



CHINA

Region: East Asia and Pacific
Income Category: Upper Middle Income



Human capital – knowledge, skills, and good health – empowers people to achieve their potential and drives economic growth. This brief tracks progress by China in building and using human capital. The Human Capital Complementary Indicators offer a snapshot of human capital investments at four stages of the lifecycle. The figures show the latest available data, benchmarked against regional averages. The figures also report progress over the previous 5 years.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

- **Neonatal mortality rate.** The neonatal mortality rate is **3** per 1,000 live births (2022), compared to 4 in 2017. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Pre-primary school gross enrollment ratio.** The pre-primary school gross enrollment ratio is **93%** (by the official age) (2021), compared to 82% in 2016. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **DTP vaccination rate, third dose.** In 2023, **97%** of infants received the third dose of the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine, compared to 99% in 2018. The indicator is higher than the regional average.

SCHOOL AGE

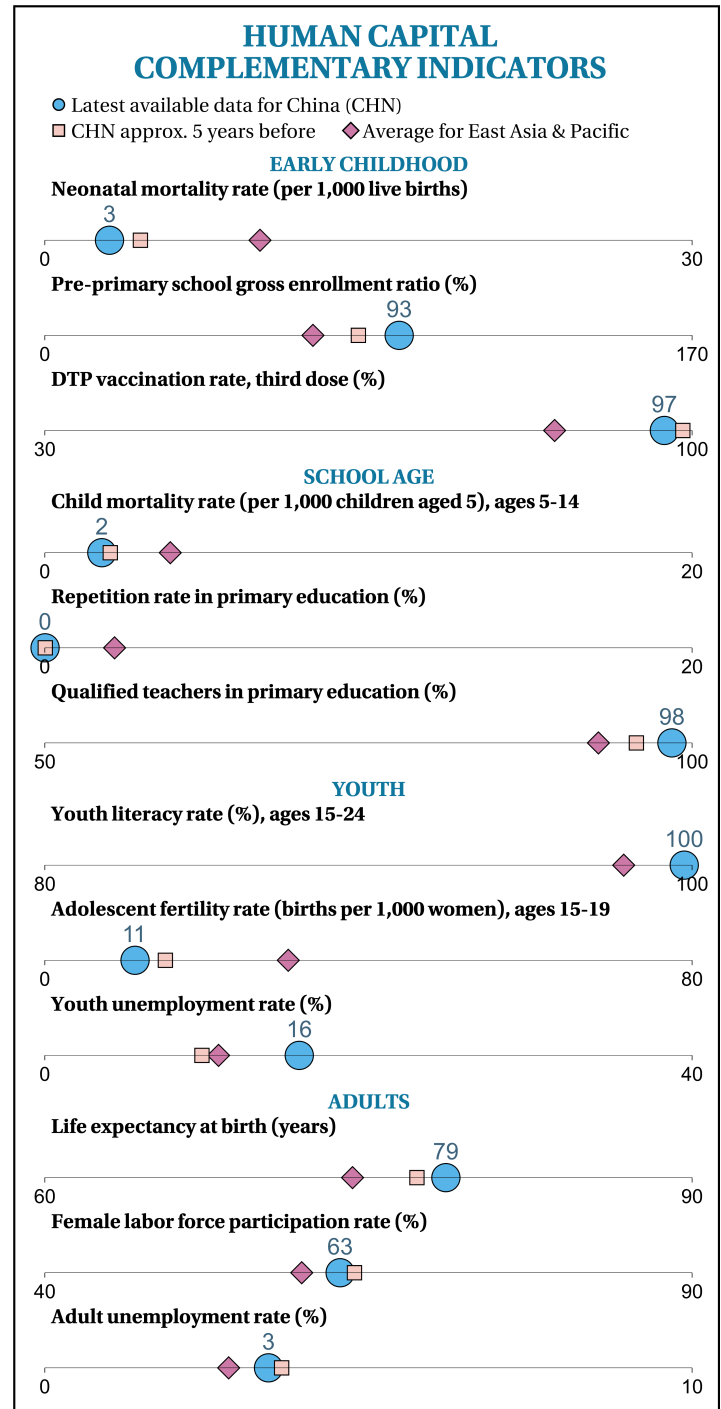
- **Child mortality rate.** The mortality rate for children ages 5-14 is **2** per 1,000 children aged 5 (2022). This remains unchanged since 2017. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Repetition rate in primary education.** In 2020, **0%** of students in primary school remained in the same grade in the following school year. This remains unchanged since 2015. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Qualified teachers in primary education.** The share of primary school teachers who are qualified is **98%** (2022), compared to 96% in 2017. The indicator is higher than the regional average.

YOUTH

- **Youth literacy rate.** The share of youth (ages 15-24) who are literate is **100%** (2020). The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Adolescent fertility rate.** The number of births for every 1,000 women ages 15-19 is **11** (2022), compared to 15 in 2017. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Youth unemployment rate.** Unemployed youth as a share of the youth labor force (ages 15-24) is **16%** (2023), compared to 10% in 2018. The indicator is higher than the regional average.

ADULTS

- **Life expectancy at birth.** Life expectancy at birth is **79** years (2022), compared to 77 in 2017. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Female labor force participation rate.** Female labor force participation as a percentage of the female working-age population (ages 25+) is **63%** (2023), compared to 64% in 2018. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Adult unemployment rate.** Unemployed adults as a share of the adult labor force (ages 25+) is **3%** (2023), compared to 4% in 2018. The indicator is similar to the regional average.



Note: Missing symbols indicate internationally comparable data are not available to generate the corresponding statistic.

