



# MAURITANIA

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 Mauritania 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, **90%** of infants received the third dose of the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine, compared to 77% in 2018. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Postnatal care for newborns.** In 2021, **40%** of newborns had post-natal contact with health providers during their first two days of life, compared to 58% in 2015. The indicator is lower than the regional average.

## SCHOOL AGE

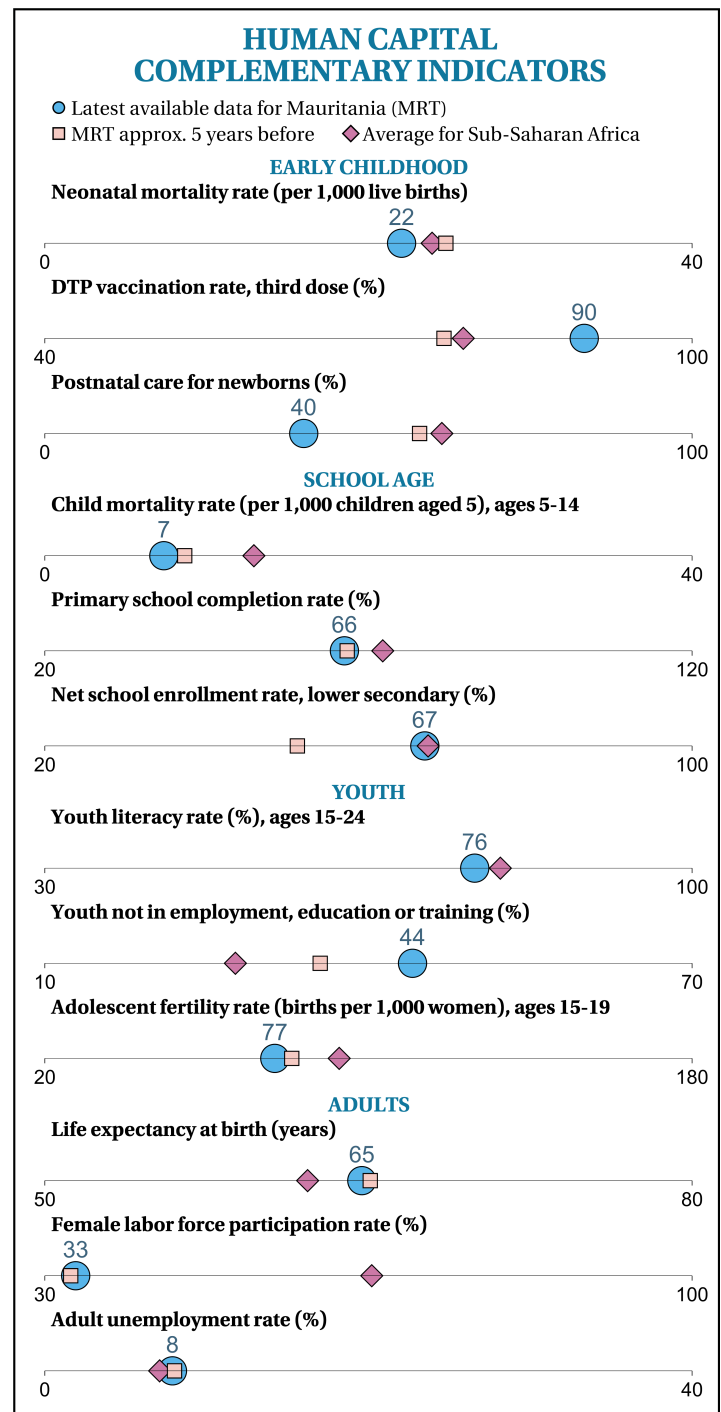
- **Child mortality rate.** The mortality rate for children ages 5-14 is **7** per 1,000 children aged 5 (2022), compared to 9 in 2017. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Primary school completion rate.** The primary school completion rate is **66%** (by the official entrance age of the last grade) (2019), compared to 67% in 2015. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Net school enrollment rate, lower secondary.** The percentage of lower secondary school-aged children enrolled is **67%** (2019), compared to 51% in 2016. The indicator is similar to the regional average.

## YOUTH

- **Youth literacy rate.** The share of youth (ages 15-24) who are literate is **76%** (2021). The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Youth not in employment, education or training.** In 2019, **44%** of youth (ages 15-24) were not in employment, education or training, compared to 36% in 2017. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Adolescent fertility rate.** The number of births for every 1,000 women ages 15-19 is **77** (2022), compared to 81 in 2017. The indicator is lower than the regional average.

## ADULTS

- **Life expectancy at birth.** Life expectancy at birth is **65** years (2022). This remains unchanged since 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 **33%** (2023). This remains unchanged since 2018. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Adult unemployment rate.** Unemployed adults as a share of the adult labor force (ages 25+) is **8%** (2023). This remains unchanged since 2018. The indicator is higher than the regional average.



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

