 5,297 | 5,328 | 1.494 | 0.027 | 0.344 | 0.383 |
| Prevalence of anaemia (children 6-59 months) | 0.448 | 0.018 | 3,618 | 3,423 | 1.747 | 0.039 | 0.413 | 0.483 |
| Prevalence of malaria (based on rapid test) | 0.004 | 0.002 | 3,604 | 3,408 | 1.651 | 0.427 | 0.001 | 0.008 |
| Prevalence of anaemia (women 15-49) | 0.457 | 0.017 | 2,470 | 2,470 | 1.646 | 0.036 | 0.424 | 0.490 |
| Ever experienced any physical violence since age 15 | 0.089 | 0.010 | 2,470 | 2,470 | 1.692 | 0.109 | 0.070 | 0.109 |
| Ever experienced any sexual violence | 0.310 | 0.018 | 1,953 | 1,763 | 1.744 | 0.059 | 0.273 | 0.347 |
| Ever experienced any physical/sexual violence by husband/partner | 0.411 | 0.019 | 1,953 | 1,763 | 1.689 | 0.046 | 0.373 | 0.449 |
| Ever experienced any emotional/physical/sexual violence by any husband/partner | 0.173 | 0.014 | 1,953 | 1,763 | 1.663 | 0.082 | 0.145 | 0.202 |
| Experienced any emotional/physical/sexual violence in the last 12 months by any husband/partner | 0.443 | 0.012 | 5,914 | 5,858 | 1.864 | 0.027 | 0.419 | 0.467 |
| Had 2+ sexual partners in past 12 months | 0.003 | 0.001 | 11,865 | 11,865 | 1.187 | 0.211 | 0.002 | 0.004 |
| Abstinence among never-married youth (never had sex) | 0.913 | 0.008 | 2,783 | 3,133 | 1.494 | 0.009 | 0.897 | 0.929 |
| Had an HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.127 | 0.006 | 11,865 | 11,865 | 1.831 | 0.044 | 0.116 | 0.138 |
| Discriminatory attitudes towards people with HIV | 0.760 | 0.010 | 11,563 | 11,575 | 2.502 | 0.013 | 0.740 | 0.780 |
| Prevalence of female circumcision | 0.726 | 0.017 | 6,170 | 6,186 | 2.938 | 0.023 | 0.693 | 0.759 |
| Total fertility rate (last 3 years) | 4.425 | 0.107 | 33,126 | 33,259 | 1.638 | 0.024 | 4.211 | 4.638 |
| Neonatal mortality (last 0-4 years) | 28.679 | 2.442 | 8,369 | 7,647 | 1.131 | 0.085 | 23.796 | 33.563 |
| Postneonatal mortality (last 0-4 years) | 12.839 | 1.654 | 8,348 | 7,638 | 1.276 | 0.129 | 9.532 | 16.146 |
| Infant mortality (last 0-4 years) | 41.518 | 2.667 | 8,375 | 7,656 | 1.052 | 0.064 | 36.184 | 46.853 |
| Child mortality (last 0-4 years) | 15.454 | 1.630 | 8,236 | 7,604 | 1.138 | 0.105 | 12.193 | 18.714 |
| Under-5 mortality (last 0-4 years) | 56.331 | 3.247 | 8,434 | 7,704 | 1.143 | 0.058 | 49.837 | 62.824 |

Table B.2-Continued

| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unweighted (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lower } \\ & \text { (R-2SE) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Upper } \\ \text { (R+2SE) } \end{gathered}$ |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.776 | 0.011 | 4,201 | 4,255 | 1.748 | 0.015 | 0.753 | 0.798 |
| Literacy | 0.675 | 0.012 | 4,201 | 4,255 | 1.721 | 0.018 | 0.650 | 0.700 |
| No education | 0.216 | 0.012 | 4,201 | 4,255 | 1.819 | 0.053 | 0.193 | 0.240 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.615 | 0.014 | 4,201 | 4,255 | 1.916 | 0.023 | 0.587 | 0.644 |
| Never married/never in union | 0.600 | 0.009 | 4,201 | 4,255 | 1.187 | 0.015 | 0.582 | 0.618 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.387 | 0.009 | 4,201 | 4,255 | 1.180 | 0.023 | 0.369 | 0.404 |
| Had first sexual intercourse before age 18 | 0.197 | 0.010 | 3,122 | 3,158 | 1.427 | 0.052 | 0.177 | 0.217 |
| Knows any contraceptive method | 0.999 | 0.001 | 1,771 | 1,645 | 0.721 | 0.001 | 0.998 | 1.000 |
| Knows any modern contraceptive method | 0.999 | 0.001 | 1,771 | 1,645 | 0.698 | 0.001 | 0.998 | 1.000 |
| Want no more children | 0.043 | 0.007 | 1,771 | 1,645 | 1.549 | 0.174 | 0.028 | 0.058 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.512 | 0.018 | 1,771 | 1,645 | 1.511 | 0.035 | 0.476 | 0.548 |
| Ideal number of children | 7.554 | 0.158 | 3,601 | 3,730 | 1.786 | 0.021 | 7.237 | 7.870 |
| Had 2+ sexual partners in past 12 months | 0.104 | 0.006 | 4,201 | 4,255 | 1.281 | 0.058 | 0.091 | 0.116 |
| Condom use at last sex | 0.262 | 0.029 | 438 | 440 | 1.356 | 0.109 | 0.205 | 0.319 |
| Abstinence among never-married youth (never had sex) | 0.616 | 0.021 | 1,763 | 1,865 | 1.772 | 0.033 | 0.575 | 0.657 |
| Had paid sex in past 12 months | 0.010 | 0.002 | 4,201 | 4,255 | 1.441 | 0.223 | 0.005 | 0.014 |
| Had HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.086 | 0.007 | 4,201 | 4,255 | 1.583 | 0.080 | 0.073 | 0.100 |
| Discriminatory attitudes towards people living with HIV | 0.728 | 0.012 | 4,064 | 4,164 | 1.737 | 0.017 | 0.704 | 0.753 |

Table B. 3 Sampling errors: Urban sample, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unweighted (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Lower } \\ \text { (R-2SE) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Upper } \\ \text { (R+2SE) } \end{gathered}$ |
| HOUSEHOLDS AND POPULATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ownership of at least one ITN | 0.717 | 0.015 | 3,969 | 4,989 | 2.026 | 0.020 | 0.688 | 0.746 |
| De facto population with access to an ITN | 0.556 | 0.011 | 27,007 | 36,286 | 1.586 | 0.019 | 0.535 | 0.578 |
| Household population that slept under an ITN last night | 0.346 | 0.013 | 27,007 | 36,286 | 1.814 | 0.037 | 0.320 | 0.371 |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 1.000 | 0.000 | 6,510 | 8,747 | na | 0.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Literacy | 0.546 | 0.014 | 6,510 | 8,747 | 2.287 | 0.026 | 0.518 | 0.574 |
| No education | 0.276 | 0.012 | 6,510 | 8,747 | 2.147 | 0.043 | 0.252 | 0.300 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.577 | 0.014 | 6,510 | 8,747 | 2.352 | 0.025 | 0.548 | 0.606 |
| Never married/never in union | 0.350 | 0.008 | 6,510 | 8,747 | 1.391 | 0.024 | 0.333 | 0.366 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.587 | 0.010 | 6,510 | 8,747 | 1.596 | 0.017 | 0.567 | 0.606 |
| Married before age 18 | 0.285 | 0.011 | 5,064 | 6,846 | 1.770 | 0.039 | 0.263 | 0.308 |
| Had sexual intercourse before age 18 | 0.348 | 0.013 | 5,064 | 6,846 | 1.893 | 0.036 | 0.323 | 0.373 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.067 | 0.004 | 6,510 | 8,747 | 1.318 | 0.061 | 0.059 | 0.076 |
| Know any contraceptive method | 0.994 | 0.001 | 3,888 | 5,133 | 1.144 | 0.001 | 0.991 | 0.996 |
| Know a modern method | 0.993 | 0.002 | 3,888 | 5,133 | 1.351 | 0.002 | 0.989 | 0.996 |
| Currently using any method | 0.200 | 0.009 | 3,888 | 5,133 | 1.364 | 0.044 | 0.182 | 0.217 |
| Currently using a modern method | 0.179 | 0.009 | 3,888 | 5,133 | 1.383 | 0.047 | 0.162 | 0.196 |
| Currently using pill | 0.020 | 0.003 | 3,888 | 5,133 | 1.231 | 0.138 | 0.014 | 0.025 |
| Currently using male condoms | 0.004 | 0.001 | 3,888 | 5,133 | 1.412 | 0.351 | 0.001 | 0.007 |
| Currently using injectables | 0.084 | 0.006 | 3,888 | 5,133 | 1.414 | 0.075 | 0.071 | 0.097 |
| Currently using implants | 0.056 | 0.005 | 3,888 | 5,133 | 1.478 | 0.098 | 0.045 | 0.066 |
| Currently using female sterilisation | 0.006 | 0.001 | 3,888 | 5,133 | 1.199 | 0.254 | 0.003 | 0.009 |
| Currently using withdrawal | 0.010 | 0.002 | 3,888 | 5,133 | 1.338 | 0.214 | 0.006 | 0.014 |
| Currently using rhythm | 0.001 | 0.001 | 3,888 | 5,133 | 1.061 | 0.459 | 0.000 | 0.003 |
| Used public sector source | 0.703 | 0.023 | 782 | 1,069 | 1.432 | 0.033 | 0.656 | 0.749 |
| Want no more children | 0.167 | 0.007 | 3,888 | 5,133 | 1.122 | 0.040 | 0.154 | 0.180 |
| Want to delay next birth at least 2 years | 0.353 | 0.010 | 3,888 | 5,133 | 1.271 | 0.028 | 0.334 | 0.373 |
| Ideal number of children | 5.516 | 0.067 | 5,772 | 7,709 | 2.335 | 0.012 | 5.381 | 5.651 |
| Mothers protected against tetanus for last birth | 0.675 | 0.013 | 2,706 | 3,589 | 1.427 | 0.019 | 0.649 | 0.701 |
| Births with skilled attendant at delivery | 0.883 | 0.011 | 3,749 | 5,008 | 1.833 | 0.012 | 0.861 | 0.905 |
| Received 3+ doses of SP/Fansidar | 0.537 | 0.017 | 1,514 | 2,022 | 1.321 | 0.031 | 0.503 | 0.571 |
| Treated with ORS | 0.427 | 0.025 | 670 | 943 | 1.270 | 0.057 | 0.378 | 0.476 |
| Sought treatment for diarrhoea | 0.583 | 0.028 | 670 | 943 | 1.449 | 0.048 | 0.527 | 0.638 |
| Ever had vaccination card | 0.996 | 0.003 | 709 | 964 | 1.256 | 0.003 | 0.990 | 1.002 |
| Received BCG vaccination | 0.991 | 0.004 | 709 | 964 | 1.050 | 0.004 | 0.984 | 0.998 |
| Received birth dose HepB vaccination | 0.988 | 0.004 | 709 | 964 | 1.116 | 0.005 | 0.979 | 0.997 |
| Received DPT-HepB-Hib vaccination (3 doses) | 0.911 | 0.014 | 709 | 964 | 1.304 | 0.015 | 0.883 | 0.938 |
| Received birth dose polio 0 vaccination | 0.984 | 0.006 | 709 | 964 | 1.186 | 0.006 | 0.973 | 0.995 |
| Received polio vaccination (3 doses) | 0.886 | 0.015 | 709 | 964 | 1.240 | 0.016 | 0.857 | 0.915 |
| Received pneumococcal vaccination (3 doses) | 0.904 | 0.014 | 709 | 964 | 1.237 | 0.015 | 0.877 | 0.931 |
| Received rotavirus vaccination (2 doses) | 0.934 | 0.012 | 709 | 964 | 1.335 | 0.013 | 0.909 | 0.959 |
| Received measles-containing vaccination 1 | 0.871 | 0.018 | 709 | 964 | 1.427 | 0.020 | 0.836 | 0.907 |
| Received all basic vaccinations | 0.816 | 0.020 | 709 | 964 | 1.394 | 0.025 | 0.776 | 0.856 |
| Received all age-appropriate vaccinations (12-23 months) | 0.732 | 0.023 | 709 | 964 | 1.370 | 0.031 | 0.687 | 0.777 |
| Received measles-containing vaccination 2 | 0.655 | 0.026 | 702 | 970 | 1.470 | 0.040 | 0.603 | 0.707 |
| Received all age-appropriate vaccinations (24-35 months) | 0.233 | 0.019 | 702 | 970 | 1.191 | 0.081 | 0.195 | 0.271 |
| Height-for-age (-2SD) | 0.163 | 0.012 | 1,890 | 2,576 | 1.279 | 0.072 | 0.140 | 0.187 |
| Weight-for-height (-2SD) | 0.049 | 0.006 | 1,895 | 2,582 | 1.278 | 0.126 | 0.037 | 0.062 |
| Weight-for-age (-2SD) | 0.105 | 0.009 | 1,898 | 2,594 | 1.196 | 0.084 | 0.087 | 0.123 |
| Body mass index (BMI) <18.5 | 0.126 | 0.008 | 2,948 | 3,943 | 1.290 | 0.063 | 0.110 | 0.142 |
| Body mass index (BMI) $\geq 25$ | 0.404 | 0.012 | 2,948 | 3,943 | 1.365 | 0.031 | 0.379 | 0.428 |
| Prevalence of anaemia (children 6-59 months) | 0.371 | 0.024 | 1,641 | 2,249 | 1.804 | 0.064 | 0.324 | 0.419 |
| Prevalence of malaria (based on rapid test) | 0.005 | 0.003 | 1,635 | 2,238 | 1.646 | 0.550 | 0.000 | 0.011 |
| Prevalence of anaemia (women 15-49) | 0.453 | 0.021 | 1,415 | 1,815 | 1.583 | 0.046 | 0.411 | 0.495 |
| Ever experienced any physical violence since age 15 | 0.095 | 0.013 | 1,415 | 1,815 | 1.640 | 0.135 | 0.069 | 0.120 |
| Ever experienced any sexual violence | 0.297 | 0.024 | 1,056 | 1,240 | 1.727 | 0.082 | 0.248 | 0.346 |
| Ever experienced any physical/sexual violence by husband/partner | 0.400 | 0.025 | 1,056 | 1,240 | 1.634 | 0.062 | 0.350 | 0.449 |
| Ever experienced any emotional/physical/sexual violence by any husband/partner | 0.175 | 0.019 | 1,056 | 1,240 | 1.615 | 0.108 | 0.137 | 0.213 |
| Experienced any emotional/physical/sexual violence in the last 12 months by any husband/partner | 0.399 | 0.016 | 3,208 | 4,273 | 1.799 | 0.039 | 0.368 | 0.430 |
| Had 2+ sexual partners in past 12 months | 0.003 | 0.001 | 6,510 | 8,747 | 1.075 | 0.235 | 0.002 | 0.005 |
| Abstinence among never-married youth (never had sex) | 0.909 | 0.010 | 1,827 | 2,534 | 1.433 | 0.011 | 0.890 | 0.928 |
| Had an HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.132 | 0.007 | 6,510 | 8,747 | 1.731 | 0.055 | 0.117 | 0.147 |
| Discriminatory attitudes towards people with HIV | 0.715 | 0.013 | 6,368 | 8,544 | 2.268 | 0.018 | 0.689 | 0.740 |
| Prevalence of female circumcision | 0.745 | 0.019 | 3,408 | 4,567 | 2.567 | 0.026 | 0.707 | 0.784 |
| Total fertility rate (last 3 years) | 3.910 | 0.113 | 18,267 | 24,602 | 1.526 | 0.029 | 3.684 | 4.136 |
| Neonatal mortality (last 0-4 years) | 25.458 | 3.264 | 3,745 | 5,000 | 1.144 | 0.128 | 18.931 | 31.986 |
| Postneonatal mortality (last 0-4 years) | 12.956 | 2.409 | 3,735 | 4,990 | 1.291 | 0.186 | 8.137 | 17.775 |
| Infant mortality (last 0-4 years) | 38.414 | 3.618 | 3,749 | 5,008 | 1.048 | 0.094 | 31.179 | 45.650 |
| Child mortality (last 0-4 years) | 13.450 | 2.153 | 3,705 | 5,017 | 1.111 | 0.160 | 9.144 | 17.755 |
| Under-5 mortality (last 0-4 years) | 51.348 | 4.337 | 3,769 | 5,035 | 1.127 | 0.084 | 42.674 | 60.021 |

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na $=$ Not applicable

Table B. 4 Sampling errors: Rural sample, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unweighted (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Lower } \\ \text { (R-2SE) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Upper } \\ \text { (R+2SE) } \end{gathered}$ |
| HOUSEHOLDS AND POPULATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ownership of at least one ITN | 0.954 | 0.007 | 2,580 | 1,560 | 1.629 | 0.007 | 0.941 | 0.968 |
| De facto population with access to an ITN | 0.728 | 0.014 | 26,453 | 15,941 | 1.873 | 0.020 | 0.699 | 0.756 |
| Household population that slept under an ITN last night | 0.453 | 0.018 | 26,453 | 15,941 | 2.126 | 0.039 | 0.418 | 0.488 |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.000 | 0.000 | 5,355 | 3,118 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Literacy | 0.262 | 0.013 | 5,355 | 3,118 | 2.205 | 0.051 | 0.236 | 0.289 |
| No education | 0.547 | 0.017 | 5,355 | 3,118 | 2.521 | 0.031 | 0.513 | 0.582 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.271 | 0.014 | 5,355 | 3,118 | 2.374 | 0.053 | 0.243 | 0.300 |
| Never married/never in union | 0.207 | 0.010 | 5,355 | 3,118 | 1.759 | 0.047 | 0.187 | 0.226 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.767 | 0.009 | 5,355 | 3,118 | 1.538 | 0.012 | 0.750 | 0.785 |
| Married before age 18 | 0.493 | 0.014 | 4,114 | 2,386 | 1.857 | 0.029 | 0.464 | 0.522 |
| Had sexual intercourse before age 18 | 0.575 | 0.015 | 4,114 | 2,386 | 1.961 | 0.026 | 0.544 | 0.605 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.093 | 0.004 | 5,355 | 3,118 | 0.942 | 0.040 | 0.086 | 0.101 |
| Know any contraceptive method | 0.993 | 0.001 | 4,195 | 2,393 | 1.124 | 0.001 | 0.990 | 0.996 |
| Know a modern method | 0.992 | 0.002 | 4,195 | 2,393 | 1.256 | 0.002 | 0.989 | 0.996 |
| Currently using any method | 0.167 | 0.010 | 4,195 | 2,393 | 1.815 | 0.063 | 0.146 | 0.188 |
| Currently using a modern method | 0.153 | 0.010 | 4,195 | 2,393 | 1.746 | 0.063 | 0.133 | 0.172 |
| Currently using pill | 0.017 | 0.003 | 4,195 | 2,393 | 1.465 | 0.173 | 0.011 | 0.023 |
| Currently using male condoms | 0.001 | 0.001 | 4,195 | 2,393 | 1.058 | 0.466 | 0.000 | 0.002 |
| Currently using injectables | 0.074 | 0.006 | 4,195 | 2,393 | 1.546 | 0.085 | 0.061 | 0.086 |
| Currently using implants | 0.052 | 0.006 | 4,195 | 2,393 | 1.610 | 0.106 | 0.041 | 0.063 |
| Currently using female sterilisation | 0.006 | 0.001 | 4,195 | 2,393 | 1.126 | 0.233 | 0.003 | 0.008 |
| Currently using withdrawal | 0.001 | 0.000 | 4,195 | 2,393 | 1.154 | 0.777 | 0.000 | 0.001 |
| Currently using rhythm | 0.001 | 0.001 | 4,195 | 2,393 | 1.375 | 0.596 | 0.000 | 0.003 |
| Used public sector source | 0.926 | 0.017 | 622 | 374 | 1.614 | 0.018 | 0.892 | 0.960 |
| Want no more children | 0.193 | 0.009 | 4,195 | 2,393 | 1.424 | 0.045 | 0.175 | 0.210 |
| Want to delay next birth at least 2 years | 0.393 | 0.012 | 4,195 | 2,393 | 1.631 | 0.031 | 0.368 | 0.417 |
| Ideal number of children | 6.592 | 0.063 | 4,654 | 2,739 | 1.763 | 0.010 | 6.467 | 6.718 |
| Mothers protected against tetanus for last birth | 0.769 | 0.012 | 3,093 | 1,783 | 1.570 | 0.015 | 0.745 | 0.792 |
| Births with skilled attendant at delivery | 0.754 | 0.014 | 4,613 | 2,645 | 1.919 | 0.019 | 0.726 | 0.783 |
| Received 3+ doses of SP/Fansidar | 0.494 | 0.021 | 1,927 | 1,108 | 1.867 | 0.043 | 0.452 | 0.537 |
| Treated with ORS | 0.478 | 0.024 | 859 | 460 | 1.323 | 0.051 | 0.430 | 0.526 |
| Sought treatment for diarrhoea | 0.703 | 0.021 | 859 | 460 | 1.293 | 0.030 | 0.661 | 0.746 |
| Ever had vaccination card | 0.997 | 0.002 | 873 | 492 | 1.184 | 0.002 | 0.992 | 1.001 |
| Received BCG vaccination | 0.987 | 0.004 | 873 | 492 | 1.094 | 0.004 | 0.978 | 0.995 |
| Received birth dose HepB vaccination | 0.990 | 0.004 | 873 | 492 | 1.186 | 0.004 | 0.981 | 0.998 |
| Received DPT-HepB-Hib vaccination (3 doses) | 0.960 | 0.008 | 873 | 492 | 1.187 | 0.008 | 0.944 | 0.977 |
| Received birth dose polio 0 vaccination | 0.983 | 0.005 | 873 | 492 | 1.097 | 0.005 | 0.973 | 0.992 |
| Received polio vaccination (3 doses) | 0.939 | 0.010 | 873 | 492 | 1.205 | 0.010 | 0.920 | 0.959 |
| Received pneumococcal vaccination (3 doses) | 0.961 | 0.008 | 873 | 492 | 1.213 | 0.009 | 0.944 | 0.977 |
| Received rotavirus vaccination (2 doses) | 0.971 | 0.006 | 873 | 492 | 1.066 | 0.007 | 0.958 | 0.984 |
| Received measles-containing vaccination 1 | 0.960 | 0.007 | 873 | 492 | 1.052 | 0.007 | 0.946 | 0.974 |
| Received all basic vaccinations | 0.904 | 0.012 | 873 | 492 | 1.166 | 0.013 | 0.880 | 0.927 |
| Received all age-appropriate vaccinations (12-23 months) | 0.849 | 0.015 | 873 | 492 | 1.200 | 0.017 | 0.819 | 0.879 |
| Received measles-containing vaccination 2 | 0.812 | 0.022 | 802 | 462 | 1.611 | 0.028 | 0.767 | 0.857 |
| Received all age-appropriate vaccinations (24-35 months) | 0.430 | 0.031 | 802 | 462 | 1.781 | 0.073 | 0.368 | 0.493 |
| Height-for-age (-2SD) | 0.197 | 0.012 | 2,274 | 1,362 | 1.311 | 0.060 | 0.173 | 0.220 |
| Weight-for-height (-2SD) | 0.053 | 0.005 | 2,276 | 1,362 | 1.055 | 0.101 | 0.043 | 0.064 |
| Weight-for-age (-2SD) | 0.138 | 0.009 | 2,288 | 1,370 | 1.196 | 0.066 | 0.120 | 0.156 |
| Body mass index (BMI) <18.5 | 0.165 | 0.009 | 2,349 | 1,385 | 1.214 | 0.056 | 0.147 | 0.184 |
| Body mass index (BMI) $\geq 25$ | 0.250 | 0.012 | 2,349 | 1,385 | 1.299 | 0.046 | 0.227 | 0.273 |
| Prevalence of anaemia (children 6-59 months) | 0.595 | 0.018 | 1,977 | 1,174 | 1.379 | 0.030 | 0.560 | 0.630 |
| Prevalence of malaria (based on rapid test) | 0.003 | 0.001 | 1,969 | 1,169 | 0.977 | 0.397 | 0.001 | 0.005 |
| Prevalence of anaemia (women 15-49) | 0.467 | 0.022 | 1,055 | 655 | 1.461 | 0.048 | 0.422 | 0.511 |
| Ever experienced any physical violence since age 15 | 0.075 | 0.009 | 1,055 | 655 | 1.172 | 0.127 | 0.056 | 0.093 |
| Ever experienced any sexual violence | 0.341 | 0.022 | 897 | 523 | 1.407 | 0.065 | 0.296 | 0.386 |
| Ever experienced any physical/sexual violence by husband/partner | 0.438 | 0.025 | 897 | 523 | 1.506 | 0.057 | 0.388 | 0.488 |
| Ever experienced any emotional/physical/sexual violence by any husband/partner | 0.169 | 0.017 | 897 | 523 | 1.374 | 0.102 | 0.135 | 0.204 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 months by any husband/partner | 0.561 | 0.013 | 2,706 | 1,585 | 1.400 | 0.024 | 0.534 | 0.587 |
| Had 2+ sexual partners in past 12 months | 0.001 | 0.000 | 5,355 | 3,118 | 0.859 | 0.343 | 0.000 | 0.002 |
| Abstinence among never-married youth (never had sex) | 0.930 | 0.009 | 956 | 599 | 1.141 | 0.010 | 0.911 | 0.949 |
| Had an HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.114 | 0.006 | 5,355 | 3,118 | 1.496 | 0.057 | 0.101 | 0.127 |
| Discriminatory attitudes towards people with HIV | 0.887 | 0.008 | 5,195 | 3,032 | 1.781 | 0.009 | 0.872 | 0.903 |
| Prevalence of female circumcision | 0.671 | 0.033 | 2,762 | 1,619 | 3.671 | 0.049 | 0.605 | 0.736 |
| Total fertility rate (last 3 years) | 5.892 | 0.146 | 14,859 | 8,656 | 1.500 | 0.025 | 5.601 | 6.183 |
| Neonatal mortality (last 0-4 years) | 34.757 | 3.364 | 4,624 | 2,647 | 1.059 | 0.097 | 28.028 | 41.485 |
| Postneonatal mortality (last 0-4 years) | 12.613 | 1.442 | 4,613 | 2,648 | 0.865 | 0.114 | 9.729 | 15.496 |
| Infant mortality (last 0-4 years) | 47.369 | 3.564 | 4,626 | 2,648 | 0.986 | 0.075 | 40.242 | 54.496 |
| Child mortality (last 0-4 years) | 19.285 | 2.363 | 4,531 | 2,587 | 1.193 | 0.123 | 14.560 | 24.011 |
| Under-5 mortality (last 0-4 years) | 65.741 | 4.496 | 4,665 | 2,669 | 1.135 | 0.068 | 56.748 | 74.734 |

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Table B.4-Continued

| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Un- weighted (N) <br> ( N ) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lower } \\ & \text { (R-2SE) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Upper } \\ \text { (R+2SE) } \end{gathered}$ |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.000 | 0.000 | 1,705 | 955 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Literacy | 0.514 | 0.021 | 1,705 | 955 | 1.716 | 0.040 | 0.472 | 0.555 |
| No education | 0.411 | 0.025 | 1,705 | 955 | 2.099 | 0.061 | 0.361 | 0.461 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.390 | 0.023 | 1,705 | 955 | 1.966 | 0.060 | 0.344 | 0.437 |
| Never married/never in union | 0.515 | 0.015 | 1,705 | 955 | 1.254 | 0.029 | 0.485 | 0.546 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.477 | 0.015 | 1,705 | 955 | 1.260 | 0.032 | 0.446 | 0.507 |
| Had first sexual intercourse before age 18 | 0.160 | 0.015 | 1,223 | 686 | 1.398 | 0.092 | 0.130 | 0.189 |
| Knows any contraceptive method | 0.997 | 0.002 | 829 | 455 | 1.055 | 0.002 | 0.994 | 1.001 |
| Knows any modern contraceptive method | 0.997 | 0.002 | 829 | 455 | 1.055 | 0.002 | 0.994 | 1.001 |
| Want no more children | 0.021 | 0.006 | 829 | 455 | 1.194 | 0.286 | 0.009 | 0.032 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.517 | 0.024 | 829 | 455 | 1.382 | 0.046 | 0.469 | 0.565 |
| Ideal number of children | 8.951 | 0.212 | 1,370 | 788 | 1.335 | 0.024 | 8.528 | 9.375 |
| Had 2+ sexual partners in past 12 months | 0.113 | 0.009 | 1,705 | 955 | 1.197 | 0.081 | 0.095 | 0.131 |
| Condom use at last sex | 0.073 | 0.025 | 197 | 108 | 1.354 | 0.345 | 0.023 | 0.123 |
| Abstinence among never-married youth (never had sex) | 0.688 | 0.022 | 706 | 404 | 1.241 | 0.031 | 0.645 | 0.731 |
| Had paid sex in past 12 months | 0.005 | 0.002 | 1,705 | 955 | 1.083 | 0.383 | 0.001 | 0.008 |
| Had HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.041 | 0.006 | 1,705 | 955 | 1.326 | 0.154 | 0.029 | 0.054 |
| Discriminatory attitudes towards people living with HIV | 0.819 | 0.012 | 1,622 | 911 | 1.256 | 0.015 | 0.795 | 0.843 |

na $=$ Not applicable

Table B. 5 Sampling errors: Banjul sample, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unweighted (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Lower } \\ \text { (R-2SE) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Upper } \\ \text { (R+2SE) } \end{gathered}$ |
| HOUSEHOLDS AND POPULATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ownership of at least one ITN | 0.701 | 0.018 | 905 | 155 | 1.165 | 0.025 | 0.666 | 0.737 |
| De facto population with access to an ITN | 0.600 | 0.016 | 3,955 | 681 | 1.052 | 0.027 | 0.567 | 0.632 |
| Household population that slept under an ITN last night | 0.402 | 0.017 | 3,955 | 681 | 1.005 | 0.042 | 0.368 | 0.436 |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 1.000 | 0.000 | 947 | 163 | na | 0.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Literacy | 0.608 | 0.014 | 947 | 163 | 0.904 | 0.024 | 0.580 | 0.637 |
| No education | 0.238 | 0.016 | 947 | 163 | 1.185 | 0.069 | 0.205 | 0.271 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.650 | 0.017 | 947 | 163 | 1.094 | 0.026 | 0.616 | 0.684 |
| Never married/never in union | 0.400 | 0.016 | 947 | 163 | 1.028 | 0.041 | 0.368 | 0.433 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.522 | 0.020 | 947 | 163 | 1.205 | 0.038 | 0.483 | 0.561 |
| Married before age 18 | 0.215 | 0.015 | 750 | 128 | 0.996 | 0.070 | 0.185 | 0.245 |
| Had sexual intercourse before age 18 | 0.296 | 0.019 | 750 | 128 | 1.147 | 0.065 | 0.257 | 0.334 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.053 | 0.008 | 947 | 163 | 1.132 | 0.156 | 0.037 | 0.070 |
| Know any contraceptive method | 0.986 | 0.005 | 494 | 85 | 1.033 | 0.006 | 0.975 | 0.997 |
| Know a modern method | 0.986 | 0.005 | 494 | 85 | 1.033 | 0.006 | 0.975 | 0.997 |
| Currently using any method | 0.230 | 0.020 | 494 | 85 | 1.044 | 0.086 | 0.191 | 0.270 |
| Currently using a modern method | 0.217 | 0.019 | 494 | 85 | 1.016 | 0.087 | 0.179 | 0.254 |
| Currently using pill | 0.051 | 0.011 | 494 | 85 | 1.072 | 0.207 | 0.030 | 0.073 |
| Currently using male condoms | 0.003 | 0.003 | 494 | 85 | 1.154 | 1.008 | 0.000 | 0.008 |
| Currently using injectables | 0.078 | 0.013 | 494 | 85 | 1.098 | 0.170 | 0.051 | 0.104 |
| Currently using implants | 0.062 | 0.009 | 494 | 85 | 0.875 | 0.154 | 0.043 | 0.080 |
| Currently using female sterilisation | 0.013 | 0.005 | 494 | 85 | 0.970 | 0.375 | 0.003 | 0.023 |
| Currently using withdrawal | 0.004 | 0.003 | 494 | 85 | 0.929 | 0.691 | 0.000 | 0.009 |
| Currently using rhythm | 0.008 | 0.004 | 494 | 85 | 0.980 | 0.491 | 0.000 | 0.016 |
| Used public sector source | 0.763 | 0.054 | 136 | 24 | 1.461 | 0.070 | 0.655 | 0.870 |
| Want no more children | 0.225 | 0.022 | 494 | 85 | 1.155 | 0.097 | 0.182 | 0.269 |
| Want to delay next birth at least 2 years | 0.273 | 0.023 | 494 | 85 | 1.122 | 0.082 | 0.228 | 0.318 |
| Ideal number of children | 4.706 | 0.076 | 899 | 154 | 1.199 | 0.016 | 4.554 | 4.858 |
| Mothers protected against tetanus for last birth | 0.747 | 0.028 | 332 | 57 | 1.188 | 0.038 | 0.691 | 0.804 |
| Births with skilled attendant at delivery | 0.949 | 0.016 | 431 | 74 | 1.393 | 0.017 | 0.916 | 0.981 |
| Received 3+ doses of SP/Fansidar | 0.359 | 0.042 | 152 | 26 | 1.099 | 0.118 | 0.274 | 0.444 |
| Treated with ORS | 0.372 | 0.047 | 100 | 17 | 0.951 | 0.125 | 0.279 | 0.466 |
| Sought treatment for diarrhoea | 0.525 | 0.049 | 100 | 17 | 0.943 | 0.092 | 0.428 | 0.622 |
| Ever had vaccination card | 1.000 | 0.000 | 75 | 13 | na | 0.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Received BCG vaccination | 0.989 | 0.011 | 75 | 13 | 0.904 | 0.011 | 0.967 | 1.011 |
| Received birth dose HepB vaccination | 0.977 | 0.022 | 75 | 13 | 1.284 | 0.022 | 0.934 | 1.021 |
| Received DPT-HepB-Hib vaccination (3 doses) | 0.879 | 0.039 | 75 | 13 | 1.047 | 0.045 | 0.801 | 0.958 |
| Received birth dose polio 0 vaccination | 0.977 | 0.022 | 75 | 13 | 1.284 | 0.022 | 0.934 | 1.021 |
| Received polio vaccination (3 doses) | 0.853 | 0.043 | 75 | 13 | 1.057 | 0.051 | 0.766 | 0.939 |
| Received pneumococcal vaccination (3 doses) | 0.867 | 0.043 | 75 | 13 | 1.101 | 0.050 | 0.781 | 0.954 |
| Received rotavirus vaccination (2 doses) | 0.932 | 0.033 | 75 | 13 | 1.127 | 0.035 | 0.866 | 0.997 |
| Received measles-containing vaccination 1 | 0.851 | 0.049 | 75 | 13 | 1.191 | 0.057 | 0.754 | 0.949 |
| Received all basic vaccinations | 0.769 | 0.056 | 75 | 13 | 1.148 | 0.073 | 0.656 | 0.881 |
| Received all age-appropriate vaccinations (12-23 months) | 0.720 | 0.062 | 75 | 13 | 1.194 | 0.086 | 0.596 | 0.845 |
| Received measles-containing vaccination 2 | 0.482 | 0.061 | 89 | 16 | 1.166 | 0.127 | 0.359 | 0.604 |
| Received all age-appropriate vaccinations (24-35 months) | 0.146 | 0.039 | 89 | 16 | 1.048 | 0.266 | 0.068 | 0.223 |
| Height-for-age (-2SD) | 0.101 | 0.022 | 211 | 37 | 0.978 | 0.221 | 0.057 | 0.146 |
| Weight-for-height (-2SD) | 0.024 | 0.010 | 211 | 37 | 0.964 | 0.413 | 0.004 | 0.044 |
| Weight-for-age (-2SD) | 0.078 | 0.018 | 211 | 37 | 0.888 | 0.228 | 0.042 | 0.113 |
| Body mass index (BMI) <18.5 | 0.125 | 0.015 | 445 | 76 | 0.931 | 0.117 | 0.095 | 0.154 |
| Body mass index (BMI) $\geq 25$ | 0.504 | 0.033 | 445 | 76 | 1.378 | 0.065 | 0.438 | 0.569 |
| Prevalence of anaemia (children 6-59 months) | 0.334 | 0.046 | 182 | 31 | 1.269 | 0.137 | 0.242 | 0.425 |
| Prevalence of malaria (based on rapid test) | 0.000 | 0.000 | 181 | 31 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Prevalence of anaemia (women 15-49) | 0.472 | 0.039 | 257 | 35 | 1.243 | 0.082 | 0.395 | 0.550 |
| Ever experienced any physical violence since age 15 | 0.106 | 0.020 | 257 | 35 | 1.040 | 0.189 | 0.066 | 0.146 |
| Ever experienced any sexual violence | 0.318 | 0.045 | 180 | 21 | 1.286 | 0.141 | 0.228 | 0.407 |
| Ever experienced any physical/sexual violence by husband/partner | 0.436 | 0.038 | 180 | 21 | 1.026 | 0.087 | 0.360 | 0.512 |
| Ever experienced any emotional/physical/sexual violence by any husband/partner | 0.190 | 0.036 | 180 | 21 | 1.211 | 0.187 | 0.119 | 0.262 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 months by any husband/partner | 0.419 | 0.040 | 471 | 81 | 1.762 | 0.096 | 0.339 | 0.499 |
| Had 2+ sexual partners in past 12 months | 0.008 | 0.003 | 947 | 163 | 0.900 | 0.325 | 0.003 | 0.013 |
| Abstinence among never-married youth (never had sex) | 0.932 | 0.019 | 299 | 52 | 1.294 | 0.020 | 0.894 | 0.970 |
| Had an HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.121 | 0.012 | 947 | 163 | 1.100 | 0.096 | 0.098 | 0.145 |
| Discriminatory attitudes towards people with HIV | 0.654 | 0.022 | 922 | 158 | 1.377 | 0.033 | 0.610 | 0.697 |
| Prevalence of female circumcision | 0.483 | 0.037 | 503 | 86 | 1.658 | 0.077 | 0.409 | 0.557 |
| Total fertility rate (last 3 years) | 3.124 | 0.217 | 2,667 | 456 | 1.110 | 0.069 | 2.691 | 3.558 |
| Neonatal mortality (last 0-9 years) | 37.102 | 6.042 | 936 | 160 | 0.907 | 0.163 | 25.017 | 49.186 |
| Postneonatal mortality (last 0-9 years) | 11.424 | 3.949 | 934 | 160 | 1.139 | 0.346 | 3.525 | 19.323 |
| Infant mortality (last 0-9 years) | 48.526 | 6.540 | 936 | 160 | 0.903 | 0.135 | 35.446 | 61.606 |
| Child mortality (last 0-9 years) | 11.875 | 4.804 | 945 | 162 | 1.345 | 0.405 | 2.266 | 21.483 |
| Under-5 mortality (last 0-9 years) | 59.824 | 7.179 | 936 | 160 | 0.928 | 0.120 | 45.467 | 74.182 |

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Table B.5—Continued

| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Un- weighted <br> (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lower } \\ & \text { (R-2SE) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Upper } \\ (\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}) \end{gathered}$ |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 1.000 | 0.000 | 467 | 80 | na | 0.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Literacy | 0.641 | 0.029 | 467 | 80 | 1.300 | 0.045 | 0.583 | 0.699 |
| No education | 0.271 | 0.024 | 467 | 80 | 1.147 | 0.087 | 0.224 | 0.318 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.596 | 0.024 | 467 | 80 | 1.067 | 0.041 | 0.548 | 0.645 |
| Never married/never in union | 0.561 | 0.028 | 467 | 80 | 1.220 | 0.050 | 0.505 | 0.617 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.419 | 0.027 | 467 | 80 | 1.169 | 0.064 | 0.365 | 0.472 |
| Had first sexual intercourse before age 18 | 0.227 | 0.026 | 384 | 66 | 1.198 | 0.113 | 0.176 | 0.279 |
| Knows any contraceptive method | 0.984 | 0.009 | 194 | 34 | 0.998 | 0.009 | 0.966 | 1.002 |
| Knows any modern contraceptive method | 0.979 | 0.010 | 194 | 34 | 0.985 | 0.010 | 0.959 | 0.999 |
| Want no more children | 0.041 | 0.014 | 194 | 34 | 0.992 | 0.343 | 0.013 | 0.070 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.418 | 0.038 | 194 | 34 | 1.073 | 0.091 | 0.342 | 0.494 |
| Ideal number of children | 6.460 | 0.210 | 435 | 74 | 0.884 | 0.033 | 6.040 | 6.880 |
| Had 2+ sexual partners in past 12 months | 0.076 | 0.021 | 467 | 80 | 1.700 | 0.276 | 0.034 | 0.118 |
| Condom use at last sex | 0.323 | 0.083 | 35 | 6 | 1.039 | 0.258 | 0.156 | 0.490 |
| Abstinence among never-married youth (never had sex) | 0.580 | 0.041 | 153 | 26 | 1.035 | 0.072 | 0.497 | 0.662 |
| Had paid sex in past 12 months | 0.010 | 0.005 | 467 | 80 | 1.010 | 0.470 | 0.001 | 0.019 |
| Had HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.101 | 0.016 | 467 | 80 | 1.167 | 0.162 | 0.068 | 0.133 |
| Discriminatory attitudes towards people living with HIV | 0.675 | 0.025 | 459 | 79 | 1.143 | 0.037 | 0.624 | 0.725 |

na = Not applicable

Table B. 6 Sampling errors: Kanifing sample, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unweighted (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Lower } \\ \text { (R-2SE) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Upper } \\ \text { (R+2SE) } \end{gathered}$ |
| HOUSEHOLDS AND POPULATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ownership of at least one ITN | 0.638 | 0.021 | 1,027 | 1,655 | 1.420 | 0.033 | 0.595 | 0.680 |
| De facto population with access to an ITN | 0.505 | 0.018 | 6,303 | 10,153 | 1.201 | 0.035 | 0.470 | 0.541 |
| Household population that slept under an ITN last night | 0.325 | 0.016 | 6,303 | 10,153 | 1.156 | 0.050 | 0.292 | 0.357 |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 1.000 | 0.000 | 1,612 | 2,590 | na | 0.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Literacy | 0.611 | 0.020 | 1,612 | 2,590 | 1.653 | 0.033 | 0.571 | 0.652 |
| No education | 0.215 | 0.015 | 1,612 | 2,590 | 1.511 | 0.072 | 0.184 | 0.246 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.645 | 0.020 | 1,612 | 2,590 | 1.707 | 0.032 | 0.604 | 0.686 |
| Never married/never in union | 0.396 | 0.015 | 1,612 | 2,590 | 1.221 | 0.038 | 0.366 | 0.425 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.532 | 0.016 | 1,612 | 2,590 | 1.273 | 0.030 | 0.500 | 0.563 |
| Married before age 18 | 0.235 | 0.017 | 1,280 | 2,055 | 1.407 | 0.071 | 0.201 | 0.268 |
| Had sexual intercourse before age 18 | 0.308 | 0.018 | 1,280 | 2,055 | 1.406 | 0.059 | 0.272 | 0.344 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.057 | 0.005 | 1,612 | 2,590 | 0.918 | 0.093 | 0.046 | 0.067 |
| Know any contraceptive method | 0.985 | 0.004 | 854 | 1,376 | 1.059 | 0.004 | 0.977 | 0.994 |
| Know a modern method | 0.982 | 0.006 | 854 | 1,376 | 1.331 | 0.006 | 0.970 | 0.994 |
| Currently using any method | 0.172 | 0.017 | 854 | 1,376 | 1.280 | 0.096 | 0.139 | 0.205 |
| Currently using a modern method | 0.159 | 0.016 | 854 | 1,376 | 1.246 | 0.098 | 0.128 | 0.190 |
| Currently using pill | 0.018 | 0.005 | 854 | 1,376 | 0.999 | 0.251 | 0.009 | 0.027 |
| Currently using male condoms | 0.003 | 0.002 | 854 | 1,376 | 1.246 | 0.752 | 0.000 | 0.008 |
| Currently using injectables | 0.074 | 0.011 | 854 | 1,376 | 1.207 | 0.146 | 0.053 | 0.096 |
| Currently using implants | 0.050 | 0.008 | 854 | 1,376 | 1.094 | 0.164 | 0.033 | 0.066 |
| Currently using female sterilisation | 0.003 | 0.002 | 854 | 1,376 | 1.179 | 0.722 | 0.000 | 0.008 |
| Currently using withdrawal | 0.001 | 0.001 | 854 | 1,376 | 1.001 | 0.990 | 0.000 | 0.004 |
| Currently using rhythm | 0.004 | 0.002 | 854 | 1,376 | 1.056 | 0.582 | 0.000 | 0.008 |
| Used public sector source | 0.566 | 0.043 | 181 | 289 | 1.150 | 0.075 | 0.481 | 0.651 |
| Want no more children | 0.171 | 0.015 | 854 | 1,376 | 1.149 | 0.087 | 0.141 | 0.200 |
| Want to delay next birth at least 2 years | 0.324 | 0.017 | 854 | 1,376 | 1.047 | 0.052 | 0.291 | 0.358 |
| Ideal number of children | 5.065 | 0.105 | 1,411 | 2,252 | 1.841 | 0.021 | 4.855 | 5.274 |
| Mothers protected against tetanus for last birth | 0.670 | 0.017 | 606 | 990 | 0.902 | 0.026 | 0.636 | 0.704 |
| Births with skilled attendant at delivery | 0.901 | 0.016 | 800 | 1,313 | 1.285 | 0.017 | 0.870 | 0.932 |
| Received 3+ doses of SP/Fansidar | 0.574 | 0.027 | 325 | 535 | 0.997 | 0.047 | 0.520 | 0.629 |
| Treated with ORS | 0.391 | 0.036 | 147 | 244 | 0.857 | 0.092 | 0.319 | 0.463 |
| Sought treatment for diarrhoea | 0.542 | 0.045 | 147 | 244 | 1.089 | 0.082 | 0.453 | 0.631 |
| Ever had vaccination card | 1.000 | 0.000 | 138 | 229 | na | 0.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Received BCG vaccination | 0.980 | 0.014 | 138 | 229 | 1.152 | 0.014 | 0.952 | 1.007 |
| Received birth dose HepB vaccination | 0.980 | 0.014 | 138 | 229 | 1.157 | 0.014 | 0.953 | 1.007 |
| Received DPT-HepB-Hib vaccination (3 doses) | 0.860 | 0.035 | 138 | 229 | 1.189 | 0.040 | 0.790 | 0.929 |
| Received birth dose polio 0 vaccination | 0.981 | 0.013 | 138 | 229 | 1.135 | 0.013 | 0.956 | 1.007 |
| Received polio vaccination (3 doses) | 0.859 | 0.035 | 138 | 229 | 1.185 | 0.040 | 0.790 | 0.929 |
| Received pneumococcal vaccination (3 doses) | 0.865 | 0.034 | 138 | 229 | 1.198 | 0.040 | 0.796 | 0.934 |
| Received rotavirus vaccination (2 doses) | 0.901 | 0.032 | 138 | 229 | 1.270 | 0.035 | 0.837 | 0.965 |
| Received measles-containing vaccination 1 | 0.849 | 0.040 | 138 | 229 | 1.318 | 0.047 | 0.769 | 0.928 |
| Received all basic vaccinations | 0.789 | 0.047 | 138 | 229 | 1.373 | 0.060 | 0.694 | 0.883 |
| Received all age-appropriate vaccinations (12-23 months) | 0.734 | 0.044 | 138 | 229 | 1.191 | 0.060 | 0.645 | 0.822 |
| Received measles-containing vaccination 2 | 0.584 | 0.047 | 143 | 234 | 1.142 | 0.081 | 0.489 | 0.678 |
| Received all age-appropriate vaccinations (24-35 months) | 0.223 | 0.038 | 143 | 234 | 1.100 | 0.171 | 0.147 | 0.300 |
| Height-for-age (-2SD) | 0.132 | 0.018 | 409 | 664 | 1.008 | 0.139 | 0.095 | 0.169 |
| Weight-for-height (-2SD) | 0.050 | 0.012 | 412 | 669 | 1.150 | 0.237 | 0.026 | 0.074 |
| Weight-for-age (-2SD) | 0.092 | 0.020 | 411 | 669 | 1.293 | 0.222 | 0.051 | 0.133 |
| Body mass index (BMI) <18.5 | 0.121 | 0.013 | 765 | 1,224 | 1.081 | 0.106 | 0.095 | 0.146 |
| Body mass index (BMI) $\geq 25$ | 0.411 | 0.021 | 765 | 1,224 | 1.199 | 0.052 | 0.369 | 0.454 |
| Prevalence of anaemia (children 6-59 months) | 0.453 | 0.036 | 349 | 568 | 1.198 | 0.079 | 0.381 | 0.525 |
| Prevalence of malaria (based on rapid test) | 0.003 | 0.003 | 349 | 568 | 1.065 | 0.974 | 0.000 | 0.010 |
| Prevalence of anaemia (women 15-49) | 0.454 | 0.035 | 364 | 532 | 1.340 | 0.077 | 0.384 | 0.524 |
| Ever experienced any physical violence since age 15 | 0.084 | 0.023 | 364 | 532 | 1.564 | 0.272 | 0.038 | 0.129 |
| Ever experienced any sexual violence | 0.253 | 0.032 | 260 | 328 | 1.177 | 0.126 | 0.190 | 0.317 |
| Ever experienced any physical/sexual violence by husband/partner | 0.399 | 0.033 | 260 | 328 | 1.068 | 0.082 | 0.334 | 0.464 |
| Ever experienced any emotional/physical/sexual violence by any husband/partner | 0.163 | 0.029 | 260 | 328 | 1.281 | 0.181 | 0.104 | 0.222 |
| Experienced any emotional/physical/sexual violence in the last |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 months by any husband/partner | 0.402 | 0.024 | 817 | 1,305 | 1.370 | 0.059 | 0.355 | 0.449 |
| Had 2+ sexual partners in past 12 months | 0.006 | 0.002 | 1,612 | 2,590 | 0.900 | 0.286 | 0.003 | 0.010 |
| Abstinence among never-married youth (never had sex) | 0.885 | 0.019 | 489 | 783 | 1.314 | 0.021 | 0.847 | 0.923 |
| Had an HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.145 | 0.011 | 1,612 | 2,590 | 1.206 | 0.073 | 0.124 | 0.166 |
| Discriminatory attitudes towards people with HIV | 0.644 | 0.023 | 1,574 | 2,524 | 1.909 | 0.036 | 0.598 | 0.690 |
| Prevalence of female circumcision | 0.706 | 0.025 | 871 | 1,393 | 1.593 | 0.035 | 0.656 | 0.755 |
| Total fertility rate (last 3 years) | 3.305 | 0.117 | 4,555 | 7,324 | 1.057 | 0.036 | 3.071 | 3.540 |
| Neonatal mortality (last 0-9 years) | 30.077 | 4.314 | 1,573 | 2,555 | 0.891 | 0.143 | 21.449 | 38.706 |
| Postneonatal mortality (last 0-9 years) | 17.164 | 4.203 | 1,567 | 2,543 | 1.158 | 0.245 | 8.759 | 25.569 |
| Infant mortality (last 0-9 years) | 47.241 | 5.373 | 1,574 | 2,557 | 0.902 | 0.114 | 36.494 | 57.988 |
| Child mortality (last 0-9 years) | 11.470 | 3.635 | 1,514 | 2,450 | 1.248 | 0.317 | 4.200 | 18.740 |
| Under-5 mortality (last 0-9 years) | 58.170 | 7.138 | 1,576 | 2,559 | 1.064 | 0.123 | 43.894 | 72.446 |

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Table B.6-Continued

| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Un- weighted <br> (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lower } \\ & \text { (R-2SE) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Upper } \\ \text { (R+2SE) } \end{gathered}$ |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 1.000 | 0.000 | 634 | 1,040 | na | 0.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Literacy | 0.755 | 0.022 | 634 | 1,040 | 1.273 | 0.029 | 0.712 | 0.799 |
| No education | 0.115 | 0.013 | 634 | 1,040 | 0.990 | 0.109 | 0.090 | 0.141 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.755 | 0.019 | 634 | 1,040 | 1.091 | 0.025 | 0.717 | 0.792 |
| Never married/never in union | 0.643 | 0.019 | 634 | 1,040 | 1.017 | 0.030 | 0.605 | 0.682 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.333 | 0.020 | 634 | 1,040 | 1.066 | 0.060 | 0.293 | 0.373 |
| Had first sexual intercourse before age 18 | 0.191 | 0.018 | 494 | 814 | 1.038 | 0.096 | 0.154 | 0.228 |
| Knows any contraceptive method | 1.000 | 0.000 | 206 | 347 | na | 0.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Knows any modern contraceptive method | 1.000 | 0.000 | 206 | 347 | na | 0.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Want no more children | 0.042 | 0.013 | 206 | 347 | 0.911 | 0.304 | 0.016 | 0.068 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.529 | 0.038 | 206 | 347 | 1.096 | 0.072 | 0.453 | 0.606 |
| Ideal number of children | 6.150 | 0.231 | 570 | 923 | 1.237 | 0.038 | 5.688 | 6.612 |
| Had 2+ sexual partners in past 12 months | 0.111 | 0.016 | 634 | 1,040 | 1.261 | 0.142 | 0.080 | 0.143 |
| Condom use at last sex | 0.458 | 0.064 | 70 | 116 | 1.064 | 0.139 | 0.330 | 0.586 |
| Abstinence among never-married youth (never had sex) | 0.622 | 0.035 | 257 | 411 | 1.169 | 0.057 | 0.551 | 0.693 |
| Had paid sex in past 12 months | 0.022 | 0.007 | 634 | 1,040 | 1.240 | 0.329 | 0.008 | 0.036 |
| Had HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.101 | 0.013 | 634 | 1,040 | 1.107 | 0.131 | 0.074 | 0.128 |
| Discriminatory attitudes towards people living with HIV | 0.719 | 0.023 | 625 | 1,026 | 1.289 | 0.032 | 0.673 | 0.766 |

na $=$ Not applicable

Table B. 7 Sampling errors: Brikama sample, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Relative } \\ \text { error } \\ \text { (SE/R) } \end{gathered}$ | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unweighted ( N ) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lower } \\ & \text { (R-2SE) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Upper } \\ & \text { (R+2SE) } \end{aligned}$ |
| HOUSEHOLDS AND POPULATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ownership of at least one ITN | 0.748 | 0.023 | 1,189 | 2,790 | 1.804 | 0.030 | 0.703 | 0.794 |
| De facto population with access to an ITN | 0.573 | 0.015 | 9,684 | 22,323 | 1.370 | 0.026 | 0.544 | 0.603 |
| Household population that slept under an ITN last night | 0.338 | 0.018 | 9,684 | 22,323 | 1.533 | 0.053 | 0.302 | 0.374 |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.945 | 0.012 | 2,355 | 5,299 | 2.552 | 0.013 | 0.921 | 0.969 |
| Literacy | 0.548 | 0.020 | 2,355 | 5,299 | 1.954 | 0.037 | 0.508 | 0.588 |
| No education | 0.277 | 0.017 | 2,355 | 5,299 | 1.846 | 0.062 | 0.243 | 0.311 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.577 | 0.020 | 2,355 | 5,299 | 1.982 | 0.035 | 0.537 | 0.618 |
| Never married/never in union | 0.349 | 0.011 | 2,355 | 5,299 | 1.115 | 0.031 | 0.327 | 0.371 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.593 | 0.013 | 2,355 | 5,299 | 1.332 | 0.023 | 0.566 | 0.620 |
| Married before age 18 | 0.293 | 0.016 | 1,825 | 4,125 | 1.490 | 0.054 | 0.261 | 0.325 |
| Had sexual intercourse before age 18 | 0.352 | 0.018 | 1,825 | 4,125 | 1.626 | 0.052 | 0.316 | 0.388 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.069 | 0.006 | 2,355 | 5,299 | 1.155 | 0.087 | 0.057 | 0.081 |
| Know any contraceptive method | 0.997 | 0.001 | 1,391 | 3,143 | 0.983 | 0.001 | 0.994 | 1.000 |
| Know a modern method | 0.997 | 0.001 | 1,391 | 3,143 | 0.983 | 0.001 | 0.994 | 1.000 |
| Currently using any method | 0.222 | 0.012 | 1,391 | 3,143 | 1.055 | 0.053 | 0.199 | 0.246 |
| Currently using a modern method | 0.197 | 0.012 | 1,391 | 3,143 | 1.086 | 0.059 | 0.174 | 0.220 |
| Currently using pill | 0.020 | 0.004 | 1,391 | 3,143 | 1.035 | 0.193 | 0.012 | 0.028 |
| Currently using male condoms | 0.005 | 0.002 | 1,391 | 3,143 | 1.127 | 0.429 | 0.001 | 0.009 |
| Currently using injectables | 0.097 | 0.009 | 1,391 | 3,143 | 1.119 | 0.091 | 0.080 | 0.115 |
| Currently using implants | 0.057 | 0.008 | 1,391 | 3,143 | 1.280 | 0.139 | 0.041 | 0.073 |
| Currently using female sterilisation | 0.006 | 0.002 | 1,391 | 3,143 | 0.990 | 0.337 | 0.002 | 0.010 |
| Currently using withdrawal | 0.015 | 0.003 | 1,391 | 3,143 | 1.016 | 0.218 | 0.009 | 0.022 |
| Currently using rhythm | 0.000 | 0.000 | 1,391 | 3,143 | 0.770 | 1.002 | 0.000 | 0.001 |
| Used public sector source | 0.743 | 0.031 | 302 | 687 | 1.210 | 0.041 | 0.681 | 0.804 |
| Want no more children | 0.169 | 0.009 | 1,391 | 3,143 | 0.887 | 0.053 | 0.151 | 0.187 |
| Want to delay next birth at least 2 years | 0.371 | 0.014 | 1,391 | 3,143 | 1.073 | 0.038 | 0.343 | 0.399 |
| Ideal number of children | 5.712 | 0.093 | 2,101 | 4,727 | 1.943 | 0.016 | 5.527 | 5.898 |
| Mothers protected against tetanus for last birth | 0.660 | 0.019 | 979 | 2,193 | 1.261 | 0.029 | 0.621 | 0.698 |
| Births with skilled attendant at delivery | 0.876 | 0.015 | 1,388 | 3,114 | 1.466 | 0.017 | 0.846 | 0.905 |
| Received 3+ doses of SP/Fansidar | 0.533 | 0.026 | 558 | 1,243 | 1.232 | 0.049 | 0.480 | 0.585 |
| Treated with ORS | 0.433 | 0.035 | 264 | 610 | 1.111 | 0.081 | 0.363 | 0.503 |
| Sought treatment for diarrhoea | 0.581 | 0.039 | 264 | 610 | 1.232 | 0.067 | 0.504 | 0.659 |
| Ever had vaccination card | 0.996 | 0.004 | 276 | 616 | 1.096 | 0.004 | 0.987 | 1.004 |
| Received BCG vaccination | 1.000 | 0.000 | 276 | 616 | na | 0.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Received birth dose HepB vaccination | 0.996 | 0.004 | 276 | 616 | 1.062 | 0.004 | 0.988 | 1.004 |
| Received DPT-HepB-Hib vaccination (3 doses) | 0.941 | 0.015 | 276 | 616 | 1.055 | 0.016 | 0.911 | 0.971 |
| Received birth dose polio 0 vaccination | 0.991 | 0.006 | 276 | 616 | 1.075 | 0.006 | 0.979 | 1.003 |
| Received polio vaccination (3 doses) | 0.909 | 0.017 | 276 | 616 | 0.971 | 0.019 | 0.875 | 0.943 |
| Received pneumococcal vaccination (3 doses) | 0.929 | 0.015 | 276 | 616 | 0.944 | 0.016 | 0.900 | 0.959 |
| Received rotavirus vaccination (2 doses) | 0.952 | 0.014 | 276 | 616 | 1.080 | 0.015 | 0.925 | 0.980 |
| Received measles-containing vaccination 1 | 0.892 | 0.022 | 276 | 616 | 1.163 | 0.025 | 0.848 | 0.936 |
| Received all basic vaccinations | 0.845 | 0.024 | 276 | 616 | 1.096 | 0.029 | 0.796 | 0.893 |
| Received all age-appropriate vaccinations (12-23 months) | 0.750 | 0.030 | 276 | 616 | 1.124 | 0.040 | 0.691 | 0.809 |
| Received measles-containing vaccination 2 | 0.711 | 0.034 | 285 | 649 | 1.255 | 0.048 | 0.643 | 0.779 |
| Received all age-appropriate vaccinations (24-35 months) | 0.276 | 0.030 | 285 | 649 | 1.096 | 0.107 | 0.217 | 0.335 |
| Height-for-age (-2SD) | 0.172 | 0.017 | 704 | 1,635 | 1.038 | 0.096 | 0.139 | 0.205 |
| Weight-for-height (-2SD) | 0.047 | 0.008 | 703 | 1,635 | 0.991 | 0.180 | 0.030 | 0.064 |
| Weight-for-age (-2SD) | 0.103 | 0.011 | 708 | 1,646 | 0.856 | 0.107 | 0.081 | 0.125 |
| Body mass index (BMI) <18.5 | 0.126 | 0.011 | 1,046 | 2,354 | 1.091 | 0.089 | 0.103 | 0.148 |
| Body mass index (BMI) $\geq 25$ | 0.398 | 0.018 | 1,046 | 2,354 | 1.171 | 0.045 | 0.362 | 0.433 |
| Prevalence of anaemia (children 6-59 months) | 0.301 | 0.032 | 621 | 1,440 | 1.532 | 0.106 | 0.237 | 0.364 |
| Prevalence of malaria (based on rapid test) | 0.007 | 0.004 | 618 | 1,432 | 1.265 | 0.635 | 0.000 | 0.015 |
| Prevalence of anaemia (women 15-49) | 0.454 | 0.029 | 490 | 1,108 | 1.285 | 0.064 | 0.397 | 0.512 |
| Ever experienced any physical violence since age 15 | 0.097 | 0.018 | 490 | 1,108 | 1.312 | 0.181 | 0.062 | 0.132 |
| Ever experienced any sexual violence | 0.303 | 0.036 | 371 | 783 | 1.490 | 0.118 | 0.232 | 0.374 |
| Ever experienced any physical/sexual violence by husband/partner | 0.396 | 0.036 | 371 | 783 | 1.425 | 0.092 | 0.324 | 0.469 |
| Ever experienced any emotional/physical/sexual violence by any husband/partner | 0.181 | 0.027 | 371 | 783 | 1.341 | 0.149 | 0.127 | 0.234 |
| Experienced any emotional/physical/sexual violence in the last 12 months by any husband/partner | 0.386 | 0.023 | 1,136 | 2,561 | 1.580 | 0.059 | 0.341 | 0.432 |
| Had 2+ sexual partners in past 12 months | 0.002 | 0.001 | 2,355 | 5,299 | 1.017 | 0.499 | 0.000 | 0.004 |
| Abstinence among never-married youth (never had sex) | 0.916 | 0.012 | 713 | 1,589 | 1.150 | 0.013 | 0.892 | 0.940 |
| Had an HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.133 | 0.011 | 2,355 | 5,299 | 1.536 | 0.081 | 0.112 | 0.155 |
| Discriminatory attitudes towards people with HIV | 0.730 | 0.018 | 2,306 | 5,181 | 1.921 | 0.024 | 0.695 | 0.766 |
| Prevalence of female circumcision | 0.780 | 0.028 | 1,212 | 2,736 | 2.363 | 0.036 | 0.724 | 0.836 |
| Total fertility rate (last 3 years) | 4.130 | 0.171 | 6,600 | 14,879 | 1.349 | 0.041 | 3.789 | 4.472 |
| Neonatal mortality (last 0-9 years) | 25.142 | 3.589 | 2,816 | 6,336 | 1.170 | 0.143 | 17.964 | 32.321 |
| Postneonatal mortality (last 0-9 years) | 18.263 | 3.117 | 2,813 | 6,330 | 1.174 | 0.171 | 12.029 | 24.498 |
| Infant mortality (last 0-9 years) | 43.406 | 4.817 | 2,819 | 6,344 | 1.179 | 0.111 | 33.771 | 53.040 |
| Child mortality (last 0-9 years) | 13.843 | 1.965 | 2,801 | 6,299 | 0.815 | 0.142 | 9.913 | 17.774 |
| Under-5 mortality (last 0-9 years) | 56.648 | 5.622 | 2,824 | 6,356 | 1.214 | 0.099 | 45.405 | 67.892 |

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Table B. 8 Sampling errors: Mansakonko sample, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unweighted (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Lower } \\ \text { (R-2SE) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Upper } \\ (\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}) \end{gathered}$ |
| HOUSEHOLDS AND POPULATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ownership of at least one ITN | 0.933 | 0.013 | 653 | 282 | 1.334 | 0.014 | 0.907 | 0.959 |
| De facto population with access to an ITN | 0.809 | 0.016 | 4,928 | 2,141 | 1.284 | 0.020 | 0.777 | 0.841 |
| Household population that slept under an ITN last night | 0.522 | 0.031 | 4,928 | 2,141 | 1.816 | 0.060 | 0.460 | 0.584 |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.231 | 0.041 | 1,030 | 431 | 3.089 | 0.177 | 0.149 | 0.312 |
| Literacy | 0.346 | 0.025 | 1,030 | 431 | 1.699 | 0.073 | 0.296 | 0.397 |
| No education | 0.394 | 0.033 | 1,030 | 431 | 2.134 | 0.083 | 0.329 | 0.459 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.385 | 0.028 | 1,030 | 431 | 1.847 | 0.073 | 0.329 | 0.441 |
| Never married/never in union | 0.252 | 0.015 | 1,030 | 431 | 1.102 | 0.059 | 0.222 | 0.282 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.714 | 0.018 | 1,030 | 431 | 1.266 | 0.025 | 0.678 | 0.749 |
| Married before age 18 | 0.464 | 0.031 | 793 | 333 | 1.739 | 0.066 | 0.402 | 0.526 |
| Had sexual intercourse before age 18 | 0.516 | 0.034 | 793 | 333 | 1.922 | 0.066 | 0.448 | 0.584 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.097 | 0.009 | 1,030 | 431 | 1.013 | 0.096 | 0.078 | 0.116 |
| Know any contraceptive method | 0.989 | 0.004 | 730 | 308 | 1.151 | 0.005 | 0.980 | 0.998 |
| Know a modern method | 0.989 | 0.004 | 730 | 308 | 1.151 | 0.005 | 0.980 | 0.998 |
| Currently using any method | 0.152 | 0.020 | 730 | 308 | 1.532 | 0.134 | 0.111 | 0.193 |
| Currently using a modern method | 0.144 | 0.020 | 730 | 308 | 1.571 | 0.142 | 0.103 | 0.185 |
| Currently using pill | 0.015 | 0.004 | 730 | 308 | 0.924 | 0.276 | 0.007 | 0.023 |
| Currently using male condoms | 0.001 | 0.001 | 730 | 308 | 0.973 | 1.006 | 0.000 | 0.004 |
| Currently using injectables | 0.076 | 0.014 | 730 | 308 | 1.386 | 0.179 | 0.049 | 0.104 |
| Currently using implants | 0.045 | 0.010 | 730 | 308 | 1.301 | 0.223 | 0.025 | 0.065 |
| Currently using female sterilisation | 0.004 | 0.002 | 730 | 308 | 0.922 | 0.511 | 0.000 | 0.009 |
| Currently using withdrawal | 0.001 | 0.001 | 730 | 308 | 0.976 | 1.029 | 0.000 | 0.004 |
| Currently using rhythm | 0.000 | 0.000 | 730 | 308 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Used public sector source | 0.894 | 0.038 | 119 | 49 | 1.335 | 0.042 | 0.818 | 0.970 |
| Want no more children | 0.168 | 0.016 | 730 | 308 | 1.141 | 0.094 | 0.137 | 0.200 |
| Want to delay next birth at least 2 years | 0.401 | 0.018 | 730 | 308 | 0.967 | 0.044 | 0.366 | 0.436 |
| Ideal number of children | 6.922 | 0.124 | 984 | 412 | 1.287 | 0.018 | 6.674 | 7.171 |
| Mothers protected against tetanus for last birth | 0.748 | 0.024 | 538 | 228 | 1.298 | 0.032 | 0.699 | 0.796 |
| Births with skilled attendant at delivery | 0.707 | 0.037 | 791 | 335 | 1.986 | 0.053 | 0.632 | 0.781 |
| Received 3+ doses of SP/Fansidar | 0.496 | 0.043 | 326 | 138 | 1.545 | 0.086 | 0.410 | 0.581 |
| Treated with ORS | 0.407 | 0.036 | 157 | 68 | 0.914 | 0.089 | 0.334 | 0.479 |
| Sought treatment for diarrhoea | 0.572 | 0.041 | 157 | 68 | 1.036 | 0.072 | 0.490 | 0.654 |
| Ever had vaccination card | 1.000 | 0.000 | 158 | 67 | na | 0.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Received BCG vaccination | 0.994 | 0.006 | 158 | 67 | 1.032 | 0.007 | 0.981 | 1.007 |
| Received birth dose HepB vaccination | 0.985 | 0.010 | 158 | 67 | 1.040 | 0.010 | 0.965 | 1.005 |
| Received DPT-HepB-Hib vaccination (3 doses) | 0.968 | 0.014 | 158 | 67 | 1.010 | 0.015 | 0.940 | 0.996 |
| Received birth dose polio 0 vaccination | 0.985 | 0.010 | 158 | 67 | 1.040 | 0.010 | 0.965 | 1.005 |
| Received polio vaccination (3 doses) | 0.944 | 0.019 | 158 | 67 | 1.063 | 0.021 | 0.905 | 0.983 |
| Received pneumococcal vaccination (3 doses) | 0.968 | 0.014 | 158 | 67 | 1.010 | 0.015 | 0.940 | 0.996 |
| Received rotavirus vaccination (2 doses) | 0.961 | 0.025 | 158 | 67 | 1.618 | 0.026 | 0.911 | 1.011 |
| Received measles-containing vaccination 1 | 0.971 | 0.016 | 158 | 67 | 1.190 | 0.016 | 0.939 | 1.003 |
| Received all basic vaccinations | 0.921 | 0.018 | 158 | 67 | 0.859 | 0.020 | 0.884 | 0.958 |
| Received all age-appropriate vaccinations (12-23 months) | 0.881 | 0.033 | 158 | 67 | 1.262 | 0.037 | 0.816 | 0.946 |
| Received measles-containing vaccination 2 | 0.848 | 0.032 | 132 | 55 | 1.010 | 0.038 | 0.784 | 0.912 |
| Received all age-appropriate vaccinations (24-35 months) | 0.450 | 0.052 | 132 | 55 | 1.161 | 0.115 | 0.346 | 0.553 |
| Height-for-age (-2SD) | 0.162 | 0.025 | 423 | 190 | 1.465 | 0.156 | 0.112 | 0.212 |
| Weight-for-height (-2SD) | 0.055 | 0.012 | 423 | 190 | 0.858 | 0.219 | 0.031 | 0.079 |
| Weight-for-age (-2SD) | 0.121 | 0.016 | 423 | 190 | 1.017 | 0.131 | 0.089 | 0.152 |
| Body mass index (BMI) <18.5 | 0.160 | 0.016 | 472 | 200 | 0.980 | 0.103 | 0.127 | 0.193 |
| Body mass index (BMI) $\geq 25$ | 0.272 | 0.027 | 472 | 200 | 1.315 | 0.099 | 0.218 | 0.326 |
| Prevalence of anaemia (children 6-59 months) | 0.479 | 0.066 | 374 | 168 | 2.278 | 0.137 | 0.347 | 0.610 |
| Prevalence of malaria (based on rapid test) | 0.000 | 0.000 | 371 | 166 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Prevalence of anaemia (women 15-49) | 0.446 | 0.040 | 247 | 97 | 1.255 | 0.089 | 0.366 | 0.525 |
| Ever experienced any physical violence since age 15 | 0.067 | 0.017 | 247 | 97 | 1.055 | 0.251 | 0.033 | 0.101 |
| Ever experienced any sexual violence | 0.311 | 0.034 | 193 | 72 | 1.032 | 0.111 | 0.242 | 0.379 |
| Ever experienced any physical/sexual violence by husband/partner | 0.446 | 0.035 | 193 | 72 | 0.977 | 0.079 | 0.376 | 0.516 |
| Ever experienced any emotional/physical/sexual violence by any husband/partner | 0.182 | 0.026 | 193 | 72 | 0.934 | 0.143 | 0.130 | 0.234 |
| Experienced any emotional/physical/sexual violence in the last 12 months by any husband/partner | 0.528 | 0.046 | 539 | 228 | 2.154 | 0.087 | 0.436 | 0.621 |
| Had 2+ sexual partners in past 12 months | 0.006 | 0.003 | 1,030 | 431 | 1.068 | 0.413 | 0.001 | 0.012 |
| Abstinence among never-married youth (never had sex) | 0.919 | 0.020 | 236 | 97 | 1.140 | 0.022 | 0.879 | 0.960 |
| Had an HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.112 | 0.011 | 1,030 | 431 | 1.123 | 0.099 | 0.090 | 0.134 |
| Discriminatory attitudes towards people with HIV | 0.867 | 0.016 | 1,007 | 421 | 1.509 | 0.019 | 0.835 | 0.899 |
| Prevalence of female circumcision | 0.801 | 0.057 | 543 | 230 | 3.279 | 0.071 | 0.688 | 0.915 |
| Total fertility rate (last 3 years) | 5.364 | 0.387 | 2,844 | 1,193 | 1.691 | 0.072 | 4.590 | 6.139 |
| Neonatal mortality (last 0-9 years) | 42.244 | 6.801 | 1,571 | 661 | 1.272 | 0.161 | 28.642 | 55.847 |
| Postneonatal mortality (last 0-9 years) | 12.676 | 3.068 | 1,565 | 658 | 1.062 | 0.242 | 6.540 | 18.812 |
| Infant mortality (last 0-9 years) | 54.921 | 8.180 | 1,572 | 662 | 1.327 | 0.149 | 38.562 | 71.280 |
| Child mortality (last 0-9 years) | 25.287 | 4.268 | 1,541 | 647 | 0.922 | 0.169 | 16.750 | 33.823 |
| Under-5 mortality (last 0-9 years) | 78.819 | 9.484 | 1,578 | 664 | 1.230 | 0.120 | 59.850 | 97.787 |

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Table B.8-Continued

| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Un- weighted <br> (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lower } \\ & \text { (R-2SE) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Upper } \\ (\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}) \end{gathered}$ |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.299 | 0.042 | 331 | 134 | 1.669 | 0.141 | 0.214 | 0.383 |
| Literacy | 0.626 | 0.048 | 331 | 134 | 1.802 | 0.077 | 0.530 | 0.722 |
| No education | 0.334 | 0.061 | 331 | 134 | 2.319 | 0.182 | 0.213 | 0.455 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.486 | 0.055 | 331 | 134 | 2.006 | 0.114 | 0.375 | 0.597 |
| Never married/never in union | 0.545 | 0.043 | 331 | 134 | 1.580 | 0.080 | 0.458 | 0.632 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.443 | 0.042 | 331 | 134 | 1.532 | 0.095 | 0.359 | 0.527 |
| Had first sexual intercourse before age 18 | 0.182 | 0.026 | 231 | 95 | 1.019 | 0.142 | 0.130 | 0.234 |
| Knows any contraceptive method | 0.991 | 0.009 | 140 | 59 | 1.092 | 0.009 | 0.973 | 1.008 |
| Knows any modern contraceptive method | 0.991 | 0.009 | 140 | 59 | 1.092 | 0.009 | 0.973 | 1.008 |
| Want no more children | 0.024 | 0.013 | 140 | 59 | 0.962 | 0.518 | 0.000 | 0.049 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.581 | 0.059 | 140 | 59 | 1.395 | 0.101 | 0.464 | 0.698 |
| Ideal number of children | 9.183 | 0.421 | 293 | 118 | 1.051 | 0.046 | 8.340 | 10.026 |
| Had 2+ sexual partners in past 12 months | 0.074 | 0.016 | 331 | 134 | 1.125 | 0.219 | 0.042 | 0.106 |
| Condom use at last sex | 0.045 | 0.041 | 23 | 10 | 0.935 | 0.917 | 0.000 | 0.127 |
| Abstinence among never-married youth (never had sex) | 0.804 | 0.028 | 143 | 56 | 0.841 | 0.035 | 0.749 | 0.860 |
| Had paid sex in past 12 months | 0.003 | 0.003 | 331 | 134 | 0.951 | 0.975 | 0.000 | 0.008 |
| Had HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.049 | 0.009 | 331 | 134 | 0.752 | 0.182 | 0.031 | 0.067 |
| Discriminatory attitudes towards people living with HIV | 0.768 | 0.033 | 317 | 128 | 1.404 | 0.044 | 0.701 | 0.835 |

na $=$ Not applicable

Table B. 9 Sampling errors: Kerewan sample, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Variable | Value (R) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Standard } \\ & \text { error } \\ & \text { (SE) } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unweighted (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Lower } \\ \text { (R-2SE) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Upper } \\ (\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}) \end{gathered}$ |
| HOUSEHOLDS AND POPULATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ownership of at least one ITN | 0.942 | 0.009 | 770 | 636 | 1.079 | 0.010 | 0.924 | 0.960 |
| De facto population with access to an ITN | 0.762 | 0.017 | 6,884 | 5,688 | 1.324 | 0.023 | 0.727 | 0.796 |
| Household population that slept under an ITN last night | 0.497 | 0.034 | 6,884 | 5,688 | 2.151 | 0.068 | 0.430 | 0.564 |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.292 | 0.028 | 1,391 | 1,129 | 2.317 | 0.097 | 0.236 | 0.349 |
| Literacy | 0.372 | 0.024 | 1,391 | 1,129 | 1.853 | 0.065 | 0.324 | 0.420 |
| No education | 0.482 | 0.034 | 1,391 | 1,129 | 2.519 | 0.070 | 0.414 | 0.550 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.361 | 0.027 | 1,391 | 1,129 | 2.069 | 0.074 | 0.308 | 0.415 |
| Never married/never in union | 0.244 | 0.014 | 1,391 | 1,129 | 1.226 | 0.058 | 0.216 | 0.272 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.721 | 0.013 | 1,391 | 1,129 | 1.113 | 0.019 | 0.694 | 0.747 |
| Married before age 18 | 0.418 | 0.020 | 1,072 | 870 | 1.328 | 0.048 | 0.378 | 0.458 |
| Had sexual intercourse before age 18 | 0.490 | 0.019 | 1,072 | 870 | 1.250 | 0.039 | 0.451 | 0.528 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.082 | 0.006 | 1,391 | 1,129 | 0.811 | 0.073 | 0.070 | 0.094 |
| Know any contraceptive method | 0.996 | 0.002 | 1,002 | 813 | 0.927 | 0.002 | 0.993 | 1.000 |
| Know a modern method | 0.996 | 0.002 | 1,002 | 813 | 0.927 | 0.002 | 0.993 | 1.000 |
| Currently using any method | 0.222 | 0.019 | 1,002 | 813 | 1.460 | 0.086 | 0.184 | 0.260 |
| Currently using a modern method | 0.208 | 0.019 | 1,002 | 813 | 1.494 | 0.092 | 0.170 | 0.246 |
| Currently using pill | 0.022 | 0.006 | 1,002 | 813 | 1.253 | 0.262 | 0.011 | 0.034 |
| Currently using male condoms | 0.003 | 0.002 | 1,002 | 813 | 0.965 | 0.569 | 0.000 | 0.006 |
| Currently using injectables | 0.092 | 0.012 | 1,002 | 813 | 1.317 | 0.131 | 0.068 | 0.116 |
| Currently using implants | 0.077 | 0.013 | 1,002 | 813 | 1.509 | 0.165 | 0.052 | 0.103 |
| Currently using female sterilisation | 0.012 | 0.004 | 1,002 | 813 | 1.033 | 0.299 | 0.005 | 0.019 |
| Currently using withdrawal | 0.001 | 0.001 | 1,002 | 813 | 1.053 | 0.990 | 0.000 | 0.003 |
| Currently using rhythm | 0.003 | 0.002 | 1,002 | 813 | 1.011 | 0.584 | 0.000 | 0.006 |
| Used public sector source | 0.942 | 0.024 | 212 | 174 | 1.503 | 0.026 | 0.893 | 0.990 |
| Want no more children | 0.226 | 0.016 | 1,002 | 813 | 1.239 | 0.072 | 0.193 | 0.259 |
| Want to delay next birth at least 2 years | 0.390 | 0.018 | 1,002 | 813 | 1.165 | 0.046 | 0.354 | 0.426 |
| Ideal number of children | 6.010 | 0.117 | 1,095 | 893 | 1.860 | 0.019 | 5.776 | 6.244 |
| Mothers protected against tetanus for last birth | 0.815 | 0.019 | 753 | 610 | 1.355 | 0.024 | 0.777 | 0.854 |
| Births with skilled attendant at delivery | 0.921 | 0.011 | 1,140 | 925 | 1.318 | 0.012 | 0.898 | 0.943 |
| Received 3+ doses of SP/Fansidar | 0.534 | 0.025 | 479 | 387 | 1.112 | 0.048 | 0.484 | 0.585 |
| Treated with ORS | 0.612 | 0.040 | 154 | 124 | 0.978 | 0.065 | 0.532 | 0.692 |
| Sought treatment for diarrhoea | 0.826 | 0.032 | 154 | 124 | 1.041 | 0.039 | 0.762 | 0.890 |
| Ever had vaccination card | 1.000 | 0.000 | 221 | 176 | na | 0.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Received BCG vaccination | 1.000 | 0.000 | 221 | 176 | na | 0.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Received birth dose HepB vaccination | 1.000 | 0.000 | 221 | 176 | na | 0.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Received DPT-HepB-Hib vaccination (3 doses) | 0.983 | 0.009 | 221 | 176 | 1.052 | 0.010 | 0.964 | 1.001 |
| Received birth dose polio 0 vaccination | 0.992 | 0.006 | 221 | 176 | 0.950 | 0.006 | 0.980 | 1.003 |
| Received polio vaccination (3 doses) | 0.947 | 0.017 | 221 | 176 | 1.101 | 0.018 | 0.914 | 0.981 |
| Received pneumococcal vaccination (3 doses) | 0.969 | 0.011 | 221 | 176 | 0.919 | 0.011 | 0.947 | 0.990 |
| Received rotavirus vaccination (2 doses) | 0.981 | 0.009 | 221 | 176 | 1.024 | 0.010 | 0.962 | 1.000 |
| Received measles-containing vaccination 1 | 0.951 | 0.017 | 221 | 176 | 1.139 | 0.018 | 0.918 | 0.984 |
| Received all basic vaccinations | 0.906 | 0.023 | 221 | 176 | 1.146 | 0.025 | 0.860 | 0.951 |
| Received all age-appropriate vaccinations (12-23 months) | 0.818 | 0.030 | 221 | 176 | 1.136 | 0.036 | 0.759 | 0.878 |
| Received measles-containing vaccination 2 | 0.846 | 0.037 | 187 | 150 | 1.407 | 0.044 | 0.771 | 0.921 |
| Received all age-appropriate vaccinations (24-35 months) | 0.443 | 0.045 | 187 | 150 | 1.232 | 0.102 | 0.353 | 0.533 |
| Height-for-age (-2SD) | 0.173 | 0.017 | 535 | 435 | 0.956 | 0.097 | 0.140 | 0.207 |
| Weight-for-height (-2SD) | 0.064 | 0.012 | 536 | 435 | 1.114 | 0.191 | 0.040 | 0.089 |
| Weight-for-age (-2SD) | 0.147 | 0.016 | 543 | 442 | 0.985 | 0.109 | 0.115 | 0.179 |
| Body mass index (BMI) <18.5 | 0.195 | 0.019 | 607 | 492 | 1.196 | 0.099 | 0.156 | 0.233 |
| Body mass index (BMI) $\geq 25$ | 0.292 | 0.021 | 607 | 492 | 1.137 | 0.072 | 0.250 | 0.334 |
| Prevalence of anaemia (children 6-59 months) | 0.587 | 0.036 | 471 | 383 | 1.404 | 0.061 | 0.515 | 0.658 |
| Prevalence of malaria (based on rapid test) | 0.000 | 0.000 | 468 | 381 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Prevalence of anaemia (women 15-49) | 0.331 | 0.037 | 306 | 241 | 1.388 | 0.113 | 0.256 | 0.406 |
| Ever experienced any physical violence since age 15 | 0.066 | 0.018 | 306 | 241 | 1.282 | 0.276 | 0.030 | 0.103 |
| Ever experienced any sexual violence | 0.230 | 0.030 | 242 | 173 | 1.120 | 0.132 | 0.169 | 0.290 |
| Ever experienced any physical/sexual violence by husband/partner | 0.332 | 0.037 | 242 | 173 | 1.206 | 0.110 | 0.258 | 0.405 |
| Ever experienced any emotional/physical/sexual violence by any husband/partner | 0.136 | 0.022 | 242 | 173 | 1.016 | 0.165 | 0.091 | 0.181 |
| Experienced any emotional/physical/sexual violence in the last 12 months by any husband/partner | 0.540 | 0.028 | 686 | 553 | 1.478 | 0.052 | 0.483 | 0.596 |
| Had 2+ sexual partners in past 12 months | 0.001 | 0.001 | 1,391 | 1,129 | 0.963 | 1.004 | 0.000 | 0.002 |
| Abstinence among never-married youth (never had sex) | 0.919 | 0.019 | 302 | 248 | 1.183 | 0.020 | 0.882 | 0.956 |
| Had an HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.127 | 0.011 | 1,391 | 1,129 | 1.264 | 0.089 | 0.105 | 0.150 |
| Discriminatory attitudes towards people with HIV | 0.833 | 0.014 | 1,376 | 1,116 | 1.439 | 0.017 | 0.804 | 0.862 |
| Prevalence of female circumcision | 0.420 | 0.058 | 707 | 573 | 3.100 | 0.138 | 0.304 | 0.536 |
| Total fertility rate (last 3 years) | 5.426 | 0.267 | 3,873 | 3,142 | 1.491 | 0.049 | 4.891 | 5.960 |
| Neonatal mortality (last 0-9 years) | 34.281 | 4.648 | 2,223 | 1,812 | 1.015 | 0.136 | 24.986 | 43.577 |
| Postneonatal mortality (last 0-9 years) | 14.728 | 2.296 | 2,222 | 1,812 | 0.870 | 0.156 | 10.136 | 19.320 |
| Infant mortality (last 0-9 years) | 49.009 | 5.179 | 2,224 | 1,813 | 0.967 | 0.106 | 38.651 | 59.368 |
| Child mortality (last 0-9 years) | 13.567 | 3.582 | 2,149 | 1,750 | 1.363 | 0.264 | 6.403 | 20.731 |
| Under-5 mortality (last 0-9 years) | 61.912 | 6.958 | 2,231 | 1,819 | 1.166 | 0.112 | 47.996 | 75.828 |

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Table B. 10 Sampling errors: Kuntaur sample, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unweighted (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Lower } \\ \text { (R-2SE) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Upper } \\ (\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}) \end{gathered}$ |
| HOUSEHOLDS AND POPULATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ownership of at least one ITN | 0.967 | 0.010 | 626 | 254 | 1.413 | 0.010 | 0.947 | 0.987 |
| De facto population with access to an ITN | 0.789 | 0.018 | 6,202 | 2,543 | 1.489 | 0.023 | 0.754 | 0.825 |
| Household population that slept under an ITN last night | 0.542 | 0.033 | 6,202 | 2,543 | 2.150 | 0.061 | 0.476 | 0.608 |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.084 | 0.025 | 1,319 | 522 | 3.294 | 0.301 | 0.033 | 0.134 |
| Literacy | 0.164 | 0.017 | 1,319 | 522 | 1.678 | 0.104 | 0.130 | 0.199 |
| No education | 0.710 | 0.033 | 1,319 | 522 | 2.621 | 0.046 | 0.645 | 0.776 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.162 | 0.024 | 1,319 | 522 | 2.377 | 0.149 | 0.114 | 0.211 |
| Never married/never in union | 0.149 | 0.014 | 1,319 | 522 | 1.399 | 0.092 | 0.121 | 0.176 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.827 | 0.014 | 1,319 | 522 | 1.365 | 0.017 | 0.799 | 0.856 |
| Married before age 18 | 0.550 | 0.030 | 997 | 393 | 1.914 | 0.055 | 0.489 | 0.610 |
| Had sexual intercourse before age 18 | 0.618 | 0.021 | 997 | 393 | 1.360 | 0.034 | 0.576 | 0.660 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.119 | 0.010 | 1,319 | 522 | 1.176 | 0.088 | 0.098 | 0.140 |
| Know any contraceptive method | 0.985 | 0.004 | 1,088 | 432 | 1.074 | 0.004 | 0.978 | 0.993 |
| Know a modern method | 0.984 | 0.004 | 1,088 | 432 | 1.163 | 0.004 | 0.976 | 0.993 |
| Currently using any method | 0.159 | 0.019 | 1,088 | 432 | 1.678 | 0.117 | 0.122 | 0.196 |
| Currently using a modern method | 0.141 | 0.016 | 1,088 | 432 | 1.533 | 0.115 | 0.109 | 0.173 |
| Currently using pill | 0.006 | 0.002 | 1,088 | 432 | 0.875 | 0.329 | 0.002 | 0.011 |
| Currently using male condoms | 0.000 | 0.000 | 1,088 | 432 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Currently using injectables | 0.084 | 0.014 | 1,088 | 432 | 1.658 | 0.166 | 0.056 | 0.112 |
| Currently using implants | 0.042 | 0.006 | 1,088 | 432 | 1.039 | 0.150 | 0.030 | 0.055 |
| Currently using female sterilisation | 0.006 | 0.002 | 1,088 | 432 | 0.959 | 0.386 | 0.001 | 0.010 |
| Currently using withdrawal | 0.001 | 0.001 | 1,088 | 432 | 0.933 | 1.013 | 0.000 | 0.002 |
| Currently using rhythm | 0.001 | 0.001 | 1,088 | 432 | 0.943 | 1.017 | 0.000 | 0.002 |
| Used public sector source | 0.962 | 0.016 | 151 | 61 | 1.017 | 0.017 | 0.930 | 0.994 |
| Want no more children | 0.158 | 0.013 | 1,088 | 432 | 1.156 | 0.081 | 0.132 | 0.184 |
| Want to delay next birth at least 2 years | 0.431 | 0.018 | 1,088 | 432 | 1.191 | 0.042 | 0.395 | 0.467 |
| Ideal number of children | 6.923 | 0.160 | 932 | 372 | 1.820 | 0.023 | 6.602 | 7.244 |
| Mothers protected against tetanus for last birth | 0.752 | 0.021 | 787 | 314 | 1.340 | 0.027 | 0.711 | 0.794 |
| Births with skilled attendant at delivery | 0.618 | 0.033 | 1,195 | 476 | 2.007 | 0.053 | 0.552 | 0.684 |
| Received 3+ doses of SP/Fansidar | 0.466 | 0.053 | 493 | 196 | 2.337 | 0.113 | 0.361 | 0.571 |
| Treated with ORS | 0.392 | 0.047 | 305 | 121 | 1.645 | 0.120 | 0.298 | 0.486 |
| Sought treatment for diarrhoea | 0.704 | 0.050 | 305 | 121 | 1.862 | 0.070 | 0.605 | 0.803 |
| Ever had vaccination card | 0.996 | 0.004 | 221 | 87 | 0.975 | 0.004 | 0.987 | 1.004 |
| Received BCG vaccination | 0.973 | 0.011 | 221 | 87 | 1.032 | 0.012 | 0.951 | 0.996 |
| Received birth dose HepB vaccination | 0.995 | 0.005 | 221 | 87 | 1.090 | 0.005 | 0.984 | 1.005 |
| Received DPT-HepB-Hib vaccination (3 doses) | 0.935 | 0.020 | 221 | 87 | 1.235 | 0.022 | 0.894 | 0.976 |
| Received birth dose polio 0 vaccination | 0.991 | 0.006 | 221 | 87 | 0.993 | 0.006 | 0.979 | 1.004 |
| Received polio vaccination (3 doses) | 0.913 | 0.021 | 221 | 87 | 1.103 | 0.023 | 0.870 | 0.955 |
| Received pneumococcal vaccination (3 doses) | 0.946 | 0.020 | 221 | 87 | 1.310 | 0.021 | 0.906 | 0.986 |
| Received rotavirus vaccination (2 doses) | 0.962 | 0.017 | 221 | 87 | 1.324 | 0.018 | 0.928 | 0.996 |
| Received measles-containing vaccination 1 | 0.941 | 0.018 | 221 | 87 | 1.135 | 0.019 | 0.905 | 0.977 |
| Received all basic vaccinations | 0.854 | 0.025 | 221 | 87 | 1.047 | 0.029 | 0.804 | 0.904 |
| Received all age-appropriate vaccinations (12-23 months) | 0.812 | 0.029 | 221 | 87 | 1.083 | 0.035 | 0.755 | 0.869 |
| Received measles-containing vaccination 2 | 0.736 | 0.052 | 203 | 80 | 1.692 | 0.071 | 0.632 | 0.841 |
| Received all age-appropriate vaccinations (24-35 months) | 0.304 | 0.059 | 203 | 80 | 1.845 | 0.195 | 0.185 | 0.423 |
| Height-for-age (-2SD) | 0.252 | 0.020 | 524 | 218 | 1.023 | 0.078 | 0.213 | 0.291 |
| Weight-for-height (-2SD) | 0.039 | 0.009 | 527 | 219 | 1.061 | 0.219 | 0.022 | 0.056 |
| Weight-for-age (-2SD) | 0.138 | 0.013 | 531 | 220 | 0.822 | 0.092 | 0.113 | 0.163 |
| Body mass index (BMI) <18.5 | 0.169 | 0.019 | 542 | 215 | 1.153 | 0.110 | 0.132 | 0.206 |
| Body mass index (BMI) $\geq 25$ | 0.234 | 0.019 | 542 | 215 | 1.054 | 0.082 | 0.195 | 0.272 |
| Prevalence of anaemia (children 6-59 months) | 0.767 | 0.018 | 470 | 195 | 0.876 | 0.023 | 0.732 | 0.803 |
| Prevalence of malaria (based on rapid test) | 0.002 | 0.002 | 469 | 194 | 0.944 | 1.016 | 0.000 | 0.005 |
| Prevalence of anaemia (women 15-49) | 0.490 | 0.039 | 247 | 109 | 1.212 | 0.079 | 0.412 | 0.567 |
| Ever experienced any physical violence since age 15 | 0.103 | 0.021 | 247 | 109 | 1.094 | 0.205 | 0.061 | 0.146 |
| Ever experienced any sexual violence | 0.355 | 0.034 | 222 | 95 | 1.065 | 0.097 | 0.287 | 0.424 |
| Ever experienced any physical/sexual violence by husband/partner | 0.464 | 0.045 | 222 | 95 | 1.335 | 0.097 | 0.375 | 0.554 |
| Ever experienced any emotional/physical/sexual violence by any husband/partner | 0.157 | 0.024 | 222 | 95 | 0.971 | 0.151 | 0.110 | 0.205 |
| Experienced any emotional/physical/sexual violence in the last 12 months by any husband/partner | 0.623 | 0.018 | 646 | 256 | 0.962 | 0.029 | 0.587 | 0.660 |
| Had 2+ sexual partners in past 12 months | 0.000 | 0.000 | 1,319 | 522 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Abstinence among never-married youth (never had sex) | 0.978 | 0.010 | 188 | 74 | 0.925 | 0.010 | 0.959 | 0.998 |
| Had an HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.160 | 0.015 | 1,319 | 522 | 1.454 | 0.092 | 0.130 | 0.189 |
| Discriminatory attitudes towards people with HIV | 0.895 | 0.017 | 1,261 | 498 | 1.991 | 0.019 | 0.861 | 0.930 |
| Prevalence of female circumcision | 0.535 | 0.088 | 665 | 263 | 4.482 | 0.165 | 0.359 | 0.711 |
| Total fertility rate (last 3 years) | 6.357 | 0.304 | 3,620 | 1,431 | 1.381 | 0.048 | 5.748 | 6.965 |
| Neonatal mortality (last 0-9 years) | 41.280 | 5.504 | 2,359 | 941 | 1.205 | 0.133 | 30.271 | 52.288 |
| Postneonatal mortality (last 0-9 years) | 14.363 | 2.393 | 2,347 | 937 | 1.007 | 0.167 | 9.576 | 19.150 |
| Infant mortality (last 0-9 years) | 55.643 | 6.218 | 2,361 | 942 | 1.240 | 0.112 | 43.207 | 68.078 |
| Child mortality (last 0-9 years) | 24.385 | 4.412 | 2,286 | 912 | 1.270 | 0.181 | 15.560 | 33.209 |
| Under-5 mortality (last 0-9 years) | 78.670 | 8.111 | 2,374 | 948 | 1.374 | 0.103 | 62.448 | 94.893 |

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Table B.10-Continued

| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unweighted (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Lower } \\ \text { (R-2SE) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Upper } \\ (\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}) \end{gathered}$ |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.070 | 0.020 | 374 | 142 | 1.525 | 0.289 | 0.029 | 0.110 |
| Literacy | 0.415 | 0.052 | 374 | 142 | 2.011 | 0.124 | 0.312 | 0.518 |
| No education | 0.608 | 0.053 | 374 | 142 | 2.097 | 0.088 | 0.502 | 0.715 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.249 | 0.044 | 374 | 142 | 1.939 | 0.175 | 0.162 | 0.336 |
| Never married/never in union | 0.435 | 0.036 | 374 | 142 | 1.390 | 0.082 | 0.364 | 0.507 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.560 | 0.036 | 374 | 142 | 1.410 | 0.065 | 0.488 | 0.633 |
| Had first sexual intercourse before age 18 | 0.075 | 0.019 | 283 | 108 | 1.200 | 0.251 | 0.038 | 0.113 |
| Knows any contraceptive method | 1.000 | 0.000 | 206 | 79 | na | 0.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Knows any modern contraceptive method | 1.000 | 0.000 | 206 | 79 | na | 0.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Want no more children | 0.006 | 0.005 | 206 | 79 | 1.048 | 0.978 | 0.000 | 0.016 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.522 | 0.034 | 206 | 79 | 0.987 | 0.066 | 0.453 | 0.591 |
| Ideal number of children | 8.881 | 0.427 | 198 | 76 | 1.293 | 0.048 | 8.027 | 9.734 |
| Had 2+ sexual partners in past 12 months | 0.144 | 0.022 | 374 | 142 | 1.187 | 0.150 | 0.101 | 0.188 |
| Condom use at last sex | 0.123 | 0.046 | 55 | 20 | 1.036 | 0.376 | 0.030 | 0.216 |
| Abstinence among never-married youth (never had sex) | 0.728 | 0.039 | 127 | 48 | 0.979 | 0.053 | 0.651 | 0.806 |
| Had paid sex in past 12 months | 0.009 | 0.006 | 374 | 142 | 1.140 | 0.615 | 0.000 | 0.020 |
| Had HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.045 | 0.012 | 374 | 142 | 1.129 | 0.268 | 0.021 | 0.070 |
| Discriminatory attitudes towards people living with HIV | 0.898 | 0.020 | 352 | 134 | 1.218 | 0.022 | 0.859 | 0.938 |

na $=$ Not applicable

Table B. 11 Sampling errors: Janjanbureh sample, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unweighted (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Lower } \\ \text { (R-2SE) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Upper } \\ (\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}) \end{gathered}$ |
| HOUSEHOLDS AND POPULATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ownership of at least one ITN | 0.946 | 0.012 | 675 | 332 | 1.378 | 0.013 | 0.922 | 0.970 |
| De facto population with access to an ITN | 0.761 | 0.018 | 6,126 | 3,009 | 1.324 | 0.024 | 0.724 | 0.797 |
| Household population that slept under an ITN last night | 0.549 | 0.031 | 6,126 | 3,009 | 1.954 | 0.057 | 0.487 | 0.611 |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.155 | 0.017 | 1,262 | 595 | 1.701 | 0.112 | 0.120 | 0.190 |
| Literacy | 0.238 | 0.024 | 1,262 | 595 | 1.998 | 0.101 | 0.190 | 0.286 |
| No education | 0.587 | 0.029 | 1,262 | 595 | 2.062 | 0.049 | 0.530 | 0.644 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.276 | 0.027 | 1,262 | 595 | 2.155 | 0.099 | 0.221 | 0.330 |
| Never married/never in union | 0.181 | 0.017 | 1,262 | 595 | 1.551 | 0.093 | 0.148 | 0.215 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.782 | 0.019 | 1,262 | 595 | 1.600 | 0.024 | 0.745 | 0.820 |
| Married before age 18 | 0.497 | 0.020 | 959 | 453 | 1.228 | 0.040 | 0.457 | 0.537 |
| Had sexual intercourse before age 18 | 0.563 | 0.032 | 959 | 453 | 1.972 | 0.056 | 0.500 | 0.626 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.087 | 0.009 | 1,262 | 595 | 1.108 | 0.101 | 0.070 | 0.105 |
| Know any contraceptive method | 0.995 | 0.004 | 971 | 466 | 1.568 | 0.004 | 0.987 | 1.002 |
| Know a modern method | 0.993 | 0.005 | 971 | 466 | 1.989 | 0.005 | 0.982 | 1.004 |
| Currently using any method | 0.202 | 0.024 | 971 | 466 | 1.847 | 0.118 | 0.154 | 0.250 |
| Currently using a modern method | 0.182 | 0.023 | 971 | 466 | 1.867 | 0.127 | 0.136 | 0.229 |
| Currently using pill | 0.021 | 0.006 | 971 | 466 | 1.329 | 0.292 | 0.009 | 0.033 |
| Currently using male condoms | 0.002 | 0.001 | 971 | 466 | 0.892 | 0.700 | 0.000 | 0.004 |
| Currently using injectables | 0.080 | 0.016 | 971 | 466 | 1.879 | 0.205 | 0.047 | 0.112 |
| Currently using implants | 0.066 | 0.011 | 971 | 466 | 1.376 | 0.166 | 0.044 | 0.088 |
| Currently using female sterilisation | 0.004 | 0.003 | 971 | 466 | 1.169 | 0.560 | 0.000 | 0.009 |
| Currently using withdrawal | 0.001 | 0.001 | 971 | 466 | 0.923 | 0.990 | 0.000 | 0.003 |
| Currently using rhythm | 0.000 | 0.000 | 971 | 466 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Used public sector source | 0.899 | 0.029 | 184 | 87 | 1.286 | 0.032 | 0.842 | 0.956 |
| Want no more children | 0.158 | 0.015 | 971 | 466 | 1.241 | 0.092 | 0.129 | 0.187 |
| Want to delay next birth at least 2 years | 0.412 | 0.030 | 971 | 466 | 1.896 | 0.073 | 0.352 | 0.472 |
| Ideal number of children | 6.869 | 0.137 | 1,179 | 565 | 1.995 | 0.020 | 6.595 | 7.142 |
| Mothers protected against tetanus for last birth | 0.687 | 0.037 | 706 | 337 | 2.137 | 0.054 | 0.612 | 0.762 |
| Births with skilled attendant at delivery | 0.736 | 0.033 | 1,015 | 483 | 2.067 | 0.045 | 0.670 | 0.802 |
| Received 3+ doses of SP/Fansidar | 0.362 | 0.042 | 418 | 200 | 1.810 | 0.117 | 0.277 | 0.447 |
| Treated with ORS | 0.404 | 0.054 | 164 | 82 | 1.388 | 0.133 | 0.296 | 0.512 |
| Sought treatment for diarrhoea | 0.589 | 0.039 | 164 | 82 | 1.043 | 0.066 | 0.512 | 0.666 |
| Ever had vaccination card | 0.990 | 0.010 | 176 | 85 | 1.343 | 0.010 | 0.969 | 1.010 |
| Received BCG vaccination | 0.978 | 0.012 | 176 | 85 | 1.090 | 0.012 | 0.954 | 1.002 |
| Received birth dose HepB vaccination | 0.978 | 0.012 | 176 | 85 | 1.090 | 0.012 | 0.954 | 1.002 |
| Received DPT-HepB-Hib vaccination (3 doses) | 0.917 | 0.020 | 176 | 85 | 0.976 | 0.022 | 0.876 | 0.957 |
| Received birth dose polio 0 vaccination | 0.956 | 0.015 | 176 | 85 | 0.970 | 0.016 | 0.927 | 0.986 |
| Received polio vaccination (3 doses) | 0.858 | 0.029 | 176 | 85 | 1.087 | 0.033 | 0.801 | 0.915 |
| Received pneumococcal vaccination (3 doses) | 0.924 | 0.020 | 176 | 85 | 0.993 | 0.021 | 0.884 | 0.963 |
| Received rotavirus vaccination (2 doses) | 0.958 | 0.016 | 176 | 85 | 1.075 | 0.017 | 0.926 | 0.991 |
| Received measles-containing vaccination 1 | 0.935 | 0.019 | 176 | 85 | 1.007 | 0.020 | 0.897 | 0.972 |
| Received all basic vaccinations | 0.818 | 0.032 | 176 | 85 | 1.106 | 0.039 | 0.754 | 0.883 |
| Received all age-appropriate vaccinations (12-23 months) | 0.785 | 0.038 | 176 | 85 | 1.239 | 0.049 | 0.708 | 0.861 |
| Received measles-containing vaccination 2 | 0.722 | 0.043 | 183 | 86 | 1.299 | 0.060 | 0.636 | 0.809 |
| Received all age-appropriate vaccinations (24-35 months) | 0.299 | 0.043 | 183 | 86 | 1.252 | 0.142 | 0.214 | 0.385 |
| Height-for-age (-2SD) | 0.194 | 0.017 | 528 | 264 | 0.890 | 0.087 | 0.160 | 0.228 |
| Weight-for-height (-2SD) | 0.065 | 0.013 | 529 | 264 | 1.122 | 0.196 | 0.039 | 0.090 |
| Weight-for-age (-2SD) | 0.152 | 0.023 | 529 | 264 | 1.422 | 0.150 | 0.106 | 0.198 |
| Body mass index (BMI) <18.5 | 0.138 | 0.019 | 545 | 259 | 1.298 | 0.139 | 0.100 | 0.176 |
| Body mass index (BMI) $\geq 25$ | 0.258 | 0.027 | 545 | 259 | 1.427 | 0.103 | 0.205 | 0.312 |
| Prevalence of anaemia (children 6-59 months) | 0.597 | 0.028 | 441 | 218 | 1.104 | 0.046 | 0.541 | 0.652 |
| Prevalence of malaria (based on rapid test) | 0.005 | 0.003 | 441 | 218 | 0.967 | 0.664 | 0.000 | 0.011 |
| Prevalence of anaemia (women 15-49) | 0.509 | 0.036 | 278 | 131 | 1.190 | 0.070 | 0.438 | 0.581 |
| Ever experienced any physical violence since age 15 | 0.089 | 0.021 | 278 | 131 | 1.222 | 0.236 | 0.047 | 0.131 |
| Ever experienced any sexual violence | 0.459 | 0.045 | 245 | 113 | 1.410 | 0.098 | 0.368 | 0.549 |
| Ever experienced any physical/sexual violence by husband/partner | 0.528 | 0.048 | 245 | 113 | 1.488 | 0.090 | 0.433 | 0.623 |
| Ever experienced any emotional/physical/sexual violence by any husband/partner | 0.133 | 0.022 | 245 | 113 | 1.029 | 0.168 | 0.089 | 0.178 |
| Experienced any emotional/physical/sexual violence in the last 12 months by any husband/partner | 0.537 | 0.023 | 616 | 292 | 1.148 | 0.043 | 0.491 | 0.583 |
| Had 2+ sexual partners in past 12 months | 0.001 | 0.001 | 1,262 | 595 | 0.928 | 0.985 | 0.000 | 0.002 |
| Abstinence among never-married youth (never had sex) | 0.945 | 0.012 | 234 | 103 | 0.787 | 0.012 | 0.921 | 0.968 |
| Had an HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.040 | 0.007 | 1,262 | 595 | 1.211 | 0.166 | 0.027 | 0.054 |
| Discriminatory attitudes towards people with HIV | 0.896 | 0.014 | 1,213 | 567 | 1.603 | 0.016 | 0.867 | 0.924 |
| Prevalence of female circumcision | 0.607 | 0.083 | 641 | 307 | 4.252 | 0.137 | 0.440 | 0.773 |
| Total fertility rate (last 3 years) | 5.725 | 0.349 | 3,519 | 1,658 | 1.551 | 0.061 | 5.027 | 6.423 |
| Neonatal mortality (last 0-9 years) | 35.945 | 5.116 | 2,061 | 981 | 1.100 | 0.142 | 25.714 | 46.177 |
| Postneonatal mortality (last 0-9 years) | 10.805 | 2.485 | 2,045 | 974 | 1.051 | 0.230 | 5.836 | 15.775 |
| Infant mortality (last 0-9 years) | 46.751 | 5.998 | 2,061 | 981 | 1.153 | 0.128 | 34.755 | 58.747 |
| Child mortality (last 0-9 years) | 20.835 | 4.450 | 2,027 | 960 | 1.245 | 0.214 | 11.934 | 29.736 |
| Under-5 mortality (last 0-9 years) | 66.612 | 7.006 | 2,073 | 986 | 1.114 | 0.105 | 52.601 | 80.623 |

Table B.11-Continued

| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Un- weighted <br> (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lower } \\ & \text { (R-2SE) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Upper } \\ \text { (R+2SE) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.143 | 0.025 | 453 | 202 | 1.513 | 0.175 | 0.093 | 0.193 |
| Literacy | 0.386 | 0.035 | 453 | 202 | 1.540 | 0.092 | 0.315 | 0.457 |
| No education | 0.560 | 0.051 | 453 | 202 | 2.169 | 0.091 | 0.458 | 0.661 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.287 | 0.036 | 453 | 202 | 1.669 | 0.124 | 0.216 | 0.358 |
| Never married/never in union | 0.510 | 0.038 | 453 | 202 | 1.600 | 0.074 | 0.434 | 0.585 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.482 | 0.036 | 453 | 202 | 1.523 | 0.074 | 0.410 | 0.553 |
| Had first sexual intercourse before age 18 | 0.186 | 0.033 | 311 | 139 | 1.498 | 0.178 | 0.120 | 0.253 |
| Knows any contraceptive method | 1.000 | 0.000 | 218 | 97 | na | 0.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Knows any modern contraceptive method | 1.000 | 0.000 | 218 | 97 | na | 0.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Want no more children | 0.019 | 0.008 | 218 | 97 | 0.905 | 0.443 | 0.002 | 0.036 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.493 | 0.051 | 218 | 97 | 1.492 | 0.103 | 0.392 | 0.595 |
| Ideal number of children | 8.855 | 0.356 | 407 | 180 | 1.325 | 0.040 | 8.142 | 9.567 |
| Had 2+ sexual partners in past 12 months | 0.102 | 0.017 | 453 | 202 | 1.213 | 0.170 | 0.067 | 0.136 |
| Condom use at last sex | 0.104 | 0.047 | 46 | 21 | 1.033 | 0.453 | 0.010 | 0.197 |
| Abstinence among never-married youth (never had sex) | 0.685 | 0.036 | 191 | 85 | 1.075 | 0.053 | 0.613 | 0.757 |
| Had paid sex in past 12 months | 0.004 | 0.004 | 453 | 202 | 1.342 | 1.012 | 0.000 | 0.012 |
| Had HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.040 | 0.008 | 453 | 202 | 0.868 | 0.201 | 0.024 | 0.056 |
| Discriminatory attitudes towards people living with HIV | 0.814 | 0.027 | 442 | 197 | 1.462 | 0.033 | 0.760 | 0.868 |

na $=$ Not applicable

Table B. 12 Sampling errors: Basse sample, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unweighted (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Lower } \\ \text { (R-2SE) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Upper } \\ \text { (R+2SE) } \end{gathered}$ |
| HOUSEHOLDS AND POPULATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ownership of at least one ITN | 0.875 | 0.020 | 704 | 443 | 1.577 | 0.023 | 0.836 | 0.914 |
| De facto population with access to an ITN | 0.541 | 0.026 | 9,378 | 5,689 | 1.717 | 0.049 | 0.488 | 0.594 |
| Household population that slept under an ITN last night | 0.294 | 0.033 | 9,378 | 5,689 | 2.251 | 0.113 | 0.228 | 0.360 |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.373 | 0.045 | 1,949 | 1,137 | 4.126 | 0.122 | 0.282 | 0.464 |
| Literacy | 0.190 | 0.027 | 1,949 | 1,137 | 3.048 | 0.143 | 0.136 | 0.244 |
| No education | 0.547 | 0.028 | 1,949 | 1,137 | 2.442 | 0.050 | 0.492 | 0.602 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.206 | 0.030 | 1,949 | 1,137 | 3.264 | 0.145 | 0.146 | 0.266 |
| Never married/never in union | 0.172 | 0.013 | 1,949 | 1,137 | 1.548 | 0.077 | 0.146 | 0.199 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.795 | 0.015 | 1,949 | 1,137 | 1.620 | 0.019 | 0.765 | 0.824 |
| Married before age 18 | 0.514 | 0.033 | 1,502 | 876 | 2.549 | 0.064 | 0.449 | 0.580 |
| Had sexual intercourse before age 18 | 0.612 | 0.034 | 1,502 | 876 | 2.688 | 0.055 | 0.544 | 0.680 |
| Currently pregnant | 0.096 | 0.008 | 1,949 | 1,137 | 1.188 | 0.083 | 0.080 | 0.112 |
| Know any contraceptive method | 0.995 | 0.002 | 1,553 | 903 | 1.198 | 0.002 | 0.990 | 0.999 |
| Know a modern method | 0.995 | 0.002 | 1,553 | 903 | 1.198 | 0.002 | 0.990 | 0.999 |
| Currently using any method | 0.086 | 0.012 | 1,553 | 903 | 1.727 | 0.143 | 0.061 | 0.110 |
| Currently using a modern method | 0.078 | 0.011 | 1,553 | 903 | 1.645 | 0.144 | 0.056 | 0.100 |
| Currently using pill | 0.016 | 0.006 | 1,553 | 903 | 1.739 | 0.346 | 0.005 | 0.027 |
| Currently using male condoms | 0.001 | 0.001 | 1,553 | 903 | 0.957 | 1.010 | 0.000 | 0.002 |
| Currently using injectables | 0.022 | 0.004 | 1,553 | 903 | 1.001 | 0.168 | 0.015 | 0.030 |
| Currently using implants | 0.034 | 0.007 | 1,553 | 903 | 1.461 | 0.198 | 0.021 | 0.047 |
| Currently using female sterilisation | 0.003 | 0.001 | 1,553 | 903 | 0.968 | 0.479 | 0.000 | 0.005 |
| Currently using withdrawal | 0.000 | 0.000 | 1,553 | 903 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Currently using rhythm | 0.000 | 0.000 | 1,553 | 903 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Used public sector source | 0.841 | 0.052 | 119 | 72 | 1.538 | 0.062 | 0.737 | 0.945 |
| Want no more children | 0.171 | 0.012 | 1,553 | 903 | 1.270 | 0.071 | 0.147 | 0.196 |
| Want to delay next birth at least 2 years | 0.332 | 0.022 | 1,553 | 903 | 1.831 | 0.066 | 0.288 | 0.376 |
| Ideal number of children | 6.311 | 0.107 | 1,825 | 1,074 | 2.063 | 0.017 | 6.096 | 6.526 |
| Mothers protected against tetanus for last birth | 0.786 | 0.020 | 1,098 | 641 | 1.632 | 0.026 | 0.745 | 0.826 |
| Births with skilled attendant at delivery | 0.748 | 0.032 | 1,602 | 934 | 2.598 | 0.043 | 0.683 | 0.813 |
| Received 3+ doses of SP/Fansidar | 0.533 | 0.028 | 690 | 403 | 1.457 | 0.052 | 0.478 | 0.588 |
| Treated with ORS | 0.527 | 0.042 | 238 | 136 | 1.264 | 0.080 | 0.442 | 0.611 |
| Sought treatment for diarrhoea | 0.750 | 0.033 | 238 | 136 | 1.145 | 0.045 | 0.683 | 0.817 |
| Ever had vaccination card | 0.990 | 0.007 | 317 | 182 | 1.268 | 0.007 | 0.976 | 1.004 |
| Received BCG vaccination | 0.969 | 0.011 | 317 | 182 | 1.120 | 0.011 | 0.947 | 0.991 |
| Received birth dose HepB vaccination | 0.969 | 0.011 | 317 | 182 | 1.127 | 0.011 | 0.947 | 0.991 |
| Received DPT-HepB-Hib vaccination (3 doses) | 0.905 | 0.027 | 317 | 182 | 1.593 | 0.030 | 0.851 | 0.959 |
| Received birth dose polio 0 vaccination | 0.960 | 0.016 | 317 | 182 | 1.437 | 0.017 | 0.928 | 0.992 |
| Received polio vaccination (3 doses) | 0.910 | 0.028 | 317 | 182 | 1.723 | 0.031 | 0.854 | 0.966 |
| Received pneumococcal vaccination (3 doses) | 0.907 | 0.028 | 317 | 182 | 1.634 | 0.030 | 0.852 | 0.962 |
| Received rotavirus vaccination (2 doses) | 0.933 | 0.018 | 317 | 182 | 1.190 | 0.019 | 0.898 | 0.968 |
| Received measles-containing vaccination 1 | 0.894 | 0.024 | 317 | 182 | 1.394 | 0.027 | 0.845 | 0.943 |
| Received all basic vaccinations | 0.849 | 0.032 | 317 | 182 | 1.540 | 0.037 | 0.785 | 0.912 |
| Received all age-appropriate vaccinations (12-23 months) | 0.786 | 0.032 | 317 | 182 | 1.359 | 0.041 | 0.723 | 0.850 |
| Received measles-containing vaccination 2 | 0.677 | 0.040 | 282 | 162 | 1.409 | 0.059 | 0.597 | 0.757 |
| Received all age-appropriate vaccinations (24-35 months) | 0.309 | 0.046 | 282 | 162 | 1.630 | 0.149 | 0.217 | 0.402 |
| Height-for-age (-2SD) | 0.208 | 0.025 | 830 | 495 | 1.504 | 0.122 | 0.158 | 0.259 |
| Weight-for-height (-2SD) | 0.050 | 0.005 | 830 | 495 | 0.709 | 0.102 | 0.040 | 0.060 |
| Weight-for-age (-2SD) | 0.141 | 0.014 | 830 | 495 | 1.096 | 0.098 | 0.113 | 0.169 |
| Body mass index (BMI) <18.5 | 0.145 | 0.012 | 875 | 507 | 1.031 | 0.085 | 0.120 | 0.169 |
| Body mass index (BMI) $\geq 25$ | 0.285 | 0.018 | 875 | 507 | 1.204 | 0.065 | 0.248 | 0.322 |
| Prevalence of anaemia (children 6-59 months) | 0.591 | 0.035 | 710 | 419 | 1.548 | 0.059 | 0.521 | 0.661 |
| Prevalence of malaria (based on rapid test) | 0.005 | 0.003 | 707 | 418 | 1.009 | 0.526 | 0.000 | 0.011 |
| Prevalence of anaemia (women 15-49) | 0.568 | 0.055 | 281 | 217 | 1.844 | 0.096 | 0.459 | 0.678 |
| Ever experienced any physical violence since age 15 | 0.089 | 0.019 | 281 | 217 | 1.126 | 0.216 | 0.050 | 0.127 |
| Ever experienced any sexual violence | 0.405 | 0.053 | 240 | 177 | 1.651 | 0.130 | 0.300 | 0.510 |
| Ever experienced any physical/sexual violence by husband/partner | 0.457 | 0.054 | 240 | 177 | 1.667 | 0.118 | 0.349 | 0.564 |
| Ever experienced any emotional/physical/sexual violence by any husband/partner | 0.225 | 0.045 | 240 | 177 | 1.673 | 0.202 | 0.134 | 0.316 |
| Experienced any emotional/physical/sexual violence in the last |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 months by any husband/partner | 0.533 | 0.023 | 1,003 | 583 | 1.436 | 0.042 | 0.488 | 0.579 |
| Had 2+ sexual partners in past 12 months | 0.001 | 0.001 | 1,949 | 1,137 | 0.976 | 0.684 | 0.000 | 0.002 |
| Abstinence among never-married youth (never had sex) | 0.947 | 0.015 | 322 | 188 | 1.194 | 0.016 | 0.917 | 0.977 |
| Had an HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.096 | 0.009 | 1,949 | 1,137 | 1.345 | 0.094 | 0.078 | 0.114 |
| Discriminatory attitudes towards people with HIV | 0.934 | 0.007 | 1,904 | 1,110 | 1.260 | 0.008 | 0.920 | 0.948 |
| Prevalence of female circumcision | 0.970 | 0.010 | 1,028 | 598 | 1.831 | 0.010 | 0.950 | 0.989 |
| Total fertility rate (last 3 years) | 5.664 | 0.226 | 5,448 | 3,176 | 1.384 | 0.040 | 5.211 | 6.116 |
| Neonatal mortality (last 0-9 years) | 29.136 | 4.370 | 3,222 | 1,896 | 1.250 | 0.150 | 20.395 | 37.877 |
| Postneonatal mortality (last 0-9 years) | 9.045 | 1.908 | 3,219 | 1,893 | 1.085 | 0.211 | 5.229 | 12.861 |
| Infant mortality (last 0-9 years) | 38.180 | 3.979 | 3,223 | 1,896 | 0.999 | 0.104 | 30.221 | 46.139 |
| Child mortality (last 0-9 years) | 18.003 | 3.389 | 3,129 | 1,841 | 1.314 | 0.188 | 11.225 | 24.781 |
| Under-5 mortality (last 0-9 years) | 55.496 | 4.922 | 3,235 | 1,902 | 1.008 | 0.089 | 45.652 | 65.339 |

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Table B.12-Continued

| Variable | Value (R) | Standard error (SE) | Number of cases |  | Design effect (DEFT) | Relative error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Un- weighted <br> (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lower } \\ & \text { (R-2SE) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Upper } \\ \text { (R+2SE) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban residence | 0.362 | 0.042 | 592 | 340 | 2.118 | 0.116 | 0.278 | 0.446 |
| Literacy | 0.515 | 0.030 | 592 | 340 | 1.449 | 0.058 | 0.456 | 0.575 |
| No education | 0.329 | 0.032 | 592 | 340 | 1.643 | 0.097 | 0.265 | 0.392 |
| Secondary education or higher | 0.364 | 0.040 | 592 | 340 | 2.014 | 0.110 | 0.284 | 0.444 |
| Never married/never in union | 0.516 | 0.026 | 592 | 340 | 1.271 | 0.051 | 0.464 | 0.568 |
| Currently married/in union | 0.475 | 0.026 | 592 | 340 | 1.252 | 0.054 | 0.424 | 0.527 |
| Had first sexual intercourse before age 18 | 0.200 | 0.026 | 426 | 244 | 1.358 | 0.132 | 0.147 | 0.252 |
| Knows any contraceptive method | 1.000 | 0.000 | 283 | 161 | na | 0.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Knows any modern contraceptive method | 1.000 | 0.000 | 283 | 161 | na | 0.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 |
| Want no more children | 0.004 | 0.004 | 283 | 161 | 1.065 | 1.009 | 0.000 | 0.012 |
| Want to delay birth at least 2 years | 0.451 | 0.029 | 283 | 161 | 0.995 | 0.065 | 0.392 | 0.510 |
| Ideal number of children | 8.865 | 0.335 | 514 | 296 | 1.331 | 0.038 | 8.195 | 9.535 |
| Had 2+ sexual partners in past 12 months | 0.142 | 0.013 | 592 | 340 | 0.879 | 0.089 | 0.116 | 0.167 |
| Condom use at last sex | 0.156 | 0.062 | 83 | 48 | 1.533 | 0.396 | 0.032 | 0.280 |
| Abstinence among never-married youth (never had sex) | 0.617 | 0.039 | 262 | 148 | 1.287 | 0.063 | 0.540 | 0.695 |
| Had paid sex in past 12 months | 0.007 | 0.004 | 592 | 340 | 1.252 | 0.629 | 0.000 | 0.015 |
| Had HIV test and received results in past 12 months | 0.045 | 0.010 | 592 | 340 | 1.118 | 0.213 | 0.026 | 0.064 |
| Discriminatory attitudes towards people living with HIV | 0.817 | 0.020 | 542 | 310 | 1.229 | 0.025 | 0.776 | 0.857 |

na $=$ Not applicable

Table B. 13 Sampling errors for adult and maternal mortality rates, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Variable | Value <br> (R) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Standard } \\ & \text { Error } \\ & \text { (SE) } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Number of cases |  | Design Effect (DEFT) | Relative Error (SE/R) | Confidence limits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Un-weighted (N) | Weighted (WN) |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Lower } \\ \text { (R-2SE) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Upper } \\ \text { (R+2SE) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| WOMEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Adult mortality rates |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 0.933 | 0.225 | 27,248 | 27,304 | 1.220 | 0.242 | 0.482 | 1.384 |
| 20-24 | 1.550 | 0.271 | 31,279 | 31,026 | 1.215 | 0.175 | 1.008 | 2.091 |
| 25-29 | 2.243 | 0.323 | 29,083 | 28,993 | 1.166 | 0.144 | 1.597 | 2.890 |
| 30-34 | 3.265 | 0.511 | 23,523 | 23,333 | 1.363 | 0.156 | 2.244 | 4.287 |
| 35-39 | 3.572 | 0.584 | 16,950 | 16,550 | 1.259 | 0.164 | 2.403 | 4.741 |
| 40-44 | 6.275 | 1.113 | 10,583 | 10,539 | 1.450 | 0.177 | 4.050 | 8.500 |
| 45-49 | 6.247 | 1.630 | 5,552 | 5,567 | 1.523 | 0.261 | 2.986 | 9.507 |
| 15-49 (age-adjusted) | 2.717 | 0.217 | 144,217 | 143,312 | 1.354 | 0.080 | 2.282 | 3.152 |
| Adult mortality probabilities |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{35}$ q $_{15}$ 2019-20 GDHS | 113.510 | 10.264 | 144,217 | 143,312 | 1.711 | 0.090 | 92.981 | 134.039 |
| ${ }_{35}$ q15 $^{2013}$ GDHS | 98.691 | 10.898 | 118,371 | 118,595 | 1.910 | 0.110 | 76.894 | 120.488 |
| Maternal mortality rates |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 0.066 | 0.032 | 27,248 | 27,304 | 0.644 | 0.479 | 0.003 | 0.130 |
| 20-24 | 0.314 | 0.102 | 31,279 | 31,026 | 1.016 | 0.325 | 0.110 | 0.519 |
| 25-29 | 0.497 | 0.144 | 29,083 | 28,993 | 1.102 | 0.290 | 0.209 | 0.785 |
| 30-34 | 0.871 | 0.231 | 23,523 | 23,333 | 1.199 | 0.266 | 0.408 | 1.334 |
| 35-39 | 0.516 | 0.189 | 16,950 | 16,550 | 1.068 | 0.366 | 0.138 | 0.893 |
| 40-44 | 0.965 | 0.404 | 10,583 | 10,539 | 1.333 | 0.418 | 0.158 | 1.773 |
| 45-49 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 5,552 | 5,567 | na | na | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| 15-49 (age-adjusted) | 0.432 | 0.064 | 144,217 | 143,312 | 1.155 | 0.149 | 0.303 | 0.560 |
| Maternal mortality ratio (MMR) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2019-20 | 289.247 | 42.699 | 144,217 | 143,312 | 1.155 | 0.148 | 203.849 | 374.646 |
| (PRMR) 2019-20 GDHS | 320.173 | 44.433 | 144,217 | 143,312 | 1.172 | 0.139 | 231.308 | 409.038 |
| Pregnancy-related mortality ratio (PRMR) 2013 GDHS | 432.973 | 67.004 | 118,371 | 118,595 | 1.397 | 0.155 | 298.964 | 566.982 |
| MEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Adult mortality rates |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 1.438 | 0.285 | 28,931 | 28,672 | 1.276 | 0.198 | 0.868 | 2.008 |
| 20-24 | 2.297 | 0.341 | 32,059 | 31,783 | 1.230 | 0.149 | 1.615 | 2.980 |
| 25-29 | 2.290 | 0.363 | 29,586 | 29,116 | 1.297 | 0.158 | 1.565 | 3.015 |
| 30-34 | 3.401 | 0.493 | 24,925 | 24,631 | 1.297 | 0.145 | 2.414 | 4.388 |
| 35-39 | 4.910 | 0.787 | 18,139 | 17,873 | 1.505 | 0.160 | 3.336 | 6.484 |
| 40-44 | 6.105 | 0.961 | 10,878 | 10,772 | 1.245 | 0.157 | 4.183 | 8.028 |
| 45-49 | 6.106 | 1.271 | 6,004 | 5,998 | 1.250 | 0.208 | 3.565 | 8.647 |
| 15-49 (age-adjusted) | 3.133 | 0.218 | 150,522 | 148,845 | 1.309 | 0.070 | 2.697 | 3.569 |
| Adult mortality probabilities |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{35} q_{15} 2019-20$ GDHS | 124.367 | 9.185 | 150,522 | 148,845 | 1.683 | 0.074 | 105.996 | 142.737 |
| ${ }_{35} 9_{15} 2013$ GDHS | 101.999 | 10.285 | 120,008 | 119,633 | 1.813 | 0.101 | 81.429 | 122.569 |
| $\mathrm{na}=$ Not applicable |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table C. 1 Household age distribution
Single-year age distribution of the de facto household population by sex (weighted), The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Age | Female |  | Male |  | Age | Female |  | Male |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 0 | 833 | 3.0 | 924 | 3.7 | 37 | 253 | 0.9 | 206 | 0.8 |
| 1 | 738 | 2.7 | 790 | 3.2 | 38 | 336 | 1.2 | 254 | 1.0 |
| 2 | 714 | 2.6 | 774 | 3.1 | 39 | 221 | 0.8 | 187 | 0.8 |
| 3 | 849 | 3.1 | 820 | 3.3 | 40 | 354 | 1.3 | 398 | 1.6 |
| 4 | 708 | 2.6 | 748 | 3.0 | 41 | 190 | 0.7 | 129 | 0.5 |
| 5 | 903 | 3.3 | 894 | 3.6 | 42 | 206 | 0.7 | 200 | 0.8 |
| 6 | 837 | 3.0 | 903 | 3.7 | 43 | 173 | 0.6 | 170 | 0.7 |
| 7 | 949 | 3.4 | 919 | 3.7 | 44 | 148 | 0.5 | 135 | 0.5 |
| 8 | 814 | 3.0 | 844 | 3.4 | 45 | 222 | 0.8 | 316 | 1.3 |
| 9 | 782 | 2.8 | 733 | 3.0 | 46 | 133 | 0.5 | 127 | 0.5 |
| 10 | 800 | 2.9 | 749 | 3.0 | 47 | 135 | 0.5 | 142 | 0.6 |
| 11 | 650 | 2.4 | 611 | 2.5 | 48 | 119 | 0.4 | 137 | 0.6 |
| 12 | 728 | 2.6 | 675 | 2.7 | 49 | 114 | 0.4 | 118 | 0.5 |
| 13 | 752 | 2.7 | 711 | 2.9 | 50 | 174 | 0.6 | 242 | 1.0 |
| 14 | 680 | 2.5 | 607 | 2.5 | 51 | 150 | 0.5 | 89 | 0.4 |
| 15 | 529 | 1.9 | 579 | 2.3 | 52 | 210 | 0.8 | 89 | 0.4 |
| 16 | 623 | 2.3 | 474 | 1.9 | 53 | 188 | 0.7 | 88 | 0.4 |
| 17 | 552 | 2.0 | 462 | 1.9 | 54 | 182 | 0.7 | 102 | 0.4 |
| 18 | 601 | 2.2 | 518 | 2.1 | 55 | 238 | 0.9 | 156 | 0.6 |
| 19 | 601 | 2.2 | 521 | 2.1 | 56 | 100 | 0.4 | 67 | 0.3 |
| 20 | 686 | 2.5 | 545 | 2.2 | 57 | 95 | 0.3 | 82 | 0.3 |
| 21 | 400 | 1.5 | 400 | 1.6 | 58 | 96 | 0.3 | 51 | 0.2 |
| 22 | 453 | 1.6 | 404 | 1.6 | 59 | 82 | 0.3 | 60 | 0.2 |
| 23 | 480 | 1.7 | 363 | 1.5 | 60 | 241 | 0.9 | 169 | 0.7 |
| 24 | 395 | 1.4 | 332 | 1.3 | 61 | 47 | 0.2 | 79 | 0.3 |
| 25 | 682 | 2.5 | 448 | 1.8 | 62 | 72 | 0.3 | 97 | 0.4 |
| 26 | 425 | 1.5 | 261 | 1.1 | 63 | 59 | 0.2 | 92 | 0.4 |
| 27 | 498 | 1.8 | 318 | 1.3 | 64 | 63 | 0.2 | 94 | 0.4 |
| 28 | 461 | 1.7 | 277 | 1.1 | 65 | 154 | 0.6 | 160 | 0.6 |
| 29 | 368 | 1.3 | 217 | 0.9 | 66 | 30 | 0.1 | 45 | 0.2 |
| 30 | 503 | 1.8 | 388 | 1.6 | 67 | 63 | 0.2 | 55 | 0.2 |
| 31 | 281 | 1.0 | 225 | 0.9 | 68 | 54 | 0.2 | 51 | 0.2 |
| 32 | 345 | 1.3 | 290 | 1.2 | 69 | 37 | 0.1 | 43 | 0.2 |
| 33 | 307 | 1.1 | 174 | 0.7 | 70+ | 654 | 2.4 | 571 | 2.3 |
| 34 | 297 | 1.1 | 189 | 0.8 | Don't know/ |  |  |  |  |
| 35 | 478 | 1.7 | 370 | 1.5 | missing | 9 | 0.0 | 21 | 0.1 |
| 36 | 242 | 0.9 | 209 | 0.8 | Total | 27,543 | 100.0 | 24,684 | 100.0 |

Note: The de facto population includes all residents and nonresidents who stayed in the household the night before the interview.

Table C.2.1 Age distribution of eligible and interviewed women
De facto household population of women age 10-54, number and percent distribution of interviewed women age 15-49, and percentage of eligible women who were interviewed (weighted), by 5-year age groups, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Age group | Household population of women age 10-54 | Interviewed women age 15-49 |  | Percentage of eligible women interviewed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Number | Percentage |  |
| 10-14 | 3,610 | na | na | na |
| 15-19 | 2,905 | 2,765 | 22.8 | 95.2 |
| 20-24 | 2,414 | 2,274 | 18.7 | 94.2 |
| 25-29 | 2,434 | 2,314 | 19.0 | 95.1 |
| 30-34 | 1,732 | 1,639 | 13.5 | 94.7 |
| 35-39 | 1,530 | 1,465 | 12.1 | 95.8 |
| 40-44 | 1,072 | 1,014 | 8.3 | 94.6 |
| 45-49 | 723 | 681 | 5.6 | 94.2 |
| 50-54 | 903 | na | na | na |
| 15-49 | 12,809 | 12,151 | 100.0 | 94.9 |

Note: The de facto population includes all residents and nonresidents who stayed in the household the night before the interview. Weights for both the household population of women and interviewed women are household weights. Age is based on the Household Questionnaire.
na $=$ Not applicable

## Table C.2.2 Age distribution of eligible and interviewed men

De facto household population of men age 10-64, number and percent distribution of interviewed men age 15-59; and percentage of eligible men who were interviewed (weighted), by 5-year age groups, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Age group | Household population of men age 10-64 | Interviewed men age 15-59 |  | Percentage of eligible men interviewed |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Number | Percentage |  |
| 10-14 | 1,743 | na | na | na |
| 15-19 | 1,320 | 1,188 | 24.8 | 90.0 |
| 20-24 | 953 | 813 | 17.0 | 85.3 |
| 25-29 | 732 | 644 | 13.5 | 88.0 |
| 30-34 | 627 | 532 | 11.1 | 84.8 |
| 35-39 | 586 | 487 | 10.2 | 83.1 |
| 40-44 | 448 | 354 | 7.4 | 79.0 |
| 45-49 | 439 | 351 | 7.3 | 80.1 |
| 50-54 | 317 | 279 | 5.8 | 88.0 |
| 55-59 | 181 | 140 | 2.9 | 77.5 |
| 60-64 | 319 | na | na | na |
| 15-59 | 5,602 | 4,788 | 100.0 | 85.5 |

Note: The de facto population includes all residents and nonresidents who stayed in the household the night before the interview. Weights for both the household population of men and interviewed men are household weights. Age is based on the Household Questionnaire.
na $=$ Not applicable

Table C. 3 Completeness of reporting
Percentage of observations missing information for selected demographic and health questions (weighted), The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  |  | Percentage <br> with <br> information <br> missing | Number of <br> cases |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Subject | Reference group |  |  |
| Birth date | Births in the 15 years preceding the survey | 1.89 | 21,181 |
| Day only |  | 0.88 | 21,181 |
| Month only |  | 0.03 | 21,181 |
| Month and year |  | 0.00 | 1,328 |
| Age at death | Deceased children born in the 15 years preceding the survey | 0.00 | 8,161 |
| Age/date at first union ${ }^{1}$ | Ever-married women age 15-49 | 0.00 | 2,080 |
|  | Ever-married men age 15-59 | 0.00 | 11,865 |
| Respondent's education | All women age 15-49 | 0.00 | 4,636 |
|  | All men age 15-59 | 2.56 | 7,297 |
| Diarrhoea in last 2 weeks | Living children age 0-59 months | 4.71 | 4,149 |
| Anthropometry of children | Living children age 0-59 months (from the Biomarker Questionnaire) | 4.17 | 4,149 |
| Height |  | 4.71 | 4,149 |
| Weight |  |  |  |
| Height or weight |  | 6.77 | 6,621 |
| Anthropometry of women | Women age 15-49 (from the Biomarker Questionnaire) | 6.76 | 6,621 |
| Height |  | 6.77 | 6,621 |
| Weight |  | 6.70 | 3,669 |
| Height or weight |  | 8.26 | 6,621 |
| Anaemia in children | Living children age 6-59 months (from the Biomarker Questionnaire) |  |  |
| Anaemia in women | All women (from the Biomarker Questionnaire) |  |  |

${ }^{1}$ Both year and age missing

## Table C. 4 Births by calendar years

Number of births, percentage with complete birth date, sex ratio at birth, and calendar year ratio by calendar year, according to living, dead, and total children (weighted), The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Calendar year | Number of births |  |  | Percentage with year and month of birth given |  |  | Sex ratio at birth ${ }^{1}$ |  |  | Calendar year ratio ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Living | Dead | Total | Living | Dead | Total | Living | Dead | Total | Living | Dead | Total |
| 2020 | 181 | 1 | 183 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 97.5 | 63.0 | 97.2 | na | na | na |
| 2019 | 1,606 | 65 | 1,671 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 115.0 | 126.6 | 115.4 | na | na | na |
| 2018 | 1,459 | 70 | 1,529 | 100.0 | 99.4 | 100.0 | 100.7 | 76.8 | 99.4 | 96.1 | 106.1 | 96.5 |
| 2017 | 1,432 | 67 | 1,499 | 99.7 | 96.2 | 99.6 | 111.7 | 195.4 | 114.4 | 99.6 | 85.5 | 98.9 |
| 2016 | 1,415 | 86 | 1,501 | 99.9 | 99.8 | 99.9 | 101.8 | 94.1 | 101.3 | 101.7 | 114.9 | 102.4 |
| 2015 | 1,352 | 83 | 1,435 | 99.4 | 97.9 | 99.4 | 107.3 | 151.0 | 109.4 | 92.0 | 93.5 | 92.1 |
| 2014 | 1,522 | 92 | 1,614 | 99.8 | 94.5 | 99.5 | 98.9 | 100.2 | 99.0 | 106.8 | 96.1 | 106.1 |
| 2013 | 1,499 | 108 | 1,607 | 98.9 | 97.3 | 98.8 | 98.2 | 106.1 | 98.7 | 97.6 | 116.1 | 98.7 |
| 2012 | 1,548 | 94 | 1,642 | 98.8 | 92.1 | 98.4 | 103.7 | 150.7 | 105.9 | 109.1 | 96.1 | 108.2 |
| 2011 | 1,340 | 88 | 1,427 | 98.9 | 92.4 | 98.5 | 105.3 | 141.3 | 107.2 | 95.1 | 83.9 | 94.3 |
| 2016-2020 | 6,094 | 288 | 6,383 | 99.9 | 98.9 | 99.9 | 107.0 | 112.6 | 107.3 | na | na | na |
| 2011-2015 | 7,260 | 465 | 7,725 | 99.2 | 94.9 | 98.9 | 102.4 | 126.5 | 103.7 | na | na | na |
| 2006-2010 | 5,653 | 484 | 6,137 | 98.9 | 95.7 | 98.6 | 96.1 | 127.5 | 98.2 | na | na | na |
| 2001-2005 | 3,758 | 467 | 4,225 | 98.3 | 93.9 | 97.8 | 96.9 | 111.1 | 98.4 | na | na | na |
| <2011 | 3,901 | 656 | 4,558 | 97.8 | 93.7 | 97.2 | 105.5 | 123.5 | 107.9 | na | na | na |
| All | 26,667 | 2,361 | 29,028 | 99.0 | 95.0 | 98.6 | 101.7 | 120.9 | 103.2 | na | na | na |

na = Not applicable
${ }^{1}\left(B_{m} / B_{f}\right) \times 100$, where $B_{m}$ and $B_{f}$ are the numbers of male and female births, respectively
${ }^{2}\left[2 B_{x} /\left(B_{x}-1+B_{x}+1\right)\right] \times 100$, where $B_{x}$ is the number of births in calendar year $x$

Table C. 5 Reporting of age at death in days
Distribution of reported deaths under age 1 month by age at death in days and percentage of neonatal deaths reported to occur at age 0-6 days, for 5-year periods preceding the survey (weighted), The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Age at death (days) | Number of years preceding the survey |  |  |  | Total 0-19 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0-4 | 5-9 | 10-14 | 15-19 |  |
| $<1$ | 83 | 104 | 88 | 84 | 360 |
| 1 | 24 | 30 | 27 | 11 | 91 |
| 2 | 23 | 20 | 9 | 13 | 65 |
| 3 | 18 | 23 | 17 | 13 | 71 |
| 4 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 29 |
| 5 | 6 | 12 | 6 | 5 | 29 |
| 6 | 13 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 33 |
| 7 | 10 | 0 | 8 | 6 | 24 |
| 8 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 21 |
| 9 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 7 |
| 10 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| 11 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 12 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 13 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| 14 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 31 |
| 15 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 16 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 17 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 21 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 19 |
| 23 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| 24 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 27 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 29 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Total 0-30 | 217 | 237 | 199 | 168 | 820 |
| Percentage early neonatal ${ }^{1}$ | 79.3 | 86.2 | 81.3 | 83.2 | 82.6 |

${ }^{1} \leq 6$ days $/ \leq 30$ days

Table C. 6 Reporting of age at death in months
Distribution of reported deaths under age 2 by age at death in months and percentage of infant deaths reported to occur under age 1 month, for 5 -year periods preceding the survey (weighted), The Gambia DHS 2019-20

| Age at death (months) | Number of years preceding the survey |  |  |  | Total 0-19 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0-4 | 5-9 | 10-14 | 15-19 |  |
| $<1^{\text {a }}$ | 217 | 237 | 199 | 168 | 820 |
| 1 | 20 | 22 | 12 | 14 | 69 |
| 2 | 12 | 21 | 17 | 6 | 56 |
| 3 | 6 | 13 | 15 | 10 | 44 |
| 4 | 11 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 33 |
| 5 | 4 | 13 | 4 | 6 | 27 |
| 6 | 9 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 47 |
| 7 | 3 | 10 | 12 | 8 | 34 |
| 8 | 9 | 14 | 4 | 9 | 36 |
| 9 | 9 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 32 |
| 10 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 13 |
| 11 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 14 |
| 12 | 5 | 10 | 12 | 17 | 44 |
| 13 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 20 |
| 14 | 0 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 15 |
| 15 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 9 |
| 16 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 15 |
| 17 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 9 |
| 18 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 20 |
| 19 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 10 |
| 20 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| 21 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| 22 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 9 |
| 23 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Total 0-11 | 304 | 369 | 300 | 252 | 1,226 |
| Percentage neonatal ${ }^{1}$ | 71.2 | 64.2 | 66.3 | 66.6 | 66.9 |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Includes deaths under 1 month reported in days
${ }^{1}$ Under 1 month/under 1 year

Table C. 7 Standardisation exercise results from anthropometry training
Trainees' precision and accuracy for height measurements taken during the standardisation exercise for anthropometry, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  | Standardisation exercise $^{1}$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Measurer | Trainees' <br> precision $^{2}$ | Trainees' $^{\prime}$ <br> accuracy $^{2}$ |
| Trainee 1 | 0.38 | 0.48 |
| Trainee 2 | 0.35 | 0.53 |
| Trainee 3 | 0.40 | 0.43 |
| Trainee 4 | 0.33 | 0.60 |
| Trainee 5 | 0.22 | 0.51 |
| Trainee 6 | 0.29 | 0.50 |
| Trainee 7 | 0.21 | 0.71 |
| Trainee 8 | 0.34 | 0.52 |
| Trainee 9 | 0.25 | 0.53 |
| Trainee 10 | 0.56 | 0.72 |
| Trainee 11 | 0.52 | 0.64 |
| Trainee 12 | 0.22 | 0.76 |
| Trainee 13 | 0.43 | 0.67 |
| Trainee 14 | 0.37 | 0.66 |
| Trainee 15 | 0.26 | 0.57 |
| Trainee 16 | 0.40 | 0.78 |
| Trainee 17 | 0.30 | 0.52 |
| Trainee 18 | 0.49 | 0.87 |
| Trainee 19 | 0.17 | 0.59 |
| Trainee 20 | 0.25 | 0.89 |
| Average | 0.34 | 0.62 |

${ }^{1}$ Ten children were measured twice for each standardisation exercise
${ }^{2}$ Trainees' precision and accuracy are defined in terms of a technical error of measurement (TEM), which is calculated as $\sqrt{ } \sum\left(\mathrm{D}^{2}\right) /(2 \mathrm{~N})$, where $D$ is the difference in height and $N$ is the number of repeated measurements. An acceptable TEM according to WHO/UNICEF is a TEM of $<0.6 \mathrm{~cm}$ for precision and $<0.8 \mathrm{~cm}$ for accuracy.
Table C. 8 Height and weight data completeness and quality for children


| Background characteristic | Percentage with data incomplete or missing for: |  |  |  | Percentage with implausible data for: |  |  |  |  |  | Percentage with valid data for: ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Height ${ }^{1}$ | Weight ${ }^{2}$ | of birth ${ }^{3}$ <br> Month or year of birth | Number of children | Height-forage $^{4}$ | Number of children with complete height and age ${ }^{5}$ | Weight-forheight ${ }^{6}$ | Number of children with complete weight and height | Weight-forage $^{7}$ | Number of children with complete weight and age ${ }^{5}$ | Height-for-age | height <br> Weight-for- height | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Weight-for- } \\ & \text { age } \end{aligned}$ | Number of children |
| Age in months |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <6 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 0.4 | 559 | 0.2 | 543 | 0.9 | 543 | 0.2 | 543 | 97.0 | 96.2 | 97.0 | 559 |
| 6-8 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 1.0 | 196 | 0.0 | 183 | 0.0 | 183 | 0.0 | 183 | 93.4 | 93.4 | 93.4 | 196 |
| 9-11 | 4.2 | 4.2 | 0.5 | 213 | 0.5 | 204 | 0.0 | 204 | 0.0 | 204 | 95.3 | 95.8 | 95.8 | 213 |
| 12-17 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 0.4 | 503 | 0.0 | 477 | 0.0 | 477 | 0.0 | 478 | 94.8 | 94.8 | 95.0 | 503 |
| 18-23 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 1.9 | 371 | 0.0 | 355 | 0.3 | 355 | 0.0 | 355 | 95.7 | 95.4 | 95.7 | 371 |
| 24-35 | 4.9 | 3.8 | 0.9 | 820 | 0.1 | 779 | 0.0 | 780 | 0.0 | 788 | 94.9 | 95.1 | 96.1 | 820 |
| 36-47 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 1.1 | 875 | 0.0 | 829 | 0.0 | 833 | 0.0 | 835 | 94.7 | 95.2 | 95.4 | 875 |
| 48-59 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 1.9 | 848 | 0.1 | 798 | 0.1 | 803 | 0.0 | 801 | 94.0 | 94.6 | 94.5 | 848 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 4.8 | 4.4 | 1.1 | 2,278 | 0.1 | 2,166 | 0.2 | 2,169 | 0.0 | 2,175 | 95.0 | 95.0 | 95.4 | 2,278 |
| Female | 4.7 | 4.2 | 1.1 | 2,107 | 0.0 | 2,002 | 0.1 | 2,009 | 0.0 | 2,012 | 95.0 | 95.2 | 95.5 | 2,107 |
| Mother's interview status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interviewed | 2.9 | 2.5 | 0.1 | 3,919 | 0.1 | 3,801 | 0.2 | 3,804 | 0.0 | 3,818 | 96.9 | 96.9 | 97.4 | 3,919 |
| Not interviewed but in household | 40.2 | 40.2 | 18.1 | 199 | 0.0 | 118 | 0.0 | 119 | 0.0 | 118 | 59.3 | 59.8 | 59.3 | 199 |
| Not interviewed and not in the household ${ }^{9}$ | 4.5 | 3.7 | 2.6 | 267 | 0.0 | 249 | 0.0 | 255 | 0.0 | 251 | 93.3 | 95.5 | 94.0 | 267 |
| Local Government Area |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banjul | 9.1 | 9.1 | 3.0 | 232 | 0.0 | 211 | 0.0 | 211 | 0.0 | 211 | 90.9 | 90.9 | 90.9 | 232 |
| Kanifing | 7.6 | 7.1 | 2.9 | 450 | 0.2 | 413 | 0.2 | 416 | 0.2 | 415 | 91.6 | 92.2 | 92.0 | 450 |
| Brikama | 3.3 | 2.9 | 0.3 | 727 | 0.1 | 702 | 0.4 | 703 | 0.0 | 705 | 96.4 | 96.3 | 97.0 | 727 |
| Mansakonko | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 427 | 0.0 | 426 | 0.0 | 426 | 0.0 | 426 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 427 |
| Kerewan | 5.5 | 4.2 | 0.9 | 578 | 0.0 | 545 | 0.0 | 546 | 0.0 | 553 | 94.3 | 94.5 | 95.7 | 578 |
| Kuntaur | 5.7 | 4.6 | 1.8 | 566 | 0.2 | 532 | 0.0 | 534 | 0.0 | 538 | 93.8 | 94.3 | 95.1 | 566 |
| Janjanbureh | 4.1 | 4.1 | 0.2 | 536 | 0.2 | 514 | 0.0 | 514 | 0.0 | 514 | 95.7 | 95.9 | 95.9 | 536 |
| Basse | 4.7 | 4.7 | 1.0 | 866 | 0.0 | 822 | 0.4 | 825 | 0.0 | 822 | 94.9 | 94.9 | 94.9 | 866 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Primary | 3.5 | 3.1 | 0.4 | 753 | 0.1 | 727 | 0.0 | 727 | 0.0 | 730 | 96.4 | 96.5 | 96.9 | 753 |
| Secondary or higher | 4.3 | 4.0 | 0.8 | 1,190 | 0.0 | 1,138 | 0.2 | 1,139 | 0.0 | 1,141 | 95.6 | 95.5 | 95.9 | 1,190 |
| Missing | 25.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 | 4 | 0.0 | 3 | 0.0 | 3 | 0.0 | 3 | 75.0 | 75.0 | 75.0 | 4 |
| Measurer |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Measurer 1 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 0.0 | 309 | 0.0 | 292 | 0.0 | 292 | 0.0 | 292 | 94.5 | 94.5 | 94.5 | 309 |
| Measurer 2 | 4.1 | 4.1 | 2.1 | 243 | 0.0 | 233 | 0.0 | 233 | 0.0 | 233 | 95.9 | 95.9 | 95.9 | 243 |
| Measurer 3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 245 | 0.0 | 244 | 0.0 | 244 | 0.0 | 244 | 99.6 | 99.6 | 99.6 | 245 |
| Measurer 4 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 0.4 | 250 | 0.4 | 240 | 0.0 | 240 | 0.0 | 240 | 95.6 | 96.0 | 96.0 | 250 |
| Measurer 5 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 204 | 0.0 | 199 | 0.0 | 199 | 0.0 | 201 | 97.5 | 97.5 | 98.5 | 204 |
| Measurer 6 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 0.5 | 216 | 0.0 | 211 | 0.5 | 211 | 0.0 | 212 | 97.7 | 97.2 | 98.1 | 216 |
| Measurer 7 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 1.8 | 281 | 0.4 | 269 | 0.0 | 269 | 0.0 | 269 | 95.4 | 95.7 | 95.7 | 281 |
| Measurer 8 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 273 | 0.0 | 261 | 0.4 | 261 | 0.0 | 261 | 95.6 | 95.2 | 95.6 | 273 |
| Measurer 9 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 1.2 | 481 | 0.0 | 453 | 0.2 | 456 | 0.0 | 453 | 94.2 | 94.6 | 94.2 | 481 |
| Measurer 10 | 4.9 | 4.9 | 2.0 | 445 | 0.0 | 420 | 0.2 | 423 | 0.0 | 420 | 94.4 | 94.8 | 94.4 | 445 |
| Measurer 11 | 8.4 | 6.3 | 3.0 | 334 | 0.3 | 304 | 0.0 | 306 | 0.0 | 311 | 90.7 | 91.6 | 93.1 | 334 |
| Measurer 12 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 0.3 | 301 | 0.0 | 293 | 0.0 | 294 | 0.0 | 294 | 97.3 | 97.7 | 97.7 | 301 |
| Measurer 13 | 6.9 | 4.5 | 0.4 | 246 | 0.0 | 229 | 0.0 | 229 | 0.0 | 235 | 93.1 | 93.1 | 95.5 | 246 |
| Measurer 14 | 7.5 | 6.8 | 1.3 | 307 | 0.4 | 284 | 0.4 | 284 | 0.3 | 286 | 92.2 | 92.2 | 92.8 | 307 |
| Measurer 15 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 1.2 | 250 | 0.0 | 236 | 0.8 | 237 | 0.0 | 236 | 94.4 | 94.0 | 94.4 | 250 |
| Total | 4.7 | 4.3 | 1.1 | 4,385 | 0.1 | 4,168 | 0.2 | 4,178 | 0.0 | 4,187 | 95.0 | 95.1 | 95.5 | 4,385 |

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data.
5 Complete age is calculated from month and year of birth.
Implausible cases for weight-for-height are defined as more than 5 SD above or below the standard population median (Z-scores) based on the WHO Child Growth Standards among children with complete weight and height data.
Implausible cases for weight-for-age are defined as more than 5 SD above or 6 SD below the standard population median (Z-scores) based on the WHO Child Growth Standards among children with complete weight and month/year of birth data. ${ }^{7}$ Implausible cases for weight-for-age are defined as mo
${ }^{8}$ No missing data, incomplete data, or implausible data
${ }^{9}$ Includes children whose mothers are deceased

Table C. 9 Height measurements from random subsample of measured children
Differences in first height measurement and second height measurement among children under age 5 (0-59 months) randomly selected and remeasured, according to Loca Government Area and measurer (unweighted), The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  |  | Percentage of |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Local Government Area | Median difference <br> in height | height <br> measurements with | Number of children <br> randomly selected |
| and measurer | measurements $^{1}$ | a difference $>1 \mathrm{~cm}$ | and remeasured |


| Local Government Area |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Banjul | 0.1 | 12.5 | 56 |
| Kanifing | 0.2 | 15.2 | 77 |
| Brikama | 0.1 | 6.5 | 50 |
| Mansakonko | 0.1 | 2.0 | 56 |
| Kerewan | 0.3 | 8.9 | 48 |
| Kuntaur | 0.5 | 16.7 | 52 |
| Janjanbureh | 0.4 | 21.2 | 58 |
| Basse | 0.2 | 10.3 |  |
| Measurer |  |  | 34 |
| Measurer 1 | 0.5 | 33 |  |
| Measurer 2 | 0.1 | 31 |  |
| Measurer 3 | 0.0 | 24 |  |
| Measurer 4 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 29 |
| Measurer 5 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 30 |
| Measurer 6 | 0.3 | 17.2 | 32 |
| Measurer 7 | 0.3 | 16.7 | 32 |
| Measurer 8 | 0.1 | 15.6 | 32 |
| Measurer 9 | 0.0 | 34 |  |
| Measurer 10 | 0.2 | 30 | 30 |
| Measurer 11 | 2.9 | 32 |  |
| Measurer 12 | 0.5 | 32 |  |
| Measurer 13 | 0.4 | 21.9 | 32 |
| Measurer 14 | 0.3 | 28.1 | 27 |
| Measurer 15 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 464 |
| Total | 0.1 | 0.0 |  |

${ }^{1}$ Median absolute difference between measurers' first and second height measurement in centimetres.

Table C. 10 Number of enumeration areas completed by month, according to Local Government Area, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  | Month |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Local Government Area | November <br> 2019 | December <br> 2019 | January <br> 2020 | February <br> 2020 | March <br> 2020 | Total |
| Banjul | 17 | 20 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 40 |
| Kanifing | 6 | 34 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 46 |
| Brikama | 0 | 3 | 13 | 18 | 16 | 50 |
| Mansakonko | 0 | 0 | 6 | 11 | 10 | 27 |
| Kerewan | 0 | 0 | 9 | 13 | 10 | 32 |
| Kuntaur | 0 | 0 | 6 | 10 | 10 | 26 |
| Janjanbureh | 0 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 28 |
| Basse | 0 | 0 | 4 | 12 | 15 | 31 |
| Percentage | 8.2 | 20.4 | 18.9 | 26.8 | 25.7 | 100.0 |
| Total | 23 | 57 | 53 | 75 | 72 | 280 |

Note: Enumeration areas are classified by month according to the date by which the last Biomarker Questionnaire in the enumeration area was completed.

Table C. 11 Percentage of children age 6-59 months classified as having malaria according to RDT, by month and Local Government Area, The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  | Month |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | November |  |  |  |  |  |
| Local Government Area | 2019 | December <br> 2019 | January <br> 2020 | February <br> 2020 | March <br> 2020 | Total |
| Banjul | 0.0 | 0.0 | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ | 0.0 |
| Kanifing | 0.0 | 0.5 | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ | 0.3 |
| Brikama | $*$ | $(0.0)$ | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| Mansakonko | $*$ | $*$ | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Kerewan | $*$ | $*$ | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Kuntaur | $*$ | $*$ | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Janjanbureh | $*$ | $*$ | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Basse | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.4 |
| Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases or that there were no children measured for malaria in the Local Government Area during the month.

Table C. 12 Completeness of information on siblings
Completeness of data on survival status of sisters and brothers reported by interviewed women, age of living siblings, and age at death (AD) and years since death (YSD) of dead siblings (unweighted), The Gambia DHS 2019-20

|  | Sisters |  | Brothers |  | All siblings |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| All siblings | 32,993 | 100.0 | 35,230 | 100.0 | 68,223 | 100.0 |
| Living | 28,556 | 86.6 | 29,800 | 84.6 | 58,356 | 85.5 |
| Dead | 4,436 | 13.4 | 5,417 | 15.4 | 9,853 | 14.4 |
| Survival status unknown | 1 | 0.0 | 13 | 0.0 | 14 | 0.0 |
| Living siblings Age reported | 28,556 | 100.0 | 29,800 | 100.0 | 58,356 | 100.0 |
| Dead siblings AD and YSD reported | 4,436 | 100.0 | 5,417 | 100.0 | 9,853 | 100.0 |


| Table C. 13 Sibship size and sex ratio of siblings |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mean sibship size and sex ratio of siblings at birth, The Gambia DHS 2019-20 |  |  |
| Age of respondents | Mean sibship size ${ }^{1}$ | Sex ratio of siblings at birth ${ }^{2}$ |
| 15-19 | 6.5 | 104.8 |
| 20-24 | 6.7 | 107.0 |
| 25-29 | 6.7 | 112.6 |
| 30-34 | 6.8 | 104.4 |
| 35-39 | 6.6 | 97.0 |
| 40-44 | 6.8 | 115.4 |
| 45-49 | 6.7 | 102.2 |
| Total | 6.7 | 106.4 |

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## INTRODUCTION AND CONSENT

1
Hello. My name is $\qquad$ . I am working with Gambia Bureau of Statistics.
We are conducting a survey about health and other topics all over The Gambia. The information we collect will help the government to plan health services. Your household was selected for the survey. I would like to ask you some questions about your household. The questions usually take about 15 to 20 minutes. All of the answers you give will be confidential and will not be shared with anyone other than members of our survey team. You don't have to be in the survey, but we hope you will agree to answer the questions since your views are important. If I ask you any question you don't want to answer, just let me know and I will go on to the next question or you can stop the interview at any time. In case you need more information about the survey, you may contact the person listed on this card.

## GIVE CARD WITH CONTACT INFORMATION

Do you have any questions?
May I begin the interview now?
SIGNATURE OF INTERVIEWER
DATE $\qquad$
RESPONDENT AGREES
TO BE INTERVIEWED . . 1
RESPONDENT DOES NOT AGREE
TO BE INTERVIEWED . . $2 \longrightarrow$ END


HOUSEHOLD SCHEDULE


2A) Just to make sure that I have a complete listing: are


CODES FOR Q. 3: RELATIONSHIP TO HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD

[^23]07 = PARENT-IN-LAW 08 = BROTHER OR SISTER 09 = OTHER RELATIVE 10 = ADOPTED/FOSTER/ STEPCHILD
11 = NOT RELATED
$12=$ CO-WIFE
98 = DON'T KNOW

HOUSEHOLD SCHEDULE

|  | IF AGE 0-17 YEARS |  |  |  | IF AGE 3 YEARS OR OLDER |  | IF AGE 3-24 YEARS |  | IF AGE 0-4 YEARS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LINE NO. | SURVIVORSHIP AND RESIDENCE OF BIOLOGICAL PARENTS |  |  |  | EVER ATTENDED SCHOOL |  | CURRENT/RECENT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { BIRTH } \\ \text { REGISTRATION } \end{gathered}$ |
|  | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
|  | Is <br> (NAME)'s <br> natural <br> mother <br> alive? | Does (NAME)'s natural mother usually live in this household or was she a guest last night? <br> IF YES: What <br> RECORD <br> MOTHER'S LINE NUMBER. <br> IF NO, RECORD '00'. | Is (NAME)'s natural father alive? | Does (NAME)'s natural father usually live in this household or was he a guest last night? <br> IF YES: What <br> RECORD <br> FATHER'S LINE <br> NUMBER. <br> IF NO, RECORD '00'. | Has <br> (NAME) <br> ever <br> attended <br> school? | What is the highest level of school (NAME) has attended? <br> What is the highest grade (NAME) completed at that level? | Did <br> (NAME) <br> attend school at any time during the 2019-2020 school year? | During this school year, what level and grade is (NAME) attending? | Does (NAME) have a birth certificate? <br> IF NO, PROBE: Has (NAME)'s birth ever been registered with the civil authority? |
| 01 | $\begin{array}{cc} \text { Y } & \text { N DK } \\ 1 & 2 \square^{8} \\ \text { GO TO } 14 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ccc} Y & N & \text { JK } \\ 1 & 2 & \nabla^{8} \\ \text { GO TO } & { }^{\prime} \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{lc} \mathrm{Y} & \mathrm{~N} \\ 1 & 2 \\ & \downarrow \\ & \text { GO TO } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | LEVEL GRADE $\square$ | $\begin{array}{cc} \mathrm{Y} & \mathrm{~N} \\ 1 & 2 \\ & \downarrow \\ & \text { GO TO } \\ \text { OO } \end{array}$ |  |  |
| 02 | $\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \square^{8} \\ \text { GO TO } 14 \end{array}$ | , |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 03 |  | $\square$ |  |  |  | $\square$ | $\begin{array}{lcc} 1 & 2 \\ & \downarrow \\ \text { GO TO } & \\ 20 \end{array}$ |  |  |
| 04 | $\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \\ \downarrow^{8} \\ \text { GO TO } 14 \end{array}$ | $\square$ |  | $1$ |  | $\square$ |  |  |  |
| 05 | $\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \square^{8} \\ \text { GO TO } 14 \end{array}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{ll} 1 & 2 \\ & \downarrow \\ \text { GO TO } & 20 \end{array}$ | $\square$ | $\begin{array}{lc} 1 & 2 \\ & \downarrow \\ \text { GO TO } & 20 \end{array}$ | $\qquad$ |  |
| 06 | $\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \\ & \square^{8} \\ \text { GO TO } & 14 \end{array}$ | $\square$ |  | $1$ |  |  | $\begin{array}{ll} 1 & 2 \\ & \downarrow \\ & \\ \text { GO TO } & 20 \end{array}$ |  |  |
| 07 | $\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } \\ \downarrow \end{array}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{lc} 1 & 2 \\ & \downarrow \\ \text { GO TO } & 20 \end{array}$ | $\qquad$ | $\begin{array}{lll} 1 & 2 \\ & & \downarrow \\ \text { GO TO } & 20 \end{array}$ |  |  |
| 08 | $\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } \\ \downarrow \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \nabla^{8} \\ \text { GO TO } 16 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{lc} 1 & 2 \\ & \downarrow \\ & \text { GO TO } \\ & 20 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ll} 1 & 2 \\ & \downarrow \\ & \\ \text { GO TO } & 20 \end{array}$ |  | $\square$ |
| 09 | $\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \\ & \nabla^{8} \\ \text { GO TO } & 14 \end{array}$ | $\square$ |  |  | $\begin{array}{lc} 1 & 2 \\ & \downarrow \\ \text { GO TO } & 20 \end{array}$ | $\qquad$ | $\begin{array}{ll} 1 & 2 \\ & \downarrow \\ & \\ \text { GO TO } & 20 \end{array}$ |  | $\square$ |
| 10 | $\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \\ & \nabla^{8} \\ \text { GO TO } & 14 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \nabla^{8} \\ \text { GO TO } 16 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{lc} 1 & 2 \\ & \downarrow \\ \text { GO TO } & 20 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{lll} 1 & 2 \\ & & \downarrow \\ & \text { GO TO } & 20 \end{array}$ | $\square$ |  |

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HOUSEHOLD SCHEDULE

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | IF AGE 12 OR OLDER |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LINE NO. | USUAL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS | RELATIONSHIP <br> TO HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD | SEX | RESIDENCE |  | AGE | MARITAL STATUS | ELIGIBILITY |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
|  | Please give me the names of the persons who usually live in your household and guests of the household who stayed here last night, starting with the head of the household. <br> AFTER LISTING THE NAMES AND RECORDING THE RELATIONSHIP AND SEX FOR EACH PERSON, ASK QUESTIONS 2A-2C TO BE SURE THAT THE LISTING IS COMPLETE. <br> THEN ASK APPROPRIATE QUESTIONS IN COLUMNS 5-20 FOR EACH PERSON. | What is the relationship of (NAME) to the head of the household? <br> SEE CODES BELOW. | Is <br> (NAME <br> ) male or female | Does <br> (NAME <br> ) <br> usually live here? | Did <br> (NAME <br> ) stay here last night? | How old is (NAME)? <br> IF 95 <br> OR MORE, RECORD '95'. | What is (NAME)'s current marital status? <br> 1 = MARRIED <br> 2 = LIVING <br> TOGETHER <br> 3 = DIVORCED/ <br> SEPARATED <br> 4 = WIDOWED <br> 5 = NEVER- <br> MARRIED <br> AND <br> NEVER <br> LIVED <br> TOGETHER | CIRCLE <br> LINE <br> NUMBER <br> OF ALL <br> WOMEN <br> AGE <br> 15-49 | IF HOUSEHOLD SELECTED FOR MAN'S SURVE Y <br> CIRCLE <br> LINE <br> NUMBER <br> OF ALL <br> MEN <br> AGE <br> 15-59 | CIRCLE <br> LINE <br> NUMBER OF ALL CHILDREN AGE 0-5 |
| 11 |  |  | $\begin{array}{ll} M & F \\ 1 & 2 \end{array}$ | Y N 12 | $\begin{array}{ll} Y & N \\ 1 & 2 \end{array}$ | IN YEARS |  | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| 12 |  |  | 12 | 12 | 12 |  | $\pm$ | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| 13 |  |  | 12 | 12 | 12 |  |  | 13 | 13 | 13 |
| 14 |  |  | 12 | 12 | 12 |  |  | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| 15 |  | $\square$ | 12 | 12 | 12 |  |  | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| 16 |  | $\square$ |  |  |  |  |  | 16 | 16 | 16 |
| 17 |  | $\pm$ |  |  |  |  |  | 17 | 17 | 17 |
| 18 |  |  |  | 12 |  |  |  | 18 | 18 | 18 |
| 19 |  |  | 12 | 12 | 12 |  |  | 19 | 19 | 19 |
| 20 |  | $\square$ | 12 | 12 | 12 |  |  | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| ICK HERE IF CONTINUATION SHEET USED $\square$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

CODES FOR Q. 3: RELATIONSHIP TO HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD

| 01 | $=$ HEAD |
| ---: | :--- |
| 02 | $=$ WIFE OR HUSBAND |
| 03 | $=$ SON OR DAUGHTER |
| 04 | $=$ SON-IN-LAW OR |
|  | DAUGHTER-IN-LAW |
| 05 | $=$ GRANDCHILD |
| 06 | $=$ PARENT |

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03 = SON OR DAUGHTER
04 = SON-IN-LAW OR
$05=$ GRANDCHILD
$06=$ PARENT
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| 11 | $\begin{array}{cc} \text { Y } & \text { N DK } \\ 1 & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } & \downarrow \\ \text { GO } \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{cc} \text { Y N JK } \\ 1 & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } & \downarrow{ }_{16} \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{cc} \mathrm{Y} & \mathrm{~N} \\ 1 & 2 \\ & \downarrow \\ \text { GO TO } & 20 \end{array}$ | GRADE | $\begin{array}{cc} \mathrm{Y} & \mathrm{~N} \\ 1 & 2 \\ & \downarrow \\ \text { GO TO } & 20 \end{array}$ | LEVEL <br> GRADE $\square$ |  |
| 12 | $\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \\ \text { GO TO }{ }^{2}{ }^{8} \end{array}$ | $\perp$ | $\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } \\ \downarrow \end{array}{ }^{8}$ |  | $\begin{array}{cc} 1 & \\ & \\ & \downarrow \\ \text { GO TO } & \\ 20 \end{array}$ | $\square$ | $\begin{array}{ll} 1 & \\ & \\ & \downarrow \\ \text { GO TO } & 20 \end{array}$ |  |  |
| 13 | $\begin{array}{cc} \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \nabla^{8} \\ \text { GO TO } 14 \end{array}$ | $\underline{L}$ | $c c_{1} \begin{gathered} 2 \\ \text { GO TO } \\ \text { TO } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ll} 1 & \\ & \\ & \downarrow \\ \text { GO TO } & \downarrow 0 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ll} 1 & \\ & \\ & \downarrow \\ \text { GO TO } & 20 \end{array}$ |  |  |
| 14 | $\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } & { }_{14}^{8} \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } & { }^{16} \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ll} 1 & 2 \\ & \downarrow \\ \text { GO TO } & 20 \end{array}$ | $\square$ | $\begin{array}{ll} 1 & \\ & \\ & \downarrow \\ \text { GO TO } & 20 \end{array}$ |  |  |
| 15 | $\begin{array}{cc} \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \\ \eta^{8} \end{array} \\ \text { GO TO } 14 \end{array}$ | $1$ | $c c_{1} \begin{gathered} 2 \\ \text { GO TO } \end{gathered}{ }^{8}$ |  | $\begin{array}{cc} 1 & \\ & \\ & \downarrow \\ \text { GO TO } 20 \end{array}$ | $\square$  | $\begin{array}{ll} 1 & \\ & \stackrel{2}{\downarrow} \\ & \text { GO TO } 20 \end{array}$ | $\square$ | , |
| 16 | $\begin{array}{cc} \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } \\ \text { T } \end{array} \\ \hline 8 \end{array}$ | $1$ | $c c_{1} \begin{gathered} 2 \\ \text { GO TO } \\ \\ 16 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{array}{cc} 1 & \\ & \\ & \downarrow \\ \text { GO TO } & 20 \end{array}$ | $\square$ | $\begin{array}{ll} 1 & \\ & \\ & \downarrow \\ \text { GO TO } & 20 \end{array}$ |  |  |
| 17 | $\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } \\ \downarrow \end{array}{ }^{8}$ |  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } & \eta^{8} \end{array}\right.$ | $1$ | $\begin{array}{ll} 1 & 2 \\ & \downarrow \\ \text { GO TO } & 20 \end{array}$ | $\square$ | $\begin{array}{ll} 1 & \\ & \downarrow \\ \text { GO TO } & \downarrow 0 \end{array}$ |  |  |
| 18 | $\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \\ \text { GO TO }{ }^{2} \end{array}{ }^{8}$ | $\pm$ | $c^{1} 2 \begin{gathered} 2 \\ \text { GO TO } \end{gathered}{ }^{8} 16$ | $\begin{array}{l\|l\|} \hline & \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \\ & \downarrow \\ \text { GO TO } & 20 \end{array}$ | $\qquad$  | $\begin{array}{ll} 1 & 2 \\ & \downarrow \\ \text { GO TO } & 20 \end{array}$ |  |  |
| 19 | $\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } \nabla^{8} \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } & { }^{-1} \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ll} 1 & \\ & \\ & \downarrow \\ \text { GO TO } & 20 \end{array}$ |   | $\begin{array}{ll} 1 & 2 \\ & \downarrow \\ \text { GO TO } & 20 \end{array}$ | $\square$ |  |
| 20 | $\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } \\ \downarrow \end{array}{ }^{8}$ |  | $\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } & \downarrow \end{array}{ }^{8}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ll} 1 & \\ & \\ & \downarrow \\ \text { GO TO } & 20 \end{array}$ |   | $\begin{array}{ll} 1 & \\ & \\ & \downarrow \\ \text { GO TO } & 20 \end{array}$ |   | $\square$ |

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SELECTION OF WOMAN FOR THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE QUESTIONS (PAPER OPTION) ${ }^{1}$

| 21 | CHECK COVER PAGE: HOUSEHOLD SELECTED FOR MAN'S SURVEY/BIOMARKERS? YES $\square$ NO $\square$ $\square$ 101 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LOOK AT THE LAST DIGIT OF THE HOUSEHOLD NUMBER ON THE COVER PAGE. THIS IS THE ROW NUMBER YOU SHOULD GO TO. CHECK THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE WOMEN (COLUMN 9) IN THE HOUSEHOLD SCHEDULE. THIS IS THE COLUMN NUMBER YOU SHOULD GO TO. FOLLOW THE SELECTED ROW AND COLUMN TO THE CELL WHERE THEY MEET AND CIRCLE THE NUMBER IN THE CELL. THIS IS THE NUMBER OF THE WOMAN SELECTED FOR THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE QUESTIONS FROM THE LIST OF ELIGIBLE WOMEN IN COLUMN 9 OF THE HOUSEHOLD SCHEDULE. WRITE THE NAME AND LINE NUMBER OF THE SELECTED WOMAN IN THE SPACE BELOW THE TABLE. <br> EXAMPLE: THE HOUSEHOLD NUMBER IS ‘716’ AND THE HOUSEHOLD SCHEDULE COLUMN 9 SHOWS THAT THERE ARE THREE ELIGIBLE WOMEN AGE 15-49 IN THE HOUSEHOLD (LINE NUMBERS 02, 04, AND 05). SINCE THE LAST DIGIT OF THE HOUSEHOLD NUMBER IS '6' GO TO ROW '6' AND SINCE THERE ARE THREE ELIGIBLE WOMEN IN THE HOUSEHOLD, GO TO COLUMN ' 3 '. FOLLOW THE ROW AND COLUMN AND FIND THE NUMBER IN THE CELL WHERE THEY MEET (' 2 ') AND CIRCLE THE NUMBER. NOW GO TO THE HOUSEHOLD SCHEDULE AND FIND THE SECOND WOMAN WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE WOMAN'S INTERVIEW (LINE NUMBER '04' IN THIS EXAMPLE). WRITE HER NAME |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LAST DIGIT OF THE HOUSEHOLD NUMBER | TOTAL NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE WOMEN AGE 15-49 IN HOUSEHOLD SCHEDULE COLUMN 9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8+ |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 4 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 5 |
| 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 6 |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 8 |
| 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| 6 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| 7 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| 8 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 4 |
| 9 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 5 |
| 22 | NAME OF SELECTED WOMA |  |  |  | HH LINE NUMBER OF SELECTED WOMAN |  |  |  |

HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 101 | What is the main source of drinking water for members of your household? |  | $\begin{aligned} & \rightarrow 106 \\ & \rightarrow 103 \\ & \rightarrow 103 \end{aligned}$ |
| 102 | What is the main source of water used by your household for other purposes such as cooking and handwashing? |  | $\longrightarrow 106$ |
| 103 | Where is that water source located? |  | $\xrightarrow{\rightarrow} 105$ |
| 104 | How long does it take to go there, get water, and come back? | MINUTES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .   <br> DON'T KNOW . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 998   |  |
| 105 | CHECK 101 AND 102: CODE '14' OR '21' YES | NO | $\rightarrow 107$ |

HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 106 | In the past two weeks, was the water from this source not available for at least one full day? |  |  |
| 107 | Do you do anything to the water to make it safer to drink? |  | $\rightarrow 109$ |
| 108 | What do you usually do to make the water safer to drink? <br> Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 109 | What kind of toilet facility do members of your household usually use? <br> IF NOT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE, ASK PERMISSION TO OBSERVE THE FACILITY. |  | $\rightarrow 113$ |
| 110 | Do you share this toilet facility with other households? |  | $\rightarrow 112$ |
| 111 | Including your own household, how many households use this toilet facility? |  |  |
| 112 | Where is this toilet facility located? |  |  |

HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS


HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 121 | Does your household have: <br> a) Electricity? <br> b) A sofa? <br> c) A wardrobe? <br> d) A bed? <br> e) A table? <br> f) A chair? <br> g) A radio? <br> h) A television? <br> i) A non-mobile telephone? <br> j) A refrigerator? <br> k) A fan? <br> I) A generator or solar panel? <br> m) A computer or tablet? <br> n) A microwave? <br> o) A DVD/VCD player? <br> p) A satellite dish? <br> q) A washing machine? <br> r) A clock? |  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{NO} \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| 122 | Does any member of this household own: <br> a) A watch? <br> b) A mobile phone? <br> c) A bicycle? <br> d) A motorcycle or motor scooter? <br> e) An animal-drawn cart? <br> f) A car or truck? <br> g) A boat with a motor? <br> h) A boat without a motor? |  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{NO} \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| 123 | Does any member of this household have a bank account? | YES NO |  |  |
| 124 | How often does anyone smoke inside your house? Would you say daily, weekly, monthly, less often than once a month, or never? | DAILY <br> WEEKLY <br> MONTHLY <br> LESS OFTEN THAN ONCE A MONTH <br> NEVER | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 3 \\ & 4 \\ & 5 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 127 | Does your household have any mosquito nets? | YES <br> NO |  | $\longrightarrow 139$ |
| 128 | How many mosquito nets does your household have? <br> IF 7 OR MORE NETS, RECORD '7'. | NUMBER OF NETS |  |  |


|  |  | NET \#1 | NET \#2 | NET \#3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 129 | ASK THE RESPONDENT TO SHOW YOU ALL THE NETS IN THE HOUSEHOLD. <br> IF MORE THAN 6 NETS, USE ADDITIONAL | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { OBSERVED ........... } & 1 \\ \text { NOT OBSERVED } & \ldots . & 2 \\ & & \\ & & 1\end{array}$ | OBSERVED . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> NOT OBSERVED .... 2 | OBSERVED . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> NOT OBSERVED ....  |
| 130 | How many months ago did your household get the mosquito net? <br> IF LESS THAN ONE MONTH AGO, RECORD '00'. |  | MONTHS AGO $\ldots$. MORE THAN 36 MONTHS AGO $\ldots .$. NOT SURE 95 N......... 98 | MONTHS AGO <br> MORE THAN 36 <br> MONTHS AGO .... 95 <br> NOT SURE $\qquad$ 98 |
| 131 | OBSERVE OR ASK BRAND/TYPE OF MOSQUITO NET. <br> IF BRAND IS UNKNOWN AND YOU CANNOT OBSERVE THE NET, SHOW PICTURES OF TYPICAL NET TYPES/BRANDS TO RESPONDENT. |  |  |  |
| 134 | Did you get the net through a mass distribution campaign, during an antenatal care visit, or during an infant welfare visit? | YES, MASS DISTRIBUTION <br>  |  |  |
| 135 | Where did you get the net? |  |  |  |


|  |  | NET \#1 | NET \#2 | NET \#3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 136 | Did anyone sleep under this mosquito net last night? |  | $\begin{array}{llll} \text { YES } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots \ldots & \ldots & \cdots \\ & (\text { SKIP TO 138) } & \\ \text { NOT SURE } \ldots \ldots & \ldots & \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |
| 137 | Who slept under this mosquito net last night? <br> RECORD THE PERSON'S NAME AND LINE NUMBER FROM HOUSEHOLD SCHEDULE. | NAME <br> LINE <br> NO. $\qquad$ | NAME   <br>    <br> LINE   <br> NO. $\ldots$.  | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\qquad$ |
|  |  | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\qquad$ | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\qquad$ | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\qquad$ |
|  |  | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\qquad$ | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\qquad$ $\square$ | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\qquad$ |
|  |  | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\qquad$ | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\qquad$ | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\qquad$ |
| 138 |  | GO BACK TO 129 FOR NEXT NET; OR, IF NO MORE NETS, GO TO 139. | GO BACK TO 129 FOR NEXT NET; OR, IF NO MORE NETS, GO TO 139. | GO BACK TO 129 FOR NEXT NET; OR, IF NO MORE NETS, GO TO 139. |


|  |  | NET \#4 | NET \#5 | NET \#6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 129 | ASK THE RESPONDENT TO SHOW YOU ALL THE NETS IN THE HOUSEHOLD. <br> IF MORE THAN 6 NETS, USE ADDITIONAL | OBSERVED ........... 1 <br> NOT OBSERVED .... 2 | OBSERVED . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> NOT OBSERVED .... 2 | OBSERVED . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> NOT OBSERVED ....  |
| 130 | How many months ago did your household get the mosquito net? <br> IF LESS THAN ONE MONTH AGO, RECORD '00'. |  |  | MONTHS AGO <br> MORE THAN 36 <br> MONTHS AGO .... 95 <br> NOT SURE $\qquad$ 98 |
| 131 | OBSERVE OR ASK BRAND/TYPE OF MOSQUITO NET. <br> IF BRAND IS UNKNOWN AND YOU CANNOT OBSERVE THE NET, SHOW PICTURES OF TYPICAL NET TYPES/BRANDS TO RESPONDENT. |  |  |  |
| 134 | Did you get the net through a mass distribution campaign, during an antenatal care visit, or during an infant welfare visit? |  |  |  |
| 135 | Where did you get the net? |  |  |  |


|  |  | NET \#4 | NET \#5 | NET \#6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 136 | Did anyone sleep under this mosquito net last night? |  | $\begin{array}{cccc} \text { YES } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots \ldots & \ldots & \cdots \\ & (\text { SKIP TO 138) } & 2 \\ \text { NOT SURE } \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 8 \end{array}$ |  |
| 137 | Who slept under this mosquito net last night? <br> RECORD THE PERSON'S NAME AND LINE NUMBER FROM HOUSEHOLD SCHEDULE. | NAME | NAME   <br>    <br> LINE   <br> NO. $\ldots$.  | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\qquad$ |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { NAME } & \\ \\ \cline { 2 - 4 } & \\ \text { LINE } & & \square \\ \text { NO. } & \ldots & \square \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { NAME } & \\ \cline { 2 - 4 } & \\ \text { LINE } & & \square \\ \text { NO. } & \ldots . & \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |
|  |  | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\qquad$ | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\qquad$ $\square$ | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\qquad$ |
|  |  | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\qquad$ | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\qquad$ | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE <br> NO. $\qquad$ |
| 138 |  | GO BACK TO 129 FOR NEXT NET; OR, IF NO MORE NETS, GO TO 139. | GO BACK TO 129 FOR NEXT NET; OR, IF NO MORE NETS, GO TO 139 | GO TO 129 IN FIRST COLUMN OF A NEW QUESTIONNAIRE; OR, IF NO MORE NETS, GO TO |

ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 139 | We would like to learn about the places that households use to wash their hands. Can you please show me where members of your household most often wash their hands? |  | $\nrightarrow 142$ |
| 140 | OBSERVE PRESENCE OF WATER AT THE PLACE FOR HANDWASHING. <br> RECORD OBSERVATION. |  |  |
| 141 | OBSERVE PRESENCE OF SOAP, DETERGENT, OR OTHER CLEANSING AGENT AT THE PLACE FOR HANDWASHING. <br> RECORD OBSERVATION. | SOAP OR DETERGENT <br> (BAR, LIQUID, POWDER, PASTE) ........ A <br> ASH, MUD, SAND <br> NONE |  |
| 142 | OBSERVE MAIN MATERIAL OF THE FLOOR OF THE DWELLING. <br> RECORD OBSERVATION. | NATURAL FLOOR <br> EARTH/SAND <br> DUNG <br> RUDIMENTARY FLOOR <br> WOOD PLANKS <br> FINISHED FLOOR <br> PARQUET OR POLISHED WOOD <br> VINYL/LINOLEUM/"TAPEH" <br> TILES. <br> CEMENT/CONCRETE $\qquad$ <br> CARPET <br> OTHER $\qquad$ 96 <br> (SPECIFY) |  |
| 143 | OBSERVE MAIN MATERIAL OF THE ROOF OF THE DWELLING. <br> RECORD OBSERVATION. |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 144 | OBSERVE MAIN MATERIAL OF THE EXTERIOR WALLS OF THE DWELLING. <br> RECORD OBSERVATION. | NATURAL WALLS <br> NO WALLS <br> CANE/PALM/TRUNKS DIRT <br> RUDIMENTARY WALLS <br> BAMBOO WITH MUD <br> STONE WITH MUD <br> MUD/ MUD BRICKS <br> PLYWOOD <br> CARDBOARD <br> REUSED WOOD/PALLETS <br> FINISHED WALLS <br> CEMENT <br> STONE WITH LIME/CEMENT BRICKS <br> CEMENT BLOCKS <br> MUD BLOCKS PLASTERED W CEM WOOD PLANKS/SHINGLES BAMBOO WITH CEMENT CERAMIC TILES WITH CEMENT <br> OTHER $\qquad$ | $\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ 12 \\ 13 \\ 21 \\ 22 \\ 23 \\ 24 \\ 25 \\ 26 \\ \hline 31 \\ 32 \\ 33 \\ 34 \\ 35 \\ 36 \\ 37 \\ 38 \\ \hline 96 \end{array}$ |  |
| 145 | I would like to check whether the salt used in your household is iodized. May I have a sample of the salt used to cook meals in your household? <br> TEST SALT FOR IODINE. | IODINE PRESENT NO IODINE <br> NO SALT IN HOUSEHOLD <br> SALT NOT TESTED $\qquad$ | 1 2 3 6 |  |
| 146 | RECORD THE TIME. | HOURS <br> MINUTES |  |  |

INTERVIEWER'S OBSERVATIONS
TO BE FILLED IN AFTER COMPLETING INTERVIEW
COMMENTS ABOUT INTERVIEW:
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COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC QUESTIONS:
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ANY OTHER COMMENTS:
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SUPERVISOR'S OBSERVATIONS
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EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THE GAMBIA
THE GAMBIA BUREAU OF STATISTICS


Hello. My name is $\qquad$ I am working with Gambia Bureau of Statistics. We are conducting a survey about health and other topics all over The Gambia. The information we collect will help the government to plan health services. Your household was selected for the survey. The questions usually take about 30 to 60 minutes. All of the answers you give will be confidential and will not be shared with anyone other than members of our survey team. You don't have to be in the survey, but we hope you will agree to answer the questions since your views are important. If I ask you any question you don't want to answer, just let me know and I will go on to the next question or you can stop the interview at any time.

In case you need more information about the survey, you may contact the person listed on the card that has already been given to your household.

Do you have any questions?
May I begin the interview now?

SIGNATURE OF INTERVIEWER $\qquad$ DATE $\qquad$
RESPONDENT AGREES

## RESPONDENT DOES NOT AGREE

 TO BE INTERVIEWED . . $2 \longrightarrow$ ENDSECTION 1. RESPONDENT'S BACKGROUND

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 101 | RECORD THE TIME. | HOURS <br> MINUTES |  |  |
| 102 | How long have you been living continuously in (NAME OF CURRENT CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE OF RESIDENCE)? <br> IF LESS THAN ONE YEAR, RECORD ‘ 00 ’ YEARS. | YEARS <br> ALWAYS <br> VISITOR |  | - 105 |
| 103 | Just before you moved here, did you live in an urban area or in a rural area? | URBAN AREA RURAL AREA |  |  |
| 104 | Before you moved here, which LGA did you live in? | BANJUL <br> KANIFING <br> BRIKAMA <br> MANSAKONKO <br> KEREWAN <br> KUNTAUR <br> JANJANBUREH <br> BASSE <br> OUTSIDE OF THE GAMBIA | $\begin{aligned} & 01 \\ & 02 \\ & 03 \\ & 04 \\ & 05 \\ & 06 \\ & 07 \\ & 08 \\ & 96 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 105 | In what month and year were you born? | MONTH <br> DON'T KNOW MONTH <br> YEAR $\square$ <br> DON'T KNOW YEAR |  |  |
| 106 | How old were you at your last birthday? <br> COMPARE AND CORRECT 105 AND/OR 106 IF INCONSISTENT. | AGE IN COMPLETED YEARs.. |  |  |
| 107 | Have you ever attended school? | YES <br> NO |  | $\rightarrow 111$ |
| 108 | What is the highest level of school you attended: ECE, primary, lower secondary, upper secondary, vocational, diploma, or higher? | EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PRIMARY <br> LOWER SECONDARY <br> UPPER SECONDARY <br> VOCATIONAL <br> DIPLOMA <br> HIGHER | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 3 \\ & 4 \\ & 5 \\ & 6 \end{aligned}$ | $\rightarrow 111$ |

SECTION 1. RESPONDENT'S BACKGROUND

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 109 | What is the highest (grade/form/year) you completed at that level? <br> IF COMPLETED LESS THAN ONE YEAR AT THAT LEVEL, RECORD '00'. | GRADE/FORM/YEAR |  |  |
| 110 |  | MA OR $\square$ GHER |  | $\rightarrow 113$ |
| 111 | Now I would like you to read this sentence to me. SHOW CARD TO RESPONDENT. <br> IF RESPONDENT CANNOT READ WHOLE SENTENCE, <br> PROBE: Can you read any part of the sentence to me? | CANNOT READ AT ALL ABLE TO READ ONLY PART OF <br> THE SENTENCE <br> ABLE TO READ WHOLE SENTENCE <br> NO CARD WITH REQUIRED <br> LANGUAGE <br> (SPECIFY LANG <br> BLIND/VISUALLY IMPAIRED | 1 <br> 2 <br> 3 <br> 4 <br> 5 |  |
| 112 | CHECK 111: $\begin{array}{r} \text { CODE '2', '3' } \\ \text { OR '4' } \\ \text { CIRCLED } \downarrow \end{array}$ | JR '5' CLED |  | $\rightarrow 114$ |
| 113 | Do you read a newspaper or magazine at least once a week, less than once a week or not at all? | AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK LESS THAN ONCE A WEEK NOT AT ALL | 1 2 3 |  |
| 114 | Do you listen to the radio at least once a week, less than once a week or not at all? | at least once a week LESS THAN ONCE A WEEK NOT AT ALL | 1 2 3 |  |
| 115 | Do you watch television at least once a week, less than once a week or not at all? | AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK LESS THAN ONCE A WEEK NOT AT ALL | 1 2 3 |  |
| 116 | Do you own a mobile telephone? | YES <br> NO | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\longrightarrow 118$ |
| 117 | Do you use your mobile phone for any financial transactions? | YES <br> NO | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 118 | Do you have an account in a bank or other financial institution that you yourself use? | YES NO | 1 2 |  |
| 119 | Have you ever used the internet? | YES <br> NO | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\longrightarrow 122$ |
| 120 | In the last 12 months, have you used the internet? <br> IF NECESSARY, PROBE FOR USE FROM ANY LOCATION, WITH ANY DEVICE. | YES <br> NO |  | $\rightarrow 122$ |
| 121 | During the last one month, how often did you use the internet: almost every day, at least once a week, less than once a week, or not at all? | ALMOST EVERY DAY AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK LESS THAN ONCE A WEEK NOT AT ALL | 1 2 3 4 |  |

SECTION 1. RESPONDENT'S BACKGROUND

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | COdING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 122 | What is your religion? |  |  |
| 122A | What is your nationality? |  | $\rightarrow 201$ |
| 123 | What is your ethnicity? |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 201 | Now I would like to ask about all the births you have had during your life. Have you ever given birth? |  | $\rightarrow 206$ |
| 202 | Do you have any sons or daughters to whom you have given birth who are now living with you? |  | $\rightarrow 204$ |
| 203 | a) How many sons live with you? <br> b) And how many daughters live with you? <br> IF NONE, RECORD '00'. | a) SONS AT HOME <br> b) DAUGHTERS AT HOME |  |
| 204 | Do you have any sons or daughters to whom you have given birth who are alive but do not live with you? |  | $\rightarrow 206$ |
| 205 | a) How many sons are alive but do not live with you? <br> b) And how many daughters are alive but do not live with you? <br> IF NONE, RECORD '00'. | a) SONS ELSEWHERE <br> b) DAUGHTERS ELSEWHERE |  |
| 206 | Have you ever given birth to a boy or girl who was born alive but later died? <br> IF NO, PROBE: Any baby who cried, who made any movement, sound, or effort to breathe, or who showed any other signs of life even if for a very short time? |  | $\rightarrow 208$ |
| 207 | a) How many boys have died? <br> b) And how many girls have died? <br> IF NONE, RECORD '00'. | a) BOYS DEAD <br> b) GIRLS DEAD |  |
| 208 | SUM ANSWERS TO 203, 205, AND 207, AND ENTER TOTAL. IF NONE, RECORD '00'. | TOTAL BIRTHS . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $\quad$. |  |
| 209 | CHECK 208: <br> Just to make sure that I have this right: you have had | TOTAL $\qquad$ births during your life. Is that correct? |  |
| 210 | CHECK 208: <br> ONE OR MORE BIRTHS | RTHS | $\rightarrow 226$ |

211 Now I would like to record the names of all your births, whether still alive or not, starting with the first one you had. RECORD NAMES OF ALL THE BIRTHS IN 212. RECORD TWINS AND TRIPLETS ON SEPARATE ROWS. IF THERE ARE MORE THAN 10 BIRTHS, USE AN ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE, STARTING WITH THE SECOND ROW.

| $212$ | 213 | 214 | 215 | 216 | $217$ <br> IF ALIVE: | $\begin{aligned} & 218 \\ & \text { IF ALIVE: } \end{aligned}$ | $219$ <br> IF ALIVE: | $220$ <br> IF DEAD: | $221$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| What <br> name <br> was <br> given to <br> your <br> (first/ <br> next) <br> baby? <br> RECORD <br> NAME. <br> BIRTH <br> HISTORY <br> NUMBER. | Is <br> (NAME <br> ) a boy or a girl? | Were <br> any of <br> these <br> births <br> twins? | On what day, month, and year was (NAME) born? | Is (NAME ) still alive? | How old was (NAME) at (NAME)' s last birthday ? <br> RECORD <br> AGE IN <br> COMP- <br> LETED <br> YEARS. | Is <br> (NAME <br> ) living with you? | RECORD HOUSEHOL D LINE NUMBER OF CHILD. <br> RECORD '00' IF CHILD NOT LISTED IN HOUSEHOL D. | How old was (NAME) when (he/she) died? <br> IF '12 MONTHS' OR '1 YR', ASK: Did (NAME) have (his/her) first birthday? <br> THEN ASK: Exactly how many months old was (NAME) when (he/she) died? <br> RECORD DAYS IF LESS THAN 1 MONTH; MONTHS IF LESS THAN TWO YEARS; OR YEARS. | Were there any other live births between (NAME OF PREVIOUS BIRTH) and (NAME), including any children who died after birth? |
| 01 | BOY 1 <br> GIRL 2 | SING 1 <br> MULT 2 | DAY $\square$ <br> VONTH | YES 1 <br> $\begin{array}{rr}\text { NO } & 2 \\ \downarrow \\ \text { (SKIP } \\ \text { TO }\end{array}$ | AGE IN YEARS | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { YES } & 1 \\ \text { NO } & 2 \end{array}$ | HOUSEHOLD LINE NUMBER <br> (NEXT BIRTH) | DAYS <br> MONTHS YEARS |  |
| 02 | BOY 1 <br> GIRL 2 | SING 1 <br> MULT 2 |  | YES 1 <br> NO 2 <br> (SKIP TO | AGE IN YEARS | YES 1 <br> NO 2 | HOUSEHOLD LINE NUMBER | DAYS <br> MONTHS <br> YEARS | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { (ADD } \\ & \text { BIRTH } \\ & 1 \\ & \text { NO } \\ & \text { (NEXT } \\ & \text { BIRTH } \end{aligned}$ |
| 03 | BOY 1 <br> GIRL 2 | SING 1 <br> MULT 2 |  | YES 1 <br> NO 2 <br> (SKIP TO | AGE IN YEARS | YES 1 <br> NO 2 | HOUSEHOLD LINE NUMBER <br> (SKIP TO 221) | DAYS <br> MONTHS <br> YEARS | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { (ADD } \\ & \text { BIRTH } \\ & 1 \\ & \mathrm{NO} \\ & \text { (NEXT } \\ & \text { BIRTH } \end{aligned}$ |
| 04 | BOY 1 <br> GIRL 2 | SING 1 <br> MULT 2 |  | YES 1 <br> NO 2 <br> (SKIP <br> TO | AGE IN YEARS | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { YES } & 1 \\ \text { NO } & 2 \end{array}$ | HOUSEHOLD LINE NUMBER | DAYS <br> MONTHS <br> YEARS | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { (ADD } \\ & \text { BIRTH } \\ & 1 \\ & \text { NO } \\ & \text { (NEXT } \\ & \text { BIRTH } \end{aligned}$ |
| 05 | BOY 1 <br> GIRL 2 | SING 1 <br> MULT 2 |  | YES 1 <br> NO 2 <br> (SKIP TO | AGE IN YEARS | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { YES } & 1 \\ \text { NO } & 2 \end{array}$ | HOUSEHOLD LINE NUMBER (SKIP TO 221) | DAYS <br> MONTHS <br> YEARS | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { (ADD } \\ & \text { BIRTH } \\ & 1 \\ & \text { NO } \\ & \text { (NEXT } \\ & \text { BIRTH } \end{aligned}$ |


| $212$ | 213 | 214 | 215 | 216 | $\begin{aligned} & 217 \\ & \text { IF ALIVE: } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 218 \\ & \text { IF ALIVE } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 219 \\ & \text { IF ALIVE: } \end{aligned}$ | $220$ <br> IF DEAD: | $221$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| What name was given to your (first/ next) baby? <br> RECORD NAME. <br> BIRTH <br> HISTORY NUMBER. | Is <br> (NAME <br> ) a boy <br> or a <br> girl? | Were any of these births twins? | On what day, month, and year was (NAME) born? | Is <br> (NAME <br> ) still alive? | How old was (NAME) at (NAME)' s last birthday ? <br> RECORD <br> AGE IN <br> COMP- <br> LETED <br> YEARS. | Is <br> (NAME <br> ) living with you? | RECORD HOUSEHOL D LINE NUMBER OF CHILD. <br> RECORD '00' IF CHILD NOT LISTED IN HOUSEHOL D. | How old was (NAME) when (he/she) died? <br> IF '12 MONTHS' OR '1 YR', ASK: Did (NAME) have (his/her) first birthday? <br> THEN ASK: Exactly how many months old was (NAME) when (he/she) died? <br> RECORD DAYS IF LESS THAN 1 MONTH; MONTHS IF LESS THAN TWO YEARS; OR YEARS. | Were there any other live births between (NAME OF PREVIOUS BIRTH) and (NAME), including any children who died after birth? |
| 06 | BOY 1 <br> GIRL 2 | SING 1 <br> MULT 2 |  | YES 1 <br> NO 2 <br> (SKIP TO | AGE IN YEARS | YES 1 <br> NO 2 | HOUSEHOLD LINE NUMBER <br> (SKIP TO 221) | DAYS <br> MONTHS <br> 2 $\square$ <br> YEARS <br> 3 $\square$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { (ADD } \\ & \text { BIRTH } \\ & 1 \\ & \mathrm{NO} \\ & \text { (NEXT) } \\ & \text { BIRTH } \end{aligned}$ |
| 07 | BOY 1 <br> GIRL 2 | SING 1 <br> MULT 2 |  | YES 1 <br> NO 2 <br> (SKIP TO | AGE IN YEARS | YES 1 <br> NO 2 | HOUSEHOLD LINE NUMBER <br> (SKIP TO 221) | DAYS $\square$ <br> MONTHS <br> YEARS $\square$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { (ADD } \\ & \text { BIRTH } \\ & 1 \\ & \text { NO } \\ & \text { (NEXT } \\ & \text { BIRTH } \end{aligned}$ |
| 08 | BOY 1 <br> GIRL 2 | SING 1 <br> MULT 2 |  | YES 1 <br> NO 2 <br> (SKIP TO | AGE IN YEARS | YES 1 <br> NO 2 | HOUSEHOLD LINE NUMBER <br> (SKIP TO 221) | DAYS <br> MONTHS <br> 2 <br> YEARS <br> 3 $\square$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { (ADD } \\ & \text { BIRTH } \\ & 1 \\ & \text { NO } \\ & \text { (NEXT } \\ & \text { BIRTH } \end{aligned}$ |
| 09 | BOY 1 <br> GIRL 2 | SING 1 <br> MULT 2 |  | YES 1 <br> NO 2 <br> (SKIP TO | AGE IN YEARS | YES 1 <br> NO 2 | HOUSEHOLD LINE NUMBER (SKIP TO 221) | DAYS <br> MONTHS <br> YEARS | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { (ADD } \\ & \text { BIRTH } \\ & 1 \\ & \text { NO } \\ & \text { (NEXT } \\ & \text { BIRTH } \end{aligned}$ |
| 10 | BOY 1 <br> GIRL 2 | SING 1 <br> MULT 2 |  | YES 1 <br> NO 2 <br> (SKIP TO | AGE IN YEARS | YES 1 <br> NO 2 | HOUSEHOLD LINE NUMBER (SKIP TO 221) | DAYS <br> MONTHS <br> YEARS | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { (ADD } \\ & \text { BIRTH } \\ & 1 \\ & \text { NO } \\ & \begin{array}{l} 1 \\ \text { (NEXT } \\ \text { BIRTH } \end{array} \end{aligned}$ |

SECTION 2. REPRODUCTION


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING | GORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 232 | LAST PREGNANCY ENDED IN 2014 OR $\square$ LATER | LAST PREGNANCY <br> ENDED IN 2013 OR $\square$ <br> EARLIER |  | $\begin{aligned} & \longrightarrow 234 \\ & \longrightarrow 239 \end{aligned}$ |
| LINE <br> NO. | 233 <br> In what month and year did the preceding such pregnancy end? | 234 <br> How many months pregnant were you when that pregnancy ended? | 235 <br> Since January 2014, have you had any other pregnancies that did not result in a live birth? |  |
| 01 |  | NUMBER OF MONTHS | YES $\ldots \ldots .$. 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots .$. 2 | $\begin{array}{\|l} \longrightarrow \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \text { NEXT } \\ \text { LINE } \\ 236 \end{array}$ |
| 02 | MONTH | NUMBER OF MONTHS | YES $\ldots \ldots .$. 1 <br> NO $\ldots . . . .$. 2 | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l}  & \text { NEXT } \\ \text { LINE } \end{array}$ |
| 03 |  | NUMBER OF MONTHS | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br>    <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 | $\longrightarrow \begin{array}{ll} \longrightarrow & \text { NEXT } \\ \text { LINE } \\ & 236 \end{array}$ |
| 04 | MONTH | NUMBER OF MONTHS | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br>    <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 | $\rightarrow 236$ |
| 236 | FOR EACH PREGNANCY THAT DID NOT END IN A LIVE BIRTH IN 2014 OR LATER, ENTER 'T' IN THE CALENDAR IN THE MONTH THAT THE PREGNANCY TERMINATED AND 'P' FOR THE REMAINING NUMBER OF COMPLETED MONTHS OF PREGNANCY. <br> IF THERE ARE MORE THAN FOUR PREGNANCIES THAT DID NOT END IN A LIVE BIRTH, USE AN ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE STARTING ON THE SECOND LINE. |  |  |  |
| 237 | Did you have any miscarriages, abortions or stillbirths that ended before 2014? | YES <br> NO | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\rightarrow 239$ |
| 238 | When did the last such pregnancy that terminated before 2014 end? | MONTH <br> YEAR | $\ldots \ldots$    <br>     |  |

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| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 239 | When did your last menstrual period start? <br> (DATE, IF GIVEN) |  |  |
| 240 | From one menstrual period to the next, are there certain days when a woman is more likely to become pregnant? |  | $\xrightarrow{ } \rightarrow 242$ |
| 241 | Is this time just before her period begins, during her period, right after her period has ended, or halfway between two periods? |  |  |
| 242 | After the birth of a child, can a woman become pregnant before her menstrual period has returned? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ NO $\ldots \ldots . \ldots$ |  |


| 301 | Now I would like to talk about family planning - the various ways or methods that a couple can use to delay or avoid a pregnancy. Have you ever heard of (METHOD)? |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 01 | Female Sterilization. <br> PROBE: Women can have an operation to avoid having any more children. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | 1 |
| 02 | Male Sterilization. <br> PROBE: Men can have an operation to avoid having any more children. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | 1 |
| 03 | IUD. <br> PROBE: Women can have a loop or coil placed inside them by a doctor or a nurse which can prevent pregnancy for one or more years. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | 1 |
| 04 | Injectables. (Depo) <br> PROBE: Women can have an injection by a health provider that stops them from becoming pregnant for one or more months. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | 1 |
| 05 | Implants. <br> PROBE: Women can have one or more small rods placed in their upper arm by a doctor or nurse which can prevent pregnancy for one or more years. | YES | 1 2 |
| 06 | Pill. <br> PROBE: Women can take a pill every day to avoid becoming pregnant. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | 1 |
| 07 | Male Condom. <br> PROBE: Men can put a rubber sheath on their penis before sexual intercourse. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | 1 |
| 08 | Female Condom. <br> PROBE: Women can place a sheath in their vagina before sexual intercourse. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | 1 |
| 09 | Emergency Contraception. <br> PROBE: As an emergency measure, within three days after they have unprotected sexual intercourse, women can take special pills to prevent pregnancy. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | 1 |
| 10 | Standard Days Method. (Cyclebeads) <br> PROBE: A woman uses a string of colored beads to know the days she can get pregnant. On the days she can get pregnant, she uses a condom or does not have sexual intercourse. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | 1 |
| 11 | Lactational Amenorrhea Method (LAM). <br> PROBE: Up to six months after childbirth, before the menstrual period has returned, women use a method requiring frequent breastfeeding day and night. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | 1 2 |
| 12 | Rhythm Method. <br> PROBE: To avoid pregnancy, women do not have sexual intercourse on the days of the month they think they can get pregnant. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | 1 |
| 13 | Withdrawal. <br> PROBE: Men can be careful and pull out before climax. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | 1 |
| 14 | Have you heard of any other ways or methods that women or men can use to avoid pregnancy? | YES <br> YES <br> NO | A B Y |

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| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 302 | CHECK 226: <br> NOT PREGNANT OR UNSURE | PREGNANT $\square$ | $\rightarrow 312$ |
| 303 | Are you or your partner currently doing something or using any method to delay or avoid getting | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | $\longrightarrow 312$ |
| 304 | Which method are you using? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. <br> IF MORE THAN ONE METHOD MENTIONED, FOLLOW SKIP INSTRUCTION FOR HIGHEST METHOD IN LIST. | FEMALE STERILIZATION MALE STERILIZATION <br> IUD <br> INJECTABLES <br> IMPLANTS <br> PILL <br> MALE CONDOM <br> FEMALE CONDOM <br> EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION <br> STANDARD DAYS METHOD <br> LACTATIONAL AMENORRHEA METHOD <br> RHYTHM METHOD <br> WITHDRAWAL <br> OTHER MODERN METHOD <br> OTHER TRADITIONAL METHO[ | $\begin{aligned} & \rightarrow 307 \\ & \rightarrow 309 \\ & \rightarrow 309 \\ & \rightarrow \underbrace{\rightarrow} \end{aligned}$ |
| 305 | What is the brand name of the pills you are using? <br> IF DON'T KNOW THE BRAND, ASK TO SEE THE PACKAGE. |  | $\rightarrow 309$ |
| 307 | In what facility did the sterilization take place? <br> PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE. <br> IF UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. <br> (NAME OF PLACE) | PUBLIC SECTOR <br> GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL .............. 11 <br> GOVERNMENT HEALTH CENTER ........ 12 <br> OTHER PUBLIC SECTOR $\qquad$ <br> (SPECIFY) <br> PRIVATE MEDICAL SECTOR <br> PRIVATE HOSPITAL/CLINIC . . . . . . . . . . . . . 21 <br> NGO HOSPITAL/CLINIC .................. 22 <br> OTHER PRIVATE MEDICAL SECTOR $\qquad$ <br> (SPECIFY) <br> OTHER $\qquad$ 96 <br> (SPECIFY) <br> DON'T KNOW <br> 98 |  |
| 308 | In what month and year was the sterilization performed? |  | $\rightarrow 310$ |
| 309 | Since what month and year have you been using (CURRENT METHOD) without stopping? <br> PROBE: For how long have you been using (CURRENT METHOD) now without stopping? |  |  |
| 310 | CHECK 308 AND 309, 215 AND 231: ANY BIRTH OR YEAR OF START OF USE OF CONTRACEPTION IN <br> GO BACK TO 308 <br> YEAR AT <br> METHOD (MU | REGNANCY TERMINATION AFTER MONTH AND 8 OR 309 YES $\square$ <br> 309, PROBE AND RECORD MONTH AND ART OF CONTINUOUS USE OF CURRENT BE AFTER LAST BIRTH OR PREGNANCY |  |


| 311 | CHECK 308 AND 309: <br> YEAR IS 2014 OR LATER $\square$ <br> ENTER CODE FOR METHOD USED IN MONTH OF INTERVIEW IN THE CALENDAR AND IN EACH MONTH BACK TO THE DATE STARTED USING. |  |  |  | 2013 <br> ODE F <br> RVIEW <br> BACK T <br> (SKIP | EARLIER $\square$ <br> METHOD USED THE CALENDAR ANUARY 2014. $\begin{gathered} \text { THEN } \\ 324) \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 312 | I would like to ask you some questions about the times you or your partner may have used a method to avoid getting pregnant during the last few years. <br> USE CALENDAR TO PROBE FOR EARLIER PERIODS OF USE AND NONUSE, STARTING WITH MOST RECENT USE, BACK TO JANUARY 2014. USE NAMES OF CHILDREN, DATES OF BIRTH, AND PERIODS OF PREGNANCY AS REFERENCE POINTS. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | COLUMN 1 |  | COLUMN 2 |  | COLUMN 3 |
| 312A | MONTH AND YEAR OF START OF INTERVAL OF USE OR NON-USE. |  |  | MONTH <br> YEAR |  | MONTH |
| 312B | Between (EVENT) in (MONTH/YEAR) and (EVENT) in (MONTH/YEAR), did you or your partner use any method of contraception? | $$ |  | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br>  $($ SKIP TO $312 I)$  |  | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1  <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2  <br>  $($ SKIP TO $312 I)$   |
| 312C | Which method was that? | METHOD CODE |  | METHOD CODE . . |  | METHOD CODE |
| 312D | How many months after (EVENT) in (MONTH/YEAR) did you start to use (METHOD)? <br> CIRCLE '95' IF RESPONDENT GIVES THE DATE OF STARTING TO USE THE METHOD. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 312E | RECORD MONTH AND YEAR RESPONDENT STARTED USING METHOD. | MONTH |  | MONTH |  | MONTH\| |
| 312F | For how many months did you use (METHOD)? <br> CIRCLE '95' IF RESPONDENT GIVES THE DATE OF TERMINATION OF USE. | MONTHS <br> DATE GIVEN |  | MONTHS <br> DATE GIVEN |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { MONTHS } \quad . \quad . \quad \\ & \text { (SKIP TO } 312 \mathrm{H}) \longleftarrow \\ & \text { DATE GIVEN } \quad \ldots . \ldots .95 \end{aligned}$ |
| 312G | RECORD MONTH AND YEAR RESPONDENT STOPPED USING METHOD. |  |  | MONTH |  | MONTH |
| 312H | Why did you stop using (METHOD)? | REASON STOPPED |  | REASON STOPPED |  | REASON STOPPED $\qquad$ |
| 3121 |  | GO BACK TO 312A IN NEXT COLUMN; OR, IF NO MORE GAPS, GO TO 313. |  | GO BACK TO 312A IN NEXT COLUMN; OR, IF NO MORE GAPS, GO TO 313. |  | GO BACK TO 312A IN NEXT COLUMN; OR, IF NO MORE GAPS, GO TO 313. |

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| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 313 | CHECK THE CALENDAR FOR USE OF ANY CON NO METHOD USED $\square$ | EPTIVE METHOD IN ANY MONTH <br> ANY METHOD USED $\square$ | 315 |
| 314 | Have you ever used anything or tried in any way to delay or avoid getting pregnant? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> NO   | $\rightarrow 326$ |
| 315 | CHECK 304: <br> CIRCLE METHOD CODE: <br> IF MORE THAN ONE METHOD CODE CIRCLED IN 304, CIRCLE CODE FOR HIGHEST METHOD IN LIST. |  | $\begin{array}{\|c} \longrightarrow 326 \\ \longrightarrow 319 \\ \longrightarrow 327 \\ \\ \\ \longrightarrow 323 \end{array}$ |
| 316 | You first started using (CURRENT METHOD) in (DATE FROM 309). Where did you get it at that time? <br> PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE. <br> IF UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. |  |  |
| 317 | CHECK 304: <br> CIRCLE METHOD CODE: <br> IF MORE THAN ONE METHOD CODE CIRCLED IN 304, CIRCLE CODE FOR HIGHEST METHOD IN LIST. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \longrightarrow 323 \\ & \rightarrow 322 \\ & \rightarrow 323 \end{aligned}$ |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 318 | At that time, were you told about side effects or problems you might have with the method? |  | $\begin{aligned} & \longrightarrow 321 \\ & \longrightarrow 320 \end{aligned}$ |
| 319 | When you got sterilized, were you told about side effects or problems you might have with the method? |  | $\rightarrow 321$ |
| 320 | Were you ever told by a health or family planning worker about side effects or problems you might have with the method? |  | $\rightarrow 322$ |
| 321 | Were you told what to do if you experienced side effects or problems? |  |  |
| 322 | CHECK 318 AND 319: <br> a) At that time, were you told about other methods of family planning that you could use? <br> OTHER <br> b) When you obtained (CURRENT METHOD FROM 315) from (SOURCE OF METHOD FROM 307 OR 316), were you told about other methods of family planning that you could use? |  | $\rightarrow 324$ |
| 323 | Were you ever told by a health or family planning worker about other methods of family planning that you could use? |  |  |
| 324 | CHECK 304: <br> CIRCLE METHOD CODE: <br> IF MORE THAN ONE METHOD CODE CIRCLED IN 304, CIRCLE CODE FOR HIGHEST METHOD IN LIST. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \\ & \\ & 327 \\ & 327 \\ & \\ & 327 \end{aligned}$ |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 325 | Where did you obtain (CURRENT METHOD) the last time? <br> PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE. <br> IF UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. <br> (NAME OF PLACE) | PUBLIC SECTOR <br> GOVERNMENT HOSPITA . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 11 <br> GOVERNMENT HEALTH CENTER ........ 12 <br> GOVERNMENT HEALTH POST .......... 13 <br> RCH OUTREACH CLINIC .................. 14 <br> FIELDWORKER/VHS <br> OTHER PUBLIC SECTOR $\qquad$ <br> (SPECIFY) <br> PRIVATE MEDICAL SECTOR <br> PRIVATE HOSPITAL/CLINIC . . . . . . . . . . . . 21 <br> PHARMACY <br> PRIVATE DOCTOR.......................... . . 23 <br> MOBILE CLINIC . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 24 <br> FIELDWORKER........................... 25 <br> NGO HOSPITAL/CLINIC <br> NGO FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC ....... 27 <br> OTHER PRIVATE MEDICAL SECTOR $\qquad$ <br> (SPECIFY) <br> OTHER SOURCE <br> SHOP $\ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ FRIENDIRELATIVE . . . . . . . . 33 <br> OTHER $\qquad$ 96 | $\underbrace{}$ |
| 326 | Do you know of a place where you can obtain a method of family planning? |  |  |
| 327 | In the last 12 months, were you visited by a health fieldworker? |  | $\longrightarrow 329$ |
| 328 | Did the health fieldworker talk to you about family planning? |  |  |
| 329 | CHECK 202: CHILDREN LIVING WITH <br> a) In the last 12 months, have you visited a health facility for care for yourself or your children? <br> b) In the last 12 months, have you visited a health facility for care for yourself? |  | $\rightarrow 401$ |
| 330 | Did any staff member at the health facility speak to you about family planning methods? |  |  |

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| 401 | CHECK 224: <br> ONE OR MORE BIRTHS IN 2014 OR LATER | NO BIRTHS IN $\square$ 2014 OR LATER | $648$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 402 | CHECK 215. RECORD THE BIRTH HISTORY NUMBER IN 403 AND THE NAME AND SURVIVAL STATUS IN 404 FOR EACH BIRTH IN 2014 OR LATER. ASK THE QUESTIONS ABOUT ALL OF THESE BIRTHS. BEGIN WITH THE LAST BIRTH. <br> Now I would like to ask some questions about your children born in the last five years. (We will talk about each separately.) |  |  |
| 403 | BIRTH HISTORY NUMBER FROM 212 IN BIRTH HISTORY. | LAST BIRTH <br> BIRTH <br> HISTORY <br> NUMBER $\qquad$ $\square$ | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH <br> BIRTH <br> HISTORY <br> NUMBER |
| 404 | FROM 212 AND 216: |  | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LIVING $\square$ DEAD $\square$ |
| 405 | When you got pregnant with (NAME), did you want to get pregnant at that time? |  |  |
| 406 | CHECK 208: <br> a) Did you want to have a baby later on, or did you not want any children? <br> MORE THAN ONE BIRTH <br> b) Did you want to have a baby later on, or did you not want any more children? |  | LATER $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ NO MORE/NONE $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ (SKIP TO 426) $\Longleftarrow$ |
| 407 | How much longer did you want to wait? | MONTHS $\qquad$ . 1 YEARS $\square$ DON'T KNOW 998 | MONTHS $\qquad$ . 1 YEARS $\square$ DON'T KNOW . 998 |
| 408 | Did you see anyone for antenatal care for this pregnancy? | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { YES } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 2 \\ & & \\ & \text { (SKIP TO } 414) & \end{array}$ |  |
| 409 | Whom did you see? <br> Anyone else? <br> PROBE TO IDENTIFY EACH TYPE OF PERSON AND RECORD ALL MENTIONED. | ```HEALTH PERSONNEL DOCTOR................ A NURSE/MIDWIFE ........ B AUXILIARY NURSE/ COMM. NURSE ATTENDAI.... C OTHER PERSON COMMUNITY BIRTH COMPANION ........ D VILLAGE HEALTH WORKER .......... E OTHER``` $\qquad$ <br> ```XNone``` |  |

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| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | LAST BIRTH <br> NAME | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 426 | When (NAME) was born, was (NAME) very large, larger than average, average, smaller than average, or very small? |  |  |
| 427 | Was (NAME) weighed at birth? |  |  |
| 428 | How much did (NAME) weigh? <br> RECORD WEIGHT IN KILOGRAMS FROM HEALTH CARD, IF AVAILABLE. | KG FROM CARD <br> 1 $\square$ <br> KG FROM RECALL | KG FROM CARD $\square$ $\square$ <br> KG FROM RECALL $\square$ $\square$ <br> DON'T KNOW $\qquad$ |
| 429 | Who assisted with the delivery of (NAME)? <br> Anyone else? <br> PROBE FOR THE TYPE(S) OF PERSON(S) AND RECORD ALL MENTIONED. <br> IF RESPONDENT SAYS NO ONE ASSISTED, PROBE TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY ADULTS WERE PRESENT AT THE DELIVERY. |  | HEALTH PERSONNEL <br> DOCTOR .............. A <br> NURSE/MIDWIFE . . . . . . B <br> AUXILIARY NURSE/ COMM. <br> NURSE ATTENDANT . . C <br> OTHER PERSON <br> COMMUNITY BIRTH <br> COMPANION ....... D <br> RELATIVE/FRIEN[. . . . . . . E <br> OTHER $\qquad$ <br> (SPECIFY) <br> NO ONE ASSISTEI. $\qquad$ |



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|  | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | LAST BIRTH |  | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NO. |  | NAME |  | NAME |  |
| 435 | I would like to talk to you about checks on your health after delivery, for example, someone asking you questions about your health or examining you. Did anyone check on your health while you were still in the facility? |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2- \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| 436 | How long after delivery did the first check take place? <br> IF LESS THAN ONE DAY, RECORD HOURS; IF LESS THAN ONE WEEK, RECORD DAYS. | HOURS ....... 1 <br> DAYS.......... 2 <br> WEEKS ....... 3 <br> DON'T KNOW |  |  |  |
| 437 | Who checked on your health at that time? <br> PROBE FOR MOST QUALIFIED PERSON. | HEALTH PERSONNE <br> DOCTOR. . . . . . <br> NURSE/MIDWIFE <br> AUXILIARY NURS <br> NURSE ATTEN <br> OTHER PERSON <br> COMMUNITY BIRT <br> COMPANIOI . <br> VILLAGE HEALTH WORKER <br> OTHER | 11 <br> 12 <br> 13 <br> 21 <br> 22 <br> 96 |  |  |
| 438 | Now I would like to talk to you about checks on (NAME)'s health after delivery - for example, someone examining (NAME), checking the cord, or seeing if (NAME) is OK. Did anyone check on (NAME)'s health while you were still in the facility? | YES <br> NO <br> (SKIP T <br> DON'T KNOW | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 8-8 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| 439 | How long after delivery was (NAME)'s health first checked? <br> IF LESS THAN ONE DAY, RECORD HOURS; IF LESS THAN ONE WEEK, RECORD DAYS. | HOURS ....... 1 <br> DAYS.......... 2 <br> WEEKS ....... 3 <br> DON'T KNOW | $98$ |  |  |
| 440 | Who checked on (NAME)'s health at that time? <br> PROBE FOR MOST QUALIFIED PERSON. | HEALTH PERSONNE DOCTOR. . . . . . <br> NURSE/MIDWIFE AUXILIARY NURS <br> NURSE ATTEN OTHER PERSON COMMUNITY BIRT COMPANION <br> VILLAGE HEALTH WORKER <br> OTHER | 11 <br> 12 <br> 13 <br> 21 <br> 22 <br> 96 |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | LAST BIRTH |  | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | NAME |  | NAME |  |
| 441 | Now I want to talk to you about what happened after you left the facility. Did anyone check on your health after you left the facility? | YES NO <br> (SKIP | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| 442 | How long after delivery did that check take place? <br> IF LESS THAN ONE DAY, RECORD HOURS; <br> IF LESS THAN ONE WEEK, RECORD DAYS. | HOURS ........ 1 <br> DAYS.......... 2 <br> WEEKS ........ 3 <br> DON'T KNOW | - |  |  |
| 443 | Who checked on your health at that time? <br> PROBE FOR MOST QUALIFIED PERSON. | HEALTH PERSONNE DOCTOR ....... NURSE/MIDWIFE AUXILIARY NURSE NURSE ATTEND OTHER PERSON COMMUNITY BIRT COMPANION VILLAGE HEALTH WORKER <br> OTHER $\qquad$ | 11 <br> 12 <br> 13 <br> 21 <br> 22 <br> 96 |  |  |
| 444 | Where did the check take place? <br> PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE. <br> IF UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. | PUBLIC SECTOR GOVERNMENT HO GOVERNMENT HE CENTER...... GOVERNMENT HE POST RCH OUTREACH OTHER PUBLIC SE <br> PRIVATE MEDICAL S PRIVATE HOSPITAL CLINIC <br> NGO HOSPITAL/C OTHER PRIVATE MEDICAL SEC <br> OTHER $\qquad$ | 11 <br> 12 <br> 21 <br> 22 <br> 23 <br> 24 <br> 26 <br> 31 <br> 32 <br> 36 <br> 96 |  |  |
| 445 | I would like to talk to you about checks on (NAME)'s health after you left (FACILITY IN 430). Did any health care provider or a community birth companion check on (NAME)'s health in the two months after you left (FACILITY IN 430)? | YES <br> NO <br> (SKIP TO <br> DON'T KNOW | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & \hline 8 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |

SECTION 4. PREGNANCY AND POSTNATAL CARE



| NO. |  | LAST BIRTH | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | NAME | NAME |
| 454 | How many hours, days or weeks after the birth of (NAME) did the first check take place? <br> IF LESS THAN ONE DAY, RECORD HOURS; <br> IF LESS THAN ONE WEEK, RECORD DAYS. |  |  |
| 455 | Who checked on (NAME)'s health at that time? <br> PROBE FOR MOST QUALIFIED PERSON. | HEALTH PERSONNEL <br> DOCTOR.................. 11 <br> NURSE/MIDWIFE ........ 12 <br> AUXILIARY NURSE/COMM. <br> NURSE ATTENDANT .. 13 <br> OTHER PERSON <br> COMMUNITY BIRTH <br> COMPANION ........ 21 <br> VILLAGE HEALTH <br> WORKER .......... 22 <br> OTHER $\qquad$ 96 <br> (SPECIFY) |  |
| 456 | Where did this first check of (NAME) take place? <br> PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE. <br> IF UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. | HOME $\qquad$ <br> OTHER HOME . ......... 12 <br> PUBLIC SECTOR <br> GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL 21 <br> GOVERNMENT HEALTH <br> CENTER............. 22 <br> GOVERNMENT HEALTH POST ............. 23 <br> RCH OUTREACH CLINIC . . 24 OTHER PUBLIC SECTOR $\qquad$ <br> (SPECIFY) <br> PRIVATE MEDICAL SECTOR <br> PRIVATE HOSPITAL/ <br> CLINIC .............. 31 <br> NGO HOSPITAL/CLINIC . . 32 OTHER PRIVATE <br> MEDICAL SECTOR $\qquad$ 36 <br> (SPECIFY) <br> OTHER $\qquad$ 96 |  |

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| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | LAST BIRTH <br> NAME | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 468 | CHECK 404: IS CHILD LIVING? |  |  |
| 469 | Are you still breastfeeding (NAME)? | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 2 \end{array}$ |  |
| 470 | Did (NAME) drink anything from a bottle with a nipple yesterday or last night? |  |  |
| 471 |  | GO BACK TO 405 IN NEXT COLUMN; OR, IF NO MORE BIRTHS, GO TO 501A. | GO BACK TO 405 IN NEXT-TOLAST COLUMN OF NEW QUESTIONNAIRE; OR, IF NO MORE BIRTHS, GO TO 501A. |

SECTION 5A. CHILD IMMUNIZATION (LAST BIRTH)

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 501A | CHECK 215 IN THE BIRTH HISTORY: ANY ONE OR MORE BIRTHS IN $\square$ 2016 OR LATER | 2016 OR LATER? <br> NO BIRTHS IN $\square$ 2016 OR LATER | $\rightarrow 601$ |
| 502A | RECORD THE NAME AND BIRTH HISTORY LATER. <br> NAME OF LAST BIRTI | FROM 212 OF THE LAST CHILD BORN IN 2016 OR <br> BIRTH HISTORY NUMBEF $\square$ |  |
| 503A | CHECK 216 FOR CHILD: <br> LIVING | DEAD | $\rightarrow$ 501B |
| 504A | Do you have a card or other document where (NAME)'s vaccinations are written down? |  | $\begin{aligned} \longrightarrow & 507 \mathrm{~A} \\ \longrightarrow & 507 \mathrm{~A} \end{aligned}$ |
| 505A | Did you ever have an infant welfare card for (NAME)? |  |  |
| 506A | CHECK 504A: <br> CODE '2' CIRCLED | CODE '4' CIRCLED | $\rightarrow$ 511A |
| 507A | May I see the card or other document where (NAME)'s vaccinations are written down? | YES, ONLY IWC SEEN $\ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ 1  <br> YES, ONLY OTHER DOCUMENT SEEN $\ldots$ 2 <br> YES, IWC AND OTHER DOCUMENT SEEN .. 3 <br> NO IWC AND NO OTHER DOCUMENT SEER . . 4  | $\rightarrow 511 \mathrm{~A}$ |

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| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 501B | CHECK 215 IN THE BIRTH HISTORY: ANY MORE BIR ONE OR MORE BIRTHS IN $\square$ 2016 OR LATER | HS IN 2016 OR LATER <br> NO MORE BIRTHS IN $\square$ 2016 OR LATER | $\rightarrow 601$ |
| 502B | RECORD THE NAME AND BIRTH HISTORY NUMBER 2016 OR LATER. <br> NAME OF NEXT-TO- <br> LAST BIRTH $\qquad$ | ROM 212 OF THE NEXT-TO-LAST CHILD BORN IN <br> BIRTH HISTORY NUMBER $\qquad$ $\square$ |  |
| 503B | CHECK 216 FOR CHILD: <br> LIVING | DEAD | $\rightarrow$ 526B |
| 504B | Do you have a card or other document where (NAME)'s vaccinations are written down? | YES, HAS ONLY IWC $\ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ 1  <br> YES, HAS ONLY AN OTHER DOCUMENT . 2 <br> YES, HAS IWC AND OTHER DOCUMENT . 3 <br> NO, NO IWC AND NO OTHER DOCUMENT .. 4 | $\begin{array}{\|l} \longrightarrow 507 \mathrm{~B} \\ \longrightarrow 507 \mathrm{~B} \end{array}$ |
| 505B | Did you ever have an infant welfare card for (NAME)? |  |  |
| 506B | CHECK 504B: <br> CODE '2' CIRCLED | CODE '4' CIRCLED | $\rightarrow$ 511B |
| 507B | May I see the card or other document where (NAME)'s vaccinations are written down? | $\begin{array}{llll} \text { YES, ONLY IWC SEEN } \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~ & 1 \\ \text { YES, ONLY OTHER DOCUMENT SEEN } & \ldots & 2 \\ \text { YES, IWC AND OTHER DOCUMENT SEEN } & . & 3 \\ \text { NO IWC AND NO OTHER DOCUMENT SEEN . . } & 4 \end{array}$ | $\longrightarrow$ 511B |

SECTION 5B. CHILD IMMUNIZATION (NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH)


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\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline NO. \& QUESTIONS AND FILTERS \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{CODING CATEGORIES} \& SKIP \\
\hline \& \begin{tabular}{l}
NAME OF NEXT-TO- \\
LAST BIRTH \(\qquad\)
\end{tabular} \& BIRTH HISTORY NUMBER \& \& \\
\hline 511B \& Did (NAME) ever receive any vaccinations to prevent (NAME) from getting diseases, including vaccinations received in campaigns or immunization days or child health days? \& \begin{tabular}{l}
YES \\
NO DON'T KNOW
\end{tabular} \& \[
\begin{array}{ll}
\ldots \ldots \& 1 \\
\ldots \ldots \& 2 \\
\ldots \ldots \& 8
\end{array}
\] \& \(\rightarrow\) 525B \\
\hline 512B \& Has (NAME) ever received a BCG vaccination against tuberculosis, that is, an injection in the arm or shoulder that usually causes a scar? \& \begin{tabular}{l}
YES \\
NO DON'T KNOW
\end{tabular} \& \[
\begin{array}{ll}
\ldots \ldots \& 1 \\
\ldots \ldots \& 2 \\
\ldots \ldots \& 8
\end{array}
\] \& \\
\hline 513B \& At or soon after birth, did (NAME) receive a Hepatitis \(B\) vaccination, that is, an injection in the arm to prevent Hepatitis B? \& YES NO DON'T KNOW \& \[
\begin{array}{ll}
\ldots \ldots \& 1 \\
\ldots \ldots \& 2 \\
\ldots . \& 8
\end{array}
\] \& \(\rightarrow\) 514B \\
\hline 513B1 \& Did (NAME) receive it within 24 hours of birth? \& YES NO DON'T KNOW \& \[
\begin{array}{ll}
\ldots \& 1 \\
\ldots \& 2 \\
\ldots . \& 8
\end{array}
\] \& \\
\hline 514B \& Has (NAME) ever received oral polio vaccine, that is, about two drops in the mouth to prevent polio? \& YES NO DON'T KNOW \& \[
\begin{array}{ll}
\ldots . \& 1 \\
\ldots . \& 2 \\
\ldots . \& 8
\end{array}
\] \& \(\rightarrow\) 517B \\
\hline 515B \& Did (NAME) receive the first oral polio vaccine in the first two weeks after birth or later? \& FIRST TWO WEEKS LATER \& \[
\begin{array}{ll}
\ldots \& 1 \\
\ldots . \& 2
\end{array}
\] \& \\
\hline 516B \& How many times did (NAME) receive the oral polio vaccine? \& NUMBER OF TIMES \& \& \\
\hline 516B1 \& Did (NAME) also receive an IPV injection, that is, an injection given in the right thigh to prevent polio, usually given at age 4 months at the same time as a dose of polio drops? \& \begin{tabular}{l}
YES \\
NO DON'T KNOW
\end{tabular} \& \[
\begin{array}{ll}
\ldots . \& 1 \\
\ldots . \& 2 \\
\ldots . \& 8
\end{array}
\] \& \\
\hline 517B \& Has (NAME) ever received a pentavalent vaccination, that is, an injection given in the left thigh sometimes at the same time as polio drops? \& YES NO DON'T KNOW \& \[
\begin{array}{ll}
\ldots \& 1 \\
\ldots \& 2 \\
\ldots . \& 8
\end{array}
\] \& \(\rightarrow\) 519B \\
\hline 518B \& How many times did (NAME) receive the pentavalent vaccine? \& NUMBER OF TIMES \& \& \\
\hline 519B \& Has (NAME) ever received a pneumococcal vaccination, that is, an injection in the right thigh to prevent pneumonia? \& YES NO DON'T KNOW \& \[
\begin{array}{ll}
\ldots . \& 1 \\
\ldots \ldots \& 2 \\
\ldots \ldots \& 8
\end{array}
\] \& \(\rightarrow\) 521B \\
\hline 520B \& How many times did (NAME) receive the pneumococcal vaccine? \& NUMBER OF TIMES \& \& \\
\hline 521B \& Has (NAME) ever received a rotavirus vaccination, that is, liquid in the mouth to prevent diarrhea? \& \begin{tabular}{l}
YES \\
NO DON'T KNOW
\end{tabular} \& \(\begin{array}{ll}\ldots . . \& 1 \\ \ldots . . \& 2 \\ . . . \& 8\end{array}\) \& \(\rightarrow\) 523B \\
\hline 522B \& How many times did (NAME) receive the rotavirus vaccine? \& NUMBER OF TIMES \& \& \\
\hline 523B \& Has (NAME) ever received a measles or MR vaccination, that is, an injection in the arm to prevent measles or measles and rubella? \& \begin{tabular}{l}
YES \\
NO DON'T KNOW
\end{tabular} \& \[
\begin{array}{ll}
\ldots . \& 1 \\
\ldots . \& 2 \\
\ldots . \& 8
\end{array}
\] \& \(\rightarrow 524 \mathrm{BA}\) \\
\hline 524B \& How many times did (NAME) receive the measles or MR vaccine? \& NUMBER OF TIMES \& \(\checkmark\) \& \\
\hline 524BA \& Has (NAME) ever received a yellow fever vaccination, that is, an injection in the arm to prevent yellow fever usually given at the age of 9 months or older? \& \begin{tabular}{l}
YES \\
NO \\
DON'T KNOW
\end{tabular} \& \[
\begin{array}{ll}
\ldots \ldots \& 1 \\
\cdots \cdots \& 2 \\
\ldots \ldots \& 8
\end{array}
\] \& \\
\hline 524BB \& Has (NAME) ever received a meningitis vaccination, that is, an injection in the arm to prevent meningitis? \& \begin{tabular}{l}
YES \\
NO DON'T KNOW
\end{tabular} \& \[
\begin{array}{ll}
\ldots \ldots \& 1 \\
\ldots \ldots \& 2 \\
\ldots \ldots \& 8
\end{array}
\] \& \\
\hline 525B \& \begin{tabular}{l}
In the last 7 days was (NAME) given: \\
a) Sprinkles? \\
b) Plumpy'Nut? \\
c) PLUMPY DOZ?
\end{tabular} \& \begin{tabular}{l}
a) SPRINKLES \\
b) PLUMPY'NUT \\
c) PLUMPY'DOZ
\end{tabular} \& \begin{tabular}{cc}
NO \& DK \\
2 \& 8 \\
2 \& 8 \\
2 \& 8
\end{tabular} \& \\
\hline 526B \& \begin{tabular}{l}
CHECK 215 IN BIRTH HISTORY: ANY MORE BIRTH \\
MORE BIRTHS IN 2016 OR LATER

$\square$ <br>
(GO TO 502B IN AN ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE)

 \& 

2016 OR LATER? <br>
NO MORE BIRTHS IN <br>
2016 OR LATER $\square$
\end{tabular} \& \& $\rightarrow 601$ <br>

\hline
\end{tabular}

| 601 | CHECK 224: |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 602 | CHECK 215 FOR DATE OF BIRTH: RECORD THE BIRTH HISTORY NUMBER IN 603 AND THE NAME AND SURVIVAL STATUS IN 604 FOR EACH BIRTH IN 2014 OR LATER. ASK THE QUESTIONS ABOUT ALL OF THESE BIRTHS. BEGIN WITH THE LAST BIRTH. <br> IF THERE ARE MORE THAN 2 BIRTHS, USE LAST COLUMN OF ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE(S). <br> Now I would like to ask some questions about your children born in the last five years. (We will talk about each separately.) |  |  |
| 603 | BIRTH HISTORY NUMBER FROM 212 IN BIRTH HISTORY. | LAST BIRTH <br> BIRTH <br> HISTORY <br> NUMBER | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH <br> BIRTH <br> HISTORY <br> NUMBER . . . . . . . . . |
| 604 | FROM 212 AND 216: |  | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LIVING <br> DEAD $\square$ $\square$ <br> (SKIP TO 646) |
| 605 | In the last six months, was (NAME) given a vitamin A dose like any of these? <br> SHOW COMMON TYPES OF CAPSULES. |  |  |
| 605A | The last time, did (NAME) receive the vitamin A dose during routine immunisation services or during a campaign? | ROUTINE IMMUNISATION . 1 <br> CAMPAIGN . . . . . . . . . . . 2  | ROUTINE IMMUNISATION . . 1 <br> CAMPAIGN . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |
| 606 | In the last seven days, was (NAME) given iron pills, sprinkles with iron, or iron syrup like any of these? SHOW COMMON TYPES OF PILLS/SYRUPS. |  |  |
| 607 | Was (NAME) given any drug for deworming in the last six months? <br> SHOW COMMON TYPES OF DEWORMING TABLETS |  |  |
| 608 | Has (NAME) had diarrhea in the last 2 weeks? |  |  |

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| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | LAST BIRTH <br> NAME | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 609 | CHECK 469: CURRENTLY <br> BREASTFEEDING? |  |  |
| 610 | When (NAME) had diarrhea, was (NAME) given less than usual to eat, about the same amount, more than usual, or nothing to eat? <br> IF LESS, PROBE: Was (NAME) given much less than usual to eat or somewhat less? |  |  |
| 611 | Did you seek advice or treatment for the diarrhea from any source? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br>  $($ SKIP TO 615)  | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br>  $($ SKIP TO 615)  |

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| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | LAST BIRTH |  |  | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 615 | Was (NAME) given any of the following at any time since (NAME) started having the diarrhea: <br> a) A fluid made from a special packet called ORS? <br> c) A government-recommended homemade sugar/salt solution? <br> d) Zinc tablets or syrup? | a) FLUID FROM ORS PACKET.. 1 <br> c) HOMEMADE FLUIL.... 1 <br> d) ZINC ....... 1 | NO <br> 2 $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | DK <br> 8 $\begin{aligned} & 8 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ | YES <br> a) FLUID FROM ORS PACKET.. 1 <br> c) HOMEMADE FLUIL.... 1 <br> d) ZINC ....... 1 | NO <br> 2 $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | DK <br> 8 $\begin{aligned} & 8 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ |
| 616 | CHECK 615: <br> ANY 'YES' <br> a) Was anything else given to treat the diarrhea? <br> ALL 'NO' OR 'DK' <br> b) Was anything given to treat the diarrhea? | YES NO <br> (SKIP TO <br> DON'T KNOW | 8) | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & \hline 8 \end{aligned}$ | YES <br> NO <br> (SKIP TO <br> DON'T KNOW | 8) | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ |
| 617 | CHECK 615: <br> ANY 'YES' <br> a) What else was given to treat the diarrhea? <br> Anything else? <br> ALL 'NO' OR 'DK' <br> b) What was given to treat the diarrhea? <br> Anything else? | PILL OR SYRUP <br> ANTIBIOTIC . . . . . . ANTIMOTILITY OTHER (NOT ANTIBI OR ANTIMOTILITY UNKNOWN PILL OR SYRUP . . . <br> INJECTION ANTIBIOTIC . $\qquad$ NON-ANTIBIOTIC UNKNOWN INJECTION <br> (IV) INTRAVENOUS <br> HOME REMEDY/ <br> HERBAL MEDICINE <br> OTHER | OTIC <br> .... <br> . . . . $\qquad$ $\qquad$ $\qquad$ $\qquad$ $\qquad$ <br> ) | A <br> B <br> C <br> D <br> $E$ $F$ <br> G <br> H <br> I <br> X | PILL OR SYRUP <br> ANTIBIOTIC. ANTIMOTILITY OTHER (NOT ANTIB OR ANTIMOTILIT UNKNOWN PILL OR SYRUP . . . . <br> INJECTION ANTIBIOTIC $\qquad$ NON-ANTIBIOTIC UNKNOWN INJECTION <br> (IV) INTRAVENOUS <br> HOME REMEDY/ <br> HERBAL MEDICINE <br> OTHER $\qquad$ | OTIC $\qquad$ $\qquad$ $\qquad$ $\qquad$ $\qquad$ $\qquad$ $\qquad$ <br> ) | A <br> B <br> C <br> D <br> $E$ $F$ <br> G <br> H <br> 1 <br> X |
| 618 | Has (NAME) been ill with a fever at any time in the last 2 weeks? | YES NO <br> (SKIP T <br> DON'T KNOW | 0) | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & \hline 8 \end{aligned}$ | YES NO <br> (SKIP TO <br> DON'T KNOW |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & \hline 8 \end{aligned}$ |
| 619 | At any time during the illness, did (NAME) have blood taken from (NAME)'s finger or heel for testing? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW | . . $\cdot$. | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ |
| 620 | Has (NAME) had an illness with a cough at any time in the last 2 weeks? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ | YES <br> NO DON'T KNOW |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ |
| 621 | Has (NAME) had fast, short, rapid breaths or difficulty breathing at any time in the last 2 weeks? | YES <br> NO <br> (SKIP T <br> DON'T KNOW | 23) | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & \hline 8 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ <br> (SKIP TO <br> DON'T KNOW | ;23) | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & \hline 8 \end{aligned}$ |

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| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | LAST BIRTH <br> NAME | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 622 | Was the fast or difficult breathing due to a problem in the chest or to a blocked or runny nose? |  |  |
| 623 | CHECK 618: HAD FEVER? | $\begin{array}{lr}\text { YES } & \text { NO OR DK } \square \\ \square \\ \square & \text { (SKIP TO 646) }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lr}\text { YES } & \text { NO OR DK } \square \\ \square & \square \\ \square & \text { (SKIP TO 646) }\end{array}$ |
| 624 | Did you seek advice or treatment for the illness from any source? | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { YES } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 2 \\ & \\ & \text { (SKIP TO 629) }\end{array}$ |  |
| 625 | Where did you seek advice or treatment? <br> Anywhere else? <br> PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE. <br> IF UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE(S). | PUBLIC SECTOR <br> GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL GOVERNMENT HEALTH CENTER.. $\qquad$ <br> GOVERNMENT HEALTH POST <br> RCH OUTREACH CLINIC . . D FIELDWORKER/VHW .... E OTHER PUBLIC SECTOR $\qquad$ F | PUBLIC SECTOR GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL A GOVERNMENT HEALTH CENTER $\qquad$ <br> GOVERNMENT HEALTH POST <br> RCH OUTREACH CLINIC. . D FIELDWORKER/VHW .... E OTHER PUBLIC SECTOR $\qquad$ F |
|  | (NAME OF PLACE(S)) | PRIVATE MEDICAL SECTOR PRIVATE HOSPITAL/ CLINIC PHARMACY PRIVATE DOCTOF MOBILE CLINIC NGO HOSPITAL/CLINIC .. K FIELDWORKEF. OTHER PRIVATE MEDICAL SECTOR | PRIVATE MEDICAL SECTOR PRIVATE HOSPITAL/ CLINIC PHARMACY PRIVATE DOCTOF MOBILE CLINIC NGO HOSPITAL/CLINIC .. K FIELDWORKEF. OTHER PRIVATE MEDICAL SECTOR |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| 626 | CHECK 625: |  |  |

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| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | LAST BIRTH <br> NAME | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 627 | Where did you first seek advice or treatment? <br> USE LETTER CODE FROM 625. | FIRST PLACE ......... | FIRST PLACE |
| 628 | How many days after the illness began did you first seek advice or treatment for (NAME)? <br> IF THE SAME DAY RECORD ‘ 00 ’. | DAYS ......... | DAYS |
| 629 | At any time during the illness, did (NAME) take any drugs for the illness? |  |  |
| 630 | What drugs did (NAME) take? Any other drugs? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. | ANTIMALARIAL DRUGS ARTEMISININ COMBINATION THERAPY (ACT)/ COARTEM .... A SP/FANSIDAR .......... B $\qquad$ <br> ANTIBIOTIC DRUGS <br> PILL/SYRUP <br> INJECTION/IV $\qquad$ K <br> OTHER DRUGS <br> ASPIRIN ................ M <br> PARACETAMOL/PANADOL/ ACETAMINOPHEN.... N <br> IBUPROFEN $\qquad$ 0 <br> OTHER $\qquad$ X | ANTIMALARIAL DRUGS ARTEMISININ COMBINATION THERAPY (ACT)/ COARTEM .... A SP/FANSIDAR .......... B CHLOROQUINE.......... C AMODIAQUINE .......... D QUININE <br> PILLS................. E <br> INJECTION/IV ........ F <br> ARTESUNATE <br> RECTAL............. G <br> INJECTION/IV ....... H <br> DIHYDROARTEMISININ .. I <br> OTHER ANTIMALARIAL $\qquad$ J <br> (SPECIFY) <br> ANTIBIOTIC DRUGS <br> PILL/SYRUP .......... K <br> INJECTION/IV .......... L <br> OTHER DRUGS <br> ASPIRIN ................. M <br> PARACETAMOL/PANADOL/ ACETAMINOPHEN.... N <br> IBUPROFEN .......... O <br> OTHER $\qquad$ X <br> (SPECIFY) <br> DON'T KNOW <br> Z |
| 631 | CHECK 630: <br> ANY CODE A-J CIRCLED? | $\begin{array}{ll}\text { YES } & \text { NO } \square \\ \square & \\ \square\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lr}\text { YES } & \text { NO } \square \\ \square & \\ \square\end{array}$ |

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 632 | CHECK 630: <br> ARTEMISININ COMBINATION THERAPY ('A') GIVEN |  |  |
| 633 | How long after the fever started did (NAME) first take an artemisinin combination therapy? |  |  |
| 634 | CHECK 630: <br> SP/FANSIDAR ('B') GIVEN |  |  |
| 635 | How long after the fever started did (NAME) first take SP/Fansidar? |  |  |
| 636 | CHECK 630: <br> CHLOROQUINE ('C') GIVEN |  |  |
| 637 | How long after the fever started did (NAME) first take chloroquine? |  |  |
| 638 | CHECK 630: <br> AMODIAQUINE ('D') GIVEN |  |  |
| 639 | How long after the fever started did (NAME) first take amodiaquine? |  |  |

SECTION 6. CHILD HEALTH AND NUTRITION

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | LAST BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ | NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH <br> NAME $\qquad$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 640 | CHECK 630: <br> QUININE ('E' OR 'F') GIVEN |  |  |
| 641 | How long after the fever started did (NAME) first take quinine? |  |  |
| 642 | CHECK 630: <br> ARTESUNATE ('G' OR 'H') GIVEN |  |  |
| 643 | How long after the fever started did (NAME) first take artesunate? |  |  |
| 643A | CHECK 630: <br> DIHYDROARTEMISININ ('I') GIVEN |  |  |
| 643B | How long after the fever started did (NAME) first take dihydroartemisinin? |  |  |
| 644 | CHECK 630: <br> OTHER ANTIMALARIAL ('J') GIVEN |  |  |
| 645 | How long after the fever started did (NAME) first take (OTHER ANTIMALARIAL)? |  |  |
| 646 |  | GO BACK TO 604 IN NEXT COLUMN; OR, IF NO MORE BIRTHS, GO TO 647. | GO TO 604 IN NEXT-TO-LAST COLUMN OF NEW QUESTIONNAIRE; OR, IF NO MORE BIRTHS, GO TO 647. |

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| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 647 | CHECK 615(a), ALL COLUMNS: <br> NO CHILD RECEIVED FLUID FROM ORS PACKET | ANY CHILD RECEIVED FLUID $\square$ FROM ORS PACKET | $\rightarrow 649$ |
| 648 | Have you ever heard of a special product called ORS packets you can get for the treatment of diarrhea? |  |  |
| 649 | CHECK 215 AND 218, ALL ROWS: NUMBER OF CH RESPONDENT | REN BORN IN 2017 OR LATER LIVING WITH THE NONE $\square$ | 701 |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  |  |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $650$ | Now I would like to ask you about liquids or foods that (NAME FROM 649) had yesterday during the day or at night. I am interested in whether your child had the item I mention even if it was combined with other foods. <br> a) Plain water? | a) | YES <br> 1 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{NO} \\ 2 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { DK } \\ 8 \end{gathered}$ |  |
|  | b) Juice or juice drinks? | b) | . 1 | 2 | 8 |  |
|  | c) Clear broth? | c) | 1 | 2 | 8 |  |
|  | d) Milk such as tinned, powdered, or fresh animal milk? <br> IF YES: How many times did (NAME) drink milk? IF 7 OR MORE TIMES, RECORD '7'. |  | ........... 1 <br> NUMBER OF TIMES DRANK | 2 | 8 |  |
|  | e) Infant formula, such as SMA or Lactogen? <br> IF YES: How many times did (NAME) drink infant formula? <br> IF 7 OR MORE TIMES, RECORD ' 7 '. |  | ........... 1 <br> NUMBER OF TIMES DRANK |  | 8 |  |
|  | f) Any other liquids? | f) | 1 | 2 | 8 |  |
|  | g) Yogurt? <br> IF YES: How many times did (NAME) eat yogurt? <br> IF 7 OR MORE TIMES, RECORD '7'. |  | .......... 1 <br> NUMBER OF TIMES ATE | 2 | 8 |  |
|  | h) Any fortified baby food, such as Cerelac, Nutrilac, or Dundal Njoboot? | h) | ....... 1 | 2 | 8 |  |
|  | i) Bread, rice, noodles, porridge, ogi, or other foods made from grains? | i) | . 1 | 2 | 8 |  |
|  | j) Pumpkin, carrots, squash, or sweet potatoes that are yellow or orange inside? | j) | .. 1 | 2 | 8 |  |
|  | k) White potatoes, white yams, manioc, cassava, or any other foods made from roots? | k) | . 1 | 2 | 8 |  |
|  | I) Cassava leaves, moringa leaves, potato leaves, or any other dark green, leafy vegetables? | I) | ..... 1 | 2 | 8 |  |
|  | m) Ripe mangoes or ripe papayas? | m) | ... 1 | 2 | 8 |  |
|  | n) Any other fruits or vegetables? | n) | . 1 | 2 | 8 |  |
|  | o) Liver, kidney, heart, or other organ meats? | o) | ........ 1 | 2 | 8 |  |
|  | p) Any meat, such as beef, pork, lamb, goat, chicken, duck, or sausages made from these meats? | p) | ....... 1 | 2 | 8 |  |
|  | q) Eggs? | q) | ... 1 | 2 | 8 |  |
|  | r) Fresh or dried fish or shellfish? | r) | . 1 | 2 | 8 |  |
|  | s) Any foods made from beans, peas, or nuts? | s) | ........ 1 | 2 | 8 |  |
|  | t) Cheese or other food made from milk? | t) | .......... 1 | 2 | 8 |  |
|  | u) Foods made with red palm oil, palm nut, or palm nut pulp sauce? | u) | ....... 1 | 2 | 8 |  |
|  | v) Any other solid, semi-solid, or soft food? | v) | ......... 1 | 2 | 8 |  |

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| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 651 | CHECK 650 (CATEGORIES ' $g$ ' THROUGH 'v'): <br> NOT A SINGLE 'YES' | T ONE 'YES' | 653 |
| 652 | Did (NAME FROM 649) eat any solid, semi-solid, or soft foods yesterday during the day or at night? <br> IF 'YES' PROBE: What kind of solid, semi-solid or soft foods did (NAME) eat? |  | $\rightarrow 654$ |
| 653 | How many times did (NAME FROM 649) eat solid, semi-solid, or soft foods yesterday during the day or at night? <br> IF 7 OR MORE TIMES, RECORD ' 7 '. | NUMBER OF TIMES $\square$ <br> DON'T KNOW |  |
| 654 | The last time (NAME FROM 649) passed stools, what was done to dispose of the stools? |  |  |

SECTION 7. MARRIAGE AND SEXUAL ACTIVITY

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 701 | Are you currently married or living together with a man as if married? | YES, CURRENTLY MARRIED YES, LIVING WITH A MAN NO, NOT IN UNION | 3 | $\rightarrow 704$ |
| 702 | Have you ever been married or lived together with a man as if married? | YES, FORMERLY MARRIED YES, LIVED WITH A MAN NO | 1 2 3 | $\rightarrow 712$ |
| 703 | What is your marital status now: are you widowed, divorced, or separated? | WIDOWED <br> DIVORCED <br> SEPARATED | 1 2 3 | $\rightarrow 709$ |
| 704 | Is your (husband/partner) living with you now or is he staying elsewhere? | LIVING WITH HER STAYING ELSEWHERE | 1 |  |
| 705 | RECORD THE HUSBAND'S/PARTNER'S NAME AND LINE NUMBER FROM THE HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE. IF HE IS NOT LISTED IN THE household, RECORD '00'. | NAME $\qquad$ <br> LINE NO. |  |  |
| 706 | Does your (husband/partner) have other wives or does he live with other women as if married? | YES NO DON'T KNOW | 2 8 | $\xrightarrow{ } 709$ |
| 707 | Including yourself, in total, how many wives or live-in partners does he have? | TOTAL NUMBER OF WIVES AND LIVE-IN PARTNERS DON'T KNOW |  |  |
| 708 | Are you the first, second, ... wife? | RANK |  |  |
| 709 | Have you been married or lived with a man only once or more than once? | ONLY ONCE MORE THAN ONCE | 2 |  |
| 710 | CHECK 709: <br> MARRIED/ <br> LIVED WITH A MAN <br> ONLY ONCE <br> a) In what month and year did you start living with your (husband/partner)? <br> MARRIED/ <br> LIVED WITH A <br> MAN MORE <br> THAN ONCE <br> b) Now I would like to ask about your first (husband/partner). In what month and year did you start living with him? | MONTH <br> DON'T KNOW MONTH <br> YEAR $\square$ <br> NEVER LIVED WITH HUSBAND <br> DON'T KNOW YEAR |  | $\begin{aligned} & \rightarrow 712 \\ & \longrightarrow 712 \end{aligned}$ |
| 711 | How old were you when you first started living with him? | AGE |  |  |



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| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 730 C | How are women with this problem treated by the community? <br> Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. | DIVORCE/SEPARATION FROM HUSBAND/PARTNER ABANDONED BY FAMILY/FRIENDS EXCLUDED FROM COMMUNITY EVENTS WON'T SHARE MEALS WON'T BUY FROM HER SHOP/BUSINESS LOSE RESPECT FOR HER TALK BADLY ABOUT HER <br> OTHER $\qquad$ |  |
| 730D | CHECK 730A: EVER EXPERIENCED FISTULA $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES, HAS } \\ & \text { EXPERIENCED } \end{aligned} \square$ | NO, NEVER $\square$ EXPERIENCED | $\rightarrow 731$ |
| 730E | Did this problem start after you delivered a baby or had a stillbirth? | AFTER DELIVERED BABY AFTER HAD STILLBIRTH NEITHER | $\rightarrow 730 \mathrm{G}$ |
| 730F | Did this problem start after a normal labor and delivery, or after a very difficult labor and delivery? | NORMAL LABOR/DELIVERY VERY DIFFICULT LABOR/DELIVERY | $\rightarrow 730 \mathrm{H}$ |
| 730G | What do you think caused this problem? | SEXUAL ASSAULT <br> PELVIC SURGERY <br> OTHER $\qquad$ <br> DON'T KNOW | $\longrightarrow 7301$ |
| 730H | How many days after (CAUSE OF PROBLEM FROM 730E OR 730G) did the leakage start? <br> ENTER '90' IF 90 DAYS OR MORE. | NUMBER OF DAYS AFTER DELIVERY/OTHER EVENT |  |
| 7301 | Have you sought treatment for this condition? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | $\longrightarrow 730 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| 730J | Why have you not sought treatment? <br> PROBE AND RECORD ALL MENTIONED. | DO NOT KNOW CAN BE FIXED DO NOT KNOW WHERE TO GO TOO EXPENSIVE TOO FAR POOR QUALITY OF CARE COULD NOT GET PERMISSION EMBARRASSMENT PROBLEM DISAPPEARED <br> OTHER $\qquad$ | $\rightarrow 731$ |
| 730K | Where did you seek treatment? <br> Anywhere else? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. |  |  |
| 730L | CHECK 730K: <br> TWO OR MORE CODES CIRCLED | ONLY ONE $\square$ CODE CIRCLED | $\rightarrow 730 \mathrm{~N}$ |
| 730M | Where did you last seek treatment? <br> USE LETTER CODE FROM 730K | LAST PLACE $\square$ |  |

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| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 730 N | From whom did you seek treatment? <br> Anyone else? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. | HEALTH PROFESSIONAL <br> DOCTOR <br> NURSE/MIDWIFE <br> OTHER PERSON <br> VILLAGE HEALTH WORKER. <br> TRADITIONAL HEALER/MARABOUT <br> OTHER $\qquad$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{A} \\ \mathrm{~B} \\ \mathrm{C} \\ \mathrm{D} \\ \mathrm{X} \end{gathered}$ |  |
| 730N1 | CHECK 730N: <br> TWO OR MORE CODES CIRCLED | ONLY ONE $\square$ CODE CIRCLED |  | $\rightarrow 7300$ |
| 730N2 | From whom did you last seek treatment? <br> USE LETTER CODE FROM 730N | LAST PERSON $\square$ |  |  |
| 7300 | Did you have an operation to fix the problem? |  |  |  |
| 730P | Did the treatment stop the leakage completely? <br> IF NO: Did the treatment reduce the leakage? | YES, STOPPED COMPLETELY <br> NOT STOPPED BUT REDUCED <br> NOT STOPPED AT ALL <br> DID NOT RECEIVE TREATMENT | 1 2 3 4 |  |
| 731 | PRESENCE OF OTHERS DURING THIS SECTION. |   <br> CHILDREN $<10 \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ YES <br> MALE ADULTS . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> FEMALE ADULTS . . . . . . . . . . . 1 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{NO} \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{gathered}$ |  |

SECTION 8. FERTILITY PREFERENCES

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 801 | CHECK 304: <br> NEITHER $\square$ STERILIZED | HE OR SHE $\square$ STERILIZED | $\rightarrow 813$ |
| 802 | CHECK 226: <br> PREGNANT $\square$ | $\square$ OR UNSURE | $\rightarrow 804$ |
| 803 | Now I have some questions about the future. After the child you are expecting now, would you like to have another child, or would you prefer not to have any more children? | HAVE ANOTHER CHILD NO MORE UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW | $\begin{aligned} & \rightarrow 805 \\ & \rightarrow 812 \end{aligned}$ |
| 804 | Now I have some questions about the future. Would you like to have (a/another) child, or would you prefer not to have any (more) children? | HAVE (A/ANOTHER) CHILD NO MORE/NONE SAYS SHE CAN'T GET PREGNANT UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW | $\begin{aligned} & \longrightarrow 807 \\ & \longrightarrow 813 \\ & \longrightarrow 811 \end{aligned}$ |
| 805 | CHECK 226: <br> NOT PREGNANT <br> PREGNANT $\square$ OR UNSURE <br> a) How long would you <br> b) After the birth of the like to wait from now child you are before the birth of expecting now, how (a/another) child? long would you like to wait before the birth of another child? |  | $\begin{aligned} & \longrightarrow 811 \\ & \longrightarrow 813 \\ & \rightarrow 811 \end{aligned}$ |
| 806 | CHECK 226: <br> NOT PREGNANT OR UNSURE | PREGNANT | $\rightarrow 812$ |
| 807 | CHECK 303: USING A CONTRACEPTIVE $\begin{array}{r} \text { NOT } \\ \text { CURRENTLY } \\ \text { USING } \downarrow \end{array}$ | CURRENTLY <br> USING | $\rightarrow 813$ |
| 808 | CHECK 805: <br> '24' OR MORE MONTHS OR '02' OR MORE YEARS | '00-23' MONTHS <br> OR '00-01' YEAR | $\rightarrow 812$ |
| 809 | CHECK 714: <br> DAYS, WEEKS OR MONTHS AGO |  | $\begin{aligned} & \longrightarrow 811 \\ & \longrightarrow 811 \end{aligned}$ |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 810 |  | FERTILITY-RELATED REASONS <br> NOT HAVING SEX <br> INFREQUENT SEX <br> MENOPAUSAL/HYSTERECTOMY <br> CAN'T GET PREGNANT <br> NOT MENSTRUATED SINCE <br> LAST BIRTH <br> BREASTFEEDING <br> UP TO GOD/FATALISTIC <br> OPPOSITION TO USE <br> RESPONDENT OPPOSED <br> HUSBAND/PARTNER OPPOSED <br> OTHERS OPPOSED <br> RELIGIOUS PROHIBITION <br> LACK OF KNOWLEDGE <br> KNOWS NO METHOD <br> KNOWS NO SOURCE <br> METHOD-RELATED REASONS <br> SIDE EFFECTS/HEALTH <br> CONCERNS <br> LACK OF ACCESS/TOO FAR <br> COSTS TOO MUCH <br> PREFERRED METHOD <br> NOT AVAILABLE <br> NO METHOD AVAILABLE <br> INCONVENIENT TO USE <br> INTERFERES WITH BODY'S <br> NORMAL PROCESSES <br> OTHER $\qquad$ X |  |
| 811 | CHECK 303: USING A CONTRACEPTIVE <br> NOT $\square$ NO, NOT $\square$ <br> ASKED CURRENTLY USING | YES, <br> ENTLY USING | 813 |
| 812 | Do you think you will use a contraceptive method to delay or avoid pregnancy at any time in the future? |  |  |
| 813 | CHECK 216: <br> HAS LIVING <br> CHILDREN <br> a) If you could go back <br> b) If you could choose to the time you did not exactly the number of have any children and children to have in could choose exactly your whole life, how the number of children many would that be? to have in your whole life, how many would that be? <br> PROBE FOR A NUMERIC RESPONSE. |  | $\longrightarrow 815$ $\longrightarrow 815$ |
| 814 | How many of these children would you like to be boys, how many would you like to be girls and for how many would it not matter if it's a boy or a girl? | NUMBER. . $\square$ OTHER $\qquad$ 96 (SPECIFY) |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 815 | In the last few months have you: <br> a) Heard about family planning on the radio? <br> b) Seen anything about family planning on the television? <br> c) Read about family planning in a newspaper or magazine? <br> d) Received a voice or text message about family planning on a mobile phone? <br> e) Heard about family planning through peer health education? <br> f) Heard about family planning from friends or relatives? <br> g) Heard about family planning from traditional communicators? <br> h) Heard about family planning from a health worker or health personnel? <br> i) Seen or heard anything about family planning from the internet or on social media platforms such as Facebook, WhatsApp, Twitter, or others? |  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{NO} \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| 817 | CHECK 701: | NO, <br> NOT IN A UNION |  | $\rightarrow 901$ |
| 818 | CHECK 303: USING A CONTRACEPTIVE | NOT ENTLY $\square$ USING |  | $\begin{aligned} & \longrightarrow 820 \\ & \longrightarrow 822 \end{aligned}$ |
| 819 | Would you say that using contraception is mainly your decision, mainly your (husband's/partner's) decision, or did you both decide together? | MAINLY RESPONDENT MAINLY HUSBAND/PARTNER JOINT DECISION OTHER $\qquad$ (SPECIFY) | 1 2 3 6 | $\rightarrow 821$ |
| 820 | Would you say that not using contraception is mainly your decision, mainly your (husband's/partner's) decision, or did you both decide together? | MAINLY RESPONDENT MAINLY HUSBAND/PARTNER JOINT DECISION OTHER $\qquad$ (SPECIFY) | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 3 \\ & 6 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 821 | CHECK 304: <br> NEITHER ARE $\square$ STERILIZED | HE OR SHE ARE $\square$ STERILIZED |  | $\rightarrow 901$ |
| 822 | Does your (husband/partner) want the same number of children that you want, or does he want more or fewer than you want? | SAME NUMBER <br> MORE CHILDREN FEWER CHILDREN DON'T KNOW | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 3 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ |  |

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| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 914 | Do you do this work for a member of your family, for someone else, or are you self-employed? |  |  |
| 915 | Do you usually work throughout the year, or do you work seasonally, or only once in a while? | THROUGHOUT THE YEAR ................. 1  <br> SEASONALLY/PART OF THE YEAR $\ldots .$. 2 <br> ONCE IN A WHILE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3  |  |
| 916 | Are you paid in cash or kind for this work or are you not paid at all? |  |  |
| 917 | CHECK 701: <br> CURRENTLY MARRIED/LIVING WITH A MAN | NOT IN UNION | $\rightarrow 925$ |
| 918 | CHECK 916: CODE '1' OR '2' CIRCLED $\square$ | OTHER | $\rightarrow 921$ |
| 919 | Who usually decides how the money you earn will be used: you, your (husband/partner), or you and your (husband/partner) jointly? |  |  |
| 920 | Would you say that the money that you earn is more than what your (husband/partner) earns, less than what he earns, or about the same? |  | $\rightarrow 922$ |
| 921 | Who usually decides how your (husband's/partner's) cash earnings will be used: you, your (husband/partner), or you and your (husband/partner) jointly? |  |  |
| 922 | Who usually makes decisions about health care for yourself: you, your (husband/partner), you and your (husband/partner) jointly, or someone else? |  |  |
| 923 | Who usually makes decisions about making major household purchases? |  |  |

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| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 924 | Who usually makes decisions about visits to your family or relatives? |  |  |
| 925 | Do you own this or any other house either alone or jointly with someone else? |  |  |
| 928 | Do you own any agricultural or non-agricultural land either alone or jointly with someone else? |  | $\longrightarrow 931$ |
| 929 | Do you have a title deed for any land you own? |  | $\rightarrow 931$ |
| 930 | Is your name on the title deed? |  |  |
| 931 | PRESENCE OF OTHERS AT THIS POINT (PRESENT AND LISTENING, PRESENT BUT NOT LISTENING, OR NOT PRESENT) |  PRES./ <br>  <br>  <br> PRES./ <br> LISTEN.    <br> NOT NOTEN. NOT   <br> PRES     |  |
| 932 | In your opinion, is a husband justified in hitting or beating his wife in the following situations: <br> a) If she goes out without telling him? <br> b) If she neglects the children? <br> c) If she argues with him? <br> d) If she refuses to have sex with him? <br> e) If she burns the food? <br> f) If she uses contraceptives without his consent? <br> g) If she argues with his relatives? |  |  |

SECTION 10. HIV/AIDS

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1001 | Now I would like to talk about something else. Have you ever heard of HIV or AIDS? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{ll}  & 1 \\ \ldots \ldots & 2 \end{array}$ | $\longrightarrow 1042$ |
| 1002 | HIV is the virus that can lead to AIDS. Can people reduce their chance of getting HIV by having just one uninfected sex partner who has no other sex partners? | YES <br> NO DON'T KNOW | $\begin{array}{ll} \cdots \cdots \cdots \\ \cdots \cdots \cdots & 1 \\ 2^{2} \end{array}$ |  |
| 1003 | Can people get HIV from mosquito bites? | YES <br> NO DON'T KNOW | $\begin{array}{cc} \\ \ldots . . & 1 \\ \ldots \ldots . & 2 \\ \ldots \ldots . & 8\end{array}$ |  |
| 1004 | Can people reduce their chance of getting HIV by using a condom every time they have sex? | YES <br> NO DON'T KNOW | $\begin{array}{ll} \\ \ldots \ldots . & 1 \\ \ldots \ldots . & 2 \\ \ldots \ldots & 8\end{array}$ |  |
| 1005 | Can people get HIV by sharing food with a person who has HIV? | YES NO DON'T KNOW | $\begin{array}{cc} \\ \ldots \ldots . & 1 \\ \ldots \ldots . & 2 \\ \ldots \ldots . & 8\end{array}$ |  |
| 1006 | Can people get HIV because of witchcraft or other supernatural means? | YES <br> NO DON'T KNOW | $\begin{array}{cc} \\ \ldots . . . & 1 \\ \ldots \ldots . & 2 \\ \ldots . . & 8\end{array}$ |  |
| 1007 | Is it possible for a healthy-looking person to have HIV? | YES NO | $\begin{array}{ll} \\ \ldots \ldots . & 1 \\ \ldots \ldots . & 2 \\ \ldots \ldots & 8\end{array}$ |  |
| 1008 | Can HIV be transmitted from a mother to her baby: <br> a) During pregnancy? <br> b) During delivery? <br> c) By breastfeeding? |  YES  <br> a) DURING PREGNANC' . 1  <br> b) DURING DELIVERY $\ldots$  <br> c)   <br> c) BREASTFEEDING . . . 1  | NO DK <br> 2 8 <br> 2 8 <br> 2 8 |  |
| 1009 | CHECK 1008: <br> AT LEAST ONE 'YES' | OTHER |  | $\rightarrow 1011$ |
| 1010 | Are there any special drugs that a doctor or a nurse can give to a woman infected with HIV to reduce the risk of transmission to the baby? | YES <br> NO DON'T KNOW | $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots \ldots & 2 \\ \ldots \ldots & 8 \end{array}$ |  |
| 1011 | CHECK 208 AND 215: <br> LAST BIRTH IN 2017 OR LATER | NO BIRTHS $\square$ <br> LAST BIRTH IN <br> 2016 OR $\square$ |  |  |
| 1012 | CHECK 408 FOR LAST BIRTH: | NO <br> ANTENATAL $\square$ CARE |  | $\rightarrow 1020$ |
| 1013 | CHECK FOR PRESENCE OF OTHERS. BEFORE PRIVACY. | TINUING, MAKE EVERY EFFORT | ENSURE |  |
| 1014 | During any of the antenatal visits for your last birth were you given any information about: <br> a) Babies getting HIV from their mother? <br> b) Things that you can do to prevent getting HIV? <br> c) Getting tested for HIV? |  YES  <br> a) HIV FROM MOTHER .. 1 <br> b) THINGS TO DO...... 1  <br> c) TESTED FOR HIV . . . 1  | NO DK <br> 2 8 <br> 2 8 <br> 2 8 |  |

SECTION 10. HIVIAIDS

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1015 | Were you offered a test for HIV as part of your antenatal care? |  |  |
| 1016 | I don't want to know the results, but were you tested for HIV as part of your antenatal care? |  | $\rightarrow 1020$ |
| 1017 | Where was the test done? <br> PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE. <br> IF UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. | PUBLIC SECTOR <br> GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL . ............. 11 <br> GOVERNMENT HEALTH CENTER . . . . . . . 12 <br> RCH OUTREACH CLINIC . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 13 <br> OTHER PUBLIC SECTOR $\qquad$ <br> (SPECIFY) <br> PRIVATE MEDICAL SECTOR <br> PRIVATE HOSPITAL/CLINIC . . . . . . . . . . . . . 21 <br> MOBILE HTC SERVICES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 22 <br> NGO HOSPITAL/CLINIC . .................. 23 <br> OTHER PRIVATE MEDICAL SECTOR $\qquad$ <br> (SPECIFY) <br> OTHER $\qquad$ 96 <br> (SPECIFY) |  |
| 1018 | I don't want to know the results, but did you get the results of the test? |  | $\rightarrow 1020$ |
| 1019 | All women are supposed to receive counseling after being tested. After you were tested, did you receive counseling? |  |  |
| 1020 | CHECK 430 FOR LAST BIRTH: <br> ANY CODE <br> '21-36' CIRCLED | OTHER | 1024 |
| 1021 | Between the time you went for delivery but before the baby was born, were you offered an HIV test? |  |  |
| 1022 | I don't want to know the results, but were you tested for HIV at that time? |  | $\longrightarrow 1024$ |
| 1023 | I don't want to know the results, but did you get the results of the test? |  | $\xrightarrow{ } 1025$ |
| 1024 | CHECK 1016: YES | NO OR | $\rightarrow 1027$ |
| 1025 | Have you been tested for HIV since that time you were tested during your pregnancy? |  | $\longrightarrow 1028$ |
| 1026 | How many months ago was your most recent HIV test? | MONTHS AGO <br> TWO OR MORE YEARS | $\rightarrow 1033$ |

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| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1027 | I don't want to know the results, but have you ever been tested for HIV? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> NO . . . . . . . . . . . . .  | $\rightarrow 1031$ |
| 1028 | How many months ago was your most recent HIV test? | MONTHS AGO <br> TWO OR MORE YEARS |  |
| 1029 | I don't want to know the results, but did you get the results of the test? |  |  |
| 1030 | Where was the test done? <br> PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE. <br> IF UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. | PUBLIC SECTOR <br> GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL . ............. 11 <br> GOVERNMENT HEALTH CENTER . . . . . . . 12 <br> RCH OUTREACH CLINIC . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 13 <br> OTHER PUBLIC SECTOR $\qquad$ <br> (SPECIFY) <br> PRIVATE MEDICAL SECTOR <br> PRIVATE HOSPITAL/CLINIC . . . . . . . . . . . . . 21 <br> MOBILE HTC SERVICES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 22 <br> NGO HOSPITAL/CLINIC . .................. 23 <br> OTHER PRIVATE MEDICAL SECTOR $\qquad$ <br> OTHER SOURCE <br> HOME .................................. . . 31 <br> WORKPLACE ............................ 32 <br> OTHER $\qquad$ | $\rightarrow 1033$ |
| 1031 | Do you know of a place where people can go to get an HIV test? |  | $\longrightarrow 1033$ |
| 1032 | Where is that? <br> Any other place? <br> PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE. <br> IF UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. | PUBLIC SECTOR <br> GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL ............. A <br> GOVERNMENT HEALTH CENTER ........ B <br> RCH OUTREACH CLINIC.................. . C <br> OTHER PUBLIC SECTOR $\qquad$ <br> (SPECIFY) <br> PRIVATE MEDICAL SECTOR <br> PRIVATE HOSPITAL/CLINIC . . . . . . . . . . . . E <br> MOBILE HTC SERVICES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . F <br> NGO HOSPITAL/CLINIC . . . ................ G <br> OTHER PRIVATE MEDICAL SECTOR $\qquad$ <br> (SPECIFY) <br> OTHER $\qquad$ X |  |

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| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1033 | Have you heard of test kits people can use to test themselves for HIV? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 1035 | Would you buy fresh vegetables from a shopkeeper or vendor if you knew that this person had HIV? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE/DEPENDS | 1 2 8 |  |
| 1036 | Do you think children living with HIV should be allowed to attend school with children who do not have HIV? | YES <br> NO DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE/DEPENDS | 1 2 8 |  |
| 1037 | Do you think people hesitate to take an HIV test because they are afraid of how other people will react if the test result is positive for HIV? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE/DEPENDS | 1 2 8 |  |
| 1038 | Do people talk badly about people living with HIV, or who are thought to be living with HIV? | ```YES NO DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE/DEPENDS``` | 1 2 8 |  |
| 1039 | Do people living with HIV, or thought to be living with HIV, lose the respect of other people? | ```YES NO DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE/DEPENDS``` | 1 2 8 |  |
| 1040 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: I would be ashamed if someone in my family had HIV. | AGREE DISAGREE DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE/DEPENDS | 1 2 8 |  |
| 1041 | Do you fear that you could get HIV if you come into contact with the saliva of a person living with HIV? | YES <br> NO <br> SAYS SHE HAS HIV <br> DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE/DEPENDS | 1 2 3 8 |  |
| 1042 | CHECK 1001: <br> HEARD ABOUT HIV OR AIDS <br> a) Apart from HIV, have you heard about other infections that can be transmitted through <br> NOT HEARD ABOUT $\square$ HIV OR AIDS <br> b) Have you heard about infections that can be transmitted through sexual contact? sexual contact? | YES NO |  |  |
| 1043 | CHECK 713: <br> HAS HAD SEXUAL INTERCOURSE | VER HAD SEXUAL $\square$ INTERCOURSE |  | 1051 |
| 1044 | CHECK 1042: HEARD ABOUT OTHER SEXUALLY TRA YES | NSMITTED INFECTIONS? <br> NO $\square$ |  | 1046 |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1045 | Now I would like to ask you some questions about your health in the last 12 months. During the last 12 months, have you had a disease which you got through sexual contact? |  |  |
| 1046 | Sometimes women experience a bad-smelling abnormal genital discharge. During the last 12 months, have you had a bad-smelling abnormal genital discharge? |  |  |
| 1047 | Sometimes women have a genital sore or ulcer. During the last 12 months, have you had a genital sore or ulcer? |  |  |
| 1048 | CHECK 1045, 1046, AND 1047: <br> HAS HAD AN $\square$ INFECTION (ANY 'YES') | HAS NOT HAD AN $\square$ INFECTION OR DOES NOT KNOW | $\rightarrow 1051$ |
| 1049 | The last time you had (PROBLEM FROM 1045/1046/1047), did you seek any kind of advice or treatment? |  | $\rightarrow 1051$ |
| 1050 | Where did you go? <br> Any other place? <br> PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE. <br> IF UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. | PUBLIC SECTOR <br> GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL .............. A <br> GOVERNMENT HEALTH CENTER ........ B <br> RCH OUTREACH CLINIC . .................. C <br> OTHER PUBLIC SECTOR $\qquad$ <br> (SPECIFY) <br> PRIVATE MEDICAL SECTOR <br> PRIVATE HOSPITAL/CLINIC . . . . . . . . . . . . E <br> PHARMACY <br> MOBILE HTC SERVICES $\qquad$ F <br> NGO HOSPITAL/CLINIC $\qquad$ H <br> OTHER PRIVATE MEDICAL SECTOR $\qquad$ 1 <br> (SPECIFY) <br> OTHER SOURCE <br> SHOP........................................... <br> TRADITIONAL HEALE $\qquad$ <br> OTHER $\qquad$ X |  |
| 1051 | If a wife knows her husband has a disease that she can get during sexual intercourse, is she justified in asking that they use a condom when they have sex? |  |  |
| 1052 | Is a wife justified in refusing to have sex with her husband when she knows he has sex with other women other than his wives? |  |  |

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| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1053 | CHECK 701: <br> CURRENTLY MARRIED/ $\square$ LIVING WITH A MAN | NOT IN UNION | $\rightarrow 1101$ |
| 1054 | Can you say no to your (husband/partner) if you do not want to have sexual intercourse? |  |  |
| 1055 | Could you ask your (husband/partner) to use a condom if you wanted him to? |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1101 | Now I would like to ask you some other questions relating to health matters. Have you had an injection for any reason in the last 12 months? <br> IF YES: How many injections have you had? <br> IF NUMBER OF INJECTIONS IS 90 OR MORE, OR DAILY FOR 3 MONTHS OR MORE, RECORD '90'. IF NON-NUMERIC ANSWER, PROBE TO GET AN ESTIMATE. | NUMBER OF INJECTION <br> NONE | 00 | $\xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} 1104$ |
| 1102 | Among these injections, how many were administered by a doctor, a nurse, a public health officer, a pharmacist, a dentist, or any other health worker? <br> IF NUMBER OF INJECTIONS IS 90 OR MORE, OR DAILY FOR 3 MONTHS OR MORE, RECORD '90'. IF NON-NUMERIC ANSWER, PROBE TO GET AN ESTIMATE. | NUMBER OF INJECTION <br> NONE | $00$ | $\longrightarrow 1104$ |
| 1103 | The last time you got an injection from a health worker, did he/she take the syringe and needle from a new, unopened package? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW | $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots . & 1 \\ \ldots . & 2 \\ \ldots . & 8 \end{array}$ |  |
| 1104 | Do you currently smoke manufactured or handrolled cigarettes every day, some days, or not at all? | EVERY DAY <br> SOME DAYS <br> NOT AT ALL | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 3 \end{aligned}$ | $\rightarrow 1106$ |
| 1105 | On average, how many cigarettes do you currently smoke each day? | NUMBER OF CIGARETTES |  |  |
| 1106 | Do you currently smoke or use any other type of tobacco every day, some days, or not at all? | EVERY DAY <br> SOME DAYS <br> NOT AT ALL. | $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots & 2 \\ \ldots . & 3 \end{array}$ | $\longrightarrow 1108$ |
| 1107 | What other type of tobacco do you currently smoke or use? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. | PIPES FULL OF TOBACCO <br> CIGARS, CHEROOTS, OR CIGARILLO <br> SHISHA/WATER PIPE <br> SNUFF BY MOUTH <br> SNUFF BY NOSE <br> CHEWING TOBACCO <br> E-CIGARETTES <br> OTHER $\qquad$ |  |  |
| 1108 | Many different factors can prevent women from getting medical advice or treatment for themselves. When you are sick and want to get medical advice or treatment, is each of the following a big problem or not a big problem: <br> a) Getting permission to go to the doctor? <br> b) Getting money needed for advice or treatment? <br> c) The distance to the health facility? <br> d) Not wanting to go alone? | BIG <br> PROBLEM <br> a) PERMISSION TO GO . . . 1 <br> b) GETTING MONEY . . . . . . 1 <br> c) DISTANCE ............. 1 <br> d) GO ALONE | NOT A BIG PROBLEM <br> 2 <br> 2 <br> 2 <br> 2 |  |

SECTION 11. OTHER HEALTH ISSUES

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1109 | Are you covered by any health insurance? |  | $\rightarrow 1200$ |
| 1110 | What type of health insurance are you covered by? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. | HEALTH INSURANCE THROUGH <br> EMPLOYER ............................. A <br> OTHER PRIVATELY PURCHASED <br> COMMERCIAL HEALTH INSURANCE .... B <br> OTHER $\qquad$ <br> (SPECIFY) |  |

SECTION 12. NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1200 | CHECK COVER PAGE: HOUSEHOLD SELECTED <br> HOUSEHOLD $\square$ SELECTED | MAN'S SURVEY/BIOMARKERS? <br> HOUSEHOLD $\square$ NOT SELECTED | > 1401 |
| 1201 | Have you ever had your blood pressure measured by a doctor or other health worker? |  |  |
| 1202 | Have you ever been told by a doctor or other health worker that you have high blood pressure or hypertension? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> NO   | $\rightarrow$ 1205A |
| 1203 | In the past 12 months, have you been told by a doctor or other health worker that you have high blood pressure or hypertension? |  |  |
| 1204 | Has a doctor or other healthcare worker prescribed medication to control your blood pressure? |  |  |
| 1205 | Are you taking medication to control your blood pressure? |  |  |
| 1205A | In your opinion, what can increase the risk of having high blood pressure or hypertension? <br> Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED |  |  |
| 1205B | What are the signs and symptoms of high blood pressure or hypertension? <br> Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1206 | Have you ever had your blood sugar measured by a doctor or other health worker? |  |  |
| 1207 | Have you ever been told by a doctor or other health worker that you have high blood sugar or diabetes? |  | $\rightarrow$ 1210A |
| 1208 | In the past 12 months, have you been told by a doctor or other health worker that you have high blood sugar or diabetes? |  |  |
| 1209 | Has a doctor or other healthcare worker prescribed medication to control your high blood sugar or diabetes? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> NO 2  |  |
| 1210 | Are you taking medication to control your high blood sugar or diabetes? |  |  |
| 1210A | In your opinion, what can increase the risk of having high blood sugar or diabetes? <br> Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED |  |  |
| 1210B | What are the signs and symptoms of high blood sugar or diabetes? <br> Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED |  |  |

SECTION 13. FEMALE GENITAL CUTTING/MUTILATION

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1301 | Now I would like to ask some questions about a practice known as female circumcision. Have you ever heard of female circumcision? |  | $\rightarrow 1303$ |
| 1302 | In some countries, there is a practice in which a girl may have part of her genitals cut. Have you ever heard about this practice? |  | $\longrightarrow 1401$ |
| 1303 | Have you yourself ever been circumcised? |  | $\rightarrow 1309$ |
| 1304 | Now I would like to ask you what was done to you at that time. Was any flesh removed from the genital area? |  | $\rightarrow 1306$ |
| 1305 | Was the genital area just nicked without removing any flesh? |  |  |
| 1306 | Was your genital area sealed? |  |  |
| 1307 | How old were you when you were circumcised? <br> IF THE RESPONDENT DOES NOT KNOW THE EXACT AGE, PROBE TO GET AN ESTIMATE. | AGE IN COMPLETED YEAR: <br> AS A BABY/DURING INFANCY $\qquad$ DON'T KNOW $\qquad$ |  |
| 1308 | Who performed the circumcision? |  |  |
| 1309 | CHECK 213, 215 AND 216: <br> HAS ONE OR MORE LIVING DAUGHTERS BORN IN 2004 OR $\square$ LATER | S NO LIVING DAUGHTERS $\square$ N IN 2004 OR LATER | $\longrightarrow 1316$ |


| 1309A | CHECK 213, 215 AND 216: ENTER IN THE TABLE THE BIRTH HISTORY NUMBER AND NAME OF EACH LIVING DAUGHTER BORN IN 2004 OR LATER. ASK THE QUESTIONS ABOUT ALL OF THESE DAUGHTERS. BEGIN WITH THE YOUNGEST DAUGHTER. (IF THERE ARE MORE THAN 3 DAUGHTERS, USE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRES). <br> Now I would like to ask you some questions about your (daughter/daughters). |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1310 | BIRTH HISTORY NUMBER AND NAME OF EACH LIVING DAUGHTER BORN IN 2004 OR LATER. | YOUNGEST LIVING DAUGHTER <br> BIRTH <br> HISTORY <br> NUMBER. . <br> NAME $\qquad$ | NEXT-TO-YOUNGEST LIVING DAUGHTER <br> BIRTH <br> HISTORY <br> NUMBER. . <br> NAME $\qquad$ | SECOND-TO-YOUNGEST <br> LIVING DAUGHTER <br> BIRTH <br> HISTORY <br> NUMBER. . <br> NAME $\qquad$ |
| 1311 | Is (NAME OF DAUGHTER) circumcised? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br>    <br>    <br>  (GO TO 1311  <br> IN NEXT COLUMN; OR IF NO MORE DAUGHTERS, GO TO 1316) | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br>    <br>  (GO TO 1311  <br> IN NEXT COLUMN; OR IF NO MORE DAUGHTERS, GO TO 1316) | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br>    <br>  $($ GO TO 1311  <br> IN FIRST COLUMN <br> OF NEW <br> UESTIONNAIRE; OR IF <br> MORE DAUGHTERS, <br> GO TO 1316) |
| 1312 | How old was (NAME OF DAUGHTER) when she was circumcised? <br> IF THE RESPONDENT DOES NOT KNOW THE AGE, PROBE TO GET AN ESTIMATE. | AGE IN COMPLETED YRS. . <br> DON'T KNOW | AGE IN COMPLETED YRS. <br> DON'T KNOW | AGE IN COMPLETED YRS. . <br> DON'T KNOW |
| 1313 | Was her genital area sealed? |  | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots . .$. 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots .$. 8 | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2  <br> DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots .$. 8  |
| 1314 | Who performed the circumcision? |  |  |  |
| 1315 |  | GO BACK TO 1311 IN NEXT COLUMN; OR, IF NO MORE DAUGHTERS, GO TO 1316. | GO BACK TO 1311 IN NEXT COLUMN; OR, IF NO MORE DAUGHTERS, GO TO 1316. | GO TO 1311 IN FIRST COLUMN OF NEW QUESTIONNAIRE; OR IF NO MORE DAUGHTERS, GO TO 1316. |

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| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1316 | Do you believe that female circumcision is required by your religion? |  |  |
| 1317 | Do you think that female circumcision should be continued, or should it be stopped? |  | $\begin{array}{r} \longrightarrow 1319 \\ \rightarrow \rightarrow 1320 \end{array}$ |
| 1318 | Why do you think female circumcision should be continued? <br> Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED |  | $[\rightarrow 1320$ |
| 1319 | Why do you think female circumcision should be stopped? <br> Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED | NEG HEALTH EFFECTS . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . A HARMFUL PRACTICE . <br> NOT RELIGIOUS OBLIGATION <br> ILLEGAL <br> COMPLICATES DELIVERY <br> PAINFUL/UNSATISFYING SEX . . . . . . . . . . . . F <br> OTHER $\qquad$ <br> (SPECIFY) |  |
| 1320 | Are you aware of any law that prohibits the practice of female circumcision in The Gambia? |  |  |



| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIE | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1408 | CHECK 1407: <br> Just to make sure that I have this right: Your mother had in TOTAL $\qquad$ births, excluding you, during her lifetime. Is that correct? <br> YES NO $\qquad$ PROBE AND CORRECT 1401 AND/OR 1407. |  |  |
| 1409 |  |  |  |
| 1410 | Please tell me, which brother or sister was born first? And which was born next? <br> RECORD '01' FOR THE ORDER NUMBER IN 1401 FOR THE FIRST BROTHER OR SISTER, '02' FOR THE SECOND, AND SO ON UNTIL YOU HAVE RECORDED THE ORDER NUMBER FOR ALL BROTHERS AND SISTERS. |  |  |
| 1411 | How many births did your mother have before you were born? | NUMBER OF PRECEDING BIRTHS . |  |

SECTION 14. ADULT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY MODULE

| 1412 | LIST THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS ACCORDING TO THE ORDER NUMBER IN 1401. ASK 1413 TO 1424 FOR ONE BROTHER OR SISTER BEFORE ASKING ABOUT THE NEXT BROTHER OR SISTER. IF THERE ARE MORE THAN 12 BROTHERS AND SISTERS, USE AN ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1413 | NAME OF BROTHER OR SISTER. | (01) | (02) | (03) | (04) | (05) | (06) |
| 1414 | Is (NAME) <br> male or female? | $\begin{array}{llll} \text { MALE .... } & 1 \\ \text { FEMALE } & . & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll} \hline \text { MALE .... } & 1 \\ \text { FEMALE } & \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { MALE ... } & 1 \\ \text { FEMALE . } & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { MALE .... } & 1 \\ \text { FEMALE . } & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { MALE ... } & 1 \\ \text { FEMALE . } & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { MALE ... } 1 \\ & \text { FEMALE . } 2 \end{aligned}$ |
| 1415 | Is (NAME) still alive? | $\left.\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES } \ldots . . . & 1 \\ \text { NO } \ldots . . . & 2 \\ \text { GO TO 1417 } \\ \text { DK } \ldots . . . & 8 \\ \text { GO TO (02) } \end{array}\right.\right]$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots . & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots . . & 2 \\ \text { GO TO 1417 } & \\ \text { DK } \ldots \ldots . & 8 \\ \text { GO TO (03) } \end{array}\right\|$ | $\left.\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots & . \\ \text { GO TO } & 1417 & 2 \\ \text { DK } & \ldots . . & 8 \\ \text { GO TO (04) } \end{array}\right.\right] \mid$ | $\left.\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{cccc} \text { YES } & \ldots . . & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots & . & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } & 1417 & 2 \\ \text { DK } & \ldots . & . & 8 \\ \text { GO TO (05) } \end{array}\right.\right] \mid$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots . \\ \text { NO } \ldots . . \\ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \text { GO TO 1417 } \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ \text { DK } \ldots . . \\ \text { GO TO (06) } \end{array} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots . \\ \text { NO } \ldots . . \\ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \text { GO TO } 1417 \\ \text { DK } \ldots \ldots \\ \text { DO TO (07) } \end{array} \\ \left.\begin{array}{c} 8 \end{array}\right] \end{gathered}$ |
| 1416 | How old is (NAME)? |   <br> GO TO (02)  |   <br> GO TO (03)  |   <br> GO TO (04)  |   <br> GO TO (05)  |   <br> GO TO (06)  |  |
| 1417 | How many years ago did (NAME) die? |  | 7 |  | $\square$ | T |  |
| 1418 | How old was (NAME) when (he/she) died? <br> IF DON'T KNOW, PROBE AND ASK ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS TO GET AN ESTIMATE. | IF MALE OR DIED BEFORE 12 YEARS OF AGE, GO TO 1423 | IF MALE OR DIED BEFORE 12 YEARS OF AGE, GO TO 1423 | IF MALE OR DIED BEFORE 12 YEARS OF AGE, GO TO 1423 | IF MALE OR DIED BEFORE 12 YEARS OF AGE, GO TO 1423 | IF MALE OR DIED BEFORE 12 YEARS OF AGE, GO TO 1423 | IF MALE OR DIED BEFORE 12 YEARS OF AGE, GO TO 1423 |
| 1419 | Was (NAME) pregnant when she died? | $\left\|\begin{array}{\|cccc} \text { YES } \ldots . . . & 1 \\ \text { GO TO } & 1423 & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots & \ldots & 2 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES } \ldots . . . & 1 \\ \text { GO TO } & 1423 & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots & \ldots \end{array}\right\|$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES . . . . } & 1 \\ \text { GO TO 1423 } & 1 \\ \text { NO } \ldots \ldots . & 2 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\left.\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES . . . . } & 1 \\ \text { GO TO } & 1423 & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots & \ldots \end{array}\right.\right]$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { YES ..... } \\ \left.\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \text { GO TO } \\ \text { NO } \\ \text { NO } \end{array}\right] \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { YES ..... } \\ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \text { GO TO } \\ \text { NO } \\ \text { NO } \ldots . \end{array} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| 1420 | Did (NAME) die during childbirth? | $\left\|\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES ...... } & 1 \\ \text { GO TO (02) } & 1 \\ \text { NO } \ldots . . & 2 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\left.\begin{array}{\|ccc\|} \hline \text { YES } \ldots \ldots . & 1 \\ \text { GO TO (03) } & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots . . & 2 \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{c\|cc\|} \text { YES ...... } & 1 \\ \text { GO TO (04) } & 4 \\ \text { NO } \ldots . . & 2 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{c\|cc} \text { YES } \ldots . . . & 1 \\ \text { GO TO (05) } \\ \text { NO } & \ldots . . & 2 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\left.\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{c\|c} \text { YES } \ldots . . & 1 \\ \text { GO TO (06) } & 1 \\ \text { NO } \ldots . . & 2 \end{array}\right.\right]$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { YES ..... } \\ \text { GOTO (07) } \\ \text { NO } \ldots . . \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| 1421 | Did (NAME) die within two months after the end of a pregnancy or childbirth? | $\left\|\begin{array}{cccc} \text { YES } \ldots . . & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots & . & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } 1423 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\left.\begin{array}{c} \text { YES } \ldots . . . \\ \text { NO } \ldots . \\ \text { GO TO } 1423 \end{array}\right]$ | $\left[\begin{array}{cccc} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } \ldots . & \text {. } & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } 1423 \end{array}\right]$ | $\left[\begin{array}{cccc} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } \ldots . & . & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } 1423 \end{array}\right]$ | $\left.\begin{array}{c} \text { YES } \ldots . . . \\ \text { NO } \ldots . . \\ \text { GO TO } 1423 \end{array}\right]$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES } \ldots . . & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots & . \\ \text { GO TO } & 1423 & 2 \end{array}\right\|$ |
| 1422 | How many days after the end of the pregnancy or childbirth did (NAME) die? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1423 | Was (NAME)'s death due to an act of violence? | $\left.\begin{array}{c} \text { YES ..... } \\ \text { GO TO (02) } \\ \text { GO } \\ \text { NO } \ldots \ldots \end{array}\right]$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { YES . . . . } \\ \text { GO TO (03) } \\ \text { GO } \ldots \ldots \\ \text { NO } \ldots . . \end{gathered}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES ...... } & 1 \\ \text { GO TO (04) } & 4 \\ \text { NO } \ldots \ldots . & 2 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { YES . . . . } \\ \text { GO TO }(05) \\ \text { NO } \ldots \ldots \\ \text { NO } \ldots . . \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { YES ..... } \\ \text { GO TO (06) } \\ \text { NO } \ldots \ldots \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES ..... } & 1 \\ \text { GO TO }(07) & \\ \text { NO } \ldots \ldots & 2 \end{array}$ |
| 1424 | Was (NAME)'s death due to an accident? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES . . . . } \\ & \text { NO } \ldots . \\ & \\ & \text { GO TO (02) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } \ldots \ldots & 2 \\ \text { GO TO (03) } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \ldots \ldots \\ & \text { NO } \ldots \ldots \\ & \hline \text { GO TO (04) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } \ldots . . & 2 \\ \text { GO TO (05) } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } \ldots \ldots & 2 \\ \text { GO TO (06) } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } \ldots . & 2 \\ \text { GO TO (07) } \end{array}$ |
| IF NO MORE BROTHERS OR SISTERS, GO TO 1500. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

SECTION 14. ADULT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY MODULE

| 1412 | LIST THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS ACCORDING TO THE ORDER NUMBER IN 1401. ASK 1413 TO 1424 FOR ONE BROTHER OR SISTER BEFORE ASKING ABOUT THE NEXT BROTHER OR SISTER. IF THERE ARE MORE THAN 12 BROTHERS AND SISTERS, USE AN ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 1413 | NAME OF BROTHER OR SISTER. | (07) | (08) | (09) | (10) | (11) | (12) |
| 1414 | Is (NAME) <br> male or female? | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { MALE ... } & 1 \\ \text { FEMALE . } & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { MALE ... } & 1 \\ \text { FEMALE . } & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { MALE ... } & 1 \\ \text { FEMALE } & . & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { MALE ... } & 1 \\ \text { FEMALE . } & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { MALE ... } & 1 \\ \text { FEMALE . } & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { MALE ... } & 1 \\ \text { FEMALE } & 2 \end{array}$ |
| 1415 | Is (NAME) still alive? | $\left.\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots . . & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } 1417 & 4 \\ \text { DK } & \ldots . . & 8 \\ \text { GO TO (08) } \end{array}\right]$ | $\left.\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots . . & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } 1417 & 4 \\ \text { DK } & \ldots . . & 8 \\ \text { GO TO (09) } \end{array}\right]$ | $\left.\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots & . \\ \text { GO TO } & 1417 & 4 \\ \text { DK } & \ldots & 8 \\ \text { GO TO (10) } \end{array}\right]$ | $\left.\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots . . & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } & 1417 & 4 \\ \text { DK } & \ldots & 8 \\ \text { GO TO (11) } \end{array}\right]$ | $\left.\begin{array}{\|cccc} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots & \ldots & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } & 1417 & 4 \\ \text { DK } & \ldots . . & 8 \\ \text { GO TO (12) } \end{array}\right]$ | $\left.\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } \ldots \ldots & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } 1417 & 4 \\ \text { DK } \ldots \ldots & 8 \\ \text { GO TO (13) } \end{array}\right]$ |
| 1416 | How old is (NAME)? |   <br> GO TO (08)  |   <br> GO TO (09)  |  |  |   <br> GO TO (12)  |  |
| 1417 | How many years ago did (NAME) die? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1418 | How old was (NAME) when (he/she) died? <br> IF DON'T KNOW, PROBE AND ASK ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS TO GET AN ESTIMATE. | IF MALE OR DIED BEFORE 12 YEARS OF AGE, GO TO 1423 | IF MALE OR DIED BEFORE 12 YEARS OF AGE, GO TO 1423 |   <br> IF MALE OR DIED BEFORE 12 YEARS OF AGE, GO TO 1423 | IF MALE OR DIED BEFORE 12 YEARS OF AGE, GO TO 1423 | IF MALE OR DIED BEFORE 12 YEARS OF AGE, GO TO 1423 | IF MALE OR DIED BEFORE 12 YEARS OF AGE, GO TO 1423 |
| 1419 | Was (NAME) pregnant when she died? | $\left.\begin{array}{cccc} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { GO TO } & 1423 & 4 \\ \text { NO } \ldots \ldots & 2 \end{array}\right]$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES . . . . . } & 1 \\ \text { GO TO } 1423 & 4 \\ \text { NO } \ldots . . & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES . . . . } & 1 \\ \text { GO TO } 1423 & 4 \\ \text { NO . . . . } & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { GO TO } & 1423 & 4 \\ \text { NO } \ldots . . & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES . . . . } & 1 \\ \text { GO TO } & 1423 & \\ \text { NO } \ldots . . & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES . . . . . } & 1 \\ \text { GO TO } 1423 & 4 \\ \text { NO . . . . } & 2 \end{array}$ |
| 1420 | Did (NAME) die during childbirth? | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES } \ldots . . & 1 \\ \text { GO TO (08) } & \\ \text { NO } \ldots . . . & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { GO TO (09) } & 4 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots . . & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES . . . . } & 1 \\ \text { GO TO (10) } & 4 \\ \text { NO } \ldots . . . & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES . . . . } & 1 \\ \text { GO TO (11) } & 4 \\ \text { NO } \ldots . . . & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES . . . . } & 1 \\ \text { GO TO (12) } & 4 \\ \text { NO } \ldots . . & 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES . . . . } & 1 \\ \text { GO TO (13) } & 4 \\ \text { NO } \ldots \ldots . & 2 \end{array}$ |
| 1421 | Did (NAME) die within two months after the end of a pregnancy or childbirth? | $\left.\begin{array}{ccc}\text { YES } \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO . . . . } & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } & 1423 & \end{array}\right]$ | YES . . . . . 1  <br> NO . . . 2 <br> GO TO 1423  | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES } \ldots . . & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots . . & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } 1423 \end{array}$ | $\left.\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES . . . . . } & 1 \\ \text { NO } \ldots \text {. . } & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } 1423 \end{array}\right]$ | YES $\ldots . .$. 1 <br> NO $\ldots .$. 2 <br> GO TO 1423  | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES } \ldots . . & 1 \\ \text { NO } \ldots . . & 2 \\ \text { GO TO } & 1423 & 4 \end{array}$ |
| 1422 | How many days after the end of the pregnancy or childbirth did (NAME) die? |  | $\square$ | I | In | $1$ |  |
| 1423 | Was (NAME)'s death due to an act of violence? | $\begin{gathered} \text { YES } \ldots . . \\ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \text { GO TO (08) } \end{array} \\ \text { NO } \ldots \ldots . \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES . . . . } & 1 \\ \text { GO TO (09) } & 4 \\ \text { NO } \ldots . . . & 2 \end{array}$ | $\left.\begin{array}{c} \text { YES } \ldots . . . \\ \text { GO TO (10) } \\ \text { NO } \ldots . . \\ \text { NO } \end{array}\right]$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES . . . . . } & 1 \\ \text { GO TO (11) } & 4 \\ \text { NO } \ldots . . . & 2 \end{array}$ | $\left.\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES . . . . } & 1 \\ \text { GO TO (12) } & 4 \\ \text { NO } \ldots . . & 2 \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES . . . . } & 1 \\ \text { GO TO (13) } & 4 \\ \text { NO } \ldots \ldots . & 2 \end{array}$ |
| 1424 | Was (NAME)'s death due to an accident? | $\begin{array}{\|lll} \hline \text { YES } & \ldots . & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots . & 2 \\ \text { GO TO (08) } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { YES } \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots . . & 2 \\ & \\ \text { GO TO (09) } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \ldots \ldots \\ & \text { NO } \ldots \ldots \\ & \\ & \text { GO TO (10) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \begin{array}{llll} \text { YES } & \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots . & 2 \\ & & 2 & \\ \text { GO TO (11) } \end{array} \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|lll} \hline \text { YES } & \ldots . & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots . & 2 \\ & \text { GO TO (12) } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \ldots \ldots \\ & \text { NO } \ldots \ldots \\ & \\ & \text { GO TO (13) } \end{aligned}$ |
| IF NO MORE BROTHERS OR SISTERS, GO TO 1500. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |




SECTION 15: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1518 | In the last 12 months, how often has (this person/have these persons) physically hurt you: often, only sometimes, or not at all? | OFTEN <br> SOMETIMES <br> NOT AT ALL |  |
| 1519 | CHECK 201, 226, AND 230: <br> EVER BEEN PREGNANT <br> ('YES' ON 201 <br> OR 226 OR 230) | EVER BEEN PREGNANT | $\rightarrow 1522$ |
| 1520 | Has any one ever hit, slapped, kicked, or done anything else to hurt you physically while you were pregnant? | YES <br> NO | $\rightarrow 1522$ |
| 1521 | Who has done any of these things to physically hurt you while you were pregnant? <br> Anyone else? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. | CURRENT HUSBAND/PARTNER MOTHER/STEP-MOTHER FATHER/STEP-FATHER SISTER/BROTHER DAUGHTER/SON OTHER RELATIVE FORMER HUSBAND/PARTNER CURRENT BOYFRIEND FORMER BOYFRIEND MOTHER-IN-LAW FATHER-IN-LAW OTHER IN-LAW TEACHER EMPLOYER/SOMEONE AT WORK SECURITY PERSONNEL/ POLICE/SOLDIER COWIFE FRIEND/NEIGHBOR <br> OTHER |  |
| 1522 | CHECK 701 AND 702: <br> EVER MARRIED/EVER <br> LIVED WITH A MAN <br> NEVER MAR <br> LIVE | IED/NEVER $\square$ <br> ITH A MAN | 1522B |
| 1522A | Now I want to ask you about things that may have been done to you by someone other than (your/any) (husband/partner). At any time in your life, as a child or as an adult, has anyone ever forced you in any way to have sexual intercourse or perform any other sexual acts when you did not want to? | YES <br> NO <br> REFUSED TO ANSWER/ <br> NO ANSWER | $\begin{aligned} & \rightarrow 1523 \\ & \rightarrow 1524 \mathrm{~A} \end{aligned}$ |
| 1522B | At any time in your life, as a child or as an adult, has anyone ever forced you in any way to have sexual intercourse or perform any other sexual acts when you did not want to? | YES <br> NO <br> REFUSED TO ANSWER/ <br> NO ANSWER | $\rightarrow 1526$ |
| 1523 | Who was the person who was forcing you the very first time this happened? | CURRENT HUSBAND/PARTNER .. 0 FORMER HUSBAND/PARTNER <br> CURRENT/FORMER BOYFRIEND FATHER/STEP-FATHER BROTHER/STEP-BROTHER OTHER RELATIVE <br> IN-LAW <br> OWN FRIEND/ACQUAINTANCE <br> FAMILY FRIEND <br> TEACHER <br> EMPLOYER/SOMEONE AT WORK <br> SECURITY PERS./POLICE/SOLDIER <br> PRIEST/RELIGIOUS LEADER <br> STRANGER <br> OTHER $\qquad$ 96 |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
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| 1524 | CHECK 701 AND 702: <br> EVER MARRIED/EVER NEVER MARRIED/NEVER $\square$ <br> LIVED WITH A MAN LIVED WITH A MAN $\downarrow$ <br> a) In the last 12 months, has <br> b) In the last 12 months has anyone other than (your/any) anyone physically forced (husband/partner) physically you to have sexual forced you to have sexual intercourse when you did intercourse when you did not not want to? want to? | YES <br> NO |  | $\xrightarrow{\square} 1525$ |
| 1524A | CHECK 1505A (h-j) and 1515A(b) <br> AT LEAST ONE $\square$ <br> 'YES' | NOT A SINGLE 'YES' |  | $\rightarrow 1526$ |
| 1525 | CHECK 701 AND 702: <br> EVER MARRIED/EVER NEVER MARRIED/NEVER $\square$ <br> LIVED WITH A MAN <br> a) How old were you the first <br> b) How old were you the time you were forced to have first first time you were sexual intercourse or forced to have sexual perform any other sexual intercourse or perform acts by anyone, including any other sexual acts? (your/any) husband/partner? | AGE IN COMPLETED <br> YEARS <br> DON'T KNOW |  |  |
| 1526 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { CHECK 1505A (a-j), 1515A (a,b), 1516, 1520, 1522A, AND } 1522 \\ \text { AT LEAST ONE } \square \\ \text { 'YES' } \downarrow \end{array}$ | TT A SINGLE $\square$ 'YES' |  | $\rightarrow 1530$ |
| 1527 | Thinking about what you yourself have experienced among the different things we have been talking about, have you ever tried to seek help? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\longrightarrow 1529$ |
| 1528 | From whom have you sought help? <br> Anyone else? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. | OWN FAMILY HUSBAND'S/PARTNER'S FAMILY CURRENT/FORMER <br> HUSBAND/PARTNER <br> CURRENT/FORMER BOYFRIEND <br> FRIEND <br> NEIGHBOR <br> RELIGIOUS LEADER <br> DOCTOR/MEDICAL PERSONNEL <br> POLICE <br> LAWYER <br> SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATION <br> OTHER $\qquad$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{A} \\ \mathrm{~B} \\ \mathrm{C} \\ \mathrm{C} \\ \mathrm{D} \\ \mathrm{E} \\ \mathrm{~F} \\ \mathrm{G} \\ \mathrm{H} \\ \mathrm{I} \\ \mathrm{~J} \\ \mathrm{~K} \\ \mathrm{X} \end{gathered}$ | $\rightarrow 1530$ |
| 1529 | Have you ever told any one about this? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| 1530 | As far as you know, did your father ever beat your mother? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS CODING CATEGORIES |  |  |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | THANK THE RESPONDENT FOR HER COOPERATION AND REASSURE HER ABOUT THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF HER ANSWERS. FILL OUT THE QUESTIONS BELOW WITH REFERENCE TO THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MODULE ONLY. |  |  |  |  |
| 1531 | DID YOU HAVE TO INTERRUPT THE INTERVIEW BECAUSE SOME ADULT WAS TRYING TO LISTEN, OR CAME INTO THE ROOM, OR INTERFERED IN ANY OTHER WAY? |  YES, <br> ONCE <br> HUSBAND $\ldots . . . . . .$. 1 <br> OTHER MALE ADULT . <br> FEMALE ADULT . ....... 1 | YES, MORE <br> THAN ONCE <br> 2 <br> 2 <br> 2 | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{NO} \\ & 3 \\ & 3 \\ & 3 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 1532 | INTERVIEWER'S COMMENTS/EXPLANATION FOR NOT COMPLETING THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE |  |  |  |  |
| 1532A | RECORD THE TIME. | HOURS <br> MINUTES |  |  |  |

INTERVIEWER'S OBSERVATIONS
TO BE FILLED IN AFTER COMPLETING INTERVIEW
COMMENTS ABOUT INTERVIEW:
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COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC QUESTIONS:
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SUPERVISOR'S OBSERVATIONS
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EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS:
ONLY ONE CODE SHOULD APPEAR IN ANY BOX. COLUMN 1 REQUIRES A CODE IN EVERY MONTH.

CODES FOR EACH COLUMN:
COLUMN 1: BIRTHS, PREGNANCIES, CONTRACEPTIVE USE
B BIRTHS
P PREGNANCIES
T TERMINATIONS
0 NO METHOD
1 FEMALE STERILIZATION
MALE STERILIZATION
IUD
4 INJECTABLES
IMPLANTS
PILL
MALE CONDOM
FEMALE CONDOM
EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION
STANDARD DAYS METHOD
K LACTATIONAL AMENORRHEA METHOD
L RHYTHM METHOD
M WITHDRAWAL
X OTHER MODERN METHOD
Y OTHER TRADITIONAL METHOD
COLUMN 2: DISCONTINUATION OF CONTRACEPTIVE USE
0 INFREQUENT SEX/HUSBAND AWAY
BECAME PREGNANT WHILE USING
WANTED TO BECOME PREGNANT
HUSBAND/PARTNER DISAPPROVED
WANTED MORE EFFECTIVE METHOD
SIDE EFFECTS/HEALTH CONCERNS
LACK OF ACCESS/TOO FAR
COSTS TOO MUCH
INCONVENIENT TO USE
UP TO GOD/FATALISTIC
DIFFICULT TO GET PREGNANT/MENOPAUSAL
MARITAL DISSOLUTION/SEPARATION
OTHER
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z DON'T KNOW

COL. 1 COL. 2

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|  | 02 | FEB | 11 |  |  |  |
|  | 01 | JAN | 12 |  |  |  |
|  | 12 | DEC | 13 |  |  |  |
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| 8 | 04 | APR | 33 |  |  |  |
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|  | 02 | FEB | 35 |  |  |  |
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|  | 08 | AUG | 41 |  |  | 2 |
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## INTRODUCTION AND CONSENT

Hello. My name is $\qquad$ . I am working with Gambia Bureau of Statistics. We are conducting a survey about health and other topics all over The Gambia. The information we collect will help the government to plan health services. Your household was selected for the survey. The questions usually take about 20 minutes. All of the answers you give will be confidential and will not be shared with anyone other than members of our survey team. You don't have to be in the survey, but we hope you will agree to answer the questions since your views are important. If I ask you any question you don't want to answer, just let me know and I will go on to the next question or you can stop the interview at any time.

In case you need more information about the survey, you may contact the person listed on the card that has already been given to your household.

Do you have any questions?
May I begin the interview now?

SIGNATURE OF INTERVIEWER $\qquad$ DATE $\qquad$
RESPONDENT AGREES

## RESPONDENT DOES NOT AGREE

TO BE INTERVIEWED . . $2 \longrightarrow$ END

SECTION 1. RESPONDENT'S BACKGROUND

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 101 | RECORD THE TIME. | HOURS <br> MINUTES |  |
| 102 | How long have you been living continuously in (NAME OF CURRENT CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE OF RESIDENCE)? <br> IF LESS THAN ONE YEAR, RECORD '00’ YEARS. |  | $\rightarrow 105$ |
| 103 | Just before you moved here, did you live in an urban area or in a rural area? |  |  |
| 104 | Before you moved here, which LGA did you live in? |  |  |
| 105 | In what month and year were you born? |  |  |
| 106 | How old were you at your last birthday? <br> COMPARE AND CORRECT 105 AND/OR 106 IF INCONSISTENT. | AGE IN COMPLETED YEARS . . . . . . . |  |
| 107 | Have you ever attended school? | YES $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ <br> NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots$  | $\rightarrow 111$ |
| 108 | What is the highest level of school you attended: ECE, primary, lower secondary, upper secondary, vocational, diploma, or higher? |  | $\longrightarrow 111$ |

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| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 109 | What is the highest (grade/form/year) you completed at that level? <br> IF COMPLETED LESS THAN ONE YEAR AT THAT LEVEL, RECORD '00'. | GRADE/FORM/YEAR |  |  |
| 110 | CHECK 108: <br> PRIMARY, LOWER/UPPER SECONDARY, OR VOCATIONAL | MA OR $\square$ IGHER |  | $\rightarrow 113$ |
| 111 | Now I would like you to read this sentence to me. <br> SHOW CARD TO RESPONDENT. <br> IF RESPONDENT CANNOT READ WHOLE <br> SENTENCE, <br> PROBE: Can you read any part of the sentence to me? | CANNOT READ AT ALL <br> ABLE TO READ ONLY PART OF <br> THE SENTENCE <br> ABLE TO READ WHOLE SENTENCE <br> NO CARD WITH REQUIRED <br> LANGUAGE <br> (SPECIFY LANG <br> BLIND/VISUALLY IMPAIRED | 1 <br> 2 <br> 3 <br> 4 <br> 5 |  |
| 112 | CHECK 111: | OR '5' CLED |  | $\longrightarrow 114$ |
| 113 | Do you read a newspaper or magazine at least once a week, less than once a week or not at all? | AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK LESS THAN ONCE A WEEK NOT AT ALL | 1 2 3 |  |
| 114 | Do you listen to the radio at least once a week, less than once a week or not at all? | AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK LESS THAN ONCE A WEEK NOT AT ALL | 1 2 3 |  |
| 115 | Do you watch television at least once a week, less than once a week or not at all? | AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK LESS THAN ONCE A WEEK NOT AT ALL | 1 2 3 |  |
| 116 | Do you own a mobile telephone? | YES NO | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\longrightarrow 118$ |
| 117 | Do you use your mobile phone for any financial transactions? | YES <br> NO | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 118 | Do you have an account in a bank or other financial institution that you yourself use? | YES <br> NO | 1 |  |
| 119 | Have you ever used the internet? | YES NO | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\longrightarrow 122$ |
| 120 | In the last 12 months, have you used the internet? <br> IF NECESSARY, PROBE FOR USE FROM ANY LOCATION, WITH ANY DEVICE. | YES <br> NO |  | $\longrightarrow 122$ |
| 121 | During the last one month, how often did you use the internet: almost every day, at least once a week, less than once a week, or not at all? | ALMOST EVERY DAY AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK LESS THAN ONCE A WEEK NOT AT ALL | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 3 \\ & 4 \end{aligned}$ |  |

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| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 122 | What is your religion? |  |  |
| 122A | What is your nationality? |  | $\rightarrow 201$ |
| 123 | What is your ethnicity? |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 201 | Now I would like to ask about any children you have had during your life. I am interested in all of the children that are biologically yours, even if they are not legally yours or do not have your last name. Have you ever fathered any children with any woman? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW | $\xrightarrow{\rightarrow} 206$ |
| 202 | Do you have any sons or daughters that you have fathered who are now living with you? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | $\longrightarrow 204$ |
| 203 | a) How many sons live with you? <br> b) And how many daughters live with you? <br> IF NONE, RECORD '00'. | a) SONS AT HOME <br> b) DAUGHTERS AT HOME |  |
| 204 | Do you have any sons or daughters that you have fathered who are alive but do not live with you? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | $\longrightarrow 206$ |
| 205 | a) How many sons are alive but do not live with you? <br> b) And how many daughters are alive but do not live with you? <br> IF NONE, RECORD '00'. | a) SONS ELSEWHERE <br> b) DAUGHTERS ELSEWHERE |  |
| 206 | Have you ever fathered a son or a daughter who was born alive but later died? <br> IF NO, PROBE: Any baby who cried, who made any movement, sound, or effort to breathe, or who showed any other signs of life even if for a very short time? | YES <br> NO DON'T KNOW | $\xrightarrow{ } \rightarrow 208$ |
| 207 | a) How many boys have died? <br> b) And how many girls have died? <br> IF NONE, RECORD '00'. | a) BOYS DEAD <br> b) GIRLS DEAD |  |
| 208 | SUM ANSWERS TO 203, 205, AND 207, AND ENTER TOTAL. IF NONE, RECORD '00'. | TOTAL CHILDREN |  |
| 209 | CHECK 208: <br> HAS NOT ANY CH |  | $\begin{array}{\|l} \longrightarrow \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ 3011 \end{array}$ |
| 210 | Did all of the children you have fathered have the same biological mother? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 211 | CHECK 208: <br> HAS HAD MORE THAN ONE CHILD <br> a) How old were you when your first child was born? $\begin{array}{r} \text { HAS HAD } \\ \text { ONLY } \\ \text { ONE CHILD } \end{array}$ <br> b) How old were you when your child was born? | AGE IN YEARS |  |
| 212 | CHECK 203 AND 205: <br> AT LEAST ONE LIVING CHILD | NO LIVING $\square$ CHILDREN | $\rightarrow 301$ |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 213 | CHECK 203 AND 205: <br> MORE THAN ONE <br> ONLY ONE LIVING CHILD <br> a) How old is your <br> b) How old is your child? youngest child? | AGE IN YEARS |  |  |
| 214 | CHECK 213: <br> (YOUNGEST) CHILD IS $\square$ (YOUNGEST) CHILD IS AGE 0-2 YEARS AGE 3 YEARS OR OLDER |  |  | 301 |
| 215 | CHECK 203 AND 205: <br> MORE THAN ONE $\square$ <br> a) What is the name of your youngest child? <br> ONLY ONE $\begin{array}{r}\square \\ \text { LIVING CHILD } \\ \square\end{array}$ <br> b) What is the name of your child? | (NAME OF (YOUNGEST) CHILD) |  |  |
| 216 | When (NAME)'s mother was pregnant with (NAME), did she have any antenatal check-ups? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW | 1 2 8 | 218 |
| 217 | Were you ever present during any of those antenatal check-ups? | PRESENT <br> NOT PRESENT | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 218 | Was (NAME) born in a hospital or health facility? | HOSPITAL/HEALTH FACILITY OTHER | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 219 | When a child has diarrhea, how much should he or she be given to drink: more than usual, about the same as usual, less than usual, or nothing to drink at all? | MORE THAN USUAL ABOUT THE SAME LESS THAN USUAL NOTHING TO DRINK DON'T KNOW | 1 2 3 4 8 |  |

## SECTION 3. CONTRACEPTION

| 301 | Now I would like to talk about family planning - the various ways or methods that a couple can use to delay or avoid a pregnancy. Have you ever heard of (METHOD)? |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 01 | Female Sterilization. <br> PROBE: Women can have an operation to avoid having any more children. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | 1 |
| 02 | Male Sterilization. <br> PROBE: Men can have an operation to avoid having any more children. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | 1 |
| 03 | IUD. <br> PROBE: Women can have a loop or coil placed inside them by a doctor or a nurse which can prevent pregnancy for one or more years. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | 1 |
| 04 | Injectables. (Depo) <br> PROBE: Women can have an injection by a health provider that stops them from becoming pregnant for one or more months. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | 1 |
| 05 | Implants. <br> PROBE: Women can have one or more small rods placed in their upper arm by a doctor or nurse which can prevent pregnancy for one or more years. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | 1 |
| 06 | Pill. <br> PROBE: Women can take a pill every day to avoid becoming pregnant. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | 1 |
| 07 | Male Condom. <br> PROBE: Men can put a rubber sheath on their penis before sexual intercourse. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | 1 |
| 08 | Female Condom. <br> PROBE: Women can place a sheath in their vagina before sexual intercourse. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | 1 |
| 09 | Emergency Contraception. <br> PROBE: As an emergency measure, within three days after they have unprotected sexual intercourse, women can take special pills to prevent pregnancy. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | 1 |
| 10 | Standard Days Method. (Cyclebeads) <br> PROBE: A woman uses a string of colored beads to know the days she can get pregnant. On the days she can get pregnant, she uses a condom or does not have sexual intercourse. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | 1 |
| 11 | Lactational Amenorrhea Method (LAM). <br> PROBE: Up to six months after childbirth, before the menstrual period has returned, women use a method requiring frequent breastfeeding day and night. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | 1 |
| 12 | Rhythm Method. <br> PROBE: To avoid pregnancy, women do not have sexual intercourse on the days of the month they think they can get pregnant. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | 1 |
| 13 | Withdrawal. <br> PROBE: Men can be careful and pull out before climax. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | 1 |
| 14 | Have you heard of any other ways or methods that women or men can use to avoid pregnancy? | YES, <br> YES <br> NO | A B Y |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 302 | In the last few months have you: <br> a) Heard about family planning on the radio? <br> b) Seen anything about family planning on the television? <br> c) Read about family planning in a newspaper or magazine? <br> d) Received a voice or text message about family planning on a mobile phone? <br> e) Heard about family planning through peer health education? <br> f) Heard about family planning from friends or relatives? <br> g) Heard about family planning from traditional communicators? <br> h) Heard about family planning from a health worker or health personnel? <br> i) Seen or heard anything about family planning from the internet or on social media platforms such as Facebook, WhatsApp, Twitter, or others? | a) RADIO <br> b) TELEVISION $\qquad$ <br> c) NEWSPAPER/MAGAZINE <br> d) TEXT/VOICE MESSAGE <br> e) PEER HEALTH EDUCATI <br> f) FRIENDS/RELATIVES <br> g) TRAD. COMMUNICATOR <br> h) HEALTH PERSONNEL/W <br> i) INTERNET/SOCIAL MED |  | NO 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 |  |
| 303 | In the last few months, have you discussed family planning with a health worker or health professional? | YES <br> NO |  |  |  |
| 304 | Now I would like to ask you about a woman's risk of pregnancy. From one menstrual period to the next, are there certain days when a woman is more likely to become pregnant when she has sexual relations? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW |  | 1 2 8 | $\rightarrow 306$ |
| 305 | Is this time just before her period begins, during her period, right after her period has ended, or halfway between two periods? | JUST BEFORE HER PERIOD DURING HER PERIOD . . . . RIGHT AFTER HER PERIOD HALFWAY BETWEEN TWO <br> OTHER $\qquad$ | BEGINS <br> HAS ENDED PERIODS <br> ECIFY) | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 3 \\ & 4 \\ & 6 \\ & 6 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 306 | After the birth of a child, can a woman become pregnant before her menstrual period has returned? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW |  | 1 2 8 |  |
| 307 | I will now read you some statements about contraception. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with each one. <br> a) Contraception is a woman's concern and a man should not have to worry about it. <br> b) Women who use contraception may become promiscuous. | a) CONTRACEPTION WOMAN'S CONCERN <br> b) WOMEN MAY BECOME PROMISCUOUS |  DIS- <br> AGREE AGREE <br> 1 2 <br> 1 2 | DK <br> 8 <br> 8 |  |

SECTION 4. MARRIAGE AND SEXUAL ACTIVITY

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 401 | Are you currently married or living together with a woman as if married? | YES, CURRENTLY MARRIED YES, LIVING WITH A WOMAN NO, NOT IN UNION | $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots \ldots & 2 \\ \ldots \ldots & 3 \end{array}$ | $\xrightarrow{\rightarrow} 404$ |
| 402 | Have you ever been married or lived together with a woman as if married? | YES, FORMERLY MARRIED YES, LIVED WITH A WOMAN NO | $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots \ldots & 2 \\ \ldots \ldots & 3 \end{array}$ | $\rightarrow 413$ |
| 403 | What is your marital status now: are you widowed, divorced, or separated? | WIDOWED DIVORCED SEPARATED | $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots \ldots & 2 \\ \ldots \ldots & 3 \end{array}$ | $\mapsto 410$ |
| 404 | Is your (wife/partner) living with you now or is she staying elsewhere? | LIVING WITH HIM STAYING ELSEWHERE | $\begin{array}{ll}  \\ \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots \ldots & 2 \end{array}$ |  |
| 405 | Do you have other wives or do you live with other women as if married? | YES (MORE THAN ONE WIFE) NO (ONLY ONE WIFE) . . . . . . . | $\begin{array}{ll}  \\ \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots \ldots & 2 \end{array}$ | $\rightarrow 407$ |
| 406 | Altogether, how many wives or live-in partners do you have? | TOTAL NUMBER OF WIVES AND LIVE-IN PARTNERS |  |  |
| 407 | CHECK 405: <br> ONE WIFE/ PARTNER <br> a) Please tell me the name of (your wife/the woman you are living with as if married). <br> MORE THAN ONE WIFE/ PARTNER <br> b) Please tell me the name of each of your wives or each woman you are living with as if married. <br> RECORD THE NAME AND THE LINE NUMBER FROM THE HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE FOR EACH WIFE AND LIVE-IN PARTNER. <br> IF A WOMAN IS NOT LISTED IN THE HOUSEHOLD, RECORD '00'. <br> ASK 408 FOR EACH PERSON. |  | 408 <br> How old was (NAME) on her last birthday? <br> AGE |  |
| 409 | CHECK 407: <br> ONE WIFE/ PARTNER | MORE THAN ONE WIFE/ $\square$ PARTNER |  | $\rightarrow 411$ |
| 410 | Have you been married or lived with a woman only once or more than once? | MORE THAN ONCE ONLY ONCE | $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots \ldots & 2 \end{array}$ |  |
| 411 | CHECK 405 AND 410: <br> BOTH ARE <br> CODE '2' $\downarrow$ <br> a) In what month and year did you start living with your (wife/partner)? <br> OTHER <br> b) Now I would like to ask about your first (wife/partner). In what month and year did you start living with her? | MONTH <br> DON'T KNOW MONTH <br> YEAR $\square$ <br> NEVER LIVED WITH WIFE DON'T KNOW YEAR | $\square$ <br> 98 <br>   <br>   <br> $\ldots .$. 9995 <br> $\ldots .$. 9998 | $\begin{array}{\|l} \square \\ \longrightarrow 413 \\ \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| 412 | How old were you when you first started living with her? | AGE |  |  |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 413 | CHECK FOR PRESENCE OF OTHERS. BEFORE CONTINUING, MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE PRIVACY. |  |  |  |
| 414 | I would like to ask some questions about sexual activity in order to gain a better understanding of some important life issues. Let me assure you again that your answers are completely confidential and will not be told to anyone. If we should come to any question that you don't want to answer, just let me know and we will go to the next question. How old were you when you had sexual intercourse for the very first time? | NEVER HAD SEXUAL <br> INTERCOURSE <br> AGE IN YEARS | $\begin{array}{l\|l} \ldots \ldots .00 \\ \hline & \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\longrightarrow 501$ |
| 415 | I would like to ask you about your recent sexual activity. When was the last time you had sexual intercourse? <br> IF LESS THAN 12 MONTHS, ANSWER MUST BE RECORDED IN DAYS, WEEKS OR MONTHS. IF 12 MONTHS (ONE YEAR) OR MORE, ANSWER MUST BE RECORDED IN YEARS. | DAYS AGO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots .$. 1 <br> WEEKS AGO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2 <br> MONTHS AGO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$. 3 <br> YEARS AGO $\ldots \ldots . \ldots \ldots .$. 4 |  |  |

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|  |  | LAST SEXUAL PARTNER |  | SECOND-TO-LAST SEXUAL PARTNER |  | THIRD-TO-LAST SEXUAL PARTNER |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 416 | When was the last time you had sexual intercourse with this person? |  |  | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { DAYS } \\ \text { AGO } & \ldots & 1 \\ \text { WEEKS } & & \\ \text { AGO } \ldots & 2 \\ \text { MONTHS } & \\ \text { AGO } & \ldots & 3 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { DAYS } \\ \text { AGO } & \ldots & 1 \\ \text { WEEKS } & & \\ \text { AGO } \ldots & 2 \\ \text { MONTHS } & \\ \text { AGO } & \ldots & 3 \end{array}$ |  |
| 417 | The last time you had sexual intercourse with this person, was a male condom or female condom used? | $\begin{array}{lr} \text { YES } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \\ \text { NO } & \ldots \ldots . \\ & \text { (SKIP T } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { YES } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \\ \text { NO } & \ldots \ldots . . \\ & \text { (SKIP T } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { YES } & \ldots \ldots \\ \text { NO } & \ldots \ldots \\ & (S K I P \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| 418 | Was a condom used every time you had sexual intercourse with this person in the last 12 months? |  |  | YES $\ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ 1 <br> NO $\ldots . . . . . . . .$.  |  | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { YES } & \ldots \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~ & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots . . . . . . . . . . \end{array}$ |  |
| 419 | What was your relationship to this person with whom you had sexual intercourse? <br> IF GIRLFRIEND: Were you living together as if married? <br> IF YES, RECORD '2'. <br> IF NO, RECORD '3'. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 420 | How long ago did you first have sexual intercourse with this person? | DAYS   <br> AGO $\ldots$ 1 <br> WEEKS   <br> AGO $\ldots$ 2 <br> MONTHS   <br> AGO $\ldots$ 3 <br> YEARS   <br> AGO $\ldots$ 4 |  | DAYS$\begin{array}{cccc} \text { AGO } & \ldots & 1 \\ \text { WEEKS } & & \\ \text { AGO } & \ldots & 2 \\ \text { MONTHS } & & \\ \text { AGOO } & \ldots & 3 \\ \text { YEARS } & & \\ \text { AGO } & \ldots & 4 \end{array}$ |  | DAYS   <br> AGO $\ldots$ 1 <br> WEEKS   <br> AGO $\ldots$ 2 <br> MONTHS   <br> AGO $\ldots$ 3 <br> YEARS   <br> AGO $\ldots$ 4 |  |
| 421 | How many times during the last 12 months did you have sexual intercourse with this person? <br> IF NON-NUMERIC ANSWER, PROBE TO GET AN ESTIMATE. IF NUMBER OF TIMES IS 95 OR MORE, RECORD '95'. | NUMBER OF TIMES |  | NUMBER OF TIMES |  | NUMBER OF TIMES |  |
| 422 | How old is this person? | AGE OF PARTNER DON'T KNOW | $98$ | AGE OF PARTNER DON'T KNOW | $\begin{array}{r} \square \\ 98 \end{array}$ | AGE OF PARTNER DON'T KNOW | $98$ |
| 423 | Apart from this person, have you had sexual intercourse with any other person in the last 12 months? | YES <br> (GO BACK <br> IN NEXT COL <br> NO <br> (SKIP T | $\begin{gathered} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \quad \ldots . . . . . \\ & \text { (GO BACK } \\ & \text { IN NEXT CO } \\ & \text { NO } \quad \ldots \ldots \ldots \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \text { (SKIP } \end{aligned}$ | 1 <br> 2 |  |  |
| 424 | In total, with how many different people have you had sexual intercourse in the last 12 months? <br> IF NON-NUMERIC ANSWER, PROBE TO GET AN ESTIMATE. IF NUMBER OF PARTNERS IS 95 OR MORE, RECORD '95'. |  |  |  |  | NUMBER OF <br> PARTNERS <br> LAST 12 <br> MONTHS . . <br> DON'T KNOW | $98$ |

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 425 | CHECK 419 (ALL COLUMNS): <br> AT LEAST ONE PARTNER IS A SEX WORKER | NO PARTNERS E SEX WORKERS | 427 |
| 426 | CHECK 419 AND 417 (ALL COLUMNS): CONDOM USED WITH EVERY SEX WORKER | OTHER | $\begin{array}{\|l} \longrightarrow 430 \\ \longrightarrow 431 \end{array}$ |
| 427 | In the last 12 months, did you pay anyone in exchange for having sexual intercourse? |  | $\rightarrow 429$ |
| 428 | Have you ever paid anyone in exchange for having sexual intercourse? |  | $\xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} 431$ |
| 429 | The last time you paid someone in exchange for having sexual intercourse, was a male condom or female condom used? |  | $\rightarrow 431$ |
| 430 | Was a condom used during sexual intercourse every time you paid someone in exchange for having sexual intercourse in the last 12 months? |  |  |
| 431 | In the past 12 months have you given any gifts or other goods in order to have sex or to become sexually involved with anyone? |  | $\longrightarrow 433$ |
| 432 | Have you ever given any gifts or other goods in order to have sex or to become sexually involved with anyone? |  |  |
| 433 | In total, with how many different people have you had sexual intercourse in your lifetime? <br> IF NON-NUMERIC ANSWER, PROBE TO GET AN ESTIMATE. IF NUMBER OF PARTNERS IS 95 OR MORE, RECORD '95'. |  |  |
| 434 | CHECK 417: MOST RECENT PARTNER (FIRST COLU | NOT ASKED <br> NDOM <br> USED $\square$ | $\begin{array}{r} \longrightarrow 438 \\ \longrightarrow 438 \end{array}$ |
| 436 | From where did you obtain the condom the last time? <br> PROBE TO IDENTIFY TYPE OF SOURCE. <br> IF UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. | PUBLIC SECTOR <br> GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 11 <br> GOVERNMENT HEALTH CENTER . ........ 12 <br> GOVERNMENT HEALTH POST 13 <br> RCH OUTREACH CLINIC .................... 14 <br> FIELDWORKER/VHS ......................... 15 <br> OTHER PUBLIC SECTOR $\qquad$ <br> (SPECIFY) <br> PRIVATE MEDICAL SECTOR <br> PRIVATE HOSPITAL/CLINIC . . .............. 21 <br> PHARMACY .................................. . . . 22 <br> PRIVATE DOCTOR . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 23 <br> MOBILE CLINIC . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 24 <br> FIELDWORKER . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 25 <br> NGO HOSPITAL/CLINIC .................... . . . 26 <br> NGO MOBILE CLINIC . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 27 <br> COMMUNITY BASED DISTRIBUTOR ..... 28 <br> OTHER PRIVATE MEDICAL SECTOR $\qquad$ <br> (SPECIFY) <br> OTHER SOURCE <br> SHOP ..................................... . . . . 31 <br> FRIEND/RELATIVE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 32 <br> OTHER $\qquad$ 96 |  |

SECTION 4. MARRIAGE AND SEXUAL ACTIVITY

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 437 | The last time you had sex did you or your partner use any method other than a condom to avoid or prevent a pregnancy? |  | $\begin{array}{r} \longrightarrow 439 \\ \longrightarrow 440 \end{array}$ |
| 438 | The last time you had sex did you or your partner use any method to avoid or prevent a pregnancy? |  | $\longrightarrow 440$ |
| 439 | What method did you or your partner use? <br> PROBE: Did you or your partner use any other method to prevent pregnancy? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. |  | $\rightarrow 501$ |
| 440 | Do you know of a place where you can obtain a method of family planning? |  |  |



| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 510 | Now I have some questions about the future. After the (child/children) you and your (wives/partners) are expecting now, would you like to have another child, or would you prefer not to have any more children? |  | $\longrightarrow 514$ |
| 511 | After the birth of the child you are expecting now, how long would you like to wait before the birth of another child? |  |  |
| 512 | CHECK 208: <br> HAS NOT <br> HAS FATHERED FATHERED CHILDREN <br> a) Now I have some <br> (b) Now I have some questions about the questions about the future. Would you like future. Would you like to have another child, to have a child, or or would you prefer not would you prefer not to to have any more have any children? children? |  | $\square \rightarrow 514$ |
| 513 | CHECK 208: <br> HAS FATHERED CHILDREN <br> a) How long would you like to wait from now before the birth of another child? <br> HAS NOT FATHERED <br> b) How long would you like to wait from now before the birth of a child? |  |  |
| 514 | CHECK 203 AND 205: <br> HAS LIVING NO LIVING <br> CHILDREN <br> a) If you could go back to <br> b) If you could choose the time you did not exactly the number of have any children and children to have in your could choose exactly whole life, how many the number of children would that be? to have in your whole life, how many would that be? <br> PROBE FOR A NUMERIC RESPONSE. | NONE.............................................. . 00 <br> NUMBER $\qquad$ $\square$ <br> OTHER $\qquad$ 96 (SPECIFY) |  |
| 515 | How many of these children would you like to be boys, how many would you like to be girls and for how many would it not matter if it's a boy or a girl? | NUMBER . . $\square$ OTHER $\qquad$ 96 |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 601 | Have you done any work in the last seven days? |  | $\rightarrow 604$ |
| 602 | Although you did not work in the last seven days, do you have any job or business from which you were absent for leave, illness, vacation, or any other such reason? |  | $\rightarrow 604$ |
| 603 | Have you done any work in the last 12 months? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> NO . . . . . . . . . . .   | $\rightarrow 607$ |
| 604 | What is your occupation? That is, what kind of work do you mainly do? |  |  |
| 605 | Do you usually work throughout the year, or do you work seasonally, or only once in a while? |  |  |
| 606 | Are you paid in cash or kind for this work or are you not paid at all? |  |  |
| 607 | CHECK 401: <br> CURRENTLY MARRIED OR <br> NOT <br> LIVING WITH A PARTNER | RRENTLY MARRIED <br> AND <br> WITH A PARTNER | $\rightarrow 612$ |
| 608 | CHECK 606: <br> CODE '1' OR '2' CIRCLED | OTHER | $\rightarrow 610$ |
| 609 | Who usually decides how the money you earn will be used: you, your (wife(wives)/partner(s)), or you and your (wife(wives)/partner(s)) jointly? |  |  |
| 610 | Who usually makes decisions about health care for yourself: you, your (wife(wives)/partner(s)), you and your (wife(wives)/partner(s)) jointly, or someone else? |  |  |
| 611 | Who usually makes decisions about making major household purchases? |  |  |

SECTION 6. EMPLOYMENT AND GENDER ROLES

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 612 | Do you own this or any other house either alone or jointly with someone else? | ALONE ONLY JOINTLY ONLY BOTH ALONE AND JOINTLY DOES NOT OWN | $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots \ldots & 2 \\ \ldots \ldots \ldots & 3 \\ \ldots \ldots & 4 \end{array}$ |  |
| 615 | Do you own any agricultural or non-agricultural land either alone or jointly with someone else? | ALONE ONLY JOINTLY ONLY BOTH ALONE AND JOINTLY DOES NOT OWN | $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots \ldots . & 1 \\ \ldots \ldots . & 2 \\ \ldots \ldots . & 3 \\ \ldots . . . & 4 \end{array}$ | $\longrightarrow 618$ |
| 616 | Do you have a title deed for any land you own? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW | $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots & 1 \\ \cdots & 2 \\ \cdots & 2 \\ \ldots & 8 \end{array}$ | $\xrightarrow{\square} 618$ |
| 617 | Is your name on the title deed? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW | $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots & 2 \\ \ldots \ldots & 8 \end{array}$ |  |
| 618 | In your opinion, is a husband justified in hitting or beating his wife in the following situations: <br> a) If she goes out without telling him? <br> b) If she neglects the children? <br> c) If she argues with him? <br> d) If she refuses to have sex with him? <br> e) If she burns the food? <br> f) If she uses contraceptives without his consent? <br> g) If she argues with his relatives? |  | NO DK <br> 2 8 <br> 2 8 <br> 2 8 <br> 2 8 <br> 2 8 <br> 2 8 <br> 2 8 |  |

SECTION 7. HIVIAIDS

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 701 | Now I would like to talk about something else. Have you ever heard of HIV or AIDS? | YES <br> NO | $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots \ldots . & 1 \\ \ldots \ldots . & 2 \end{array}$ | $\longrightarrow 727$ |
| 702 | HIV is the virus that can lead to AIDS. Can people reduce their chance of getting HIV by having just one uninfected sex partner who has no other sex partners? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW | $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots & \ldots \\ \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots & 2 \\ \ldots & 8 \end{array}$ |  |
| 703 | Can people get HIV from mosquito bites? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 704 | Can people reduce their chance of getting HIV by using a condom every time they have sex? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 705 | Can people get HIV by sharing food with a person who has HIV? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 706 | Can people get HIV because of witchcraft or other supernatural means? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 707 | Is it possible for a healthy-looking person to have HIV? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 708 | Can HIV be transmitted from a mother to her baby: <br> a) During pregnancy? <br> b) During delivery? <br> c) By breastfeeding? |  YES  <br> a) DURING PREGNANCY . . 1  <br> b) DURING DELIVERY . .... 1  <br> c) BREASTFEEEDING $\ldots .$. 1  | NO DK <br> 2 8 <br> 2 8 <br> 2 8 |  |
| 709 | CHECK 708: <br> AT LEAST $\square$ <br> ONE 'YES' | OTHER |  | $\rightarrow 711$ |
| 710 | Are there any special drugs that a doctor or a nurse can give to a woman infected with HIV to reduce the risk of transmission to the baby? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW | $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots \ldots & 2 \\ \ldots \ldots & 8 \end{array}$ |  |
| 711 | CHECK FOR PRESENCE OF OTHERS. BEFORE CON | UING, MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO E | E PRIVACY. |  |
| 712 | I don't want to know the results, but have you ever been tested for HIV? | YES NO | $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots \ldots & 2 \end{array}$ | $\rightarrow 716$ |
| 713 | How many months ago was your most recent HIV test? | MONTHS AGO <br> TWO OR MORE YEARS |   <br> $\ldots . . .95$  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 714 | I don't want to know the results, but did you get the results of the test? |  |  |
| 715 | Where was the test done? <br> PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE. <br> IF UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. |  | $\square$ |
| 716 | Do you know of a place where people can go to get an HIV test? |  | $\rightarrow 718$ |
| 717 | Where is that? <br> Any other place? <br> PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE. <br> IF UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. |  |  |
| 718 | Have you heard of test kits people can use to test themselves for HIV? |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 720 | Would you buy fresh vegetables from a shopkeeper or vendor if you knew that this person had HIV? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE/DEPENDS | 1 2 8 |  |
| 721 | Do you think children living with HIV should be allowed to attend school with children who do not have HIV? | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { YES } & \ldots \\ \text { NO } & \ldots \end{array} .$ | 1 2 8 |  |
| 722 | Do you think people hesitate to take an HIV test because they are afraid of how other people will react if the test result is positive for HIV? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE/DEPENDS | 1 2 8 |  |
| 723 | Do people talk badly about people living with HIV, or who are thought to be living with HIV? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE/DEPENDS | 1 2 8 |  |
| 724 | Do people living with HIV, or thought to be living with HIV, lose the respect of other people? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE/DEPENDS | 1 2 8 |  |
| 725 | Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: I would be ashamed if someone in my family had HIV. | AGREE <br> DISAGREE <br> DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE/DEPENDS | 1 2 8 |  |
| 726 | Do you fear that you could get HIV if you come into contact with the saliva of a person living with HIV? | YES <br> NO <br> SAYS HE HAS HIV <br> DON'T KNOW/NOT SURE/DEPENDS | 1 2 3 8 |  |
| 727 | CHECK 701: <br> HEARD ABOUT HIV OR AIDS <br> a) Apart from HIV, have you heard about other infections that can be transmitted through sexual contact? <br> NOT HEARD ABOUT HIV OR AIDS $\downarrow$ <br> b) Have you heard about infections that can be transmitted through sexual contact? | YES <br> NO | 1 2 |  |
| 728 | CHECK 414: <br> HAS HAD SEXUAL INTERCOURSE | EVER HAD SEXUAL $\square$ INTERCOURSE |  | 736 |
| 729 | CHECK 727: HEARD ABOUT OTHER SEXUALLY TRAN <br> YES | ITTED INFECTIONS? <br> NO $\square$ |  | 731 |
| 730 | Now I would like to ask you some questions about your health in the last 12 months. During the last 12 months, have you had a disease which you got through sexual contact? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW | 1 2 8 |  |
| 731 | Sometimes men experience an abnormal discharge from their penis. During the last 12 months, have you had an abnormal discharge from your penis? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW | 1 2 8 |  |
| 732 | Sometimes men have a sore or ulcer near their penis. During the last 12 months, have you had a sore or ulcer on or near your penis? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW | 1 2 8 |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 733 | CHECK 730, 731 AND 732: <br> HAS HAD AN INFECTION (ANY 'YES') | HAS NOT HAD AN $\square$ INFECTION OR DOES NOT KNOW | $\longrightarrow 736$ |
| 734 | The last time you had (PROBLEM FROM 730/731/732), did you seek any kind of advice or treatment? | YES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 <br> NO 2 | $\rightarrow 736$ |
| 735 | Where did you go? <br> Any other place? <br> PROBE TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF SOURCE. <br> IF UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR, WRITE THE NAME OF THE PLACE. | ```PUBLIC SECTOR GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL ............. A GOVERNMENT HEALTH CENTER ....... B RCH OUTREACH CLINIC .................... C OTHER PUBLIC SECTOR``` $\qquad$ ```None \\ (SPECIFY) \\ PRIVATE MEDICAL SECTOR \\ PRIVATE HOSPITAL/CLINIC ................ E \\ MOBILE HTC SERVICES ``` $\qquad$ <br> ```NGO HOSPITAL/CLINIC ................... G \\ OTHER PRIVATE MEDICAL SECTOR``` $\qquad$ ```NoneNone ``` $\qquad$ <br> ```XNone``` |  |
| 736 | If a wife knows her husband has a disease that she can get during sexual intercourse, is she justified in asking that they use a condom when they have sex? |  |  |
| 737 | Is a wife justified in refusing to have sex with her husband when she knows he has sex with other women other than his wives? |  |  |

SECTION 8. OTHER HEALTH ISSUES

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 804A | Now I would like to ask some questions about a practice known as female circumcision. Have you ever heard of female circumcision? | YES <br> NO | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\longrightarrow 804 \mathrm{C}$ |
| 804B | In some countries, there is a practice in which a girl may have part of her genitals cut. Have you ever heard about this practice? | YES <br> NO | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\longrightarrow 805$ |
| 804C | Do you believe that female circumcision is required by your religion? | YES <br> NO <br> NO RELIGION <br> DON'T KNOW | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 3 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 804D | Do you think that female circumcision should be continued, or should it be stopped? | CONTINUED <br> STOPPED <br> DEPENDS <br> DON'T KNOW | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 3 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \longrightarrow 804 \mathrm{~F} \\ & \rightarrow 804 \mathrm{G} \end{aligned}$ |
| 804E | Why do you think female circumcision should be continued? <br> Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED | RELIGIOUS OBLIGATION PREVENTS PREGNANCY HYGIENE/CLEANLINESS EASIER DELIVERY REDUCED PROMISCUITY TRADITION/CULTURE PART OF WOMANHOOD OTHER | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{A} \\ & \mathrm{~B} \\ & \mathrm{C} \\ & \mathrm{D} \\ & \mathrm{E} \\ & \mathrm{~F} \\ & \mathrm{G} \\ & \mathrm{X} \end{aligned}$ | $\rightarrow 804 \mathrm{G}$ |
| 804F | Why do you think female circumcision should be stopped? <br> Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED | NEG HEALTH EFFECTS HARMFUL PRACTICE NOT RELIGIOUS OBLIGATION ILLEGAL COMPLICATES DELIVERY PAINFUL/UNSATISFYING SEX OTHER $\qquad$ (SPECIFY) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { A } \\ & \text { B } \\ & \text { C } \\ & \text { D } \\ & \text { E } \\ & \text { F } \\ & \text { X } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 804G | Are you aware of any law that prohibits the practice of female circumcision in The Gambia? | YES <br> NO | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 805 | Now I would like to ask you some other questions relating to health matters. Have you had an injection for any reason in the last 12 months? <br> IF YES: How many injections have you had? <br> IF NUMBER OF INJECTIONS IS 90 OR MORE, OR DAILY FOR 3 MONTHS OR MORE, RECORD '90'. IF NON-NUMERIC ANSWER, PROBE TO GET AN ESTIMATE. | NUMBER OF INJECTIONS <br> NONE | 00 | $\longrightarrow 808$ |
| 806 | Among these injections, how many were administered by a doctor, a nurse, a pharmacist, a dentist, or any other health worker? <br> IF NUMBER OF INJECTIONS IS 90 OR MORE, OR DAILY FOR 3 MONTHS OR MORE, RECORD '90'. IF NON-NUMERIC ANSWER, PROBE TO GET AN ESTIMATE. | NUMBER OF INJECTIONS <br> NONE | $00$ | $\longrightarrow 808$ |
| 807 | The last time you got an injection from a health worker, did he/she take the syringe and needle from a new, unopened package? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ |  |

SECTION 8. OTHER HEALTH ISSUES

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEG | RIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 808 | Do you currently smoke tobacco every day, some days, or not at all? | EVERY DAY <br> SOME DAYS <br> NOT AT ALL |  | $\begin{array}{\|l} \longrightarrow 811 \\ \longrightarrow 810 \end{array}$ |
| 809 | In the past, have you smoked tobacco every day? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\xrightarrow{\longrightarrow} 812$ |
| 810 | In the past, have you ever smoked tobacco every day, some days, or not at all? | EVERY DAY <br> SOME DAYS <br> NOT AT ALL |  | $\rightarrow 813$ |
| 811 | On average, how many of the following products do you currently smoke each day? Also, let me know if you use the product, but not every day. <br> IF RESPONDENT REPORTS USING THE PRODUCT BUT NOT EVERY DAY, RECORD '888'. IF THE PRODUCT IS NOT USED AT ALL, RECORD '000'. <br> a) Manufactured cigarettes? <br> b) Hand-rolled cigarettes like manis or amphora? <br> d) Pipes full of tobacco? <br> e) Cigars, cheroots, or cigarillos? <br> f) Number of water pipe or shisha sessions? <br> g) Any others? | a) MANUFACTURED CIGARETTES <br> b) HAND-ROLLED CIGARETTES <br> d) PIPES FULL OF TOBACCO <br> e) CIGARS, CHEROOTS, OR CIGARILLOS <br> f) NUMBER OF WATER PIPE/ SHISHA SESSIONS . . . . <br> g) OTHERS | NUMBER DAILY | $\rightarrow 813$ |
| 812 | On average, how many of the following products do you currently smoke each week? Also, let me know if you use the product, but not every week. <br> IF RESPONDENT REPORTS USING THE PRODUCT BUT NOT EVERY WEEK, RECORD '888'. IF THE PRODUCT IS NOT USED AT ALL, RECORD '000'. <br> a) Manufactured cigarettes? <br> b) Hand-rolled cigarettes like manis or amphora? <br> d) Pipes full of tobacco? <br> e) Cigars, cheroots, or cigarillos? <br> f) Number of water pipe or shisha sessions? <br> g) Any others? | a) MANUFACTURED CIGARETTES <br> b) HAND-ROLLED CIGARETTES <br> d) PIPES FULL OF TOBACCO <br> e) CIGARS, CHEROOTS, OR CIGARILLOS <br> f) NUMBER OF SHISHA SESSIONS <br> g) OTHERS | NUMBER WEEKLY |  |

SECTION 8. OTHER HEALTH ISSUES

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING C |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 813 | Do you currently use smokeless tobacco every day, some days, or not at all? | EVERY DAY <br> SOME DAYS <br> NOT AT ALL | $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots \ldots & \ldots \\ \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots & \ldots \end{array}$ | $\longrightarrow 815$ |
| 814 | On average, how many times a day do you use the following products? Also, let me know if you use the product, but not every day. <br> IF RESPONDENT REPORTS USING THE PRODUCT BUT NOT EVERY DAY, RECORD '888'. IF THE PRODUCT IS NOT USED AT ALL, RECORD '000'. <br> a) Snuff, by mouth? <br> b) Snuff, by nose? <br> c) Chewing tobacco? <br> e) Any others? | a) SNUFF, BY MOUTH . . <br> b) SNUFF, BY NOSE <br> c) CHEWING TOBACCO <br> e) ANY OTHERS | TIMES DAILY |  |
| 815 | On average, how many times a week do you use the following products? Also, let me know if you use the product, but not every week. <br> IF RESPONDENT REPORTS USING THE PRODUCT BUT NOT EVERY WEEK, RECORD '888'. IF THE PRODUCT IS NOT USED AT ALL, RECORD '000'. <br> a) Snuff, by mouth? <br> b) Snuff, by nose? <br> c) Chewing tobacco? <br> e) Any others? | a) SNUFF, BY MOUTH . . <br> b) SNUFF, BY NOSE <br> c) CHEWING TOBACCO <br> e) ANY OTHERS | TIMES WEEKLY |  |
| 815A | Have you ever had your blood pressure measured by a doctor or other health worker? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 815B | Have you ever been told by a doctor or other health worker that you have high blood pressure or hypertension? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots \ldots \ldots & 2 \end{array}$ | $\longrightarrow 815 \mathrm{~F}$ |
| 815C | In the past 12 months, have you been told by a doctor or other health worker that you have high blood pressure or hypertension? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 815D | Has a doctor or other healthcare worker prescribed medication to control your blood pressure? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots \ldots \ldots & 2 \end{array}$ |  |
| 815E | Are you taking medication to control your blood pressure? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES } \\ & \text { NO } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots \ldots . . & 1 \\ \ldots \ldots . . & 2 \end{array}$ |  |

SECTION 8. OTHER HEALTH ISSUES

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 815F | In your opinion, what can increase the risk of having high blood pressure or hypertension? <br> Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED | OVERWEIGHT/OBESE <br> TOBACCO USE <br> TOO MUCH SALT <br> UNHEALTHY DIET <br> LACK OF EXERCISE <br> DRINKING ALCOHOL <br> FAMILY HISTORY/GENETICS <br> AGE <br> SEX/GENDER <br> STRESS <br> WITCHCRAFT <br> GERMS <br> DIRTY ENVIRONMENT <br> OTHER | A <br> B <br> C <br> D <br> E <br> F <br> G <br> H <br> I <br> J <br> K <br> L <br> M <br> X <br> Z |  |
| 815G | What are the signs and symptoms of high blood pressure or hypertension? <br> Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED | DIZZINESS <br> HEADACHE <br> FATIGUE <br> BLURRY VISION . <br> CHEST PAIN/POUNDING IN CHEST <br> DIFFICULTY BREATHING <br> IRREGULAR HEARTBEAT <br> BLOOD IN URINE <br> CONFUSION <br> LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS <br> JOINT PAIN <br> BACKACHE/BACK PAIN <br> OTHER | A <br> B <br> C <br> D <br> E <br> F <br> G <br> H <br> I <br> J <br> K <br> L <br> X <br> Z |  |
| 815H | Have you ever had your blood sugar measured by a doctor or other health worker? | YES <br> NO <br> DON'T KNOW | 1 2 8 |  |
| 8151 | Have you ever been told by a doctor or other health worker that you have high blood sugar or diabetes? | YES <br> NO | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | 815M |
| 815J | In the past 12 months, have you been told by a doctor or other health worker that you have high blood sugar or diabetes? | YES <br> NO |  |  |
| 815K | Has a doctor or other healthcare worker prescribed medication to control your high blood sugar or diabetes? | YES <br> NO | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 815L | Are you taking medication to control your high blood sugar or diabetes? | YES <br> NO |  |  |

SECTION 8. OTHER HEALTH ISSUES

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 815M | In your opinion, what can increase the risk of having high blood sugar or diabetes? <br> Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED | OVERWEIGHT/OBESE <br> TOBACCO USE <br> TOO MUCH SUGAR. <br> UNHEALTHY DIET <br> LACK OF EXERCISE <br> DRINKING ALCOHOL <br> FAMILY HISTORY/GENETICS <br> AGE <br> SEX/GENDER <br> STRESS <br> WITCHCRAFT <br> GERMS <br> DIRTY ENVIRONMENT <br> OTHER | A <br> B <br> C <br> D <br> E <br> F <br> G <br> H <br> I <br> J <br> L M <br> X <br> Z |  |
| 815N | What are the signs and symptoms of high blood sugar or diabetes? <br> Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED | DIZZINESS <br> HEADACHE <br> FATIGUE/TIREDNESS <br> BLURRY VISION . <br> CHEST PAIN/POUNDING IN CHEST <br> DIFFICULTY BREATHING <br> IRREGULAR HEARTBEAT <br> BLOOD IN URINE <br> INCREASED URINATION <br> INCREASED THIRST <br> INCREASED HUNGER <br> NUMBNESS/TINGLING/BURNING <br> IN HANDS/FEET <br> WEIGHT LOSS <br> CONFUSION <br> LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS <br> JOINT PAIN <br> BACKACHE/BACK PAIN <br> OTHER | A <br> B <br> C <br> D <br> E <br> F <br> G <br> H <br> I <br> J <br> L <br> M N <br> O <br> P <br> Q <br> X <br> Z |  |
| 816 | Are you covered by any health insurance? | YES <br> NO |  | 818 |
| 817 | What type of health insurance are you covered by? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. | HEALTH INSURANCE THROUGH <br> EMPLOYER <br> OTHER PRIVATELY PURCHASED COMMERCIAL HEALTH INSURANCE <br> OTHER | A B X |  |
| 818 | RECORD THE TIME. | HOURS <br> MINUTES |  |  |

INTERVIEWER'S OBSERVATIONS
TO BE FILLED IN AFTER COMPLETING INTERVIEW
COMMENTS ABOUT INTERVIEW:
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COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC QUESTIONS:
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ANY OTHER COMMENTS:
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| 101 | INTERVIEWER TO COMPLETE Q. 102 AND Q. 103 USING TABLET REPORT <br> USE THE INTERVIEWER'S MENU AND SELECT THE APPROPRIATE OPTION TO LIST ALL CHILDREN AGE 0-5 ELIGIBLE FOR BIOMARKER TESTING. RECORD THE COMPLETE NAME, AGE AND THE LINE NUMBER AS THEY APPEAR IN THE REPORT ON YOUR TABLET. LIST EACH CHILD IN THE SAME ORDER SHOWN IN THE REPORT. IF MORE THAN NINE CHILDREN, USE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE(S). WRITE THE NAME OF EACH ELIGIBLE CHILD ON EACH SUBSEQUENT PAGES. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | CHILD 1 |  | CHILD 2 |  | CHILD 3 |  |
| 102 | FROM TABLET'S REPORT: <br> WRITE CHILD'S COMPLETE FIRST/LAST NAME AND LINE NUMBER FROM HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE. | LINE NUMBER <br> NAME |  | LINE NUMBER <br> NAME |  | LINE NUMBER <br> NAME |  |
| 111 | ASK CONSENT FOR ANEMIA TEST FROM PARENT/OTHER ADULT. | As part of this survey, we are asking people all over the country to take an anemia test. Anemia is a serious health problem that usually results from poor nutrition, infection, or chronic disease. This survey will assist the government to develop programs to prevent and treat anemia. We ask that all children born in 2014 or later take part in anemia testing in this survey and give a few drops of blood from a finger or heel. The equipment used to take the blood is clean and completely safe. It has never been used before and will be thrown away after each test. <br> The blood will be tested for anemia immediately, and the result will be told to you right away. The result will be kept strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone other than members of our survey team. <br> Do you have any questions? <br> You can say yes or no. It is up to you to decide. <br> Will you allow (NAME OF CHILD) to participate in the anemia test? |  |  |  |  |  |
| 112 | CIRCLE THE CODE AND SIGN YOUR NAME. | GRANTED $\qquad$ <br> REFUSED NOT PRES |  | GRANTED $\qquad$ <br> (SI <br> REFUSED <br> NOT PRES |  | GRANTED $\qquad$ (S REFUSED NOT PRES |  |
| 112A | ASK CONSENT FOR MALARIA TEST FROM PARENT/OTHER ADULT. | As part of th malaria. Ma survey will <br> We ask tha few drops of result will b with anyone <br> Do you hav You can sa Will you allow | this survey, we are Malaria is a serious illn assist the governme <br> at all children born in of blood from a finge be told to you right a e other than membe <br> ve any questions? <br> ay yes or no. It is up low (NAME OF CHILD | ing children s caused by to develop p <br> 014 or later r heel. The . All results of our survey <br> you to decide to participat | all over the country a parasite transmit programs to prevent <br> ake part in malaria blood will be tested for will be kept strictly team. <br> e. <br> in the malaria test? | take a test to by a mosqu alaria. <br> ting in this malaria imm fidential and | o see if they have uito bite. This <br> survey and give a mediately, and the will not be shared |
| 112B | CIRCLE THE CODE, SIGN YOUR NAME, AND ENTER YOUR FIELDWORKER NUMBER. | GRANTED REFUSED (SIGN AN FIELDWO <br> NOT PRES | $\left.\begin{array}{lllll} \ldots \ldots & \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & 2 \\ & & & & \end{array}\right]$ <br> ND ENTER YOUR RKER NUMBER) $\square$ <br> SENT/OTHER . 3 | GRANTED <br> REFUSED <br> (SIGN AND <br> FIELDWOR <br> NOT PRES |  | GRANTED <br> REFUSED <br> (SIGN AN <br> FIELDWO <br> NOT PRES | ENT/OTHER . 3 |
| 112C | PREPARE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES ONLY FOR THE TEST(S) FOR WHICH CONSENT HAS BEEN OBTAINED AND PROCEED WITH THE TEST(S). |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 113 | RECORD HEMOGLOBIN LEVEL HERE AND IN THE ANEMIA PAMPHLET. | G/DL <br> REFUSED OTHER | 995 <br> 996 | G/DL <br> REFUSED OTHER |  <br> $\ldots$ <br> $\ldots$. . . . . . . . . . . 995 | G/DL <br> REFUSED OTHER | $\begin{gathered} \text {. . . . . . . . . . . } 995 \\ \text {. . . . . . . } \end{gathered}$ |


| 101 | INTERVIEWER TO COMPLETE Q. 102 AND Q. 103 USING TABLET REPORT <br> USE THE INTERVIEWER'S MENU AND SELECT THE APPROPRIATE OPTION TO LIST ALL CHILDREN AGE 0-5 ELIGIBLE FOR BIOMARKER TESTING. RECORD THE COMPLETE NAME, AGE AND THE LINE NUMBER AS THEY APPEAR IN THE REPORT ON YOUR TABLET. LIST EACH CHILD IN THE SAME ORDER SHOWN IN THE REPORT. IF MORE THAN NINE CHILDREN, USE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE(S). WRITE THE NAME OF EACH ELIGIBLE CHILD ON EACH SUBSEQUENT PAGES. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | CHILD 1 |  | CHILD 2 |  | CHILD 3 |  |  |
| 102 | FROM TABLET'S REPORT: <br> WRITE CHILD'S COMPLETE FIRST/LAST NAME AND LINE NUMBER FROM HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE. | LINE NUMBER <br> NAME |  | LINE <br> NUMBER ...... <br> NAME $\qquad$ |  | LINE <br> NUMBER <br> NAME $\qquad$ |  |  |
| 113A | CIRCLE THE CODE FOR THE MALARIA RDT. | TESTED <br> NOT PRESENT REFUSED OTHER (SKIP TO 1 | $\begin{array}{lll} \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots & 2 \\ \ldots & 3 \\ \ldots & 6 \\ \text { C) } & 6 \end{array}$ | TESTED <br> NOT PRESENT REFUSED OTHER (SKIP TO 1 | $$ | TESTED <br> NOT PRESENT REFUSED OTHER (SKIP TO 1 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 3 \\ & 6- \end{aligned}$ |
| 113B | RECORD THE RESULT OF THE MALARIA RDT HERE AND IN THE ANEMIA AND MALARIA PAMPHLET. | POSITIVE (SKIP TO NEGATIVE OTHER | 13E) | POSITIVE (SKIP TO <br> NEGATIVE <br> OTHER | 3E) $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots & 2 \\ \ldots . . & 6 \end{array}$ | POSITIVE (SKIP TO <br> NEGATIVE OTHER | 3E) | $\begin{aligned} & 17 \\ & 2 \\ & 6 \end{aligned}$ |
| 113C | CHECK 113: <br> HEMOGLOBIN RESULT | BELOW 8.0 G/DL, SEVERE ANEM 8.0 G/DL OR ABO NOT PRESENT REFUSED. OTHER (SKIP TO | $\begin{aligned} & \text { IA } \end{aligned} \ldots .1$ | BELOW 8.0 G/DL, SEVERE ANEM 8.0 G/DL OR ABO NOT PRESENT REFUSED OTHER <br> (SKIP TO |  | BELOW 8.0 G/DL, SEVERE ANEM 8.0 G/DL OR ABO NOT PRESENT REFUSED. OTHER (SKIP TO | 14) | $\left.\begin{array}{l} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{array}\right]$ |
| 113D | SEVERE ANEMIA REFERRAL <br> RECORD THE RESULT OF THE ANEMIA TEST ON THE REFERRAL FORM. | The anemia test shows that (NAME OF CHILD) has severe anemia. Your child is very ill and must be taken to a health facility immediately. <br> (SKIP TO 114) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 113E | Does (NAME) suffer from any of the following illnesses or symptoms: <br> a) Extreme weakness? <br> b) Heart problems? <br> c) Loss of consciousness? <br> d) Rapid or difficult breathing? <br> e) Seizures? <br> f) Abnormal bleeding? <br> g) Jaundice or yellow skin? <br> h) Dark urine? | a) EXTREME WEAKNESS <br> b) HEART PROBLEMS <br> c) LOSS OF CONSCIOUS. <br> d) RAPID BREATHING <br> e) SEIZURES <br> f) BLEEDING <br> g) JAUNDICE <br> h) DARK URINE | YES NO <br> 1 2 <br> 1 2 <br> 1 2 <br> 1 2 <br> 1 2 <br> 1 2 <br> 1 2 <br> 1 2 | a) EXTREME WEAKNESS <br> b) HEART PROBLEMS <br> c) LOSS OF CONSCIOUS. <br> d) RAPID BREATHING <br> e) SEIZURES <br> f) BLEEDING <br> g) JAUNDICE <br> h) DARK URINE | YES NO <br> 1 2 <br> 1 2 <br> 1 2 <br> 1 2 <br> 1 2 <br> 1 2 <br> 1 2 <br> 1 2 | a) EXTREME WEAKNESS <br> b) HEART PROBLEMS <br> c) LOSS OF CONSCIOUS <br> d) RAPID BREATHING <br> e) SEIZURES <br> f) BLEEDING <br> g) JAUNDICE <br> h) DARK URINE | YES <br> 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 <br> 1 | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{NO} \\ & 2 \\ & 2 \\ & 2 \\ & 2 \\ & 2 \\ & 2 \\ & 2 \\ & 2 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ |
| 113F | CHECK 113E: <br> ANY 'YES' CIRCLED? |  | YES $\square$ $1131) \longleftarrow$ | \| ${ }_{\text {NO }}^{\square}$ | YES $\square$ | \| ${ }_{\text {NO }}^{\square}$ | YES | $\square$ |
| 113G | CHECK 113: <br> HEMOGLOBIN RESULT | BELOW 8.0 G/DL, <br> SEVERE ANEM (SKIP TO <br> 8.0 G/DL OR ABO NOT PRESENT REFUSED OTHER |  | BELOW 8.0 G/DL, <br> SEVERE ANEM <br> (SKIP TO <br> 8.0 G/DL OR ABO <br> NOT PRESENT <br> REFUSED <br> OTHER | $A \ldots$ 1 <br> $113 I)$  <br> $V E \ldots$  <br> $\ldots \ldots$  <br> $\ldots \ldots$ 4 <br> $\ldots \ldots$. 6 | BELOW 8.0 G/DL, <br> SEVERE ANEM (SKIP TO <br> 8.0 G/DL OR ABO <br> NOT PRESENT <br> REFUSED <br> OTHER |  | 1 <br> $\leftarrow$ <br> 2 <br> 3 <br> 4 <br> 6 |



| 101 | INTERVIEWER TO COMPLETE Q. 102 AND Q. 103 USING TABLET REPORT <br> USE THE INTERVIEWER'S MENU AND SELECT THE APPROPRIATE OPTION TO LIST ALL CHILDREN AGE 0-5 ELIGIBLE FOR BIOMARKER TESTING. RECORD THE COMPLETE NAME, AGE AND THE LINE NUMBER AS THEY APPEAR IN THE REPORT ON YOUR TABLET. LIST EACH CHILD IN THE SAME ORDER SHOWN IN THE REPORT. IF MORE THAN NINE CHILDREN, USE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE(S). WRITE THE NAME OF EACH ELIGIBLE CHILD ON EACH SUBSEQUENT PAGES. |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | CHILD 1 | CHILD 2 |  | CHILD 3 |  |
| 102 | FROM TABLET'S REPORT: <br> WRITE CHILD'S COMPLETE FIRST/LAST NAME AND LINE NUMBER FROM HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE. | LINE <br> NUMBER <br> NAME $\qquad$ | LINE <br> NUMBER <br> NAME $\qquad$ |  | LINE <br> NUMBER <br> NAME $\qquad$ |  |
| 113P | CHECK 113: <br> HEMOGLOBIN RESULT | BELOW 8.0 G/DL, SEVERE ANEMIA 8.0 G/DL OR ABOVE NOT PRESENT REFUSED OTHER (SKIP TO 1 | BELOW 8.0 G/DL, SEVERE ANEMIA 8.0 G/DL OR ABOVE NOT PRESENT REFUSED OTHER <br> (SKIP TO 1 | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2- \\ & 3- \\ & 4- \\ & 6 \end{aligned}$ | BELOW 8.0 G/DL, SEVERE ANEMIA 8.0 G/DL OR ABOVE NOT PRESENT REFUSED OTHER (SKIP TO 1 | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2- \\ & 3- \\ & 4- \\ & 6- \end{aligned}$ |
| $113 Q$ | SEVERE ANEMIA REFERRAL <br> RECORD THE RESULT OF THE ANEMIA TEST ON THE REFERRAL | The anemia test shows that (NAME OF CHILD) has severe anemia. Your child is very ill and must be taken to a health facility immediately. |  |  |  |  |
| 114 | GO BACK TO 103 IN NEXT COLUMN OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE OR IN THE FIRST COLUMN OF THE NEXT PAGE; IF NO MORE CHILDREN, GO TO 201. |  |  |  |  |  |


| 101 | INTERVIEWER TO COMPLETE Q. 102 AND Q. 103 USING TABLET REPORT <br> USE THE INTERVIEWER'S MENU AND SELECT THE APPROPRIATE OPTION TO LIST ALL CHILDREN AGE 0-5 ELIGIBLE FOR BIOMARKER TESTING. RECORD THE COMPLETE NAME, AGE AND THE LINE NUMBER AS THEY APPEAR IN THE REPORT ON YOUR TABLET. LIST EACH CHILD IN THE SAME ORDER SHOWN IN THE REPORT. IF MORE THAN NINE CHILDREN, USE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE(S). WRITE THE NAME OF EACH ELIGIBLE CHILD ON EACH SUBSEQUENT PAGES. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | CHILD 4 |  | CHILD 5 |  | CHILD 6 |  |
| 102 | FROM TABLET'S REPORT: <br> WRITE CHILD'S COMPLETE FIRST/LAST NAME AND LINE NUMBER FROM HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE. | LINE NUMBER . . <br> NAME $\qquad$ |  | LINE NUMBER <br> NAME $\qquad$ |  | LINE NUMBER <br> NAME $\qquad$ |  |
| 103 | INTERVIEWER TO COPY CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH (DAY, MONTH, AND YEAR) FROM TABLET'S REPORT. IF MOTHER NOT INTERVIEWED ASK: <br> What is (NAME)'s date of birth? | DAY <br> MONTH <br> YEAR. |  | DA |  | DAY |  |
| 103A | VERIFY: IN WHICH YEAR ARE WE TODAY? |  |  | $\begin{aligned} 2019 & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \\ 2020 \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & { }^{2} \\ & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
| 104 | CHECK 103: CHILD BORN IN 2014 OR LATER? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 104A | CHECK 103: CHILD BORN IN 2015 OR LATER? |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { YES } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 2 \\ & \\ & (\text { SKIP TO 114) } \end{array}$ |  |
| 105 | ASSISTANT TO RECORD WEIGHT IN KILOGRAMS. |  |  |  |  | KG. $\square$ $\square$ <br> NOT PRESENT $\qquad$ 9994 REFUSED . . . ...... 9995 OTHER . . . ......... 9996 |  |
| 106 | CHECK 103 TO DETERMINE HOW CHILD NEEDS TO BE MEASURED. <br> ASSISTANT TO RECORD height/Length in centimeters. |  |  | NOT PRESENT .... 9994REFUSED $\quad \ldots . . . .99995$OTHER $\quad \ldots . . . . . .9996-1$(SKIP TO 108) |  | NOT PRESENT .... 9994REFUSED $\quad \ldots . . . .99995-1$OTHER $\ldots . . . . .9996-1$ |  |
| 107 | MEASURED LYING DOWN OR STANDING UP? | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { LYING DOWN } & \ldots \ldots . & 1 \\ \text { STANDING UP } & \ldots . . & 2\end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { LYING DOWN } & \ldots \ldots . & 1 \\ \text { STANDING UP } & \ldots \ldots . & 2\end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{llll} \text { LYING DOWN } & \ldots \ldots . & 1 \\ \text { STANDING UP } & \ldots \ldots & 2 \end{array}$ |  |
| 108 | MEASURER: ENTER YOUR FIELDWORKER NUMBER. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 109 | CHECK 103: CHILD AGE 0-5 MONTHS, I.E., WAS CHILD BORN IN MONTH OF INTERVIEW OR 5 PREVIOUS MONTHS? |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { O-5 MONTHS } \ldots \ldots . .{ }^{1} 7 \\ \begin{array}{c} \text { (SKIP TO 114) } \\ \text { OLDER } \\ \end{array} \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots .2 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| 110 | WRITE THE FIRST AND LAST NAME OF THE PARENT/OTHER ADULT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHILD | NAME OF PARENT/ADULT RESPONSIBLE <br> NAME $\qquad$ |  | NAME OF PARENT/ADULT RESPONSIBLE <br> NAME $\qquad$ |  | NAME OF PARENT/ADULT RESPONSIBLE <br> NAME $\qquad$ |  |


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| 112 | CIRCLE THE CODE AND SIGN YOUR NAME. | GRANTED <br> REFUSED <br> NOT PRES |  | GRANTED <br> REFUSED <br> NOT PRES | GN) <br> NT/OTHER . $3-$ <br> IP TO 114) | GRANTED | $\ldots \ldots .$. 1 <br> $($ IGN $)$  <br> $\ldots \ldots .$. 2 <br> ENT/OTHER. 3 <br> (SKIP TO 114) $\longleftrightarrow$ |
| 112A | ASK CONSENT FOR MALARIA TEST FROM PARENT/OTHER ADULT. | As part of th malaria. M survey will <br> We ask tha few drops result will b with anyone <br> Do you have You can sa Will you allow | this survey, we are a alaria is a serious illn assist the governme <br> at all children born in of blood from a finge be told to you right aw e other than membe <br> ve any questions? <br> ay yes or no. It is up low (NAME OF CHIL | ing children s caused by to develop p <br> 014 or later $r$ heel. The y. All results of our survey <br> you to decid to participat | all over the country a parasite transmit programs to prevent <br> ake part in malaria blood will be tested will be kept strictly team. <br> e. <br> e in the malaria tes | ake a test to by a mosqu alaria. <br> ting in this su malaria imm fidential and | see if they have uito bite. This <br> urvey and give a ediately, and the will not be shared |
| 112B | CIRCLE THE CODE, SIGN YOUR NAME, AND ENTER YOUR FIELDWORKER NUMBER. | GRANTED REFUSED <br> (SIGN AN FIELDWO <br> NOT PRES | SENT/OTHER . 3 | GRANTED REFUSED <br> (SIGN AND FIELDWOR <br> NOT PRES |  | GRANTED REFUSED <br> (SIGN AND FIELDWOR <br> NOT PRESE |  |
| 112C | PREPARE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES ONLY FOR THE TEST(S) FOR WHICH CONSENT HAS BEEN OBTAINED AND PROCEED WITH THE TEST(S). |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 102 | FROM TABLET'S REPORT: <br> WRITE CHILD'S COMPLETE FIRST/LAST NAME AND LINE NUMBER FROM HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE. | LINE NUMBER $\qquad$ $\square$ <br> NAME | LINE NUMBER $\qquad$ $\square$ <br> NAME $\qquad$ | LINE NUMBER $\qquad$ $\square$ <br> NAME |
| 113A | CIRCLE THE CODE FOR THE MALARIA RDT. |  |  |  |
| 113B | RECORD THE RESULT OF THE MALARIA RDT HERE AND IN THE ANEMIA AND MALARIA PAMPHLET. |  |  |  |
| 113C | CHECK 113: <br> hemoglobin result | BELOW 8.0 G/DL, SEVERE ANEMIA S. | BELOW 8.0 G/DL, SEVERE ANEMIA ... 1 8.0 G/DL OR ABOVE ... $2-$ NOT PRESENT REFUSED OTHER (SKIP TO 114) ${ }^{6}$ | BELOW 8.0 G/DL, <br> SEVERE ANEMIA ... 1 8.0 G/DL OR ABOVE ... 2 NOT PRESENT REFUSED OTHER <br> (SKIP TO 114) |
| 113D | SEVERE ANEMIA REFERRAL <br> RECORD THE RESULT OF THE ANEMIA TEST ON THE REFERRAL | The anemia test shows that (N be taken to a health facility im (SKIP TO 114) | OF CHILD) has severe ane tely. | our child is very ill and must |
| 113E | Does (NAME) suffer from any of the following illnesses or symptoms: <br> a) Extreme weakness? <br> b) Heart problems? <br> c) Loss of consciousness? <br> d) Rapid or difficult breathing? <br> e) Seizures? <br> f) Abnormal bleeding? <br> g) Jaundice or yellow skin? <br> h) Dark urine? |  YES NO <br> a) EXTREME <br> WEAKNESS 1 2 <br> b) HEART  2 <br> PROBLEMS 1 2 <br> c)LOSS OF <br> CONSCIOUS. 1 2 <br> d) RAPID   <br> $\quad$ BREATHING 1 2 <br> e) SEIZURES 1 2 <br> f) BLEEDING 1 2 <br> g) JAUNDICE 1 2 <br> h) DARK URINE 1 2 |  YES NO <br> a) EXTREME <br> WEAKNESS 1 2 <br> b) HEART   <br> PROBLEMS 1 2 <br> c) LOSS OF   <br> $\quad$ CONSCIOUS. 1 2 <br> d) RAPID   <br> $\quad$ BREATHING 1 2 <br> e) SEIZURES 1 2 <br> f) BLEEDING 1 2 <br> g) JAUNDICE 1 2 <br> h) DARK URINE 1 2 |  YES NO <br> a)EXTREME <br> WEAKNESS <br> W) <br> b) HEART <br> PROBLEMS 1 2 <br> c) 2  <br> COSS OF   <br> CONSCIOUS. 1 2 <br> d) RAPID   <br> $\quad$ BREATHING 1 2 <br> e) SEIZURES 1 2 <br> f) BLEEDING 1 2 <br> g) JAUNDICE 1 2 <br> h) DARK URINE 1 2 |
| 113F | CHECK 113E: <br> ANY 'YES' CIRCLED? | NO $\square$ $\square$ | $\square^{\text {NO }}$ |  |
| 113G | CHECK 113: <br> HEMOGLOBIN RESULT |  |  |  |



| 101 | INTERVIEWER TO COMPLETE Q. 102 AND Q. 103 USING TABLET REPORT <br> USE THE INTERVIEWER'S MENU AND SELECT THE APPROPRIATE OPTION TO LIST ALL CHILDREN AGE 0-5 ELIGIBLE FOR BIOMARKER TESTING. RECORD THE COMPLETE NAME, AGE AND THE LINE NUMBER AS THEY APPEAR IN THE REPORT ON YOUR TABLET. LIST EACH CHILD IN THE SAME ORDER SHOWN IN THE REPORT. IF MORE THAN NINE CHILDREN, USE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE(S). WRITE THE NAME OF EACH ELIGIBLE CHILD ON EACH SUBSEQUENT PAGES. |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | CHILD 4 | CHILD 5 |  | CHILD 6 |  |
| 102 | FROM TABLET'S REPORT: <br> WRITE CHILD'S COMPLETE FIRST/LAST NAME AND LINE NUMBER FROM HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE. | LINE <br> NUMBER <br> NAME $\qquad$ | LINE <br> NUMBER <br> NAME $\qquad$ |  | LINE NUMBER <br> NAME |  |
| 113P | CHECK 113: <br> HEMOGLOBIN RESULT | BELOW 8.0 G/DL, SEVERE ANEMIA 8.0 G/DL OR ABOVE NOT PRESENT REFUSED OTHER (SKIP TO 114) | BELOW 8.0 G/DL, <br> SEVERE ANEMIA 8.0 G/DL OR ABOVE NOT PRESENT REFUSED OTHER (SKIP TO 11 | 1 <br> 2 <br> 3 <br> 4 <br> 6 | BELOW 8.0 G/DL, SEVERE ANEMIA 8.0 G/DL OR ABOVE NOT PRESENT REFUSED OTHER (SKIP TO 1 | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2- \\ & 3- \\ & 4- \\ & 6- \end{aligned}$ |
| 113Q | SEVERE ANEMIA REFERRAL <br> RECORD THE RESULT OF THE ANEMIA TEST ON THE REFERRAL | The anemia test shows that (NAME OF CHILD) has severe anemia. Your child is very ill and must be taken to a health facility immediately. |  |  |  |  |
| 114 | GO BACK TO 103 IN NEXT COLUMN OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE OR IN THE FIRST COLUMN OF THE NEXT PAGE; IF NO MORE CHILDREN, GO TO 201. |  |  |  |  |  |


| 101 | INTERVIEWER TO COMPLETE Q. 102 AND Q. 103 USING TABLET REPORT <br> USE THE INTERVIEWER'S MENU AND SELECT THE APPROPRIATE OPTION TO LIST ALL CHILDREN AGE 0-5 ELIGIBLE FOR BIOMARKER TESTING. RECORD THE COMPLETE NAME, AGE AND THE LINE NUMBER AS THEY APPEAR IN THE REPORT ON YOUR TABLET. LIST EACH CHILD IN THE SAME ORDER SHOWN IN THE REPORT. IF MORE THAN NINE CHILDREN, USE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE(S). WRITE THE NAME OF EACH ELIGIBLE CHILD ON EACH SUBSEQUENT PAGES. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | CHILD 7 |  | CHILD 8 |  | CHILD 9 |  |  |
| 102 | FROM TABLET'S REPORT: <br> WRITE CHILD'S COMPLETE FIRST/LAST NAME AND LINE NUMBER FROM HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE. | LINE NUMBER <br> NAME |  | LINE NUMBER $\qquad$ $\square$ <br> NAME $\qquad$ |  | LINE NUMBER $\qquad$ $\square$ <br> NAME $\qquad$ |  |  |
| 103 | INTERVIEWER TO COPY CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH (DAY, MONTH, AND YEAR) FROM TABLET'S REPORT. IF MOTHER NOT INTERVIEWED ASK: <br> What is (NAME)'s date of birth? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 103A | VERIFY: IN WHICH YEAR ARE WE TODAY? |  |  | $\begin{aligned} 2019 & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \\ 2020 & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{cc} 2019 & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \\ 2020 & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \end{array}$ |  |  |
| 104 | CHECK 103: CHILD BORN IN 2014 OR LATER? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 104A | CHECK 103: CHILD BORN IN 2015 OR LATER? | $\begin{array}{llll} \text { YES } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 2 \\ & \\ & \text { (SKIP TO 114) } & \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { YES } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \text { NO } & \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots & 2 \\ & \\ & (\text { SKIP TO 114) } \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 105 | ASSISTANT TO RECORD WEIGHT IN KILOGRAMS. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 106 | CHECK 103 TO DETERMINE HOW CHILD NEEDS TO BE MEASURED. <br> ASSISTANT TO RECORD HEIGHT/LENGTH IN CENTIMETERS. | CM. . . $\square$ NOT PRESENT REFUSED OTHER (SKIP | $\begin{aligned} & \square . \square \\ & \ldots .9994 \\ & \ldots .9995 \\ & \ldots . .9996 \\ & 108) \end{aligned}$ | CM. . . $\square$ NOT PRESENT REFUSED OTHER (SKIP | $\begin{aligned} & \square . \square \\ & \ldots .9994 \\ & \ldots .9995 \\ & \ldots .9996 \\ & 108) \end{aligned}$ | CM. . . $\square$ <br> NOT PRES REFUSED OTHER |  | $\begin{aligned} & \square . \square \\ & \cdots 9994 \\ & \cdots .9995- \\ & \cdots .9996- \end{aligned}$ |
| 107 | MEASURED LYING DOWN OR STANDING UP? | LYING DOWN STANDING UP | $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots . & 2 \end{array}$ | LYING DOWN STANDING UP | $\begin{array}{ll} \ldots \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots . & 2 \end{array}$ | LYING DOW STANDING | $\begin{aligned} & \text { WN } \\ & \text { BUP } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{cc} \ldots & 1 \\ \ldots & 2 \end{array}$ |
| 108 | MEASURER: ENTER YOUR FIELDWORKER NUMBER. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 109 | CHECK 103: CHILD AGE 0-5 MONTHS, I.E., WAS CHILD BORN IN MONTH OF INTERVIEW OR 5 PREVIOUS MONTHS? | 0-5 MONTHS (SKIP OLDER | $\begin{aligned} & \ldots \ldots{ }^{1} \\ & 114) \\ & \ldots \ldots . \end{aligned}$ | 0-5 MONTHS (SKIP OLDER | $\begin{aligned} & \left.\ldots \ldots .{ }^{1}\right] \\ & 114) \ldots .2 \end{aligned}$ | 0-5 MONTH (SK OLDER | HS SKIP TO | $\begin{aligned} & \ldots .{ }^{1} \\ & 14) \stackrel{2}{\longleftrightarrow} \end{aligned}$ |
| 110 | WRITE THE FIRST AND LAST NAME OF THE PARENT/OTHER ADULT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHILD | NAME OF PAR RESPONSIBLE <br> NAME $\qquad$ | NT/ADULT | NAME OF PAR RESPONSIBLE <br> NAME $\qquad$ | NT/ADULT | NAME OF PAR RESPONSI <br> NAME $\qquad$ | PARENT BLE | T/ADULT |


| 101 | INTERVIEWER TO COMPLETE Q. 102 AND Q. 103 USING TABLET REPORT <br> USE THE INTERVIEWER'S MENU AND SELECT THE APPROPRIATE OPTION TO LIST ALL CHILDREN AGE 0-5 ELIGIBLE FOR BIOMARKER TESTING. RECORD THE COMPLETE NAME, AGE AND THE LINE NUMBER AS THEY APPEAR IN THE REPORT ON YOUR TABLET. LIST EACH CHILD IN THE SAME ORDER SHOWN IN THE REPORT. IF MORE THAN NINE CHILDREN, USE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE(S). WRITE THE NAME OF EACH ELIGIBLE CHILD ON EACH SUBSEQUENT PAGES. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | CHILD 7 |  | CHILD 8 |  | CHILD 9 |  |
| 102 | FROM TABLET'S REPORT: <br> WRITE CHILD'S COMPLETE FIRST/LAST NAME AND LINE NUMBER FROM HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE. | LINE NUMBER <br> NAME | $. . . . .$ | LINE NUMBER <br> NAME |  | LINE NUMBER <br> NAME |  |
| 111 | ASK CONSENT FOR ANEMIA TEST FROM PARENT/OTHER ADULT. | As part of this survey, we are asking people all over the country to take an anemia test. Anemia is a serious health problem that usually results from poor nutrition, infection, or chronic disease. This survey will assist the government to develop programs to prevent and treat anemia. We ask that all children born in 2014 or later take part in anemia testing in this survey and give a few drops of blood from a finger or heel. The equipment used to take the blood is clean and completely safe. It has never been used before and will be thrown away after each test. <br> The blood will be tested for anemia immediately, and the result will be told to you right away. The result will be kept strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone other than members of our survey team. <br> Do you have any questions? <br> You can say yes or no. It is up to you to decide. <br> Will you allow (NAME OF CHILD) to participate in the anemia test? |  |  |  |  |  |
| 112 | CIRCLE THE CODE AND SIGN YOUR NAME. | GRANTED $\qquad$ (S <br> REFUSED NOT PRES |  | GRANTED $\qquad$ (SI REFUSED NOT PRES |  | GRANTED $\qquad$ (S REFUSED NOT PRES | $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ 1  <br> GN $)$   <br> $\ldots \ldots \ldots$ 2  <br> ENT/OTHER 3  <br> (SIP TO 114)   |
| 112A | ASK CONSENT FOR MALARIA TEST FROM PARENT/OTHER ADULT. | As part of this survey, we are asking children all over the country to take a test to see if they have malaria. Malaria is a serious illness caused by a parasite transmitted by a mosquito bite. This survey will assist the government to develop programs to prevent malaria. <br> We ask that all children born in 2014 or later take part in malaria testing in this survey and give a few drops of blood from a finger or heel. The blood will be tested for malaria immediately, and the result will be told to you right away. All results will be kept strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone other than members of our survey team. <br> Do you have any questions? <br> You can say yes or no. It is up to you to decide. <br> Will you allow (NAME OF CHILD) to participate in the malaria test? |  |  |  |  |  |
| 112B | CIRCLE THE CODE, SIGN YOUR NAME, AND ENTER YOUR FIELDWORKER NUMBER. | GRANTED REFUSED <br> (SIGN AN FIELDWO <br> NOT PRES | $\left.\begin{array}{llll} \ldots \ldots & \ldots & 1 \\ \cdots & & 2 \\ & \ldots \end{array}\right]$ <br> ND ENTER YOUR RKER NUMBER) $\square$ <br> SENT/OTHER . 3 | GRANTED REFUSED <br> NOT PRES |  | GRANTED REFUSED <br> (SIGN AN FIELDWO <br> NOT PRES | ENT/OTHER . 3 |
| 112C | PREPARE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES ONLY FOR THE TEST(S) FOR WHICH CONSENT HAS BEEN OBTAINED AND PROCEED WITH THE TEST(S). |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 113 | RECORD HEMOGLOBIN LEVEL HERE AND IN THE ANEMIA PAMPHLET. | G/DL <br> REFUSED OTHER | 995 <br> 996 | G/DL <br> REFUSED OTHER |  | G/DL <br> REFUSED OTHER | 995 996 |




| 101 | INTERVIEWER TO COMPLETE Q. 102 AND Q. 103 USING TABLET REPORT <br> USE THE INTERVIEWER'S MENU AND SELECT THE APPROPRIATE OPTION TO LIST ALL CHILDREN AGE 0-5 ELIGIBLE FOR BIOMARKER TESTING. RECORD THE COMPLETE NAME, AGE AND THE LINE NUMBER AS THEY APPEAR IN THE REPORT ON YOUR TABLET. LIST EACH CHILD IN THE SAME ORDER SHOWN IN THE REPORT. IF MORE THAN NINE CHILDREN, USE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE(S). WRITE THE NAME OF EACH ELIGIBLE CHILD ON EACH SUBSEQUENT PAGES. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | CHILD 7 | CHILD 8 |  | CHILD 9 |  |
| 102 | FROM TABLET'S REPORT: <br> WRITE CHILD'S COMPLETE FIRST/LAST NAME AND LINE NUMBER FROM HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE. | LINE <br> NUMBER <br> NAME $\qquad$ | LINE NUMBER <br> NAME $\qquad$ |  | LINE <br> NUMBER <br> NAME $\qquad$ |  |
| 113P | CHECK 113: <br> HEMOGLOBIN RESULT | BELOW 8.0 G/DL, SEVERE ANEMIA 8.0 G/DL OR ABOVE NOT PRESENT REFUSED OTHER (SKIP TO 11 | BELOW 8.0 G/DL, SEVERE ANEMIA 8.0 G/DL OR ABOVE NOT PRESENT REFUSED OTHER (SKIP TO 1 | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2- \\ & 3- \\ & 4- \\ & 6 \end{aligned}$ | BELOW 8.0 G/DL, SEVERE ANEMIA 8.0 G/DL OR ABOVE NOT PRESENT REFUSED OTHER (SKIP TO 1 | 1 <br> 2 <br> 3 <br> 4 <br> 6 |
| $113 Q$ | SEVERE ANEMIA REFERRAL <br> RECORD THE RESULT OF THE ANEMIA TEST ON THE REFERRAL | The anemia test shows that (NAME OF CHILD) has severe anemia. Your child is very ill and must be taken to a health facility immediately. |  |  |  |  |
| 114 | GO BACK TO 103 IN NEXT COLUMN OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE OR IN THE FIRST COLUMN OF AN ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE; IF NO MORE CHILDREN, GO TO 201. |  |  |  |  |  |


| 201 | INTERVIEWER TO COMPLETE Q. 202-204 USING TABLET REPORT <br> USE THE APPROPRIATE OPTION FROM THE INTERVIEWER'S MENU TO LIST ALL WOMEN AGE 15-49 ELIGIBLE FOR BIOMARKER TESTING. IN EACH COLUMN, WRITE THE COMPLETE NAME, AGE AND LINE NUMBER AS THEY APPEAR IN THE REPORT ON YOUR TABLET. ALSO CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE CODE FOR QUESTION 203. IF THE WOMAN'S AGE IS 15-17, COMPLETE QUESTION 204 USING THE MARITAL STATUS INFORMATION PRINTED IN THE TABLET'S REPORT. <br> IF THERE ARE MORE THAN NINE WOMEN, USE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE(S). |  |  |  |
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|  |  | WOMAN 1 | WOMAN 2 | WOMAN 3 |
| 202 | FROM TABLET'S REPORT: <br> WRITE WOMAN'S NAME, AGE, AND LINE NUMBER | NAME <br> AGE <br> LINE <br> NUMBER $\square$ | NAME <br> AGE <br> LINE <br> NUMBER |  |
| 203 | FROM TABLET'S REPORT: <br> CIRCLE CODE FOR AGE GROUP. | $\begin{array}{ll}15-17 \text { YEARS } & \ldots . . . . . . . . \\ 18-49 \text { YEARS } & . . . . . . . . . . . . ~\end{array}$ | 15-17 YEARS $18-49$ YEARS .................. 2 | 15-17 YEARS $\ldots . . . . . . . .1$ $18-49$ YEARS $\quad . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ |
| 204 | FROM TABLET'S REPORT: <br> CIRCLE CODE FOR MARITAL STATUS | CODE 5 (NEVER IN UNION) . 12 OTHER .............. 22 | CODE 5 (NEVER IN UNION) . 1 OTHER .................... 2 | CODE 5 (NEVER IN UNION) . 1 OTHER ................... 2 |


| 205 | WEIGHT IN KILOGRAMS. |  |  |  |
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| 206 | HEIGHT IN CENTIMETERS. |  |  |  |
| 207 | MEASURER: ENTER YOUR FIELDWORKER NUMBER. |  |  |  |
| 208 | CHECK 203: AGE | 15-17 YEARS ............. 1 18-49 YEARS $\left.\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots{ }^{2}\right]$ $($ SKIP TO 210) | 15-17 YEARS ............. 1 18-49 YEARS $\left.\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots{ }^{2}\right]$ $($ SKIP TO 210$)$ | 15-17 YEARS ............. 1 18-49 YEARS $\left.\underset{(\text { SKIP TO } 210)}{ }{ }^{\ldots}\right]$ |
| 209 | CHECK 204: MARITAL STATUS |  |  |  |


|  |  | WOMAN 1 | WOMAN 2 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | NAME FROM <br> COLUMN 2. | NAME | NAME | WOMAN 3 |


| A | ADULT RESPONDENT CONSENT FOR ANEMIA TEST |  |  |  |  |
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| U | 210 | ASK CONSENT FOR ANEMIA TEST. | As part of this survey, we are asking people all over the country to take an anemia test. Anemia is a serious health problem that usually results from poor nutrition, infection, or chronic disease. This survey will assist the government to develop programs to prevent and treat anemia. <br> For the anemia testing, we will need a few drops of blood from a finger. The equipment used to take the blood is clean and completely safe. It has never been used before and will be thrown away after we take your blood. The blood will be tested for anemia immediately, and the result will be told to you right away. The result will be kept strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone other than members of our survey team. <br> Do you have any questions? <br> You can say yes or no. It is up to you to decide. <br> Will you take the anemia test? |  |  |
| T | 211 | CIRCLE THE CODE AND SIGN YOUR NAME. | $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { GRANTED . . . . . . . . . . . . . } \\ \text { RESPONDENT REFUSED . . } \\ \text { R } \\ \hline\end{array}\right]$ | $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { GRANTED . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } \\ \begin{array}{l}1 \\ \text { RESPONDENT REFUSED . . }\end{array} \\ \\ \hline\end{array}\right]$ | $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { GRANTED . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } \\ \text { RESPONDENT REFUSED . . } \\ \text { R } \\ \text { (SIGN) } \\ \hline\end{array}\right]$ |
|  | 211A | ASK: Are you pregnant? |  |  |  |



|  |  | WOMAN 1 | WOMAN 2 | WOMAN 3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | NAME FROM <br> COLUMN 2. | NAME | NAME | NAME |



| 229 | PREPARE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR ANEMIA TESTING. |  |  |  |  |
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| 231 | RECORD <br> HEMOGLOBIN <br> LEVEL HERE AND <br> IN ANEMIA <br> PAMPHLET. | G/DL <br> NOT PRESENT REFUSED OTHER | G/DL . . . . . . <br> NOT PRESENT REFUSED OTHER | G/DL <br> NOT PRESENT REFUSED OTHER | $\begin{aligned} & \square \\ & \hline \\ & 994 \\ & 995 \\ & 996 \end{aligned}$ |
| 233 | GO BACK TO 202 IN NEXT COLUMN OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE OR IN THE FIRST COLUMN OF THE NEXT PAGE; IF NO MORE WOMEN, END OF QUESTIONNAIRE. |  |  |  |  |


| 201 | INTERVIEWER TO COMPLETE Q. 202-204 USING TABLET REPORT <br> USE THE APPROPRIATE OPTION FROM THE INTERVIEWER'S MENU TO LIST ALL WOMEN AGE 15-49 ELIGIBLE FOR BIOMARKER TESTING. IN EACH COLUMN, WRITE THE COMPLETE NAME, AGE AND LINE NUMBER AS THEY APPEAR IN THE REPORT ON YOUR TABLET. ALSO CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE CODE FOR QUESTION 203. IF THE WOMAN'S AGE IS 15-17, COMPLETE QUESTION 204 USING THE MARITAL STATUS INFORMATION PRINTED IN THE TABLET'S REPORT. <br> IF THERE ARE MORE THAN NINE WOMEN, USE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE(S). |  |  |  |
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|  |  | WOMAN 4 | WOMAN 5 | WOMAN 6 |
| 202 | FROM TABLET'S REPORT: <br> WRITE WOMAN'S NAME, AGE, AND LINE NUMBER | NAME <br> AGE <br> LINE <br> NUMBER $\square$ | NAME <br> AGE <br> LINE <br> NUMBER $\square$ | NAME $\qquad$ <br> AGE <br> LINE <br> NUMBER $\square$ |
| 203 | FROM TABLET'S REPORT: <br> CIRCLE CODE FOR AGE GROUP. | 15-17 YEARS $18-49$ YEARS .................. 2 | 15-17 YEARS $18-49$ YEARS .................. 2 | 15-17 YEARS $\ldots . . . . . . . .1$ $18-49$ YEARS $\quad . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ |
| 204 | FROM TABLET'S REPORT: <br> CIRCLE CODE FOR MARITAL STATUS | CODE 5 ( (NEVER IN UNION) . 11 OTHER .............. 2 | CODE 5 (NEVER IN UNION) . 1 OTHER .................... 2 | CODE 5 (NEVER IN UNION) . 1 OTHER ................... 2 |


| 205 | WEIGHT IN KILOGRAMS. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 206 | HEIGHT IN CENTIMETERS. |  |  |  |
| 207 | MEASURER: ENTER YOUR FIELDWORKER NUMBER. |  |  |  |
| 208 | CHECK 203: AGE | $15-17$ YEARS $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots .1$ $18-49$ YEARS $\begin{gathered}\ldots . . . . . . . . .\end{gathered}$ $($ SKIP TO 210) | $15-17$ YEARS $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots .1$ $18-49$ YEARS $\begin{gathered}\ldots . . . . . . . . .\end{gathered}$ $($ SKIP TO 210) | 15-17 YEARS $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots 1$ $18-49$ YEARS $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots 2$ $($ SKIP TO 210$)$ |
| 209 | CHECK 204: MARITAL STATUS | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CODE } 5(\text { (NEVER IN UNION) } \\ & \begin{array}{r} \text { (SKIP TO 216) } \end{array} \stackrel{1}{\gtrless} \\ & \text { OTHER } \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CODE } 5(\text { NEVER IN UNION }) \\ & \begin{array}{r} \text { (SKIP TO 216) } \end{array} \stackrel{1}{4} \\ & \text { OTHER } \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CODE } 5(\text { (NEVER IN UNION) . } \\ & \begin{array}{l} 1 \\ \text { (SKIP TO 216) } \\ \text { OTHER } \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \end{array} \end{aligned}$ |


|  |  | WOMAN 4 | WOMAN 5 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | NAME FROM <br> COLUMN 2. | NAME | NAME | WOMAN 6 |


| A | ADULT RESPONDENT CONSENT FOR ANEMIA TEST |  |  |  |  |
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| U | 210 | ASK CONSENT FOR ANEMIA TEST. | As part of this survey, we are asking people all over the country to take an anemia test. Anemia is a serious health problem that usually results from poor nutrition, infection, or chronic disease. This survey will assist the government to develop programs to prevent and treat anemia. <br> For the anemia testing, we will need a few drops of blood from a finger. The equipment used to take the blood is clean and completely safe. It has never been used before and will be thrown away after we take your blood. The blood will be tested for anemia immediately, and the result will be told to you right away. The result will be kept strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone other than members of our survey team. <br> Do you have any questions? <br> You can say yes or no. It is up to you to decide. <br> Will you take the anemia test? |  |  |
| T | 211 | CIRCLE THE CODE AND SIGN YOUR NAME. |  | $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { GRANTED . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } \\ \begin{array}{l}1 \\ \text { RESPONDENT REFUSED . . }\end{array} \\ \\ \hline\end{array}\right]$ | $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { GRANTED . . . . . . . . . . . . . . } \\ \text { RESPONDENT REFUSED . . } \\ \text { RE } \\ \hline\end{array}\right]$ |
|  | 211A | ASK: Are you pregnant? |  | YES $\quad \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ NO $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ DON'T KNOW $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ (SKIP TO 229) | YES $\quad \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ NO DON |



|  |  | WOMAN 4 | WOMAN 5 | WOMAN 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | NAME FROM <br> COLUMN 2. | NAME | NAME | NAME |


| MINOR RESPONDENT CONSENT FOR ANEMIA TEST |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| M | 219 | ASK CONSENT FOR <br> ANEMIA TEST <br> FROM <br> RESPONDENT. | As part of this survey, we are asking people all over the country to take an anemia test. Anemia is a serious health problem that usually results from poor nutrition, infection, or chronic disease. This survey will assist the government to develop programs to prevent and treat anemia. <br> For the anemia testing, we will need a few drops of blood from a finger. The equipment used to take the blood is clean and completely safe. It has never been used before and will be thrown away after we take your blood. The blood will be tested for anemia immediately, and the result will be told to you and (NAME OF PARENT/RESPONSIBLE ADULT) right away. The result will be kept strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone other than members of our survey team. <br> Do you have any questions? <br> You can say yes or no. It is up to you to decide. <br> Will you take the anemia test? |  |  |
| C <br> O <br> N <br> S <br> E <br> E | 220 | CIRCLE THE CODE AND SIGN YOUR NAME. |  |  |  |
|  | 220A | ASK: Are you pregnant? |  | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { YES } & \ldots\end{array}$ |  |


| 229 | PREPARE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR ANEMIA TESTING. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 231 | RECORD <br> HEMOGLOBIN <br> LEVEL HERE AND <br> IN ANEMIA <br> PAMPHLET. | G/DL <br> NOT PRESENT REFUSED $\qquad$ OTHER | G/DL <br> NOT PRESENT REFUSED OTHER | G/DL <br> NOT PRESENT REFUSED OTHER | $\begin{aligned} & \square \\ & \hline 994 \\ & 995 \\ & 996 \end{aligned}$ |
| 233 | GO BACK TO 202 IN NEXT COLUMN OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE OR IN THE FIRST COLUMN OF THE NEXT PAGE; IF NO MORE WOMEN, END OF QUESTIONNAIRE. |  |  |  |  |


| 201 | INTERVIEWER TO COMPLETE Q. 202-204 USING TABLET REPORT <br> USE THE APPROPRIATE OPTION FROM THE INTERVIEWER'S MENU TO LIST ALL WOMEN AGE $15-49$ ELIGIBLE FOR BIOMARKER TESTING. IN EACH COLUMN, WRITE THE COMPLETE NAME, AGE AND LINE NUMBER AS THEY APPEAR IN THE REPORT ON YOUR TABLET. ALSO CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE CODE FOR QUESTION 203. IF THE WOMAN'S AGE IS 15-17, COMPLETE QUESTION 204 USING THE MARITAL STATUS INFORMATION PRINTED IN THE TABLET'S REPORT. <br> IF THERE ARE MORE THAN NINE WOMEN, USE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE(S). |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | WOMAN 7 | WOMAN 8 | WOMAN 9 |
| 202 | FROM TABLET'S REPORT: <br> WRITE WOMAN'S NAME, AGE, AND LINE NUMBER | NAME $\qquad$ <br> AGE <br> LINE <br> NUMBER | NAME <br> AGE <br> LINE <br> NUMBER |  |
| 203 | FROM TABLET'S REPORT: <br> CIRCLE CODE FOR AGE GROUP. | 15-17 YEARS <br> 18-49 YEARS | 15-17 YEARS <br> 18-49 YEARS | $\begin{array}{ll} 15-17 \text { YEARS } . . . . . . . . . . . . ~ \\ 18-49 \text { YEARS } & 1 \\ 18 . . . . . . . . . . ~ \end{array}$ |
| 204 | FROM TABLET'S REPORT: <br> CIRCLE CODE FOR MARITAL STATUS | CODE 5 (NEVER IN UNION) OTHER | CODE 5 (NEVER IN UNION) OTHER | CODE 5 (NEVER IN UNION) . 1 OTHER ................... 2 |


| 205 | WEIGHT IN KILOGRAMS. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 206 | HEIGHT IN CENTIMETERS. |  |  |  |
| 207 | MEASURER: ENTER YOUR FIELDWORKER NUMBER. |  |  |  |
| 208 | CHECK 203: AGE | 15-17 YEARS ............. 1 18-49 YEARS $\left.\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots{ }^{2}\right]$ $($ SKIP TO 210) | 15-17 YEARS ............. 1 18-49 YEARS $\left.\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots{ }^{2}\right]$ $($ SKIP TO 210$)$ | 15-17 YEARS ............. 1 18-49 YEARS $\left.\underset{(\text { SKIP TO } 210)}{ }{ }^{\ldots}\right]$ |
| 209 | CHECK 204: MARITAL STATUS |  |  |  |


|  |  | WOMAN 7 | WOMAN 8 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | NAME FROM <br> COLUMN 2. | NAME | NAME | WOMAN 9 |



|  | 216 | WRITE THE NAME OF THE PARENT/OTHER ADULT RESPONSIBLE FOR | NAME | NAME | NAME |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PARENTALIRESPONSIBLEADULT CONSENT FOR ANEMIA TEST |  |  |  |  |  |
| N T - - $R$ E S P | 217 | ASK CONSENT FOR <br> ANEMIA TEST <br> FROM <br> PARENT/ADULT. | As part of this survey, we are asking people all over the country to take an anemia test. Anemia is a serious health problem that usually results from poor nutrition, infection, or chronic disease. This survey will assist the government to develop programs to prevent and treat anemia. <br> For the anemia testing, we will need a few drops of blood from a finger. The equipment used to take the blood is clean and completely safe. It has never been used before and will be thrown away after each test. The blood will be tested for anemia immediately, and the result will be told to you and (NAME OF MINOR) right away. The result will be kept strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone other than members of our survey team. <br> Do you have any questions? <br> You can say yes or no. It is up to you to decide. <br> Will you allow (NAME OF MINOR) to take the anemia test? |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| U | 218 | CIRCLE THE CODE AND SIGN YOUR NAME. |  |  |  |


|  |  | WOMAN 7 | WOMAN 8 | WOMAN 9 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | NAME FROM <br> COLUMN 2. | NAME | NAME | NAME |




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## INSTRUCTIONS

Information on all DHS field workers is collected as part of the DHS survey. Please fill out the questions below. The information you provide will be part of the survey data file; however, your name will be removed and will not be part of the data file. Thank you for providing the information needed

| 102 | In what LGA do you live? |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 103 | Do you live in an urban area or rural area? | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { URBAN AREA } \\ \text { RURAL AREA } \\ \text { RU....................................................... } & 2\end{array}$ |  |
| 104 | How old are you? <br> RECORD AGE IN COMPLETED YEARS. | AGE . ........................... |  |
| 105 | Are you male or female? |  |  |
| 106 | What is your current marital status? |  |  |
| 107 | How many living children do you have? <br> INCLUDE ONLY CHILDREN WHO ARE YOUR BIOLOGICAL CHILDREN. | LIVING CHILDREN |  |
| 108 | Have you ever had a child who died? |  |  |
| 109 | What is the highest level of school you attended: primary, lower secondary, upper secondary, or higher? |  |  |
| 110 | What is the highest grade/form/year you completed at that level? <br> IF COMPLETED LESS THAN ONE YEAR AT THAT LEVEL, RECORD '00'. | GRADE/FORM/YEAR ........... |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES |  | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 111 | What is your religion? | ISLAM CHRISTIANITY NO RELIGION OTHER $\qquad$ | 01 <br> 02 <br> 95 <br> 96 |  |
| 112 | What is your ethnicity? | MANDINKA/JAHANKA <br> WOLLOF <br> JOLA/KARONINKA <br> FULA/TUKULUR/LOROBO <br> SERERE <br> SERAHULEH <br> CREOLE/AKU MARABOUT <br> MANJAGO <br> BAMBARA <br> OTHER <br> (SPECIFY) | 01 <br> 02 <br> 03 <br> 04 <br> 05 <br> 06 <br> 07 <br> 08 <br> 09 <br> 96 |  |
| 113 | What languages can you speak? <br> RECORD ALL LANGUAGES YOU CAN SPEAK. | ENGLISH <br> MANDINKA <br> WOLLOF <br> FULA <br> JOLA <br> SARAHULE <br> SERERE <br> MANJAGO <br> CREOLE/AKU MARABOUT <br> BAMBARA <br> FRENCH <br> ARABIC <br> OTHER | $\begin{gathered} \text { A } \\ \text { B } \\ \text { C } \\ \text { D } \\ \text { E } \\ \text { F } \\ \text { G } \\ H \\ \text { I } \\ \text { K } \\ \text { L } \\ \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  |
| 114 | What is your mother tongue/native language (language spoken at home growing up)? | ENGLISH <br> MANDINKA <br> WOLLOF <br> FULA <br> JOLA <br> SARAHULE <br> SERERE <br> MANJAGO <br> CREOLE/AKU MARABOUT <br> BAMBARA <br> OTHER <br> (SPECIFY) | 01 <br> 02 <br> 03 <br> 04 <br> 05 <br> 06 <br> 07 <br> 08 <br> 09 <br> 10 <br> 96 |  |
| 115 | Have you ever worked on: <br> a) a DHS prior to this survey? <br> b) an MIS prior to this survey? <br> c) any other survey prior to this survey? |  | NO 2 2 2 |  |
| 116 | Were you already working for the Gambia Bureau of Statistics or the Ministry of Health at the time you were employed to work on this DHS? | YES, BUREAU OF STATISTICS YES, MINISTRY OF HEALTH NO |  | $\longrightarrow 118$ |
| 117 | Are you a permanent or temporary employee of the Gambia Bureau of Statistics or the Ministry of Health? | PERMANENT <br> TEMPORARY |  |  |
| 118 | If you have comments, please write them here. |  |  |  |

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| $\begin{aligned} & \text { You } \\ & \text { Tubte } \end{aligned}$ | YouTube <br> www.youtube.com/DHSprogram |  | Blog <br> Blog.DHSprogram.com |  |
| B | Twitter <br> www.twitter.com/ DHSprogram |  |  |  |


[^0]:    1 Includes households/population reporting piped water or water from a tube well or borehole as their main source of drinking water and households/population reporting bottled water as their main source of drinking water if their main source of water for cooking and handwashing is piped water or water from a tube well or borehole.

[^1]:    LPG = Liquefied petroleum gas
    ${ }^{1}$ Includes charcoal, wood, straw/shrubs/grass, and sawdust
    ${ }^{2}$ Includes electricity and LPG/biogas

[^2]:    ${ }^{1}$ Soap includes soap or detergent in bar, liquid, powder, or paste form.
    ${ }^{2}$ Cleansing agents other than soap include locally available materials such as ash, mud, or sand.
    ${ }^{3}$ The availability of a handwashing facility on premises with soap and water
    ${ }^{4}$ The availability of a handwashing facility on premises without soap and/or water

[^3]:    Note: Table is based on de jure members, i.e., usual residents.

[^4]:    ${ }^{1}$ Completed grade 6 at the primary level
    ${ }^{2}$ Completed grade 12 at the secondary level

[^5]:    ${ }^{1}$ Refers to women who attended schooling higher than the secondary level and women who can read a whole sentence or part of a sentence

[^6]:    'For current pregnancies, the maternal age at birth is estimated as the mother's expected

[^7]:    Note: If more than one method is used, only the most effective method is considered in this tabulation.

[^8]:    Note: If more than one method is used, only the most effective method is considered in this tabulation.
    SDM = Standard days method
    LAM = Lactational amenorrhoea method
    ${ }^{1}$ Women who have had sexual intercourse within 30 days preceding the survey

[^9]:    Note: Numbers in this table correspond to the revised definition of unmet need described in Bradley et al. 2012.

[^10]:    ${ }^{1}$ Radio, television, newspaper or magazine, or mobile phone
    ${ }^{2}$ Includes those with no exposure to any source (radio, television, newspaper or magazine, mobile phone, peer health education, friends or relatives, traditional communicators, health personnel or health workers, or Internet or social media)

[^11]:    ${ }^{1}$ Stillbirths are foetal deaths in pregnancies lasting 7 or more months.
    ${ }^{2}$ Early neonatal deaths are deaths at age 0-6 days among live-born children.
    ${ }^{3}$ The sum of the number of stillbirths and early neonatal deaths divided by the number of pregnancies of 7 or more months' duration, expressed per 1,000 ${ }^{4}$ Category cutoffs correspond to birth intervals of <24 months, 24-35 months, 3647 months, and 48+ months assuming a pregnancy duration of 9 months.

[^12]:    Note: If more than one source of ANC was mentioned, only the provider with the highest qualifications is considered in this tabulation

[^13]:    ${ }^{1}$ Includes newborns who received a check from a doctor, midwife, nurse, auxiliary nurse, community nurse attendant, community birth companion, or village health worker
    ${ }^{2}$ Includes newborns who received a check after the first week of life

[^14]:    ${ }^{1}$ The Gambia introduced the meningitis A vaccine in 2019 via a national campaign. It has subsequently been introduced into the national vaccination schedule and is given at age 12 months. Although data on the meningitis A vaccine were collected in the GDHS, coverage data are not presented in this chapter because some of the children for whom data were collected were outside of the age range eligible to receive it. However, the meningitis A vaccine data will be available in the GDHS data set.
    ${ }^{2}$ The Gambian routine vaccinations include a DPT booster for children age 18 months. However, due to an error in the questionnaire, information on this vaccine was collected for children who had a vaccination card that was observed but not for children whose vaccination information was collected via the mother's recall. As such, the results have been excluded from this chapter. Among children age 24-35 months who had a vaccination card that was observed, $79 \%$ received a booster dose of DPT.

[^15]:    ${ }^{1}$ For children age 0-5 months: exclusively breastfed; for children age 6-23 months: received breast milk and complementary foods
    ${ }^{2}$ Either exclusively breastfed or received breast milk and plain water and/or non-milk liquids only
    ${ }^{3}$ Received breast milk and fresh, tinned, or powdered animal milk or commercial infant formula

[^16]:    Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.

[^17]:    na $=$ Not applicable
    ${ }^{1}$ See Table 15.8.1 for the list of decisions.
    ${ }^{2}$ See Table 15.9.1 for the list of reasons.

[^18]:    ${ }^{1}$ Mean excludes respondents who gave non-numeric responses.
    ${ }^{2}$ Figures for unmet need correspond to the revised definition described in Bradley et al. 2012
    ${ }^{3}$ Restricted to currently married women. See Table 15.8.1 for the list of decisions.
    ${ }^{4}$ See Table 15.9.1 for the list of reasons.

[^19]:    Note: Husband/partner refers to the current husband/partner for currently married women and the most recent husband/partner for divorced, separated, or widowed women. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

[^20]:    Note: The circumcision status of girls is reported by their mothers. Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

[^21]:    1 Child's height in centimetres is missing, child was not present, child refused, and "other" result codes
    2Child's weight in kilograms is missing, child was not present, child refused, and "other" result codes

[^22]:    ${ }^{1}$ Includes the respondent
    ${ }^{2}$ Excludes the respondent

[^23]:    01 = HEAD
    02 = WIFE OR HUSBAND 03 = SON OR DAUGHTER 04 = SON-IN-LAW OR DAUGHTER-IN-LAW $05=$ GRANDCHILD $06=$ PARENT

