



# MARSHALL ISLANDS

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 the Marshall Islands 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.
- **Participation rate in organized learning.** In 2021, **59%** of children one year younger than the official primary school entry age participated in an organized learning program, compared to 63% in 2016. The indicator is below 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 81% in 2018. The indicator is similar to the regional average.

## SCHOOL AGE

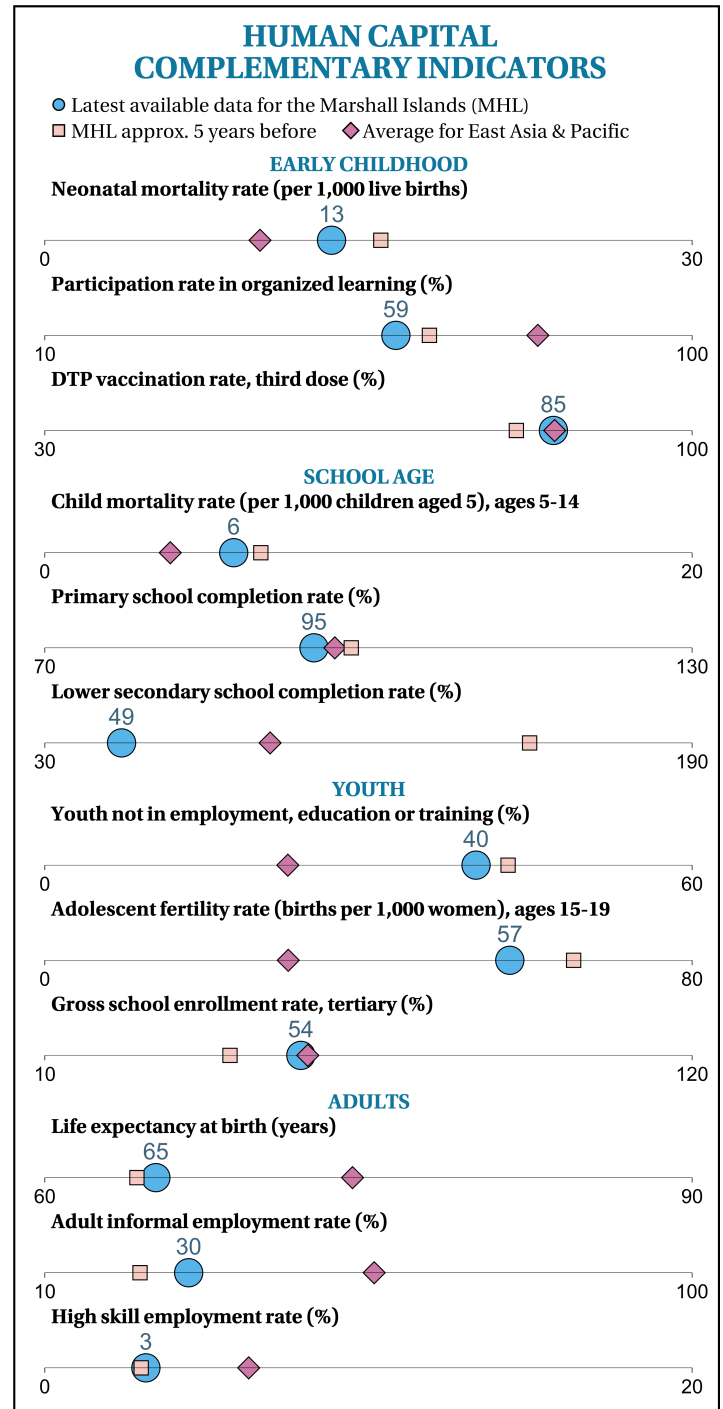
- **Child mortality rate.** The mortality rate for children ages 5-14 is **6** per 1,000 children aged 5 (2022), compared to 7 in 2017. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Primary school completion rate.** The primary school completion rate is **95%** (by the official entrance age of the last grade) (2022), compared to 98% in 2016. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Lower secondary school completion rate.** The lower secondary school completion rate is **49%** (by the official entrance age of the last grade) (2022), compared to 150% in 2019. The indicator is lower than the regional average.

## YOUTH

- **Youth not in employment, education or training.** In 2021, **40%** of youth (ages 15-24) were not in employment, education or training, compared to 43% in 2019. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Adolescent fertility rate.** The number of births for every 1,000 women ages 15-19 is **57** (2022), compared to 65 in 2017. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Gross school enrollment rate, tertiary.** Tertiary school enrollment as a percentage of people ages 18-24 is **54%** (2022), compared to 41% in 2019. The indicator is lower than the regional average.

## ADULTS

- **Life expectancy at birth.** Life expectancy at birth is **65** years (2022), compared to 64 in 2017. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Adult informal employment rate.** The rate of informal employment among working adults (ages 25+) is **30%** (2021), compared to 23% in 2019. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **High skill employment rate.** In 2021, **3%** of employed adults worked in high-skilled occupations. This remains unchanged since 2019. The indicator is lower than the regional average.



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

