

LIBERIA BASIC INDICATORS

	Value
Demography and Economy	
Population, total (million) ^a	3.5
Child population, total under 18 years (million) ^a	1.8
Population under 5 years (million) ^a	0.6
Population growth rate (annual %) ^a	2.1
Life expectancy at birth, total (years) ^b	45.3
Fertility rate, total (births per woman) ^c	5.2
Teenage pregnancy rate, (% of 15-19 year olds) ^c	31
Contraceptive prevalence (% of women aged 15-49) ^c	11
Population urbanized (% of total) ^a	6.6
Population living below the national poverty line (2,400 Kcal/per day per adult) (% of total) ^d	63.8
Population living in extreme poverty (based on food poverty line) (% of total) ^d	47.9
GDP per capita (US\$) ^e	190
GDP growth (annual %) ^e	9.5
Unemployment rate, (% of adult male/female 15+ years) ^c	18.8/34.2
Vulnerable employment rate (% of adult 15+years) ^d	80.1
Health, Nutrition, Water and Sanitation	
Under-5 mortality rate (per 1,000 live births) ^{c*}	110
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births) ^{c*}	71
Maternal mortality rate (per 100,000 live births) ^{c*}	994
Births assisted by a health professional (% total births) ^c	46.4
Institutional deliveries (% of women 15 – 49 years) ^c	36.9
Immunization, DPT3 (% of infants) ^f	88
Polio cases reported in the last 5 years, (numbers) ^f	0
Stunting rate, (% children under-5) ^c	39.4
Wasting rate, (% children under-5) ^c	7.5
Underweight rate, (% children under-5) ^c	19.2
Exclusive breastfeeding (% of children under 6 months) ^c	29.1
Safe drinking water coverage (% of total population) ^{c**}	66
Access to sanitary facilities (% of total population) ^{c**}	10
HIV/AIDS	
Adult HIV prevalence rate, (% 15–49 year olds) ^c	1.5
HIV prevalence in among young people (% of male/female 15-24 years) ^c	0.5/1.6
HIV prevalence among pregnant women (% ANC attendees) ^g	5.4
Condom use (% of male/female 15-49 years used condom at last high-risk sex) ^c	22/13.8
Orphaned children (% under 18 years) ^c	7.2
Comprehensive knowledge about AIDS (% 15-49 years) – Female/Male	19.4/31.7
Education	
Primary school gross enrolment ratio (GER) – Total/Female ^d	86.3/84.5
Primary school net enrolment ratio (NER) – Total/Female ^d	37.3/37.1
Primary school net attendance ratio (NAR) – Total/Female ^c	40.0/38.6
Primary school gross attendance ratio (GAR) – Total/Female ^c	82.7/79.1
Secondary school NER – Total/Female ^d	15.2/14.2
Secondary school GER – Total/Female ^d	51.3/44.7
Secondary school NAR – Total/Female ^c	19.6/17.9
Gender parity index, (based on primary school gross attendance) ^c	0.92
Adult literacy rate (% of male/female 15-49 years) ^c	70.3/40.8
Child Protection	
Child labour (% 5–14 year olds) ^c	20.8
Child marriage (% of women 20 – 24 who were married/in union before they were 18 years old) ^c	48.7
Birth registration (% under-5 children) ^c	3.6
Attitude towards domestic violence, (% of women 15-49 years who consider a husband justified to beat wife for specific reason)	59.3
Children living with both parents (% under 18 years) ^c	47.6
Child discipline, (% of children 2 – 14 years that experienced any psychological or physical punishment) ^c	94.0
Experience of physical violence (% of female 15 – 19 years) ^c	39.2
Female Genital Cutting prevalence (% women age 15-49) ^c	58

Sources:

- a) 2008 National Population and Housing Census: Preliminary Results
- b) State of the World's Children 2008, UNICEF Report
- c) Liberia Demographic and Health Survey 2007
- d) Core Welfare Indicator Questionnaire Survey 2007
- e) Liberia Poverty Reduction Strategy 2008 – 2011
- f) The Health Management Information System, MoH & Social Welfare
- g) HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report, 2008 (NACP, MoH/SW).
- h) The 2007 National School Census, Ministry of Education.

Notes:

- *Past estimates from the State of the World's Children puts under-five mortality rate, infant mortality rate and maternal mortality ratio at 235, 157 and 1200 respectively.
- ** The Liberia Poverty Reduction Strategy 2008-2011 put baseline safe water and sanitation coverage at 25% and 15% respectively.