

Selected MICS Indicators for Women in Belize, 2006

Percent (%)																
Indicator	National	District						Area		Education		Ethnicity of Head of Household				
		Corozal	Orange Walk	Belize	Cayo	Stann Creek	Toledo	Urban	Rural	None/ Primary	Secondary	Creole	Mestizo	Garifuna	Maya	Other
Started breastfeeding within one hour of birth	50.6	(41.5)	(59.4)	41.1	51.0	(74.1)	(50.0)	45.2	55.0	56.5	40.5	43.1	49.2	(*)	(55.5)	(74.9)
Vitamin A supplementation for post-partum mothers	45.3	(13.6)	(35.6)	72.1	57.5	(40.4)	(22.8)	54.5	37.7	38.4	37.7	59.9	38.4	(*)	(37.0)	(*)
Neonatal tetanus protection	58.3	(57.6)	(66.8)	75.1	54.9	(48.1)	(29.5)	63.7	53.9	53.7	66.2	63.6	62.0	(*)	(32.0)	(56.0)
Recognise two danger signs of pneumonia	14.7	43.1	12.3	20.6	2.9	5.8	8.2	16.9	13.0	12.0	20.5	18.5	17.3	(5.8)	6.3	2.0
Use of contraception	34.3	30.9	30.8	47.5	24.8	34.1	23.4	38.8	29.4	32.2	36.8	44.2	30.5	32.1	15.4	28.4
Received antenatal care from skilled personnel	94.0	(100.0)	(92.7)	96.5	96.8	(93.9)	(79.5)	94.8	93.3	93.6	94.7	93.0	96.4	(*)	(83.5)	(100.0)
Literacy rate	89.4	86.4	85.3	92.4	89.7	88.5	91.6	90.7	87.8	81.5	100.0	91.6	88.1	(95.4)	85.0	(*)
Believe husband is justified in beating wife/partner	12.2	14.3	7.7	6.2	10.5	18.5	34.2	8.6	16.0	16.6	6.8	8.3	10.5	14.7	34.7	13.3
Knowledge of preventing HIV transmission	49.7	35.1	43.3	68.2	38.5	67.1	26.8	58.3	40.5	37.4	64.4	61.3	42.5	71.8	26.0	45.6
Comprehensive knowledge of HIV/AIDS transmission	37.3	28.0	31.8	52.0	27.6	50.0	19.3	46.7	27.2	24.7	52.4	48.7	31.7	55.5	13.3	22.3
Knowledge of mother-to-child transmission	91.6	97.0	94.8	94.9	90.6	91.5	67.2	96.3	86.5	87.4	96.7	95.5	94.8	97.8	65.4	72.3
Agree with none of the HIV/AIDS discriminatory statements	26.8	16.1	16.6	37.5	26.6	31.9	17.2	32.2	20.6	18.9	35.6	36.8	18.8	42.3	12.5	24.5
Knowledge of a HIV-testing facility	82.3	76.1	86.2	93.7	79.7	82.6	51.5	91.7	72.2	74.2	92.0	93.1	81.6	92.6	40.6	69.7
Received results of HIV test at antenatal care visit	71.3	(83.5)	(62.0)	88.1	70.5	(67.2)	(40.9)	80.7	63.4	65.1	81.7	82.0	78.0	(*)	(37.3)	(42.4)
Had sex with non-marital, non-cohabiting partner	41.1	(27.2)	(4.0)	62.2	(35.8)	(33.4)	(44.7)	52.4	20.9	22.3	55.6	56.5	25.7	(*)	(*)	(*)



LEGEND

Red

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

Amber

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

Green

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

Black

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

Indicator	Definition
Vitamin A supplementation for post-partum mothers	Number of women with a live birth in the 2 years preceding the survey that received a high-dose Vitamin A supplement within 8 weeks after birth
Neonatal tetanus protection	Number of mothers with live births in the last 2 years that were given at least two doses of tetanus toxoid (TT) vaccine within the appropriate interval prior to giving birth
Use of contraception	Number of women currently married or in union aged 15-49 years that are using (or whose partner is using) a contraceptive method
Received antenatal care from skilled personnel	Number of women aged 15-49 years that were attended at least once during pregnancy in the 2 years preceding the survey by skilled health personnel
Literacy rate	Number of women aged 15-24 years that are able to read a short simple statement about everyday life
Believe husband is justified in beating wife/partner	Number of women that consider a husband/partner is justified in hitting or beating his wife in at least one of the following circumstances: (1) she goes out without telling him, (2) she neglects the children, (3) she argues with him, (4) she refuses sex with him, (5) she burns the food
Comprehensive knowledge of HIV/AIDS transmission	Number of women aged 15-24 years that can correctly identify two ways of avoiding HIV infection and reject three common misconceptions about HIV transmission
Knowledge of mother-to-child transmission	Number of women that correctly identify all three means of vertical transmission
Knowledge of a HIV-testing facility	Number of women that state knowledge of a place to be tested
Received results of HIV test at antenatal care visit	Number of women that gave birth in the previous 24 months and received antenatal care reporting that they received the results of an HIV test during this care
Had sex with non-marital, non-cohabiting partner	Number of sexually active women aged 15-24 years that have had sex with a non-marital, non-cohabiting partner in the previous 12 months