

are relatively better than in the Mountain region. Mortality is also much higher in the Mid-western and Far-western regions of Nepal than in the Eastern, Western and Central regions.

Maternal education is strongly related to mortality. Children born to mothers with no education experience much higher levels of mortality than children born to mothers with some education, with children born to the most highly educated mothers least likely to die young. For example, under-five mortality for children of uneducated mothers is 149 per 1,000 births, about 50 percent higher than for children of mothers who have some primary education, and 145 percent higher than for children of mothers who have some secondary education. The educational differentials become larger with increasing age of the child.

**Table 7.3 Infant and child mortality by socio-economic characteristics**

Infant and child mortality rates for the ten-year period preceding the survey, by socio-economic characteristics and medical maternity care, Nepal 1996

Socio-economic characteristic	Neonatal mortality (NN)	Post-neonatal mortality (PNN)	Infant mortality ( ${}_1Q_0$ )	Child mortality ( ${}_4Q_1$ )	Under-five mortality ( ${}_5Q_0$ )
<b>Residence</b>					
Urban	43.1	17.9	61.1	22.5	82.2
Rural	59.3	36.0	95.3	53.2	143.4
<b>Ecological region</b>					
Mountain	70.8	65.8	136.5	82.2	207.5
Hill	50.6	36.8	87.4	43.3	126.9
Terai	62.7	28.2	90.9	53.0	139.1
<b>Development region</b>					
Eastern	57.8	21.6	79.4	36.3	112.8
Central	56.0	30.3	86.3	56.1	137.5
Western	53.1	31.3	84.3	37.6	118.8
Mid-western	63.4	51.4	114.8	71.2	177.8
Far-western	67.3	57.0	124.3	62.3	178.9
<b>Education</b>					
No education	60.3	37.3	97.5	56.8	148.8
Primary	52.2	27.8	80.0	21.0	99.3
Secondary+	41.1	12.3	53.4	7.7	60.7
<b>Medical maternity care<sup>1</sup></b>					
No antenatal or delivery care	47.1	32.8	79.9	NA	NA
Either antenatal or delivery care	37.7	12.2	49.9	NA	NA
Both antenatal and delivery care	(26.1)	*	*	NA	NA
<b>Total</b>	<b>58.2</b>	<b>34.8</b>	<b>93.0</b>	<b>50.9</b>	<b>139.2</b>

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 250-499 births; an asterisk indicates that the figure is based on fewer than 250 exposed persons and has been suppressed.

NA = Not applicable

<sup>1</sup> Refers to births in the three years before the survey. Includes care received from doctor, nurse/midwife, maternal and child health (MCH) worker, Village Health Worker (VHW), health assistant, and health post staff.