DATA ON UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Indicator 15
AGE-SPECIFIC FERTILITY RATE FOR YOUNG WOMEN

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<th>Definition</th>
<th>An age-specific fertility rate (ASFR) is the ratio of the number of births in women of particular age group to the number of women of the same age at mid-year (often expressed per 1000 women).</th>
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<td>Numerator</td>
<td>The number of births in a year to mothers of a specific age.</td>
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<td>Denominator</td>
<td>The number of women of the same age at mid-year.</td>
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Note: Rates are for the period 1–36 months preceding the survey.

Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) data are available for this indicator from 34 countries (see figures 1a–1h). Age-specific fertility rate is an ‘outcome’ indicator rather than a ‘coverage’ indicator. However, it is included in the list of access indicators as it is considered to reflect the access to/lack of contraceptives for young people.

Data for sub-Saharan Africa (Figure 1a) show fertility rates that are similar to that of South/South-East Asia (Figure 1c). The next highest prevalence appears to be in the Latin American/Caribbean region (Figure 1d) for 20–24 year-olds, where the 15–19 year-olds also have a relatively high fertility rate, followed by data for the Middle East and North Africa (Figure 1b).

Figure 1a: Indicator 15

Age-specific fertility rate among young women aged 15–24 years

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Figure 1b: Indicator 15

Age-specific fertility rate among young women aged 15–24 years

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Figure 1c: Indicator 15

Age-specific fertility rate among young women aged 15–24 years

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Figure 1d: Indicator 15

Age-specific fertility rate among young women aged 15–24 years

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South and South-East Asia, 2001–2004

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Figure 1f: Indicator 15

Age-specific fertility rate among young women aged 15–24 years

Latin America and the Caribbean, 2001–2004

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Figure 1g: Indicator 15  
Age-specific fertility rate among young women aged 15–19 years

Figure 1h: Indicator 15  
Age-specific fertility rate among young women aged 20–24 years

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