
DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Health at a glance

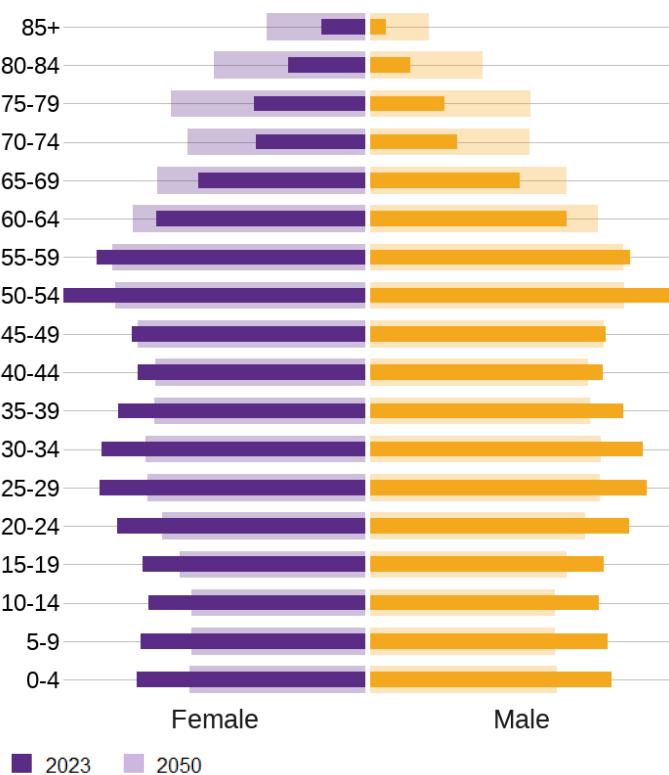
Overview

In Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the population as of 2023 is 26 418 204 with a projected decrease of 2% to 25 787 127 by 2050.

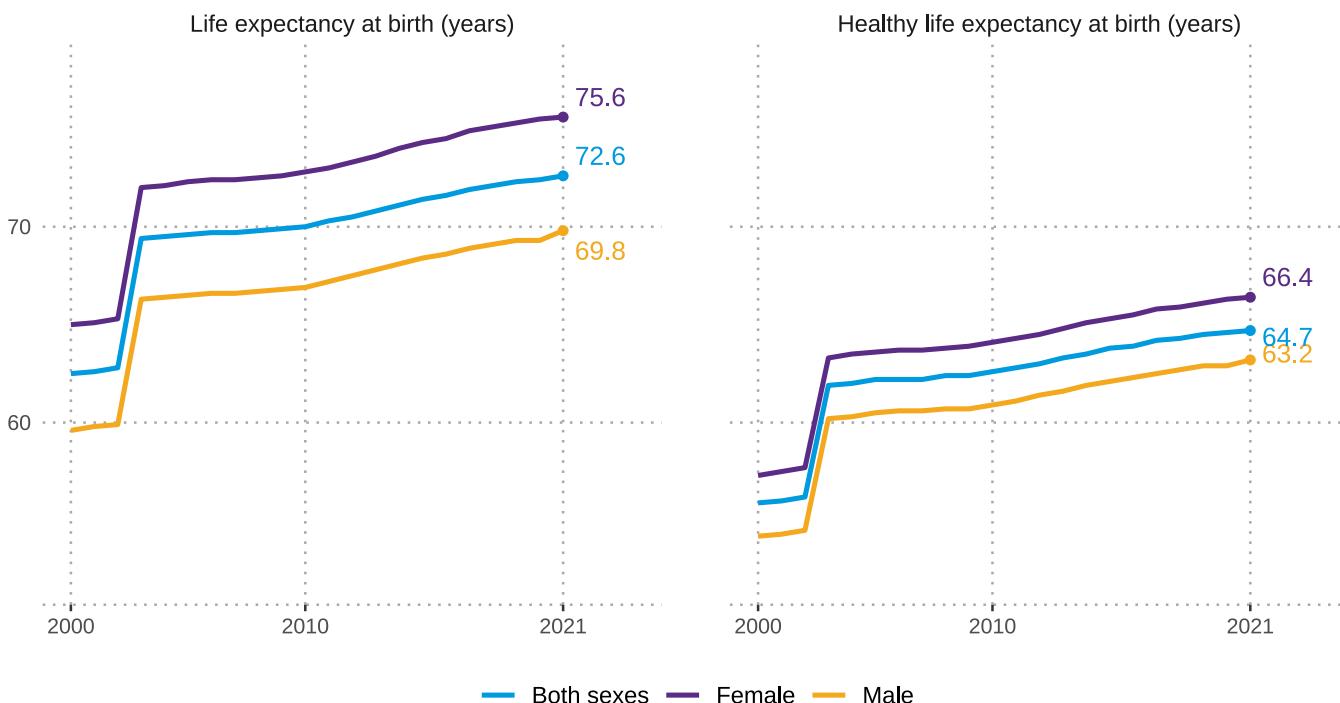
Life expectancy at birth (years) has improved by 9.8 years from 62.5 [58.2 - 67.4] years in 2000 to 72.3 [71.6 - 73.2] years in 2019. Since 2019, life expectancy has improved to 72.6 [71.8 - 73.4] years.

Democratic People's Republic of Korea had 265 676 total deaths in 2021; 79% of deaths were from noncommunicable diseases; 13% were from communicable, maternal, perinatal and nutritional conditions; 8% were from injuries; and 1% were from other COVID-19 pandemic-related outcomes.

Demographic change, 2023-2050

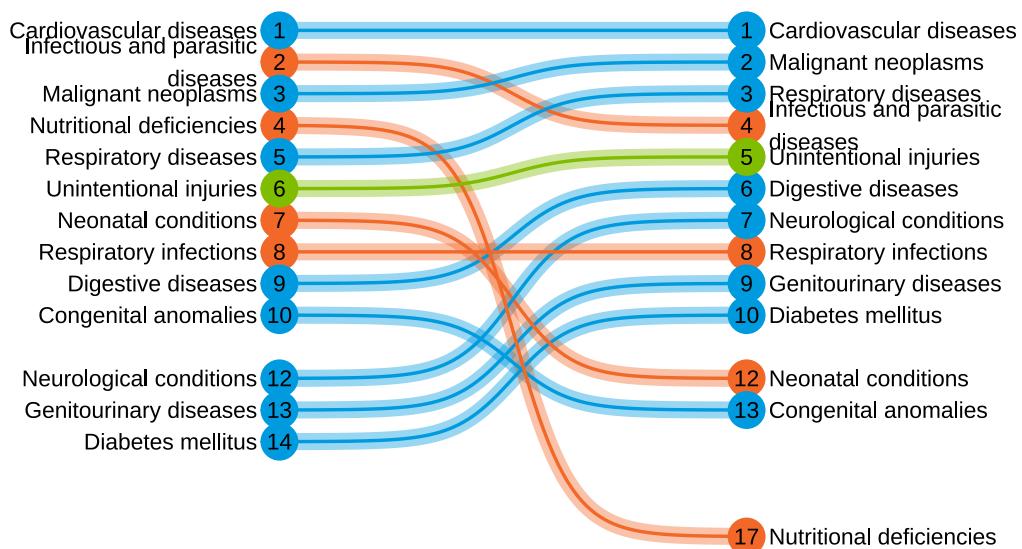


Life expectancy and healthy life expectancy by sex, 2000-2021

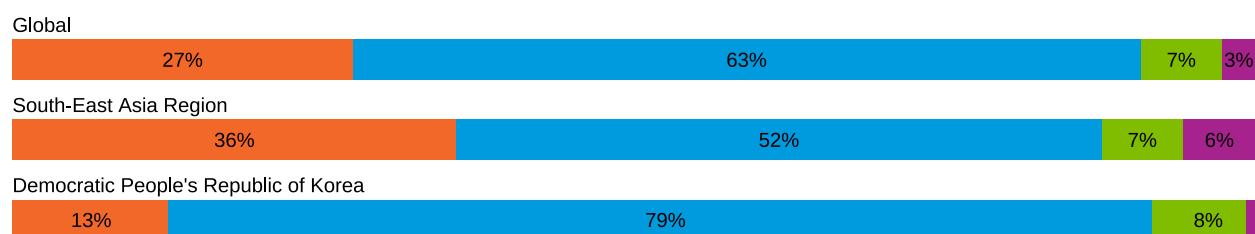


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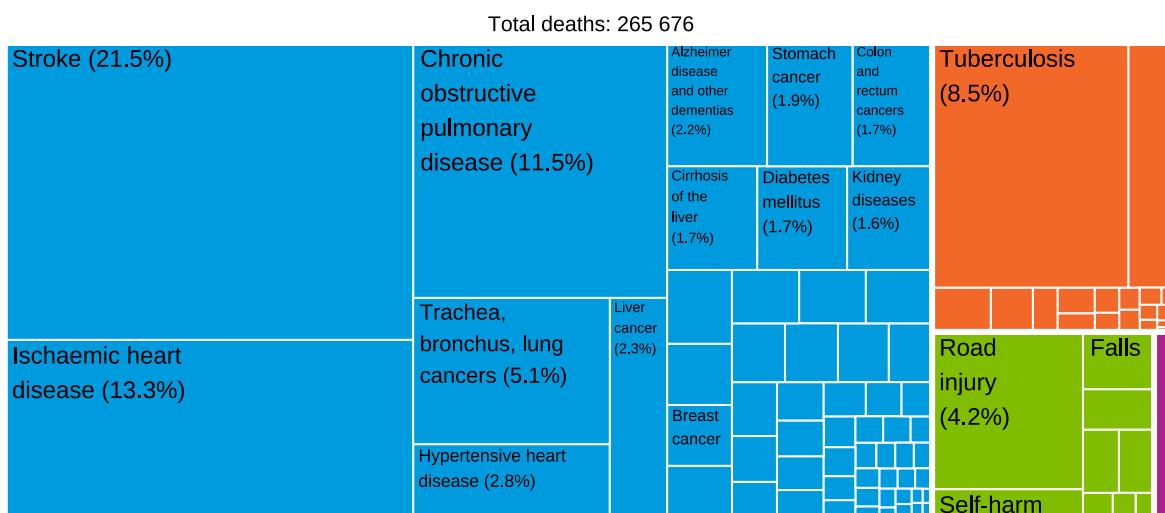
Top 10 level 2 causes of death, 2000-2021



Overall causes of death, 2021

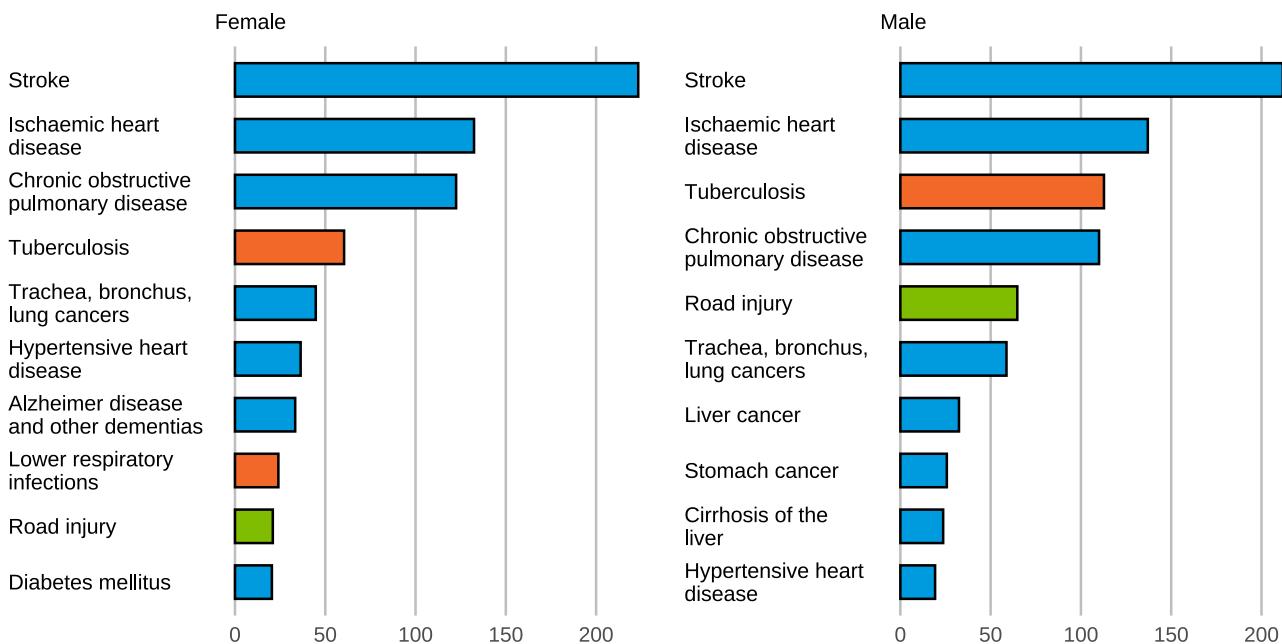


Detailed causes of death, 2021

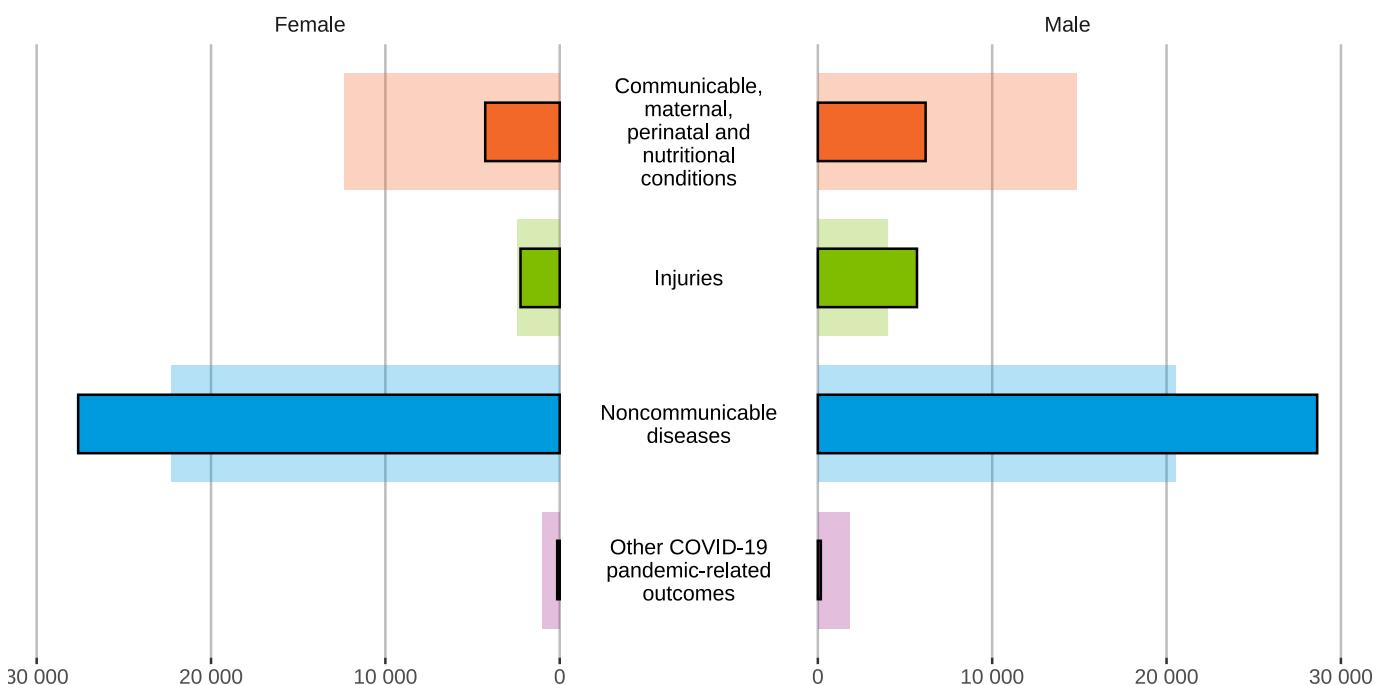


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Top 10 detailed causes of death by sex, 2021 (deaths per 100 000 population)

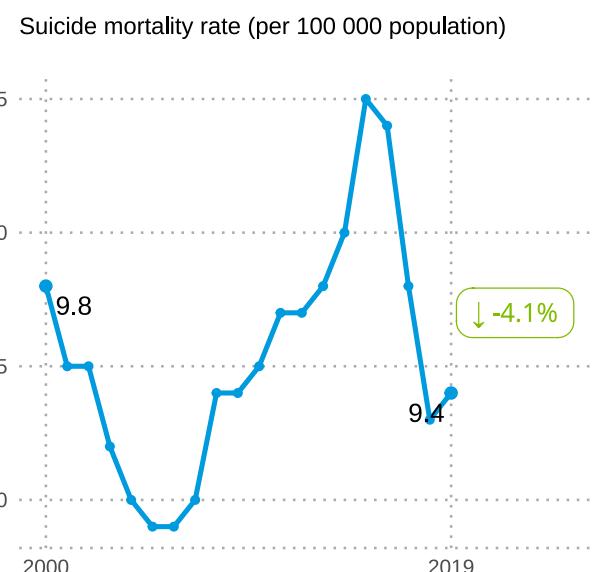
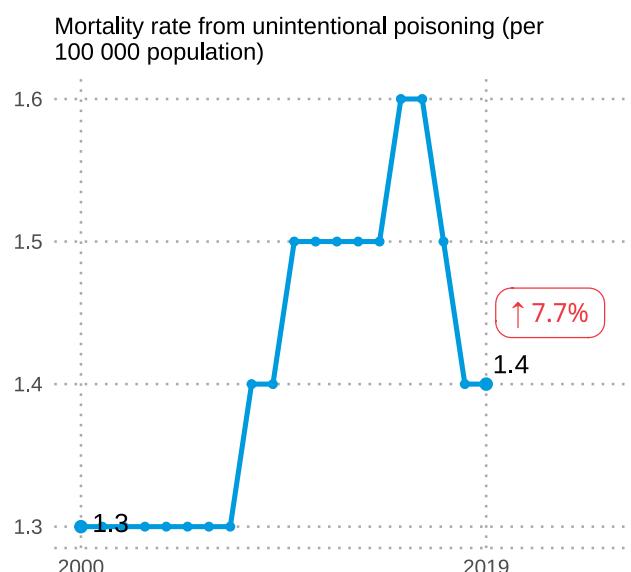
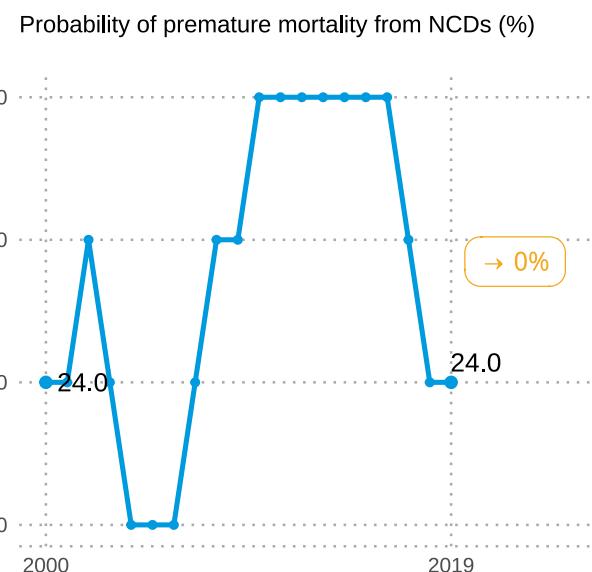
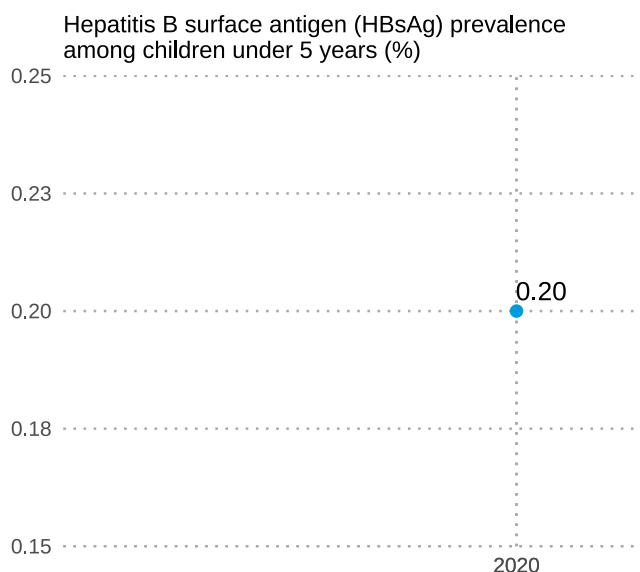
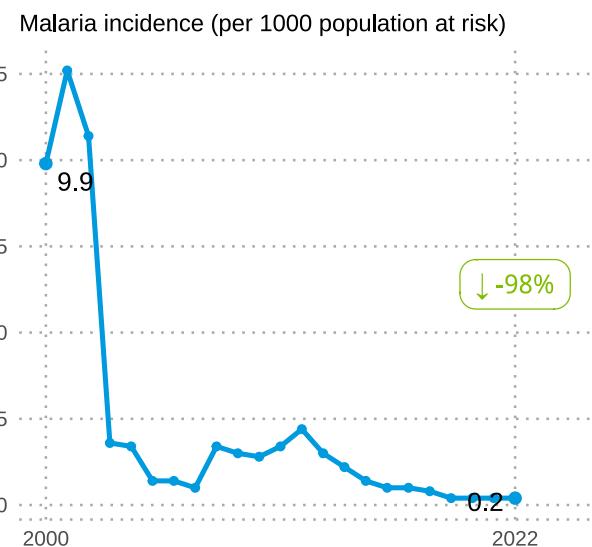
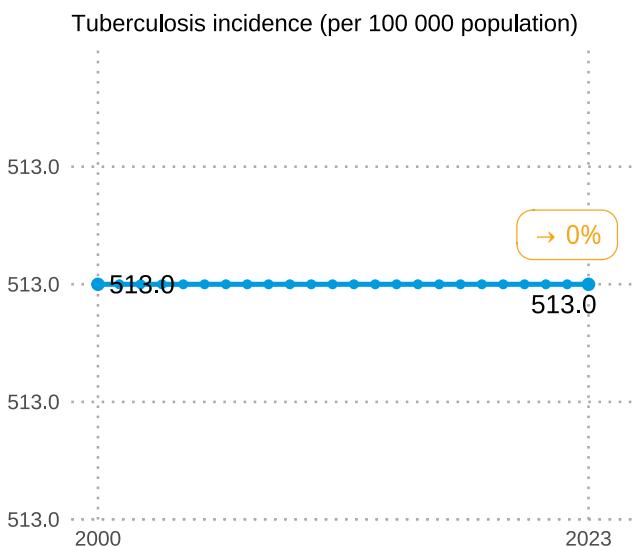


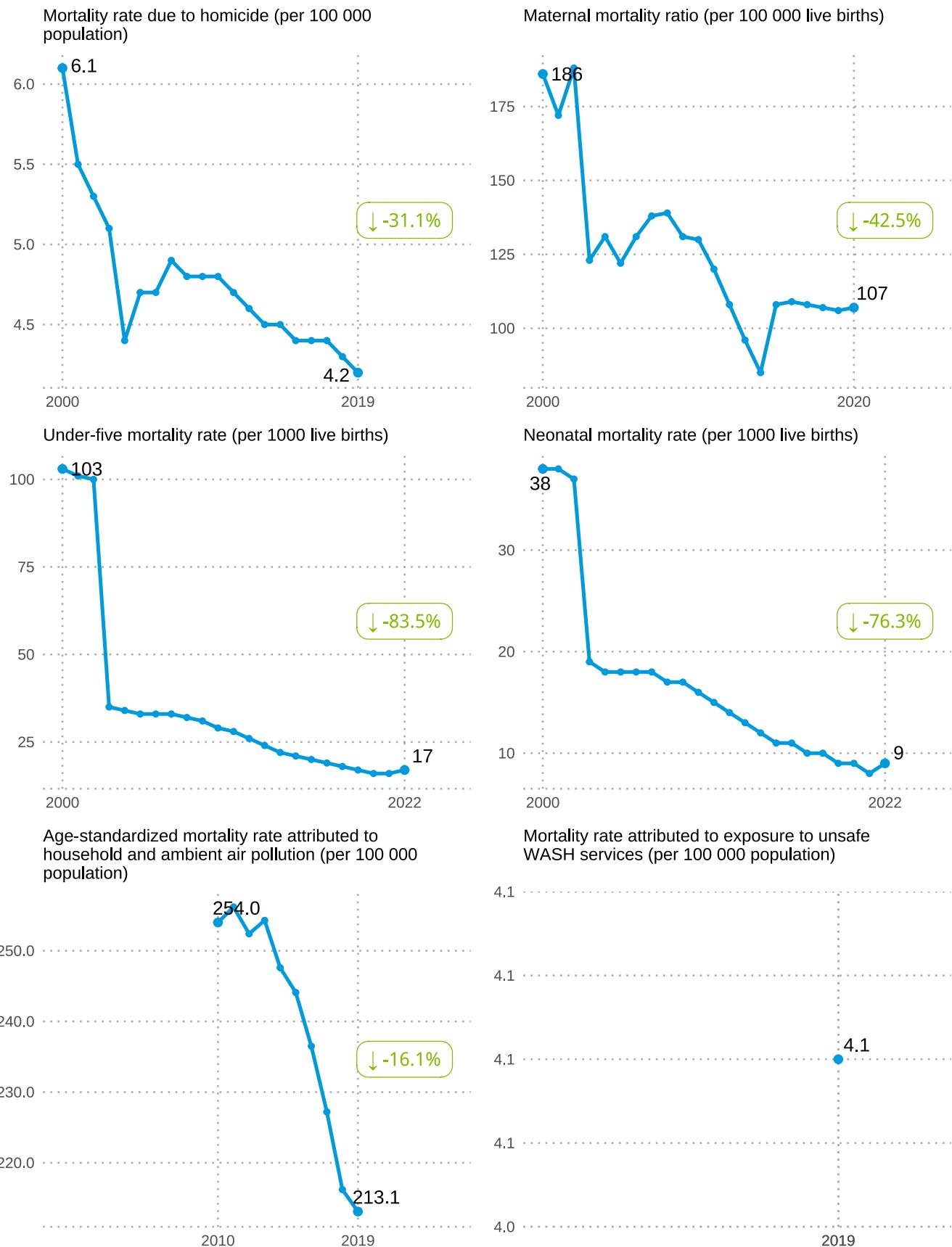
Disability adjusted life-years (DALYs) by sex, 2021 (DALYs per 100 000 population)



South-East Asia Region are the lightly shaded bars.

Health Statistics: Health Status





Health Statistics: Risk Factors

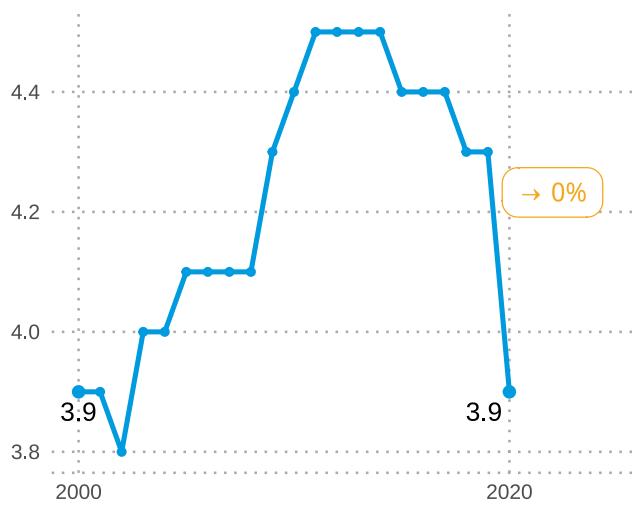
Age-standardized prevalence of hypertension among adults aged 30 to 79 years (%)



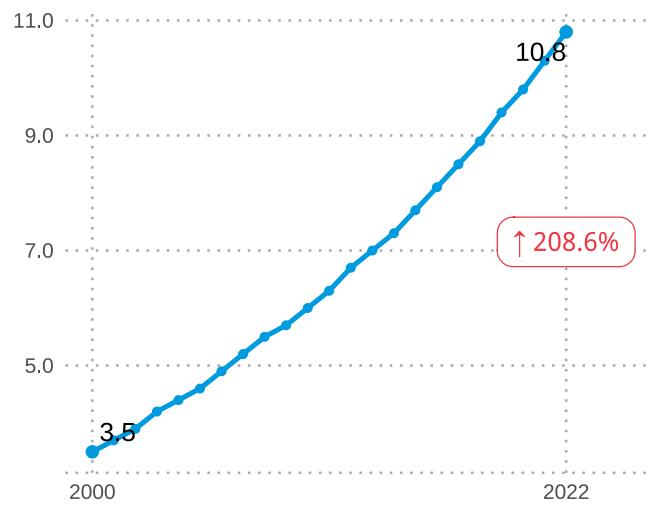
Age-standardized prevalence of tobacco use among persons 15 years and older (%)



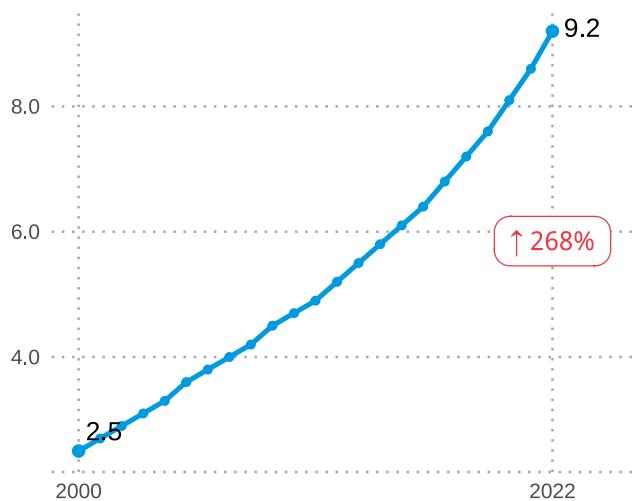
Total alcohol per capita (>= 15 years of age) consumption (litres of pure alcohol)



Age-standardized prevalence of obesity among adults (18+ years) (%)



Prevalence of obesity among children and adolescents aged 5 to 19 years (%)



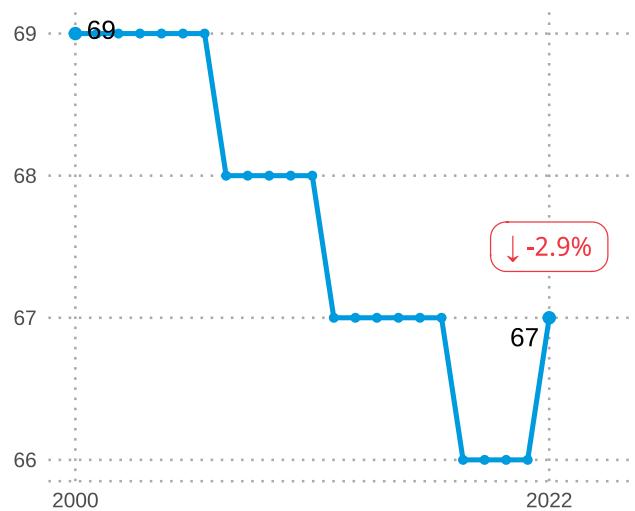
Prevalence of stunting in children under 5 (%)



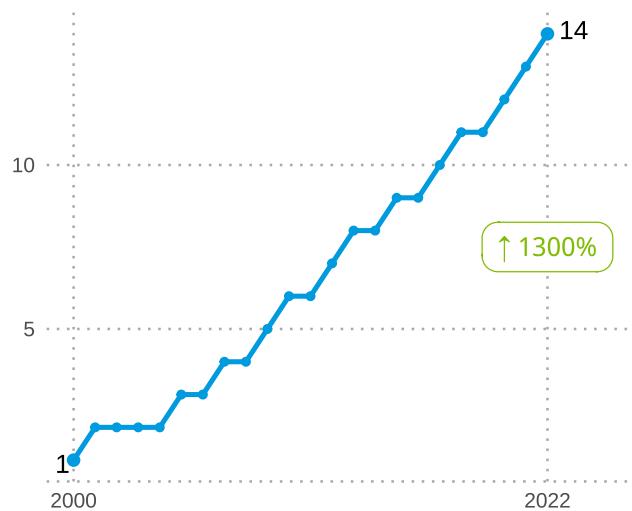
Prevalence of wasting in children under 5 (%)



Proportion of population using safely managed drinking-water services (%)

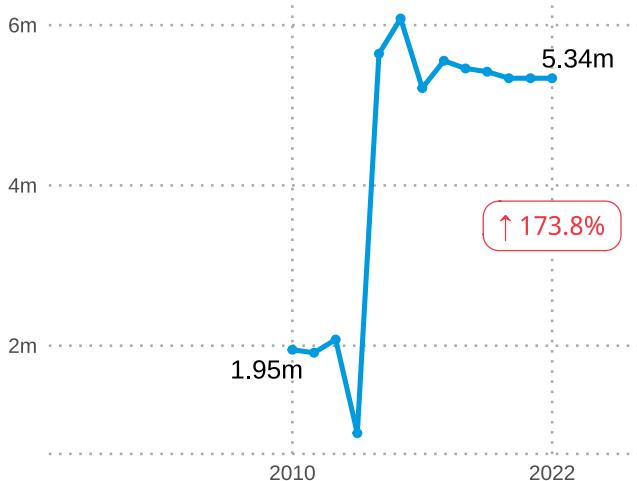


Proportion of population with primary reliance on clean fuels (%)

Annual mean concentrations of fine particulate matter (PM2.5) in urban areas ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)

Health Statistics: Service Coverage

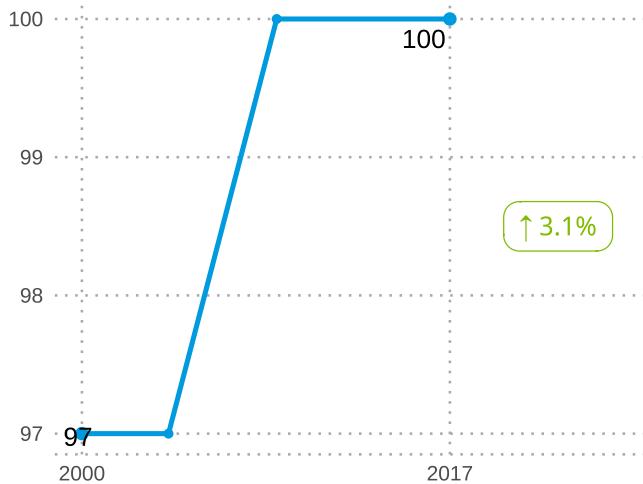
Reported number of people requiring interventions against Neglected Tropical Diseases



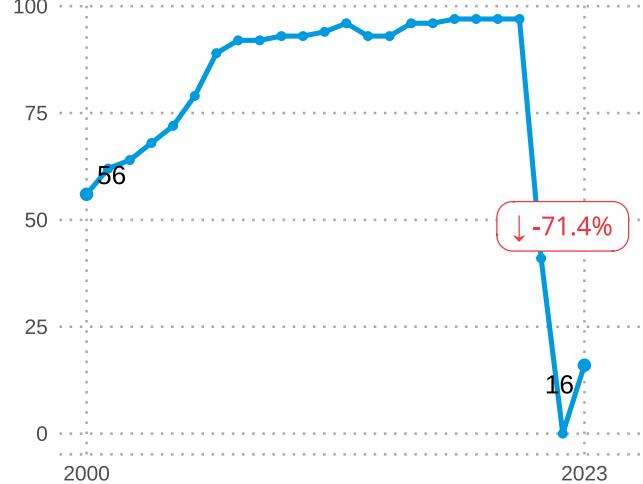
Proportion of women of reproductive age who have their need for family planning satisfied with modern methods (%)



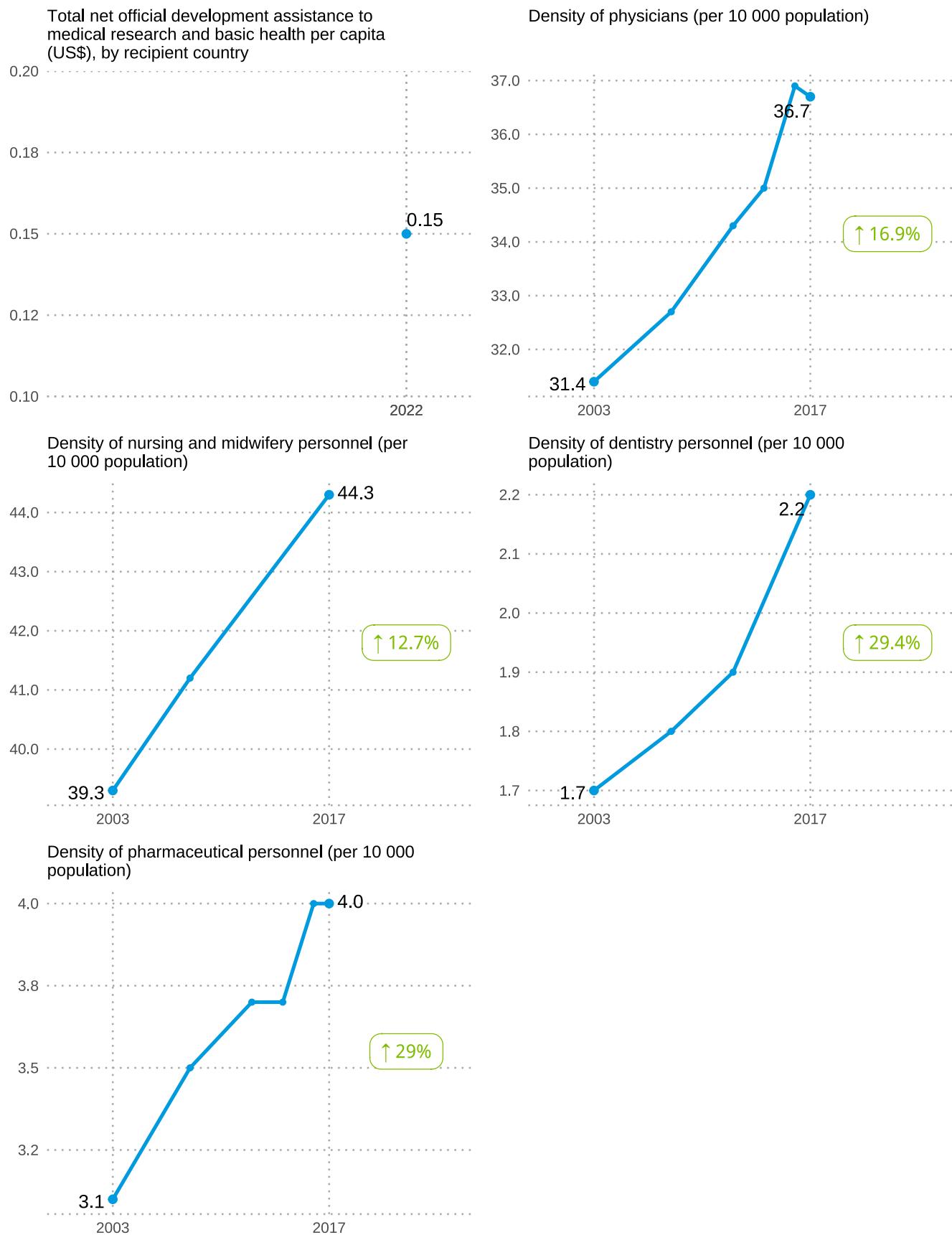
Proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel (%)



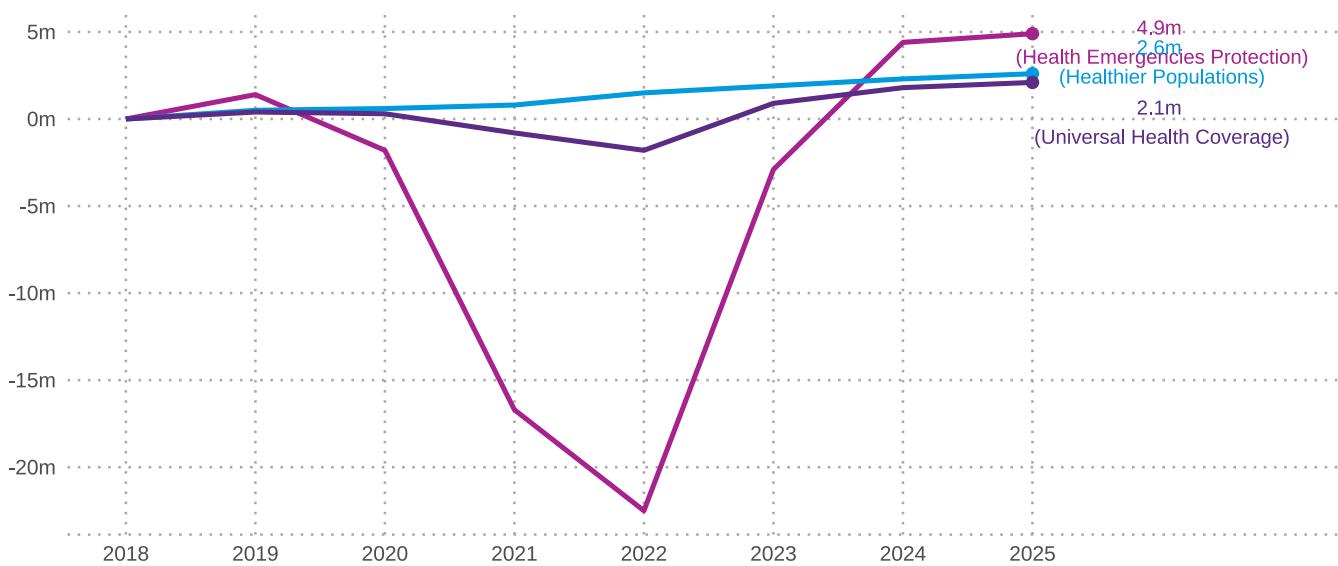
Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP3) immunization coverage among 1 year olds (%)



Health Statistics: Health Systems

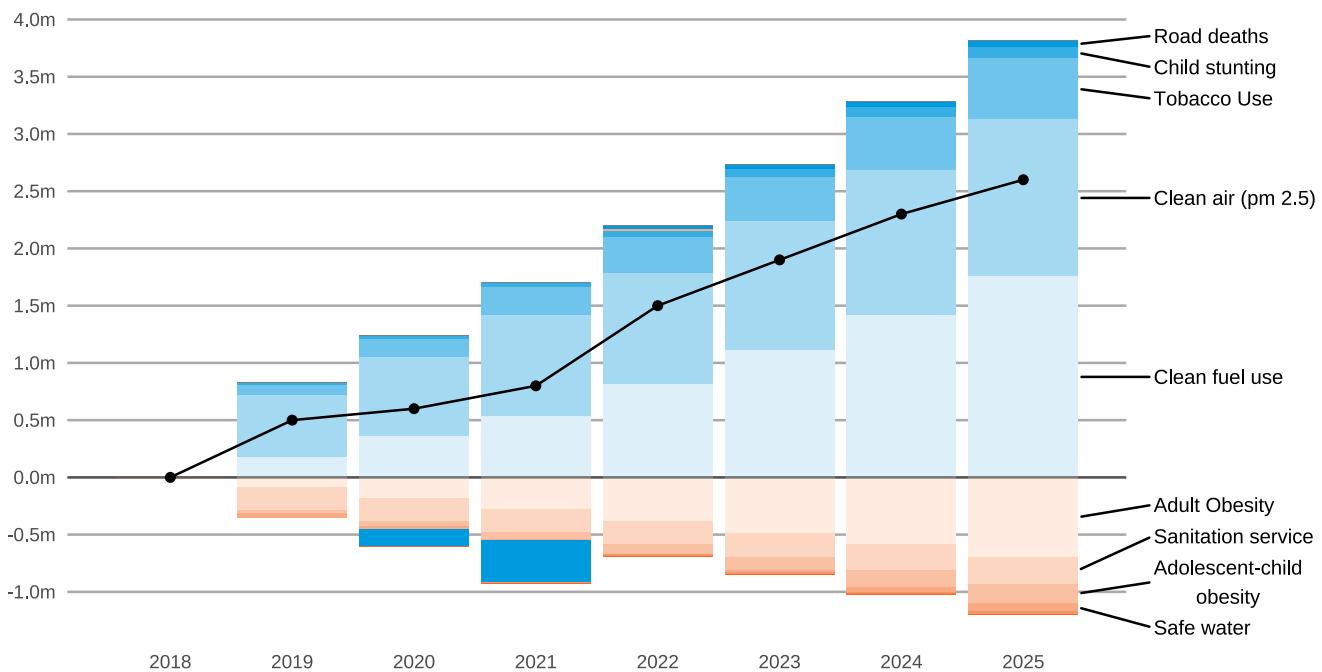


Triple Billions - Number of people affected (millions)



In Democratic People's Republic of Korea, by 2025 the number of additional people projected to be: enjoying better health and wellbeing is 2.6 million; covered by essential services and not experiencing financial hardship is 2.1 million; and protected from health emergencies is 4.9 million.

Healthier Populations - individual indicator contributions (millions)



Other indicators below 1% of the total absolute contribution in 2025: Child violence, Child development, Partner violence, Trans-fat policy, Child wasting, Suicide mortality, Alcohol consumption, Child overweight.

Further Resources

[WHO Global country page](#)

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Data Sources

Population data	UNDESA population division, World Population Prospects 2022 Extracted: December 2024
Current Health Expenditure (CHE) as % of GDP	World Health Organization, Global Health Expenditure database Extracted: August 2024
Life expectancy and Healthy life expectancy (HALE)	World Health Organization, Global Health Estimates Extracted: December 2024
Causes of death	World Health Organization, Global Health Estimates Extracted: December 2024
Disease Burden	World Health Organization, Global Health Estimates, Burden of Disease Extracted: December 2024
Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Indicators	World Health Organization, The Global Health Observatory
Triple Billion	World Health Organization, Global Progress Dashboard, Triple Billion targets

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