#### Niger

#### **Country overview**

#### Malnutrition burden

Niger is on course to meet the global target for under-five overweight, but is off course to meet the targets for all other indicators analysed with adequate data. There is insufficient target data to assess Niger's progress for infant exclusive breastfeeding and low birth weight.

Niger experiences a malnutrition burden among its under-five population. As of 2016, the national prevalence of under-five overweight is 1.1%, which has decreased slightly from 3.1% in 2012. The national prevalence of under-five stunting is 40.6%, which is significantly greater than the developing country average of 25%. Niger's under-five wasting prevalence of 10.1% is also greater than the developing country average of 8.9%.

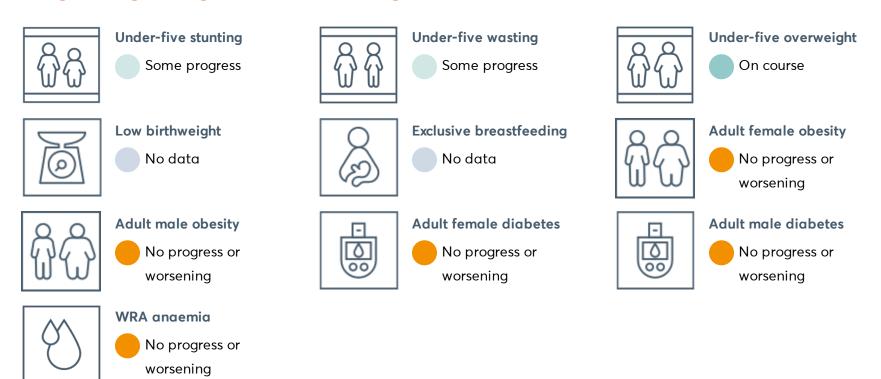
In Niger, 23.3% of infants under 23 months are exclusively breastfed. There is insufficient data on low birth weight.

Niger's adult population also face a malnutrition burden. 49.5% of women of reproductive age have anaemia, and 5.9% of adult men have diabetes, compared to 5.3% of women. Meanwhile, 8.7% of women and 2.5% of men have obesity.

Sources: UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Group: Joint child malnutrition estimates, UNICEF/WHO Low birthweight estimates, NCD Risk Factor Collaboration, WHO Global Health Observatory.

Notes: Data on the adult indicators are based on modelled estimates.

#### Progress against global nutrition targets 2018

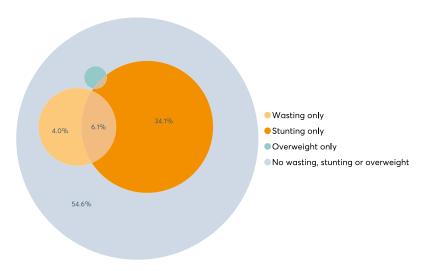


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Notes: WRA = Women of a reproductive age; NA = not applicable. The methodologies for tracking differ between targets. Data on the adult indicators are based on modelled estimates.

#### Child (under-five) nutrition status

## Coexistence of wasting, stunting and overweight



Sources: UNICEF, Division of Data Research and Policy (2019).

UNICEF Global Databases: Overlapping Stunting, Wasting and

Overweight, January 2019, New York.

Notes: Percentage of children under-five years of age who experience different and overlapping forms of malnutrition.

#### Low birth weight



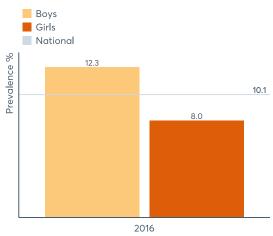
Source: UNICEF/WHO Low birthweight estimates, 2019 edition.

#### Child (under-five) nutrition status over time

Wasting by gender

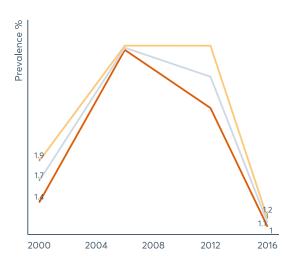
Stunting by gender

Overweight by gender



2016 2000 2004 2008 2012

Prevalence %



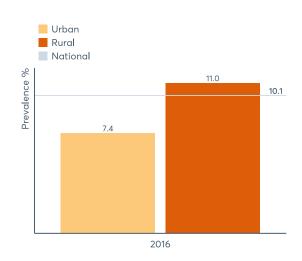
Wasting by location

Stunting by location

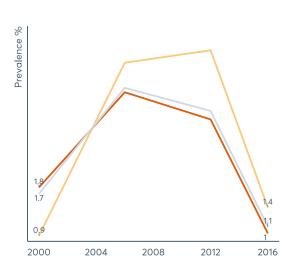
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Overweight by location





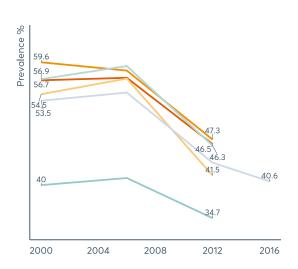


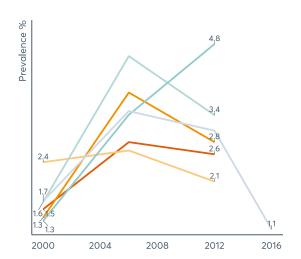
Wasting by income

Stunting by income

Overweight by income



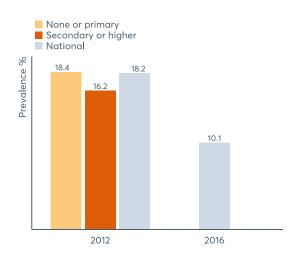




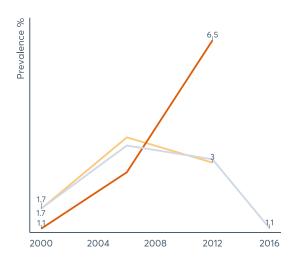
## Wasting by mother's education

## Stunting by mother's education

## Overweight by mother's education





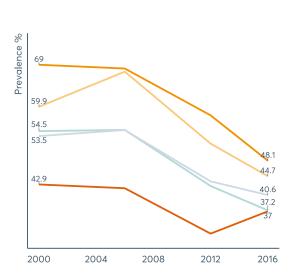


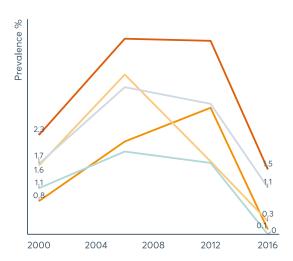
Wasting by age

Stunting by age

Overweight by age



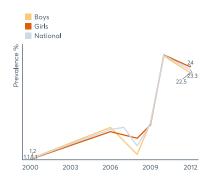




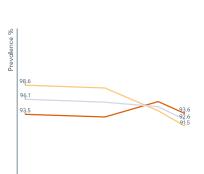
Sources: UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Group: Joint child malnutrition estimates.

#### Infant and young child feeding over time

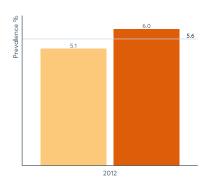
Exclusive breastfeeding by gender



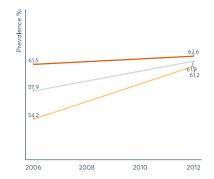
Continued breastfeeding at 1 year by gender



Minimum acceptable diet by gender



Intro. to solid, semi-solid, soft foods by gender

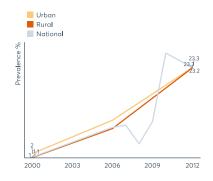


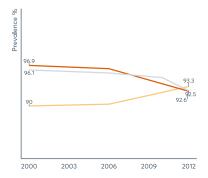
Exclusive breastfeeding by location

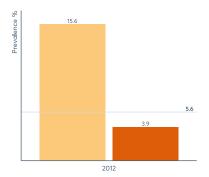


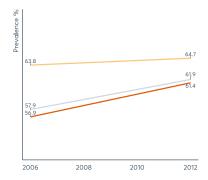
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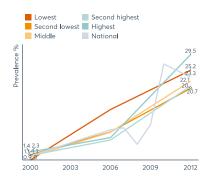


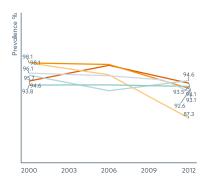
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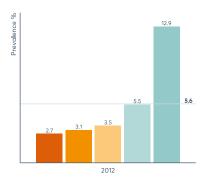


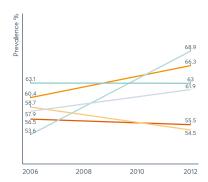
Minimum acceptable diet by income

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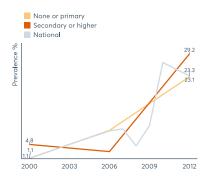




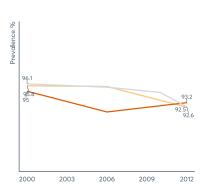




# Exclusive breastfeeding by mother's education

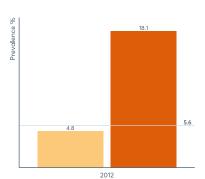


#### Continued breastfeeding at 1 year by mother's education

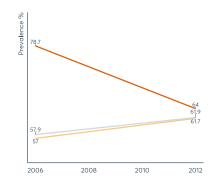


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Minimum acceptable diet by mother's education



Intro. to solid, semi-solid, soft foods by mother's education



Exclusive breastfeeding by age

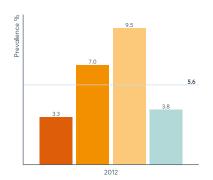


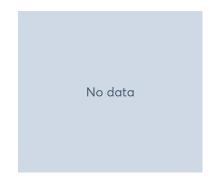
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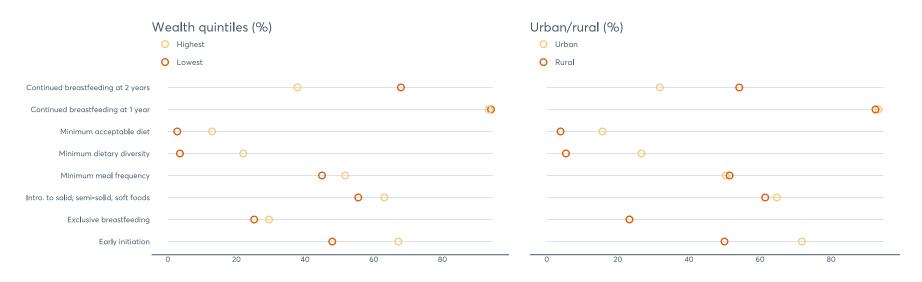






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#### Infant and young child feeding



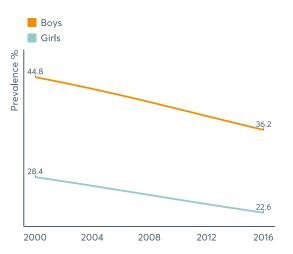
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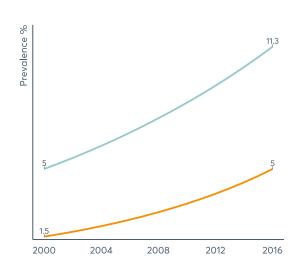
#### Child and adolescent (aged 5-19) nutrition status

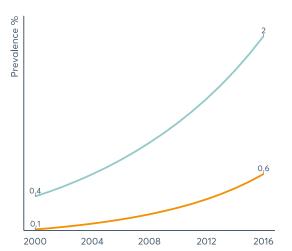
Underweight by gender

Overweight by gender

Obesity by gender







Sources: NCD Risk Factor Collaboration.

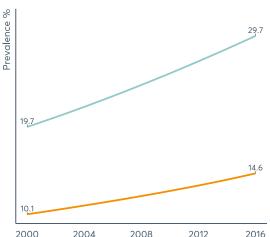
#### **Adult nutrition status**

#### Diabetes by gender

## Male Female Prevalence %

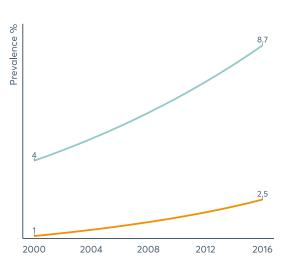
Sources: NCD Risk Factor Collaboration.

#### Overweight by gender

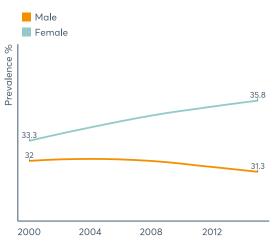


#### 2012 2000 2004 2008 2016

#### Obesity by gender

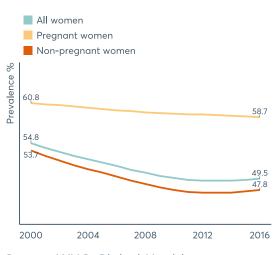


#### Raised blood pressure by gender



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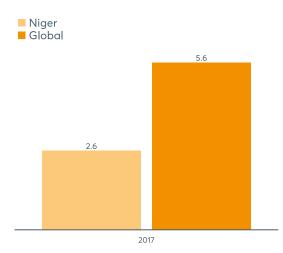
#### Anaemia in WRA



Source: WHO Global Health Observatory.

Notes: WRA = women of reproductive age.

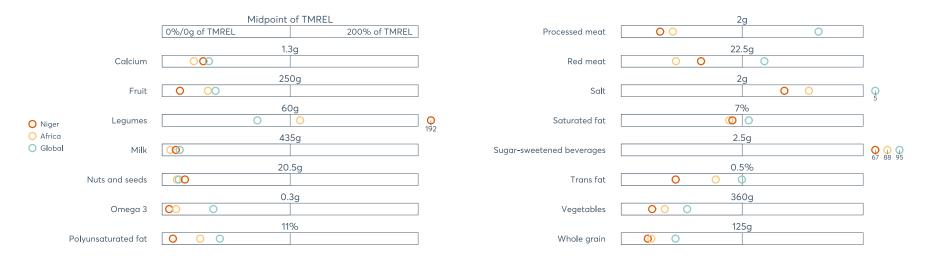
#### Salt intake (grams per day)



Source: Global Burden of Disease, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation.

#### **Dietary needs**

#### Consumption of food groups and components, 2016



Sources: TMREL = theoretical minimum risk of exposure level. Global Burden of Disease, the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation.

Notes: Men and women aged 25 and older.

#### Intervention coverage

Coverage/practice indicator	Total (%)	Boy (%)	Girl (%)	Year
Children 0-59 months with diarrhoea who received zinc treatment	10	10	10	2012
Children 6-59 months who received vitamin A supplements in last 6 months	60	59	60	2012
Children 6-59 months given iron supplements in past 7 days	12	12	13	2012
Women with a live birth in the five years preceding the survey who received iron tablets or syrup during antenatal care	81	NA	NA	2012
Household consumption of any iodised salt	58	NA	NA	2012

Sources: Huestis A. and Kothari M., based on 2016 Global Nutrition Report and UNICEF global databases, 2019.

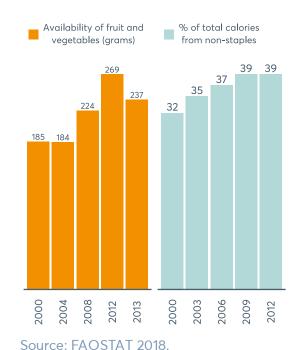
Notes: NA = not applicable. Data is compiled using STATcompiler and taken from country Demographic and Health Surveys for 2005-2018.

#### **Determinants**

#### Undernourishment



#### Food supply

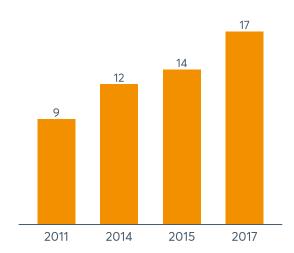


### Gender-related determinants

Early childbearing births by age 18 (%) <sup>1</sup>	48	2012
Gender Inequality Index (score <sup>*</sup> ) <sup>2</sup>	0.65	2017
Gender Inequality Index (country rank) <sup>2</sup>	151	2017

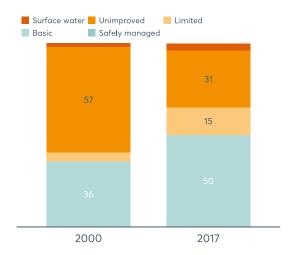
Sources:  ${}^{1}$  UNICEF 2018;  ${}^{2}$  UNDP 2018. Notes:  ${}^{*}$ 0 = low inequality, 1 = high inequality.

## Female secondary education enrolment (net, % population)



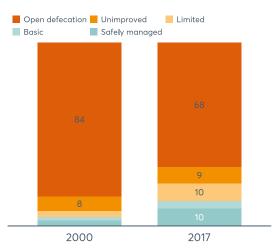
Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics 2018.

## Drinking water coverage (% population)



Source: WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme 2019.

## Sanitation coverage (% population)

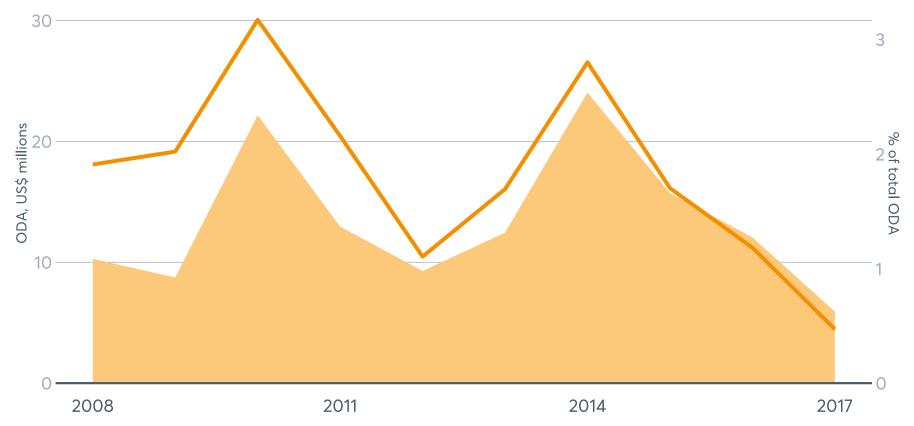


Source: WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme 2019.

#### Resources, policies and targets

#### Development assistance

- Basic nutrition ODA received
- % of total ODA



Sources: Development Initiatives based on OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) Creditor Reporting System (CRS).

Notes: ODA = official development assistance. Amounts based on gross ODA disbursements, constant 2017 prices. Figure includes ODA grants and loans, but excludes other official flows and private grants.

#### National policies

Mandatory legislation for salt iodisation	Yes
Sugar-sweetened beverage tax	Yes
Food-based dietary guidelines	No data
Policy to reduce salt consumption	No
Operational policy, strategy or action plan to reduce unhealthy diet related to NCDs	Yes
Operational, multisectoral national NCD policy, strategy or action plan	Yes
Operational policy, strategy or action plan for diabetes	Yes
Policy to reduce the impact on children of marketing of foods and beverages high in saturated fats, trans-fatty acids, free sugars or salt	No
Policy to limit saturated fatty acids and virtually eliminate industrially produced trans-fats	No

Sources: Global Fortification Data Exchange 2018; Sugar-sweetened data prepared using data from the NOURISHING database, academic references and market reports; FAO 2018; WHO Global database on the Implementation of Nutrition Action (GINA), 2nd Global Nutrition Policy Review, WHO Global Health Observatory.

Notes: NA = not applicable; NCD = non-communicable disease.

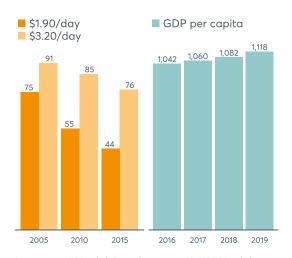
#### Targets included in national (nutrition or other) plan

Stunting	Anaemia
Yes	Yes
Low birth weight	Child overweight
No	Yes
Exclusive breastfeeding	Wasting
Yes	Yes
Salt intake	Overweight adults and adolescents
No	Yes
Multisectoral comprehensive nutrition plan	
Yes	

Sources: WHO Global database on the Implementation of Nutrition Action (GINA), 2nd Global Nutrition Policy Review.

#### **Economics and demography**

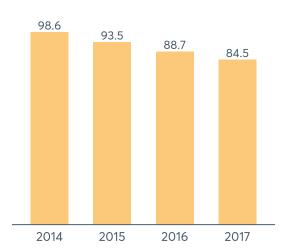
## Poverty rates (%) and GDP (PPP\$)



Sources: World Bank 2019, IMF World Economic Outlook Database 2019.

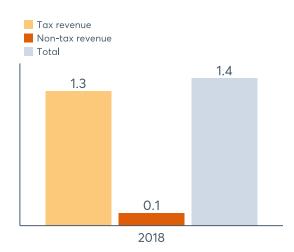
Notes: PPP = purchasing power parity.

## Under-five mortality (per 1,000 live births)



Source: UN Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation 2018.

### Government revenues (\$m)



Sources: IMF Article IV staff reports (country specific) and IMF World Economic Outlook Database (April 2019).

#### Income inequality

Gini index score <sup>1</sup>	Gini index rank <sup>2</sup>	Year
34	58	2014

Sources: World Bank 2019.

Notes: <sup>1</sup> 0 = perfect equality, 100 = perfect inequality. <sup>2</sup> Countries are ranked from most equal (1) to most unequal (120).

#### Population

Population (thousands)	22,443	2018
Under-five population (thousands)	4,642	2019
Rural (%)	84	2018
>65 years (thousands)	605	2019

Sources: World Bank 2019, UN Population Division Department of Economic and Social Affairs 2019.

#### Population density of health workers per 1,000 people

Physicians	0.02	2008
Nurses and midwives	0.14	2010
Community health workers	No data	No data

Sources: WHO's Global Health Workforce Statistics, OECD, supplemented by country data.