



Press Release

Central Agency for Public Mobilization And Statistics

On the occasion of the world children Day (41) million, number of children under the age of 18 in 2021

Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) issued on 20/11/2021 a press release on the occasion of World Children Day, which is celebrated on November 20 every year and which is approved by the United Nations General Assembly on Declaration of the Child Rights in 1959, given the importance of childhood in human life and the need for paying attention to it. Egypt CAPMAS has issued a press release to shed light on the most important indicators of children in Egypt the them of world children's day 2021.

The most important statistical indicators:

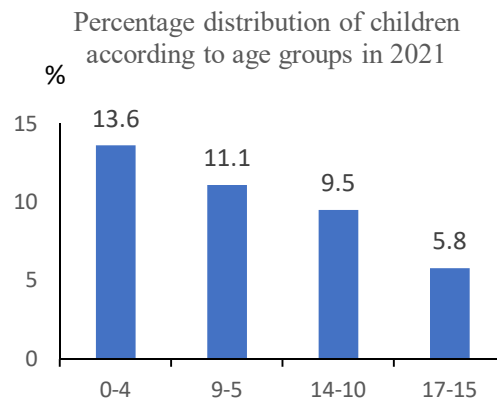
Children in the world

- Number of children in labor market in the world has risen to 160 million, an increase of 8.4 million during last four years.
- 28% of working children in the age group (5-11 years) and 35% of working children in the age group (12-14 years) are out of school.
- Nine million children in the world are at risk of having to work by the end of 2022 due to Covid-19 pandemic.
- 70% of child labor (112 million children) are in agricultural field (hunting and working in forests, grazing livestock, and aquaculture, 20% in service sector (31.4 million children) , 10% in industrial sector (16.5 million children), including mining.

▪ The most important statistical indicators for children in Egypt:

Number of children under 18 years old according to EGYPT CAPMAS estimates of 2021:

- Number of Egyptian children is 40.9 million children (21.1 million male children, 51.6% and 19.8 million female children, 48.4%), in July 2021.
- While percentage of children in the age group (0-4 years) 13.6%, and percentage of children in the age group (15-17 years) 5.8% of the total population.

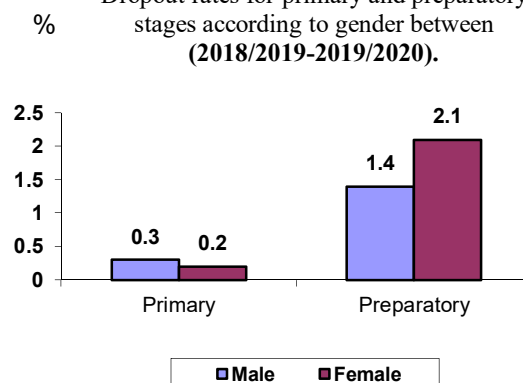


Education indicators

Drop out from education by gender between (2018 / 2019-2019 / 2020)

- Dropout rate was 0.2% of total primary enrollment (0.3% for males and 0.2% for females).
- While the drop out rate in the preparatory recorded 1.7% of total enrollment in this stage (1.4% males, 2.1% for females) for the two academic years (2018/2019-2019/2020).

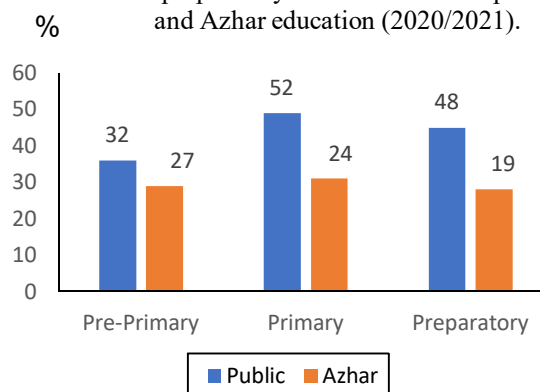
Dropout rates for primary and preparatory stages according to gender between (2018/2019-2019/2020).



Density of classes in pre-primary, primary and preparatory education for both public (Governmental) and Azhar education (2020-2021):

- Class density of pre-primary education was 32 students in governmental schools, compared to 27 students in Al-Azhar schools.
- While class density was 52 students / class in primary education in governmental schools, compared to 24 students / class in Al-Azhar education.
- As for preparatory education, class density reached 48 students / class in governmental schools, and 19 students / class in Al-Azhar schools.

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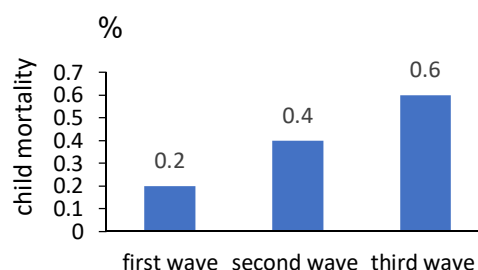


Health indicators:

Health: Child mortality due to COVID-19 during 2020-2021:

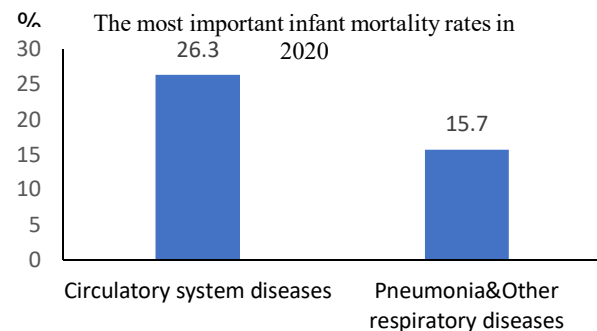
- First wave of COVID-19 from the beginning until November 21, 2020:
 - Total number of children deaths under 15 years was 17 deaths, of 0.2%
 - Second wave of COVID-19 from November 22, 2020 to 31 March 2021:
 - Total number of children deaths under 15 years e is 24 deaths, 0.4%.
 - Third wave of COVID-19 from April 1 to June 29, 2021:
 - Total number of children deaths under 15 years is 14 deaths, of 0.6%

Child mortality due to COVID-19 during three waves 2020-2021:



Child mortality (according to births and deaths statistics in 2020):

- Infant mortality rate for children less than one year was 15.7 children per 1000 live births in 2020, compared to 15.7 children in 2019.
- Children under-five mortality rate was 19.8 per 1,000 live births in 2020, compared to 20.4 per 1,000 live births in 2019.
- 26.3% of infant mortality is caused by Circulatory system diseases while deaths from pneumonia and other respiratory diseases are 15.7% in 2020.



Social welfare of children (according to Ministry of Social Solidarity data in 2020):

- Number of kindergartens for children deprived of family care reached 55 kindergartens, 883 enrolled children in 2020.
- 15313 kindergartens belonging to Ministry of Social Solidarity, 908969 children are enrolled in 2020.
- Number of kindergartens belonging to public and public business sectors reached 20 enrolled in it 867 child with a capacity of 2064 children in 2020.

State efforts to protect and care for child rights:

The state pays special attention to the childhood stage, and this is crystallized in the setting of Article No. (80) of the child in the Egyptian constitution, which states: **“A child who has not reached the age of eighteen is considered a child, and every child has the right to a name, identification papers, free compulsory vaccination, health and family care or Alternative, basic nutrition, safe shelter, religious education, emotional and cognitive development The state guarantees the rights of children with disabilities, their rehabilitation and integration into society The state is committed to taking care of the child and protecting him from all forms of violence, abuse, abuse, sexual and commercial exploitation Every child has the right to early education in a center For childhood until the age of six, and it is prohibited to employ a child before he reaches the age of completing basic education, and it is prohibited to employ him in jobs that expose him to danger. The state is also obligated to establish a judicial system for child victims and witnesses. A child may not be held criminally responsible or detained except in accordance with the law and for the specified period. It provides him with legal assistance, and his detention is in appropriate places separate from the places where adults are detained. The state works to achieve the best interest of the child in all the measures taken against him.”** The state has also undertaken many projects and initiatives in this regard, including:

- The project of eliminate child labor in Egypt by 2025, which is implemented by Maat Foundation for Peace, Development and Human Rights in cooperation with the Dutch company ADMC and the RVO authority which is affiliated to Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy in Netherlands.
- **In the field of education:**
 - **Preparing the national education strategy 2014-2030**
 - Education should be available in high quality for all without discrimination.
 - Girls education initiative in Egypt (community education and the second chance).
 - Expanding technical education, especially for females.
 - **Total financial allocations for children's education in the state's general budget are 93.5 billion Egyptian pounds for the fiscal year 2019/2020:**
 - 71% of education budget for children, including 4.2 billion Egyptian pounds for kindergarten stage, and 62.8 billion Egyptian pounds for primary and preparatory stages.
- **Some initiatives in the fields of general and psychological health of child and his economic support:**
 - Ministry of Health examines as part of the President's initiative to detect genetic diseases under the slogan "100 million health."
 - "Noor Hayat" initiative:
President Abdel-Fattah El-Sisi launched an initiative to combat the causes of blindness and loss of vision, "Nour Hayat," which aims to early detect 5 million primary school students from (Tahya Misr) Fund.

Data sources:

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- Education Bulletin 2020/2021

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