



IRAQ

Region: Middle East and North Africa
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 Iraq 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 **13** per 1,000 live births (2022), compared to 16 in 2017. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Children who are developmentally on track.** In 2018, **79%** of children (ages 36-59 months) were developmentally on track in health, learning and psychosocial well-being. The indicator is similar to the regional average.
- **Minimum meal frequency.** The share of children ages 6-23 months who regularly consume an age-appropriate meal is **74%** (2018). The indicator is higher than the regional average.

SCHOOL AGE

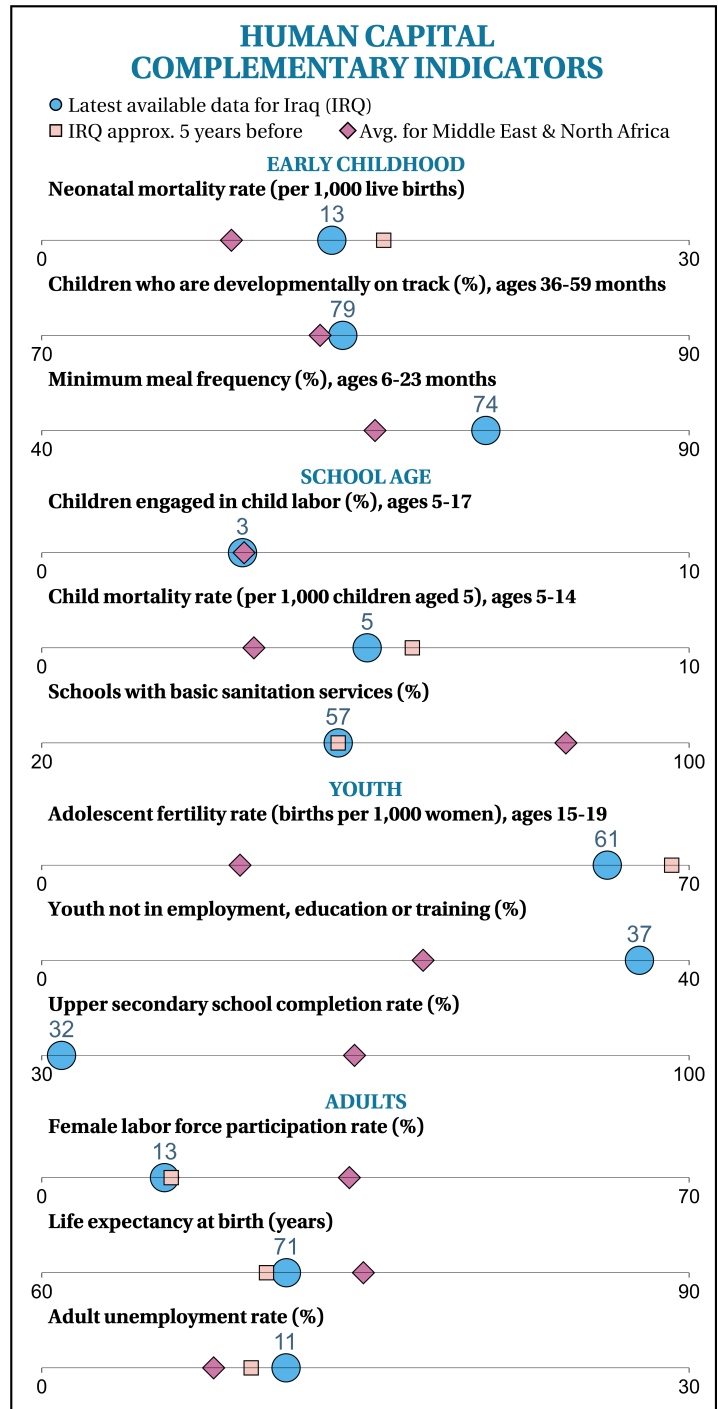
- **Children engaged in child labor.** The share of children (ages 5-17) who are engaged in economic activities is **3%** (2018). The indicator is similar to the regional average.
- **Child mortality rate.** The mortality rate for children ages 5-14 is **5** per 1,000 children aged 5 (2022), compared to 6 in 2017. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Schools with basic sanitation services.** The share of schools with sanitation facilities is **57%** (2023). This remains unchanged since 2018. The indicator is lower than the regional average.

YOUTH

- **Adolescent fertility rate.** The number of births for every 1,000 women ages 15-19 is **61** (2022), compared to 68 in 2017. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Youth not in employment, education or training.** In 2021, **37%** of youth (ages 15-24) were not in employment, education or training. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Upper secondary school completion rate.** The upper secondary completion rate is **32%** (at ages 3-5 years above the intended age for the last grade of that level) (2018). 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 **13%** (2023), compared to 14% in 2018. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Life expectancy at birth.** Life expectancy at birth is **71** years (2022), compared to 70 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 **11%** (2023), compared to 10% 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.

