

PRESS RELEASE

On the occasion of the International Day of the Girl 13 million, number of girls at Age group (6-17 years) in Egypt in 2023

Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics issued a press release on the occasion of the International Day of the Girl, which is celebrated on October 11 of each year, in accordance with United Nations General Assembly's recognition of rights girls in 2011. The International Day of the Girl aims to focus more attention on the need to address challenges faced by girls, promote the girls empowerment and realization of their human rights, and the right of adolescent girls to enjoy a safe life and access to education and health.

The most important statistical indicators for girls around the world:

- Number of girls in the world in the age group (6-17 years) reached about 777 million girls, representing 9.7% of total world population of approximately 8 billion people.
- 21% of girls under the age of 18 in the world, about 12 million girls get married annually. (UNICEF)



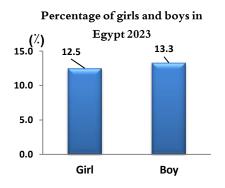
The most important indicators related to girls in Egypt:

In light of statistics issued by CAPMAS, it can be reviewed that the most important indicators in the age group (6-17 years) In Egypt are as follows:

Number of girls according to population

estimates in early 2023:

Number of girls in the age group (6-17 years) in Egypt reached 13 million Approximately 12.5% of the total population, compared to 16 million boys 13.3% of the total estimated population of 105 million population at the beginning of 2023.

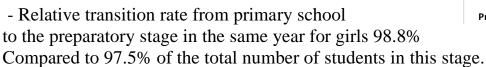


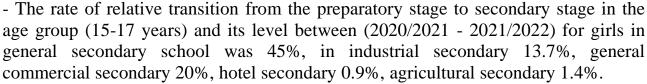
Education:

_According to the data of the annual bulletin for pre-university education for the years (2021/2022),basic education in the Arab

Republic of Egypt begins at the age of 6 years, and the data were as follows:

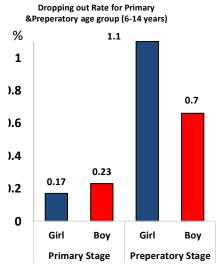
- Percentage of girls dropping out of education at the Primary level in the age group (6-11 years) reached 0.17% and the percentage of boys dropping out of the Primary stage in the same category is 0.23%.
- Percentage of girls dropping out of the preparatory stage has increased in the age group (12-14 years), as it reached 1.1% While the dropout rate for boys decreased at the same stage it reached 0.7%.





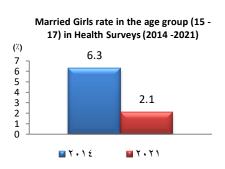
• According to Egyptian Family Health Survey Report 2021.

The girls' health indicators were monitored according to a report Egyptian Family Health Survey by Age Group (4 - 17 years old) The data was as follows:



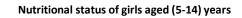
> Children Marriage:

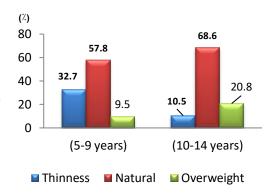
- Marriage rate of girls in the age group (15-17 years) decreased to 2.1% in 2021, compared to 6.3% for the same category in 2014.
- 0.9% of girls are married at the age of 15 or less.



➤ Nutritional status of girls aged (5-14) years:

- %57.8 of girls in the age group (5-9 years) nutritional status is normal, compared to 32.7% who suffer from thinness, while 9.5% are overweight.
- %68.6 of girls in the age group (10-14 years) nutritional status is normal, compared to 10.5% who suffer from thinness, and 20.8% are overweight.





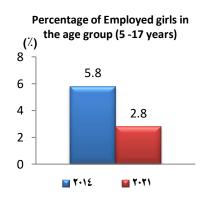
Circumcision:

- 15% of girls aged (4-17 years) are circumcised.
- 26.8% of girls under 18 years are expected to be circumcised. □



> Child labour

• Number of girls employment in the age group (5-17 years) decreased to 2.8% in 2021, compared to 5.8% for girls in the same age group in 2014.



gyptian initiatives to support Egyptian girls

These Initiatives Launched by the Egyptian government in cooperation with United Nations in Egypt, which seeks to empower girls under the age of 18 and build their educational, social and economic skills and capabilities, the "Dawi" and "Noura" initiatives. The two programs (Dawi) and (Noura) are closely linked to the "Egyptian Family Development and Decent Life programs."

> "Dawi" Initiative

Dawi, is a national initiative implemented in Egypt that aims to engage young girls and boys in activities that will help them to achieve their full potential, while enhancing the participation of their families and communities, thereby changing the way society views girls.

The national initiative "Dawi" is led by the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood, in partnership with the National Council for Women, with technical support from UNICEF and in cooperation with several partners.

> (Noura) Initiative

Noura initiative was launched by Ministry of Planning and Economic Development, the National Council for Women, the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood and the United Nations Population Fund, in October 2021, which aims to empower adolescent girls for transformative change in Egypt.

Noura, is a symbol of all adolescent girls in Egypt and of the framework for girls' development, which aims to become a symbol of investment in girls in Egypt through partners, filmmakers and supporters.

▶ "Protect her from Circumcision Campaign:

It is an awareness campaign launched by the National Committee to Combat Female Genital Mutilation for the first time in June 2019, coinciding with the National Day against circumcision, to educate Egyptian families in all governorates and protect their daughters from circumcision, Which aims to revive the issue of circumcision in the minds and placing it on the agenda of executive authorities, civil society and international organizations, urging society in all its spectrums to confront this crime, and support local, national efforts and relevant community initiatives. It is an ongoing campaign held successively every year.

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