



# ESWATINI

Region: Sub-Saharan Africa

Income Category: Lower Middle Income



**Human capital – knowledge, skills, and good health – empowers people to achieve their potential and drives economic growth.** This brief tracks progress by Eswatini 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 **22** per 1,000 live births (2022), compared to 25 in 2017. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **DTP vaccination rate, third dose.** In 2023, **85%** of infants received the third dose of the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine, compared to 90% in 2018. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Prevalence of anemia in children.** In 2019, **43%** of children ages 6–59 months had anemia, compared to 42% in 2015. The indicator is lower than the regional average.

## SCHOOL AGE

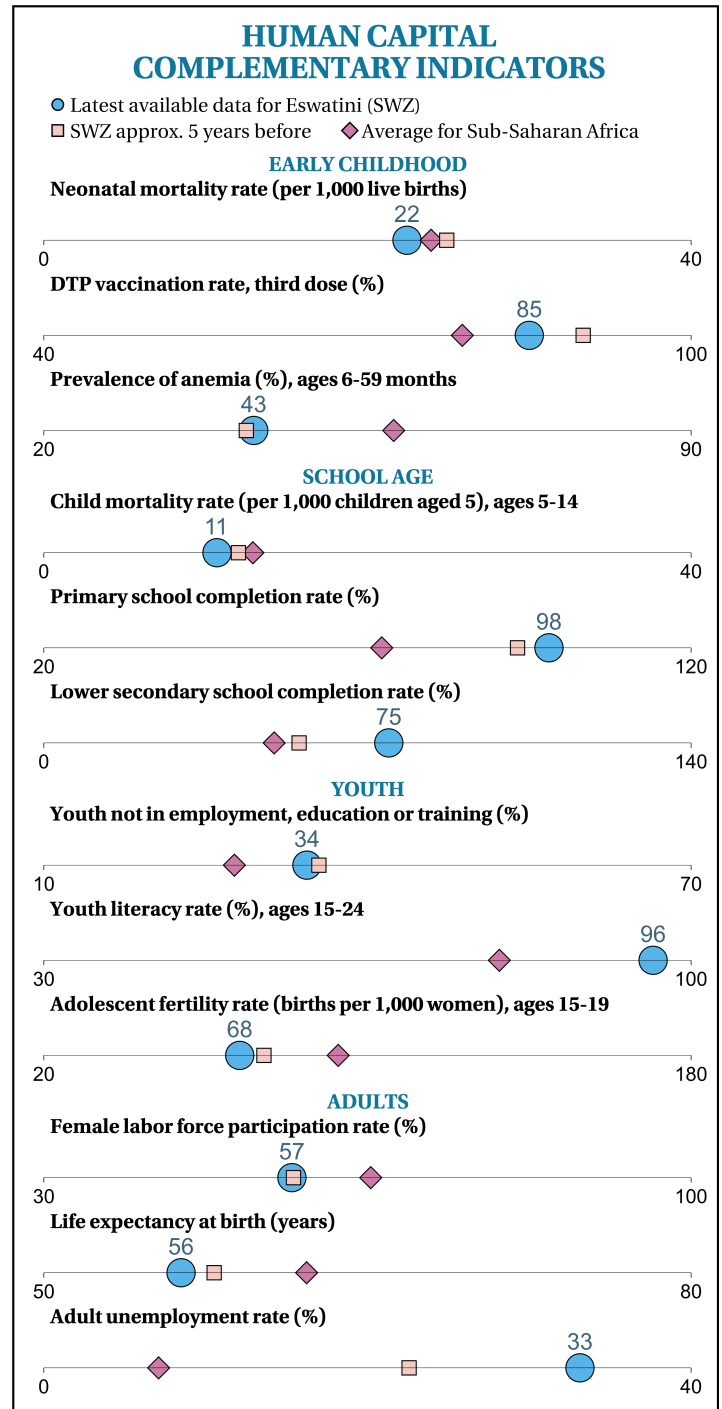
- **Child mortality rate.** The mortality rate for children ages 5-14 is **11** per 1,000 children aged 5 (2022), compared to 12 in 2017. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Primary school completion rate.** The primary school completion rate is **98%** (by the official entrance age of the last grade) (2019), compared to 93% in 2015. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Lower secondary school completion rate.** The lower secondary school completion rate is **75%** (by the official entrance age of the last grade) (2019), compared to 55% in 2015. The indicator is higher than the regional average.

## YOUTH

- **Youth not in employment, education or training.** In 2021, **34%** of youth (ages 15-24) were not in employment, education or training, compared to 35% in 2016. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Youth literacy rate.** The share of youth (ages 15-24) who are literate is **96%** (2020). The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Adolescent fertility rate.** The number of births for every 1,000 women ages 15-19 is **68** (2022), compared to 74 in 2017. The indicator is lower 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 **57%** (2023). This remains unchanged since 2018. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Life expectancy at birth.** Life expectancy at birth is **56** years (2022), compared to 58 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 **33%** (2023), compared to 23% in 2018. The indicator is higher than the regional average.



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

