



Press Release

Central Agency for Public Mobilization And Statistics

On the occasion of the International Day of the Rights of the Child (32.9%) One-third of children are in the age group (0-4 years) in 2019

The Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) issued on 20 /11/2018 a press release on the occasion of the International Day of Children Rights, which is celebrated on November 20 every year and which is approved by the United Nations General Assembly on the Declaration on the Rights of the Child in 1959.

The most important statistical indicators:

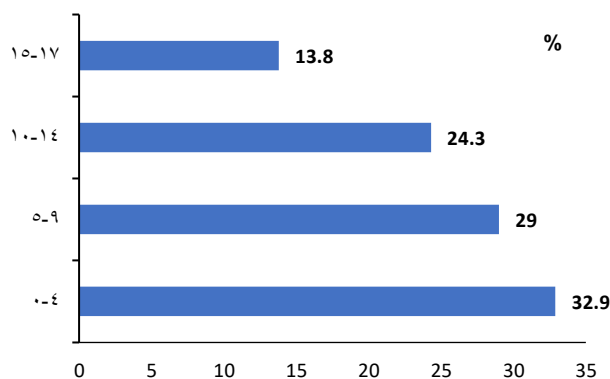
Children in the world

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) announced that the New Year of 2019 witnessed the birth of more than 395 thousand children around the world.

- **Number of children estimated by Capmas 2019:**

- The number of Egyptian children (under 18 years) is 38.8 million (number of male children is 20.1 million children, 51.8%) and the number of female children is 18.7 million (48.2%), representing 39.3% of the total population in 2019.
- 32.9% of children are in the age group(0-4 years), which is the highest among children. The percentage of children in the age group (15-17 years) it`s reached 13.8%, which is the lowest among the age groups of children.

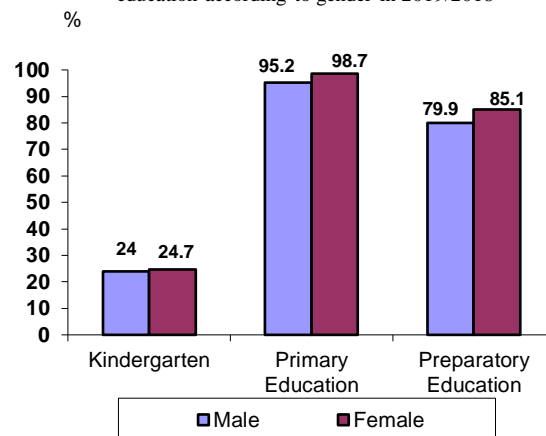
Percentage distribution of children according to age groups in 2019



The educational status of children (according to data from the Ministry of Education) in 2018/2019:

- The net enrollment rate in kindergartens was 24% for males and 24.7% for females in the age group (4-5 years). In primary education (6-11 years), this percentage was 95.2% for males and 98.7% for females.
- While in the preparatory education in the age group (12-14 years) it recorded 79.9% for males and 85.1% for females of the total population in the same age group.

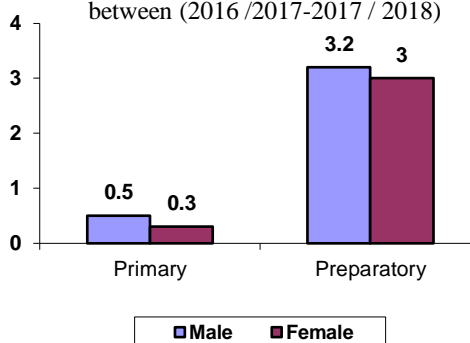
Net enrollment ratio in kindergartens and basic education according to gender in 2019/2018



Dropout for primary and preparatory stages according to gender between (2016 /2017-2017 / 2018):

- The dropout rate was 0.4% of total primary enrollment (0.5% for males and 0.3% for females). While the dropout rate in the preparatory stage recorded 3.1% of the total enrollment in this stage (3.2% males, 3% for females) for the two academic years (2016/2017-2017/2018).

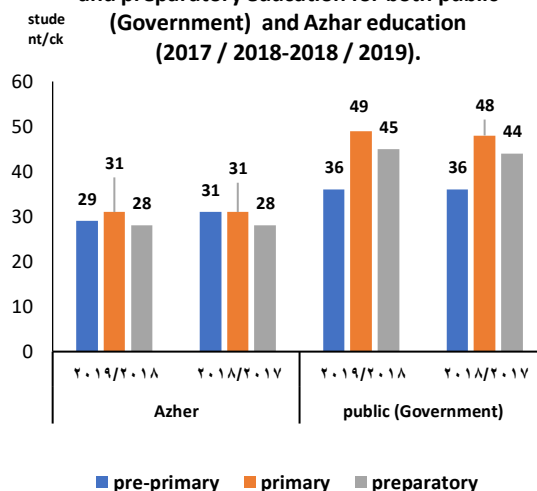
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Intensity of classes in pre-primary, primary and preparatory education for both public (Government) and Azhar education (2017/2018-2018 / 2019):

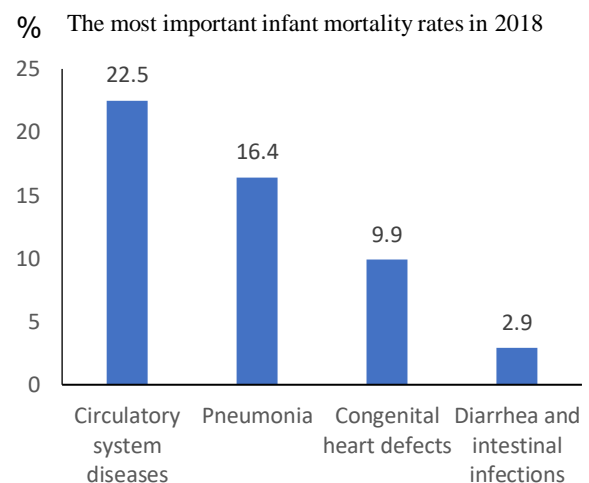
- The intensity of classes in all stages of public (Government education, especially the primary and preparatory stages, is higher than that of Azhari education, where it continued to rise in 2018/2019 from 2017/2018 (49 primary students, 45 preparatory students) for government education.
- While the intensity of classes remained constant in the primary and preparatory stages in Azhar education in the academic years (2017/2018 - 2018/2019) (31 primary students, 28 preparatory students).
- The intensity of classes in pre-primary education stage in the academic years Al-Azhar decreased from 31 students in 2017/2018 to 29 students in 2018/2019.

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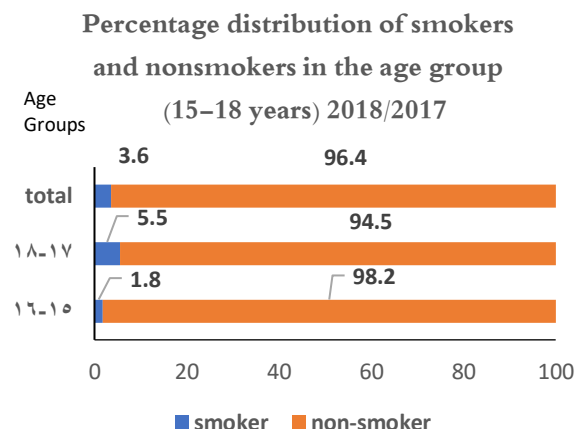
Child mortality (according to the statistics of births and deaths in 2018):

- The infant mortality rate increased from 15.1 children per thousand births in 2017 to 15.4 children in 2018, and the under-five mortality rate also rose from 19.5 per 1,000 live births in 2017 to 20 per 1,000 live births in 2018.
- Circulatory system diseases are the leading cause of infant mortality with 22.5% of deaths while the deaths from pneumonia were 16.4%, followed by 9.9% of congenital heart defects, while the lowest infant mortality rate from diarrhea and intestinal infections was 2.9% in 2018.



Smokers of children in the age group (15-less than 18 years) according to the data of income, expenditure and consumption survey in 2017/2018:

- 3.6% of children in the age group (15-less than 18 years) of the total children in the same age group are smokers.
- The percentage of children who smoke in the age group (17-less than 18 years) is 5.5% in the same age group versus 1.8% of all children in age group (15-16 years) in the same age group.



The following are some of the State's efforts to protect and nurture children's rights:

1- The Egyptian Constitution includes a special article on children, Article 80, which stipulates:

Every child under 18 years of age is considered to be a child, and each child has the right to a name and identification papers, free compulsory immunization, health and family or alternative care, basic nutrition, safe shelter, religious education, and emotional and cognitive development. The State is committed to the welfare and protection of children from all forms of violence, abuse, sexual and commercial exploitation and exploitation. Every child has the right to early education in a childhood center up to the age of six. It is prohibited to employ children before they reach the age of completion of basic education, and it is prohibited to employ them in work that endangers them. The child may not be held criminally accountable or detained except in accordance with the law and for the period specified therein. They are provided with legal assistance and are held in appropriate places separate from adult ones.

2- The Ministry of Education

a- Preparation of the National Strategy for Education (2014-2030)

The vision of the Ministry of Education is to ensure that education is of high quality for all without discrimination. The themes of the strategy include:

- School buildings.
- educational subjects.
- Girls' Education Initiative in Egypt (community education, second chance).
- Expanding technical education, especially females.

b- The following initiatives have been taken:

- Develop a program to combat violence against children.
- An initiative of my right to live without terrorism.
- Seminars on early marriage.
- Minors under threat initiative.
- I am against bullying initiative.
- "Binti Nour Aini" initiative.
- Participating in the implementation of the DWI FGM workshops.

Data sources:

- The Egyptian Constitution
- Income and expenditure data 2017/2018
- Population estimates for CAPMAS 2019
- Vital Statistics Bulletin of Births and Deaths 2018
- Data of the Ministry of Social Solidarity 2017
- The Ministry of Education

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