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UGANDA'S YOUTHFUL POPULATION

Quick facts



POPULATION

Population Growth

Uganda's annual population growth is 3%, meaning 1,200,000 Ugandans are born every year.

Young Population

34.8% of Uganda's 34.6 million population are adolescents with a similar sex distribution.

Dependency Ratio

Uganda's dependency ratio is 103. Per 100 working age adults in Uganda, there are 103 dependents.

Residence

80% of Uganda's youth live in rural areas. One out of four young people age 10-24 reside in urban areas.



SOCIO ECONOMIC STATUS

Poverty

- 10.9% young males aged 10-24 are heading households.
- 38.5% of young people aged 10-19 live in the two poorest wealth quintiles
- 19.6% of young people aged 10-19 live in households where the head of household has no education.

Employment

- 64% of the young persons aged 15-29 years in Uganda are in some form of employment.
- Among the working population aged 10-24 years, 54.3% are females and 55.1% are males
- 15% of youth in school are also engaged in employment.



EDUCATION

School Attendance

- 78% of young people aged 13-18 years are currently attending school.
- 10% of the 6-12 year olds have never been to school.

School Drop out

22% of adolescents age 13-18 have left school.

Not in Education, Employment and Training (NEET)

8.8 million young people aged 15-24 are not engaged in education, employment or under any training.



HEALTH

Teenage pregnancy

- One in four teenage girls in Uganda age 15-19 have had a child or are pregnant.
- 42% of all the pregnancies among adolescents in Uganda are unintended.

Health risk behaviors

- 22% of adolescents have ever had sexual intercourse.
- 10% of the sexually active adolescents aged 15-19 years had their first sexual encounter before age 15.



HIV/AIDS

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- 94% of adolescents are aware about HIV
- Only 43% adolescents have ever tested for HIV.
- Every year 9,600 young people aged 15-19 years are newly infected with HIV.
- 66% of all the new HIV infections are concentrated among adolescent girls.

Family Planning

49% of the sexually active adolescents used a contraceptive method the last time they had sex.

Obstetric Fistula

1% of girls age 15-19 have experienced obstetric fistula.



NEGATIVE SOCIAL PRACTICES

Child Marriage

- 10% of women age 20-24 married by age 15.
- 40% of women age 20-24 married by age 18.

Gender-Based Violence

- 60% of adolescents 10-19 years have experienced physical violence, 42% emotional violence and 10% sexual violence.
- 1% of girls 15-19 years are circumcised (Female Genital Cutting).

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