

Selected MICS Indicators for Belize's Children, 2006

Indicators	Reference ages	National	District							Area		Gender		Ethnicity of Head of Household				
			Corozal	Orange Walk	Belize	Cayo	Stann Creek	Toledo	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Creole	Mestizo	Garifuna	Maya	Other	
			Percent (%)															
Under-five mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	0 - 59 mths.	27.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	26.0	27.0	35.0	19.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	0 - 11 mths.	22.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	21.0	22.0	28.0	16.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Stunted or too short for their age (moderately stunted)	0 - 59 mths.	17.6	10.6	6.0	9.5	18.7	22.1	42.7	10.9	23.0	17.6	17.6	12.1	14.0	(11.7)	49.5	-	
Wasted or too thin for their height (moderately wasted)	0 - 59 mths.	1.4	1.0	-	4.2	1.2	-	-	1.4	1.4	1.0	1.7	2.5	1.4	-	-	-	
Moderately underweight	0 - 59 mths.	6.1	2.9	5.7	6.2	6.6	3.2	11.2	3.8	7.9	5.3	6.8	5.1	5.9	(11.7)	8.3	(2.7)	
Overweight	0 - 59 mths.	10.3	12.3	3.0	18.2	6.8	7.3	11.2	11.6	9.2	10.6	9.9	14.5	9.3	(2.9)	10.8	-	
Low birth weight		8.1	(5.8)	(9.6)	10.2	6.6	(6.1)	(8.0)	8.1	8.0	n/a	n/a	8.0	8.2	(*)	(8.4)	(6.2)	
Appropriately fed	0 - 11 mths.	22.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	27.0	18.5	18.1	27.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Vitamin A supplementation within last six months	6 - 59 mths.	23.8	14.9	22.3	37.4	22.0	26.4	8.7	29.5	18.9	24.6	23.1	31.5	24.8	(22.0)	8.9	(10.4)	
Attending an organized early childhood education programme	36 - 59 mths.	30.7	50.0	22.5	46.7	20.0	26.4	17.1	43.7	20.7	31.4	30.1	43.1	26.7	(*)	(15.1)	(*)	
Safe disposal of stool	0 - 23 mths.	23.8	25.8	47.0	13.8	20.6	20.1	20.9	17.9	28.8	n/a	n/a	14.3	29.0	(*)	22.0	(41.3)	
Primary school net attendance ratio	5 -12 yrs.	90.2	86.0	85.5	89.7	94.1	92.9	91.4	91.3	89.2	90.1	90.2	91.9	88.9	100.0	91.3	78.9	
Secondary school net attendance ratio	13 - 16 yrs.	37.1	30.5	31.0	50.2	37.7	40.8	23.8	53.5	24.5	...	...	50.2	32.5	(52.3)	21.5	(10.3)
Secondary school age children attending primary school	13 - 16 yrs.	36.0	32.1	34.8	34.1	36.4	41.5	42.5	33.0	38.3	37.6	34.0	32.4	35.3	(47.7)	45.9	(27.3)	
Secondary school net attendance ratio	13 - 16 yrs.	37.1	30.5	31.0	50.2	37.7	40.8	23.8	53.5	24.5	36.8	37.5	50.2	32.5	(52.3)	21.5	(10.3)	
Children reaching standard three (grade 5)		98.7	95.6	100.0	100.0	95.9	100.0	100.0	98.5	99.1	97.4	100.0	98.8	97.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Net primary school completion rate		25.2	(35.0)	(30.8)	30.8	(19.0)	(*)	(*)	25.1	25.2	25.2	25.1	38.9	20.6	(*)	(*)	(*)	
Transition rate to secondary education		52.3	(*)	(*)	(48.5)	(65.5)	(*)	(*)	54.3	(49.0)	57.0	45.6	54.5	40.9	(*)	(*)	(*)	
Primary school gender parity index		1.00	0.91	1.03	1.02	1.03	1.00	0.97	1.01	1.00	...	...	1.02	0.98	1.00	0.95	1.06
Secondary school gender parity index		1.02	1.00	1.05	1.07	1.21	0.70	1.17	1.04	0.95	...	...	1.29	0.91	1.05	0.48	...
Psychological or physical punishment	2 - 14 yrs.	67.7	72.5	59.6	68.5	62.0	72.3	78.9	67.3	68.1	67.2	68.2	72.3	64.6	70.7	67.2	56.3	
Birth registration	0 - 59 mths.	94.4	97.8	95.1	91.0	98.4	87.6	94.7	91.8	96.5	94.0	94.8	91.7	97.1	(75.6)	95.7	98.5	
At least one reported disability	2 - 9 yrs.	26.3	23.7	19.1	17.1	30.8	21.7	50.9	23.9	28.2	n/a	n/a	22.5	23.2	25.4	43.6	27.9	
Oral rehydration treatment use	0 - 59 mths.	60.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	(57.3)	63.5	(63.5)	(57.7)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Home management of diarrhoea	0 - 59 mths.	9.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	(32.8)	19.9	(26.4)	(25.4)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Household members support for learning		85.3	80.0	81.9	89.4	89.5	94.8	69.3	88.1	82.7	83.8	86.5	89.6	86.4	(91.5)	70.0	83.1	
Father support for learning	0 - 59 mths.	52.0	62.2	37.3	45.6	56.4	71.6	45.4	50.2	53.4	51.2	52.7	52.3	53.4	(41.0)	54.9	42.4	
Not living with a biological parent	0 - 17 yrs.	6.6	8.6	3.1	9.5	6.1	6.4	3.7	8.5	5.1	6.9	6.3	7.9	7.1	8.4	4.0	-	
Orphanhood (one or both parents dead)	0 - 17 yrs.	5.1	3.4	4.4	8.6	3.0	5.6	4.2	7.3	3.3	4.9	5.4	6.2	5.1	6.5	2.7	2.9	

LEGEND

Red - Below Average (More than one-half Standard Error below National Mean)

Green - Above Average (More than one-half Standard Error above National Mean)

Amber - Average (Within one-half Standard Error of National Mean)

Black - Unavailable (Figures are based on 25 - 49 unweighted cases)

INDICATORS	DEFINITION
Under-five mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	Probability of dying by exact age 5 years
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	Probability of dying by exact age 1 year
Stunted or too short for their age (moderately stunted)	Number of children under age five that fall below minus two standard deviations from the median height for age of the NCHS/WHO standard
Wasted or too thin for their height (moderately wasted)	Number of children under age five that fall below minus two standard deviations from the median weight for height of the NCHS/WHO standard
Moderately underweight	Number of children under age five that fall below minus two standard deviations from the median weight for age of the NCHS/WHO standard
Low birth weight	Number of last live births in the 2 years preceding the survey weighing below 2,500 grams
Appropriately fed	Number of infants aged 0-11 months that are appropriately fed: infants aged 0-5 months that are exclusively breastfed and infants aged 6-11 months that are breastfed and ate solid or semi-solid foods the appropriate number of times per day
Vitamin A supplementation within last six months	Number of children aged 6-59 months receiving at least one high-dose vitamin A supplement in the previous 6 months
Attending an organized early childhood education programme	Number of children aged 36-59 months that attend some form of early childhood education programme
Safe disposal of stool	Number of children under age 3 whose (last) stools were disposed of safely
Primary school net attendance ratio	Number of children of primary-school age currently attending primary or secondary school
Secondary school net attendance ratio	Number of children of secondary-school age currently attending secondary school or higher
Children reaching standard three (grade 5)	Proportion of children entering the first grade of primary school that eventually reach grade five
Net primary school completion rate	Number of children (of any age) attending the last grade of primary school (excluding repeaters)
Transition rate to secondary education	Number of children that were in the last grade of primary school during the previous school year that attend secondary school
Primary & Secondary school gender parity index	Proportion of girls and boys in primary and secondary education
Psychological or physical punishment	Number of children aged 2-14 years that (1) experience only non-violent aggression, (2) experience psychological aggression as punishment, (3) experience minor physical punishment, (4) experience severe physical punishment
Birth registration	Number of children aged 0-59 months whose births are reported registered
At least one reported disability	Number of children aged 2-9 years with at least one of nine reported disabilities.
Oral rehydration treatment use	Number of children aged 0-59 months with diarrhoea in the previous 2 weeks that received oral rehydration salts and/or an appropriate household solution
Home management of diarrhoea	Number of children aged 0-59 months with diarrhoea in the previous 2 weeks that received more fluids AND continued eating somewhat less, the same or more food
Household members support for learning	Number of children aged 0-59 months living in households in which an adult has engaged in four or more activities to promote learning and school readiness in the past 3 days
Father support for learning	Number of children aged 0-59 months whose father has engaged in one or more activities to promote learning and school readiness in the past 3 days
Not living with a biological parent	Number of children aged 0-17 years not living with a biological parent
Orphanhood (one or both parents dead)	Number of children under age 18 with at least one dead parent

