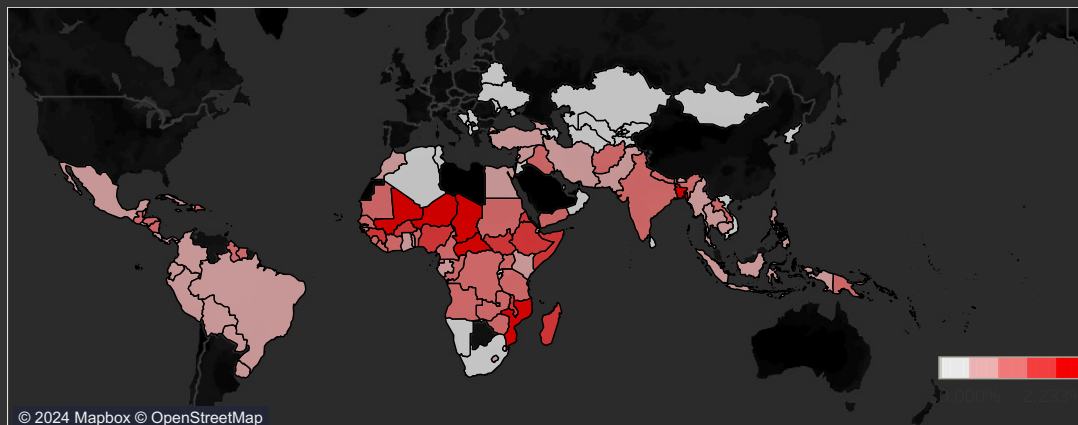


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Child marriage around the world

Female Married by 18



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**Child marriage is
violation of Human
Rights**

The root of child marriage is *gender inequality* and the belief that women are inferior to men. The other reasons could be *traditional practices, poverty* and *insecurity*.

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Child marriages in Nigeria

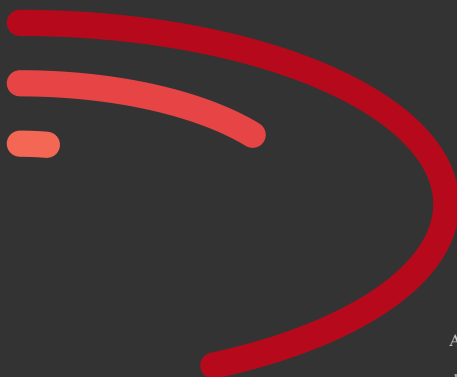
Female married by
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Female married by
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Male married by
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Percent of **Female** married by 18 Vs Percent of **Male** married by 18 in Nigeria



1 in 5 girls
in the world are married before 18

Across the globe, levels of child marriage are highest in sub-Saharan Africa, where **35 %** of young women were married before age 18, followed by South Asia, where nearly **30 %** were married before age 18. Lower levels of child marriage are found in Latin America and Caribbean (**24 %**), the Middle East and North Africa (**17 %**), and Eastern Europe and Central Asia (**12 %**).