



DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Region: Sub-Saharan Africa
Income Category: Low Income



Human capital – knowledge, skills, and good health – empowers people to achieve their potential and drives economic growth. This brief tracks progress by the DRC 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

- **Children who are developmentally on track.** In 2018, 57% of children (ages 36-59 months) were developmentally on track in health, learning and psychosocial well-being. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Neonatal mortality rate.** The neonatal mortality rate is 26 per 1,000 live births (2022), compared to 28 in 2017. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **DTP vaccination rate, third dose.** In 2023, 60% of infants received the third dose of the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine, compared to 71% in 2018. The indicator is lower than the regional average.

SCHOOL AGE

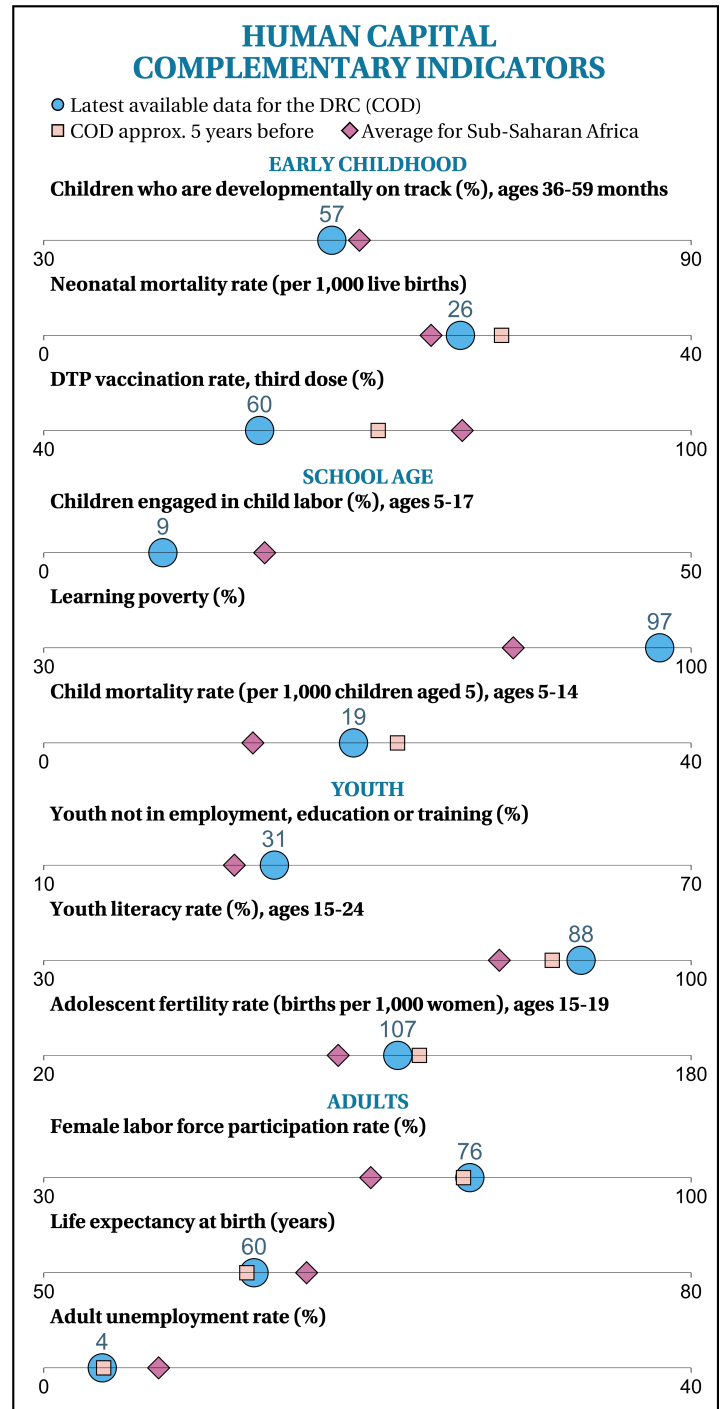
- **Children engaged in child labor.** The share of children (ages 5-17) who are engaged in economic activities is 9% (2018). The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Learning poverty.** In 2019, 97% of children could not read and understand a simple text, by age 10. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Child mortality rate.** The mortality rate for children ages 5-14 is 19 per 1,000 children aged 5 (2022), compared to 22 in 2017. The indicator is higher than the regional average.

YOUTH

- **Youth not in employment, education or training.** In 2020, 31% of youth (ages 15-24) were not in employment, education or training. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Youth literacy rate.** The share of youth (ages 15-24) who are literate is 88% (2022), compared to 85% in 2016. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Adolescent fertility rate.** The number of births for every 1,000 women ages 15-19 is 107 (2022), compared to 113 in 2017. The indicator is higher than the regional average.

ADULTS

- **Female labor force participation rate.** Female labor force participation as a percentage of the female working-age population (ages 25+) is 76% (2023), compared to 75% in 2018. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Life expectancy at birth.** Life expectancy at birth is 60 years (2022), compared to 59 in 2017. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Adult unemployment rate.** Unemployed adults as a share of the adult labor force (ages 25+) is 4% (2023). This remains unchanged since 2018. The indicator is lower than the regional average.



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

