

Overview

Nutritional information

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

India experiences a malnutrition burden among its under-five population. As of 2015, the national prevalence of under-five overweight is 2.4%, which has increased slightly from 1.9% in 2006. The national prevalence of under-five stunting is 37.9%, which is greater than the developing country average of 25%. India's under-five wasting prevalence of 20.8% is also greater than the developing country average of 8.9%.

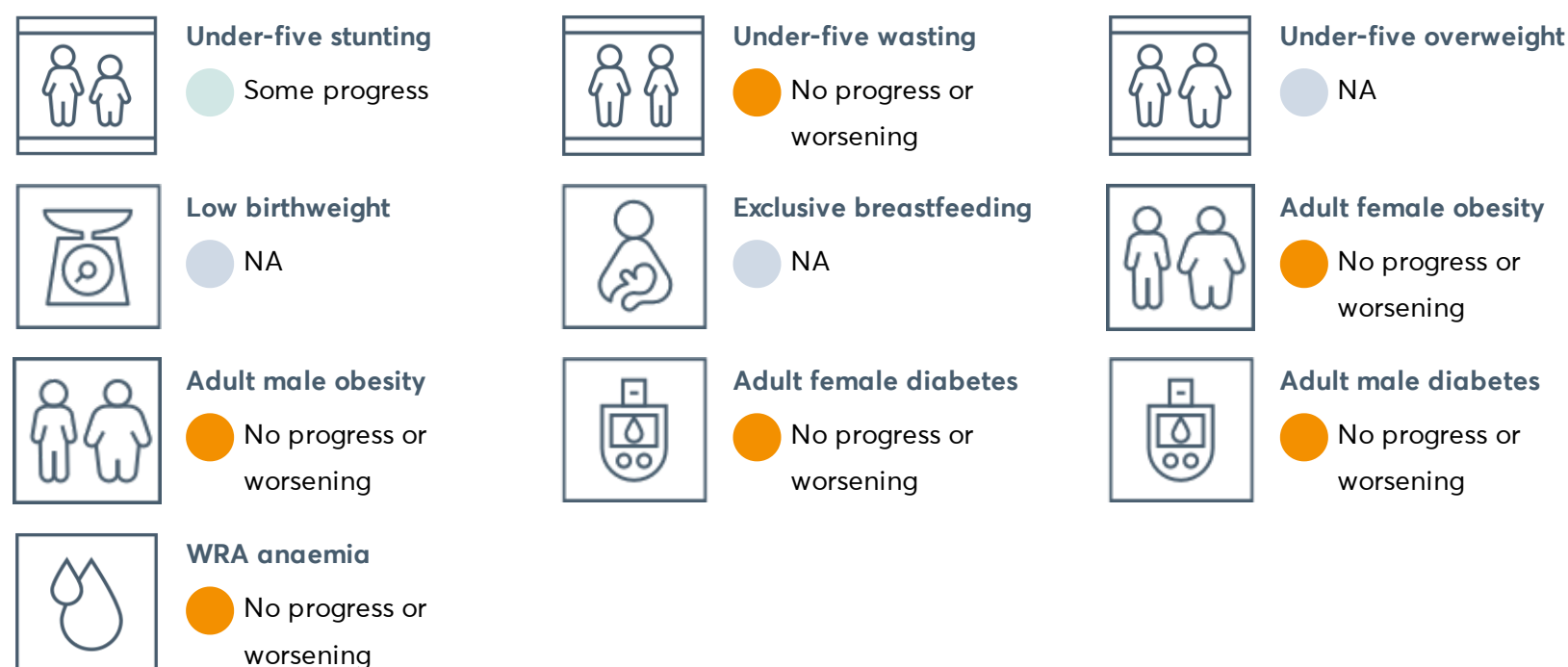
54.9% of infants under 23 months are exclusively breastfed, which is well above the Asia average of 28.9%. There is insufficient data on low birth weight.

India's adult population also face malnutrition burdens. While there is no prevalence data available for anaemia among women of reproductive age, 9.1% of adult men suffer from diabetes, compared to 8.3% of women. Meanwhile, 5.1% of women and 2.7% of men suffer from obesity.

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

Notes: Thresholds for a country having the form or not: stunting in children aged under-five years >20%; anaemia in women of reproductive age >20%; overweight (body mass index >25) in adult women aged >18 years >35%.

Progress against global nutrition targets 2018

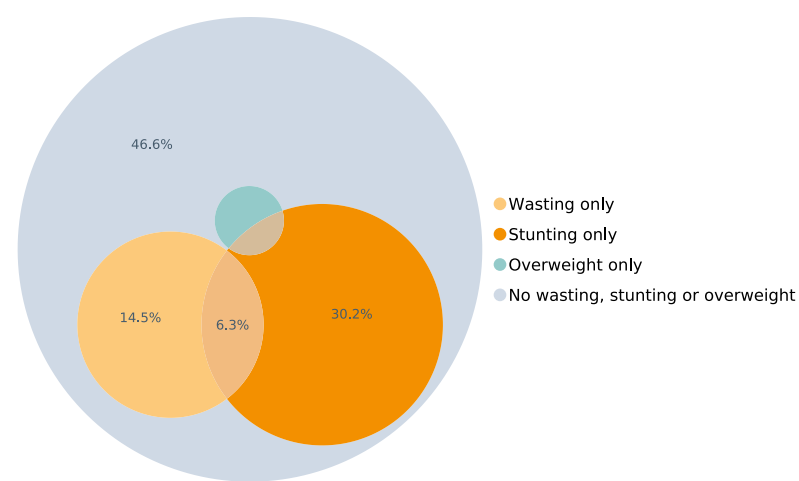


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Notes: WRA = Women of a reproductive age; NA = not applicable. The methodologies for tracking differ between targets. Data on the adult indicators are based on modelled estimates.

Infant and child (under-five) status

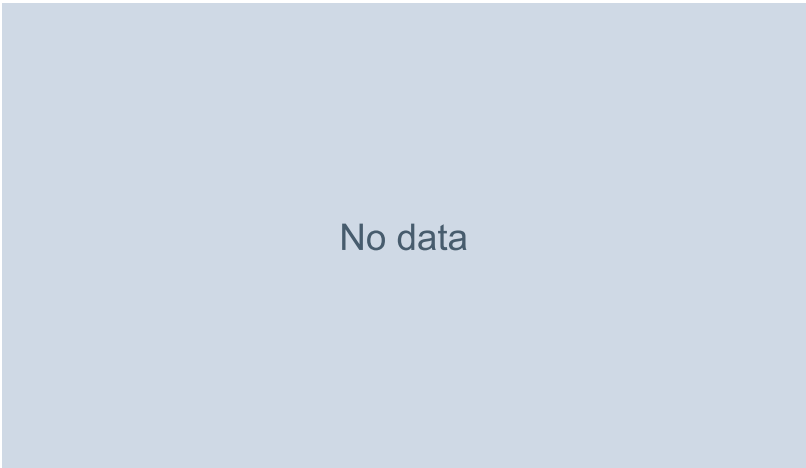
Under-five coexistence of wasting, stunting and overweight



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.

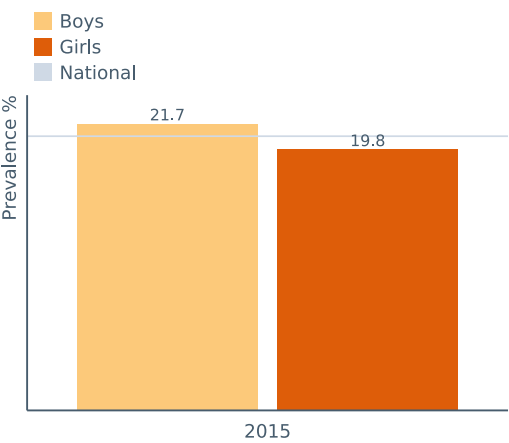
Low birth weight (%)



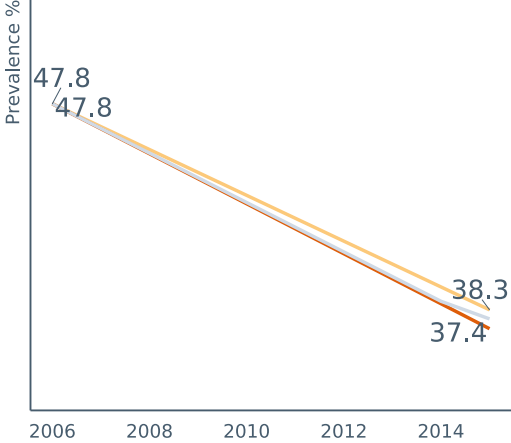
Source: UNICEF/WHO Low birthweight estimates, 2019 edition.

Children (under-five) nutrition status

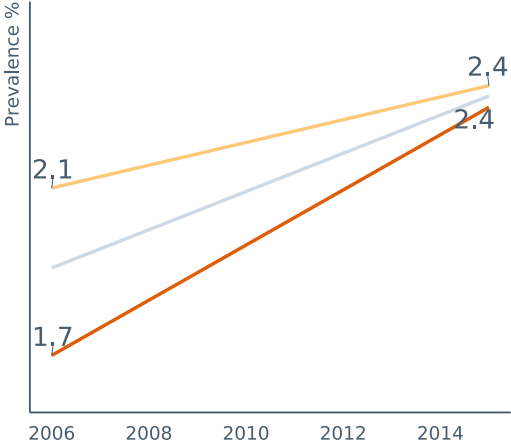
Wasting by gender (%)



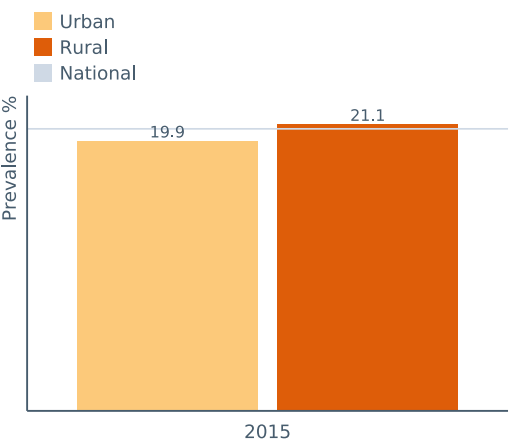
Stunting by gender (%)



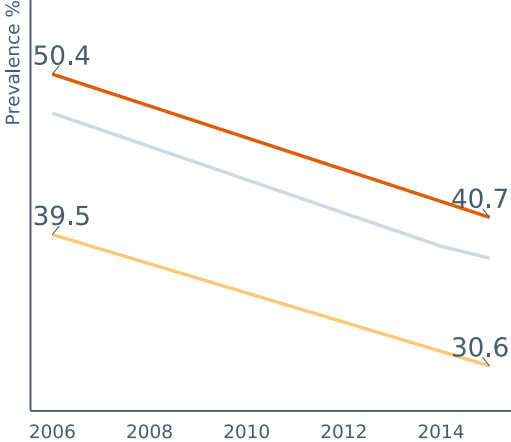
Overweight by gender (%)



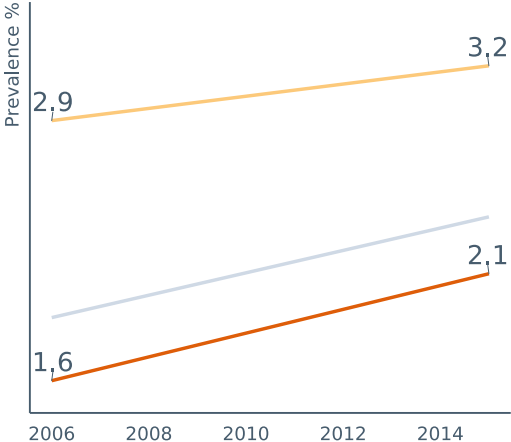
Wasting by location (%)



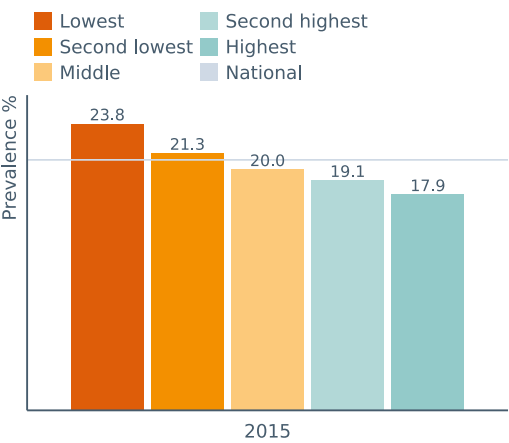
Stunting by location (%)



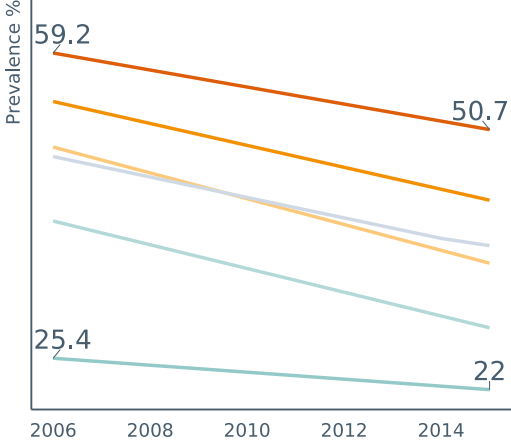
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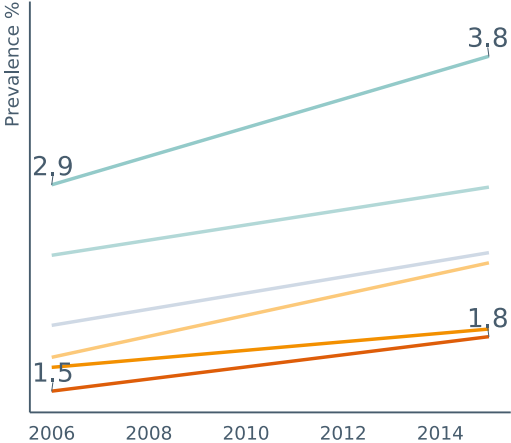
Wasting by income (%)



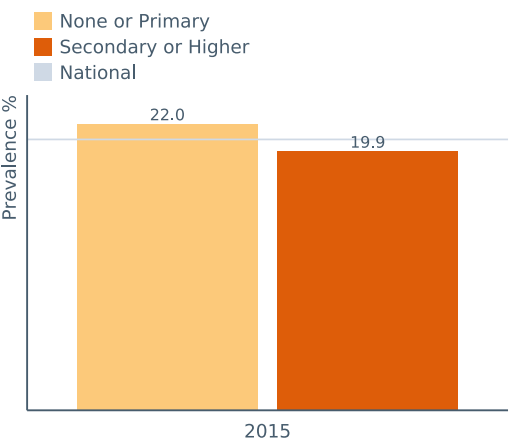
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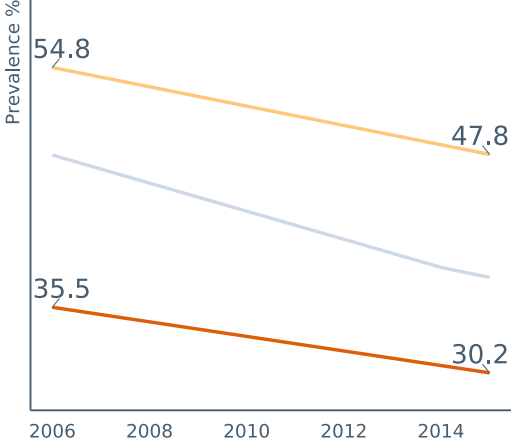
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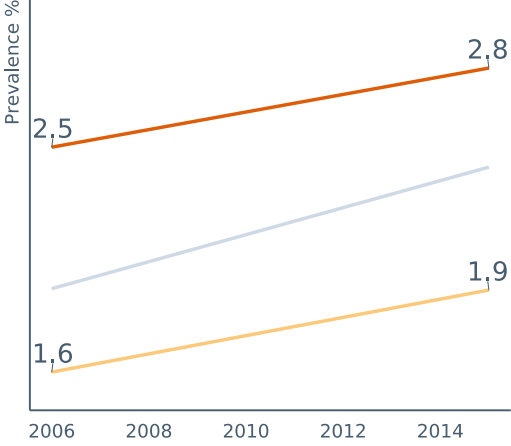
Wasting by education (%)



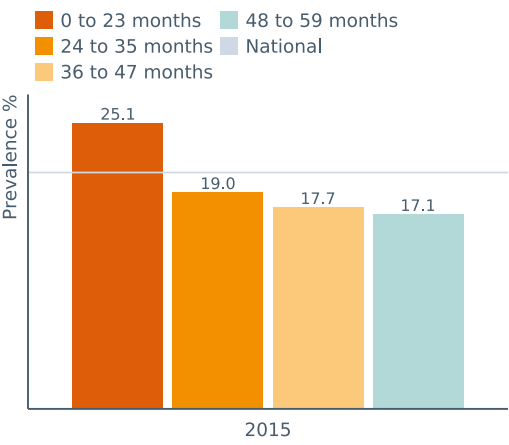
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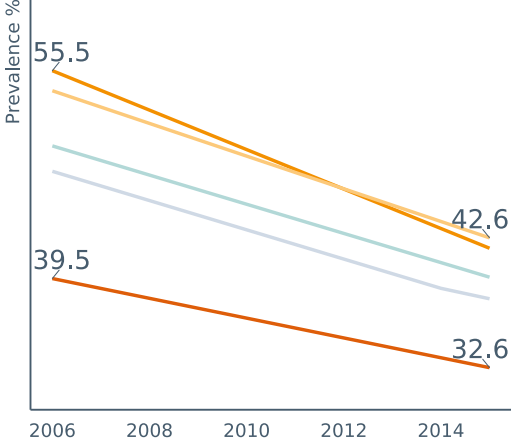
Overweight by education (%)



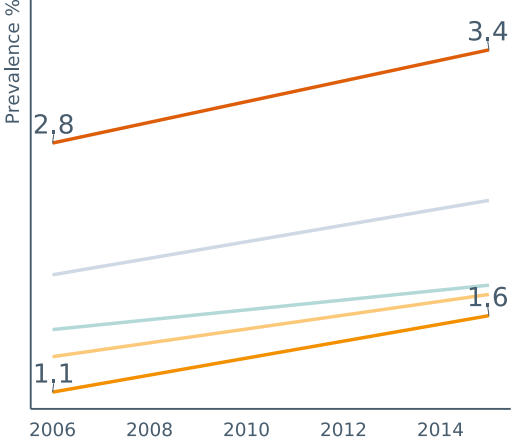
Wasting by age (%)



Stunting by age (%)



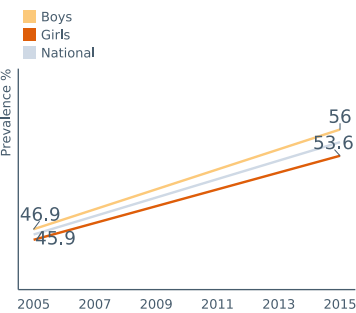
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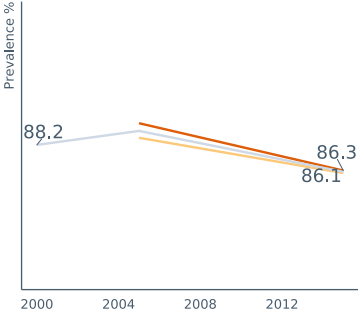
Sources: UNICEF/WHO/World Bank Group: Joint child malnutrition estimates.

Infant and child (under-five) feeding over time

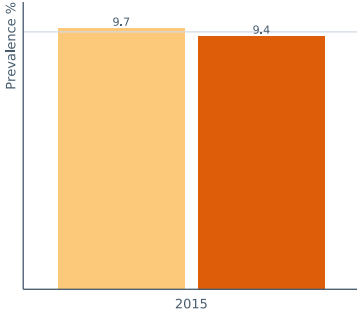
Exclusive breastfeeding by gender



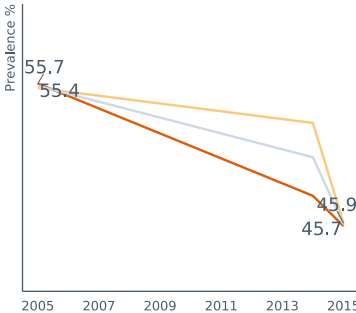
Continued breastfeeding at 1 year by gender



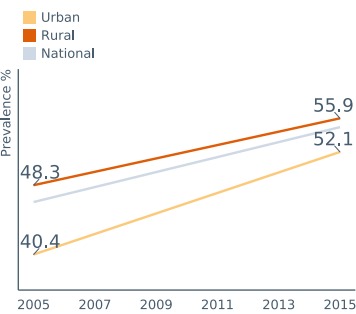
Minimum acceptable diet by gender



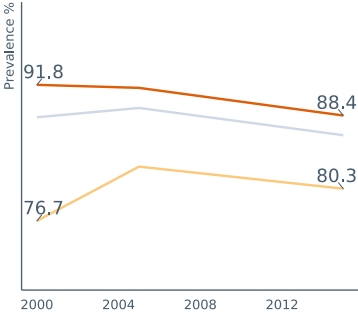
Introduction to solid, semi-solid or soft foods by gender



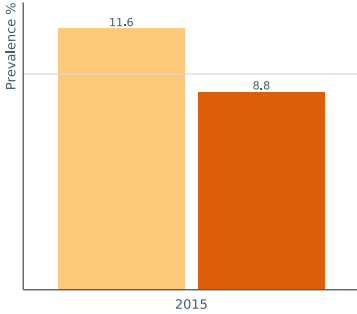
Exclusive breastfeeding by location



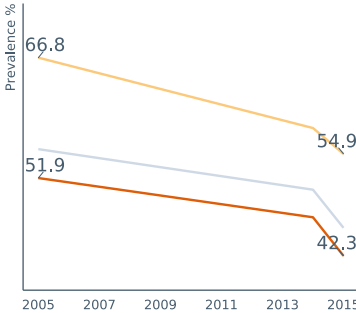
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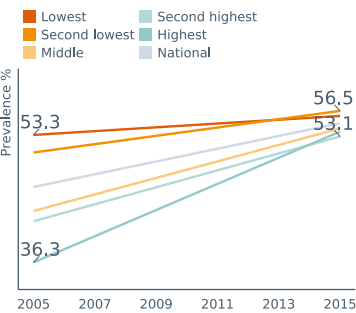
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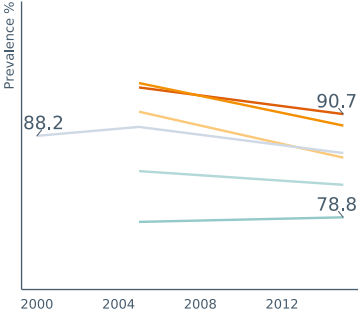
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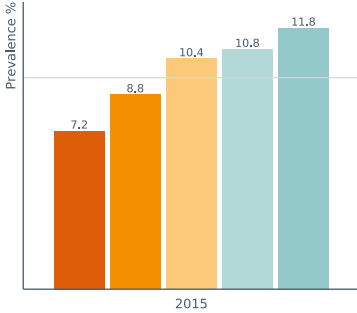
Exclusive breastfeeding by income



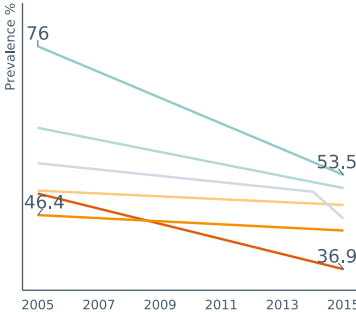
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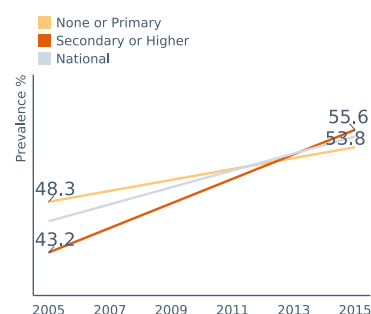
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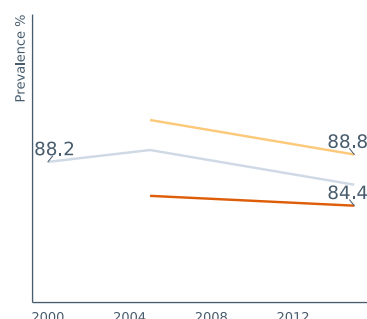
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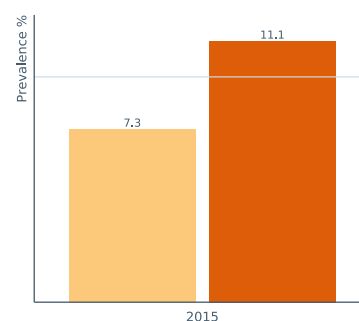
Exclusive breastfeeding by mother's education



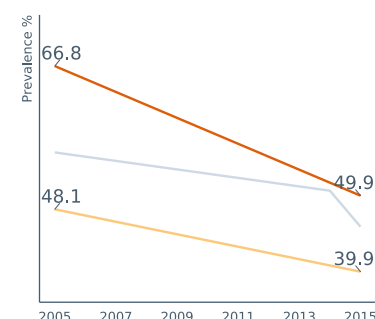
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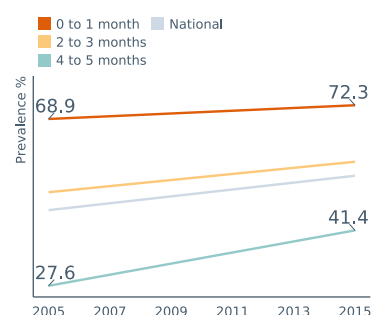
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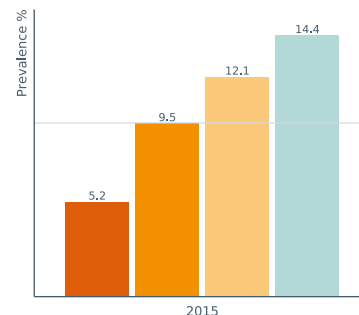
Exclusive breastfeeding by age



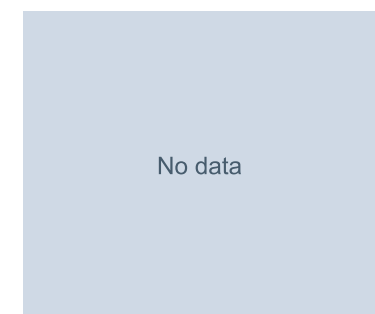
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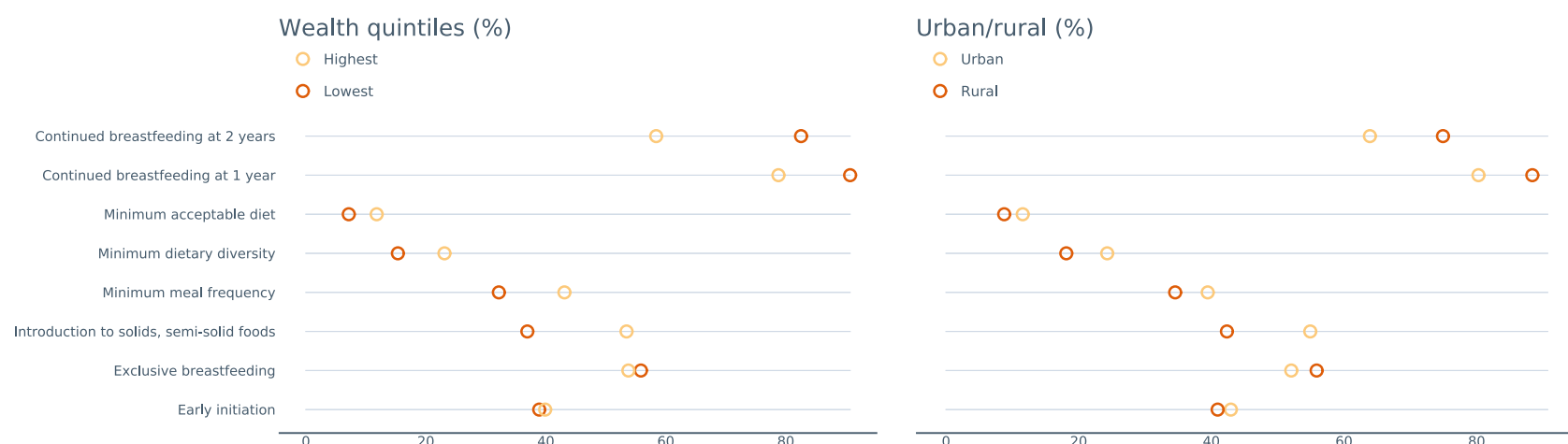


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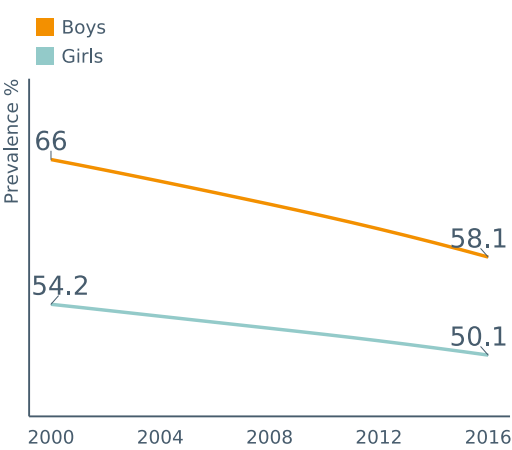
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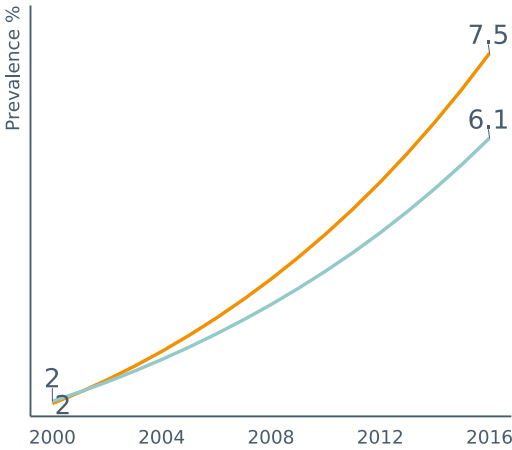
Children and adolescent (aged 5-19) nutrition status

Ages 5-19 by gender:
underweight (%)

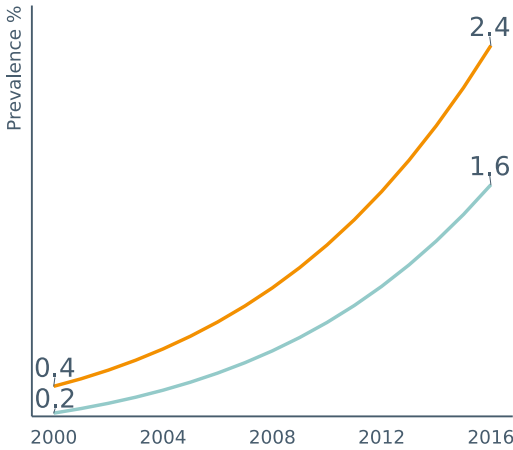


Sources: NCD Risk Factor
Collaboration.

Ages 5-19 by gender:
overweight (%)

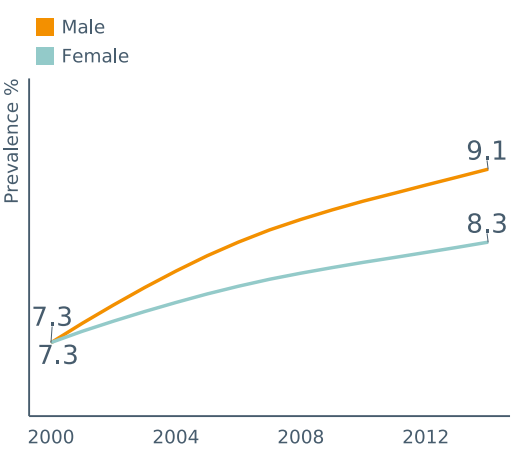


Ages 5-19 by gender:
obesity (%)



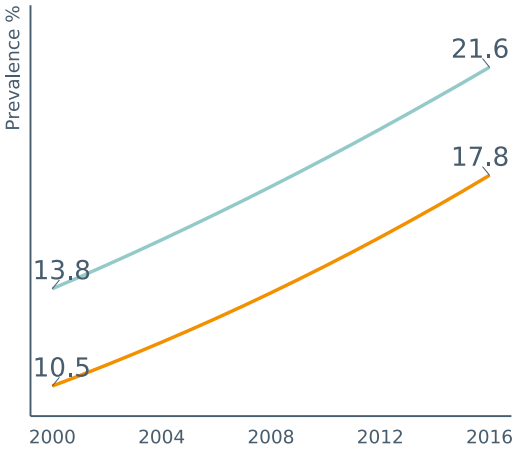
Adult nutrition status

Adult by gender:
diabetes (%)

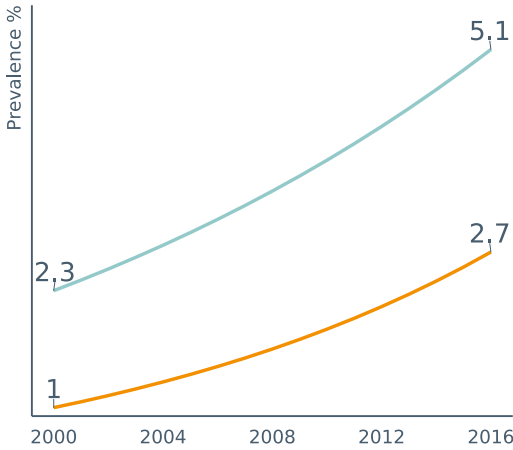


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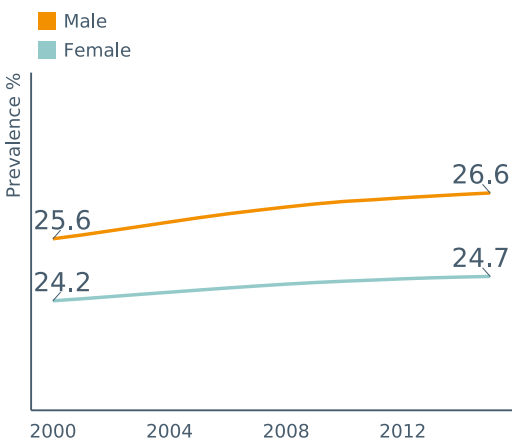
Adult by gender:
overweight (%)



Adult by gender: obesity
(%)

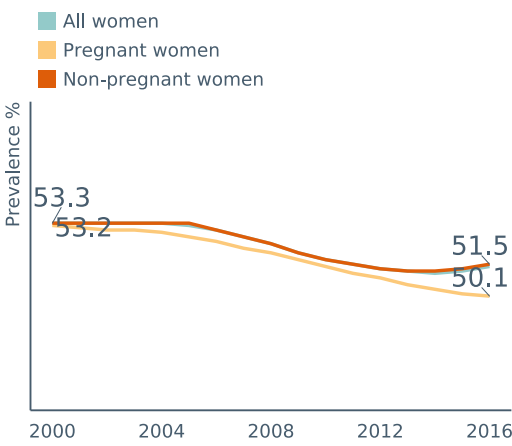


Adult by gender: raised blood pressure (%)



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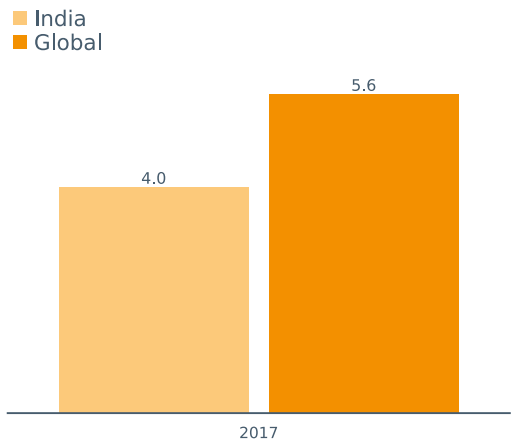
Adult: anaemia in WRA (%)



Source: WHO Global Health Observatory.

Notes: WRA = women of reproductive age.

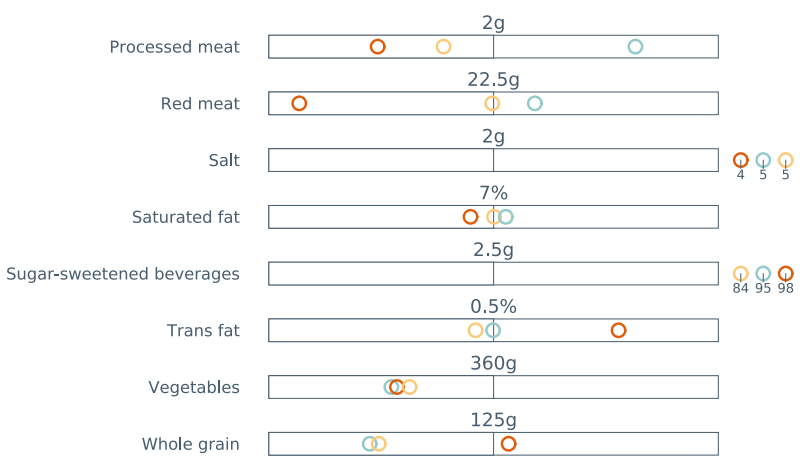
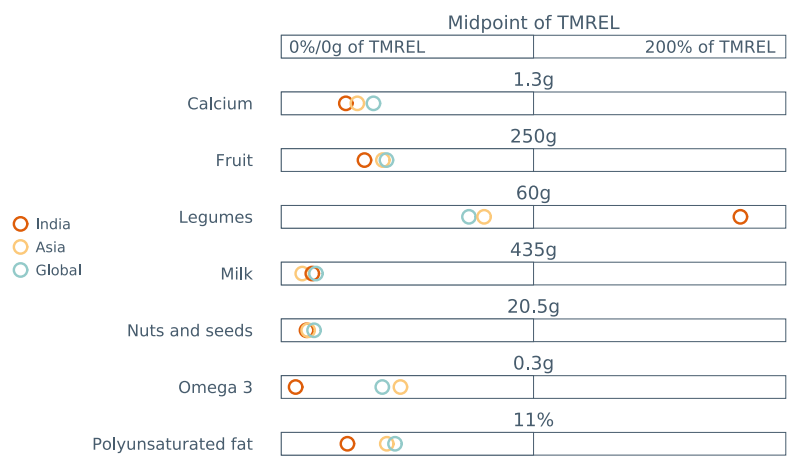
Adult: sodium intake (grams per day)



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 | 20 | 21 | 20 | 2015 |
| Children 6-59 months who received A supplements in last 6 months | 59 | 59 | 59 | 2015 |

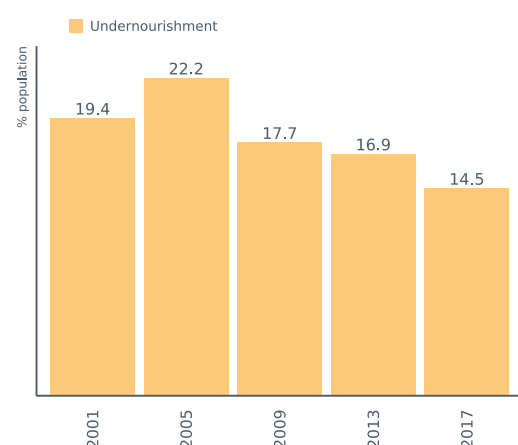
| Coverage/practice indicator | Total (%) | Boy (%) | Girl (%) | Year |
|---|-----------|---------|----------|------|
| Children 6-59 months given iron supplements in past 7 days | 26 | 26 | 26 | 2015 |
| Women with a live birth in the five years preceding the survey who received iron tablets or syrup during antenatal care | 78 | | | 2015 |
| Household consumption of any iodised salt | 93 | NA | NA | 2015 |

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.

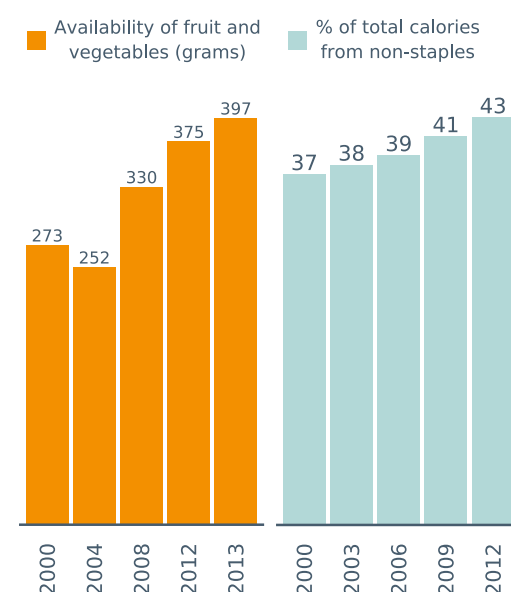
Determinants

Undernourishment (% population)



Source: FAOSTAT 2018.

Food supply



Source: FAOSTAT 2018.

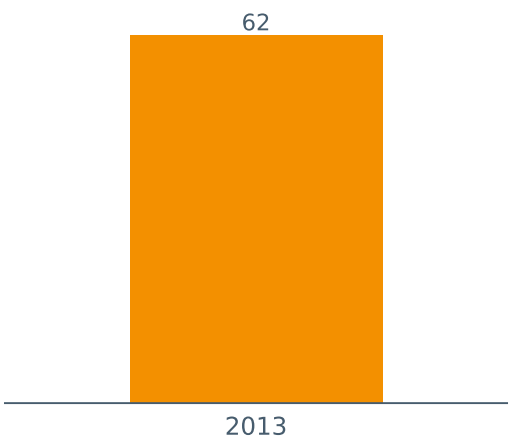
Gender-related determinants

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| Early childbearing: births by age 18 (%) ¹ | 22 | 2006 |
| Gender Inequality Index (score [*]) ² | 0.52 | 2017 |
| Gender Inequality Index (country rank) ² | 127 | 2017 |

Sources: ¹ UNICEF 2018; ² UNDP 2018.

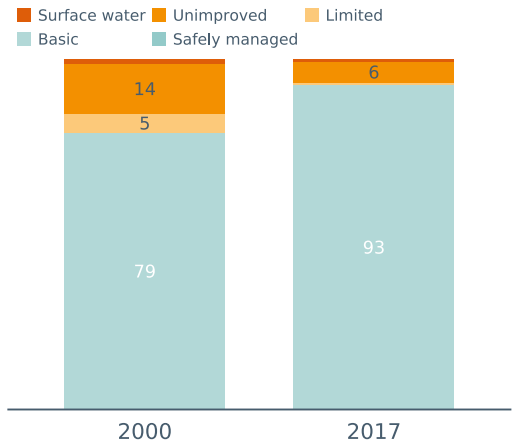
Notes: * 0 = low inequality, 1 = high inequality.

Female secondary education enrolment (net, % population)



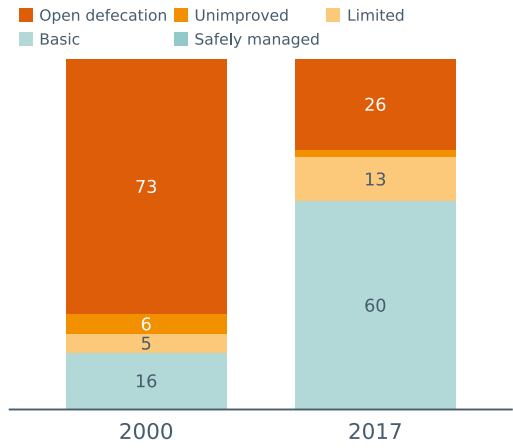
Source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics 2018.

Drinking water coverage (% population)



Source: WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme 2019.

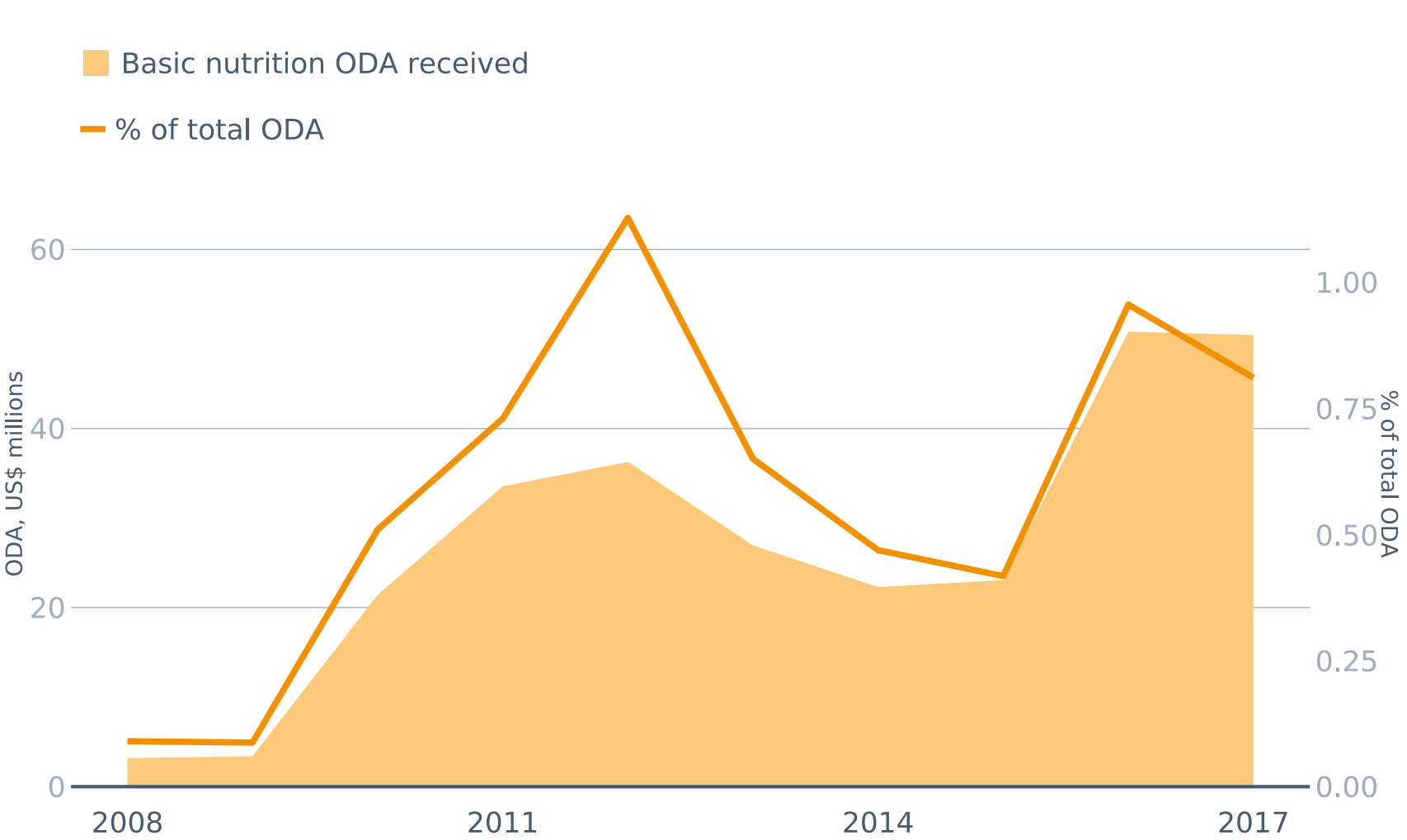
Sanitation coverage (% population)



Source: WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme 2019.

Resources, policies and targets

Development assistance



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 exlcudes other official flows and private grants.

National policies

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|--|-----|
| Mandatory legislation for salt iodisation | Yes |
| Sugar-sweetened beverage tax | Yes |
| Food-based dietary guidelines | Yes |
| Policy to reduce salt consumption | Yes |
| Operational policy, strategy or action plan to reduce unhealthy diet related to NCDs | Yes |
| Operational, multisectoral national NCD policy, strategy or action plan | No |
| 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 | Yes |

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

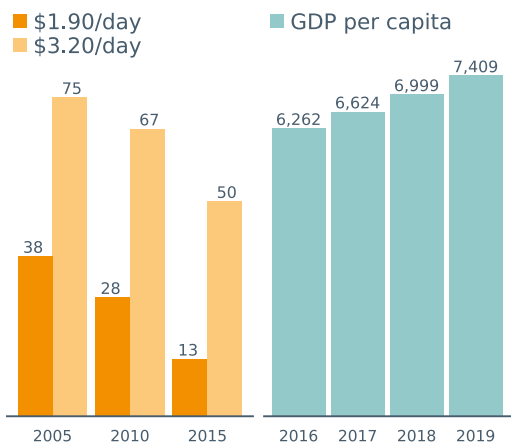
Targets included in national (nutrition or other) plan

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

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

Economics and demography

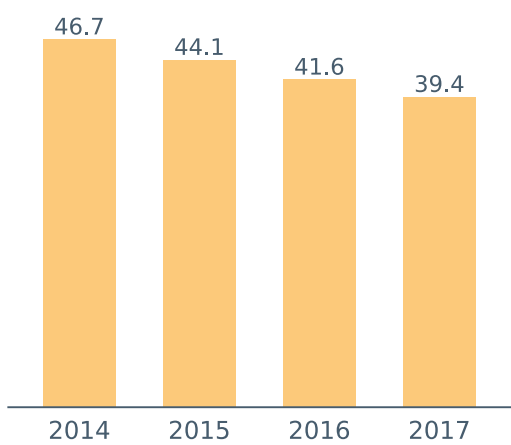
Poverty rates (%) and GDP (PPP\$)



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 ¹ | Gini index rank ² | Year |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------|
| 36 | 67 | 2011 |

Sources: World Bank 2019.

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

Population

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|-----------------------------|---------------|------|
| Population (000) | 1,352,617,328 | 2018 |
| Under-five population (000) | 116,782 | 2019 |
| Rural (%) | 66 | 2018 |
| >65 years (000) | 87,149 | 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 | 0.76 | 2016 |
| Nurses and midwives | 2.09 | 2016 |
| Community health workers | 0.58 | 2016 |

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