



# PALAU

Region: East Asia and Pacific  
Income Category: High Income



**Human capital – knowledge, skills, and good health – empowers people to achieve their potential and drives economic growth.** This brief tracks progress by Palau 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 **12** per 1,000 live births (2022). This remains unchanged since 2017. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Participation rate in organized learning.** In 2020, **89%** of children one year younger than the official primary school entry age participated in an organized learning program. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **DTP vaccination rate, third dose.** In 2023, **97%** of infants received the third dose of the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine, compared to 95% in 2018. The indicator is higher than the regional average.

## SCHOOL AGE

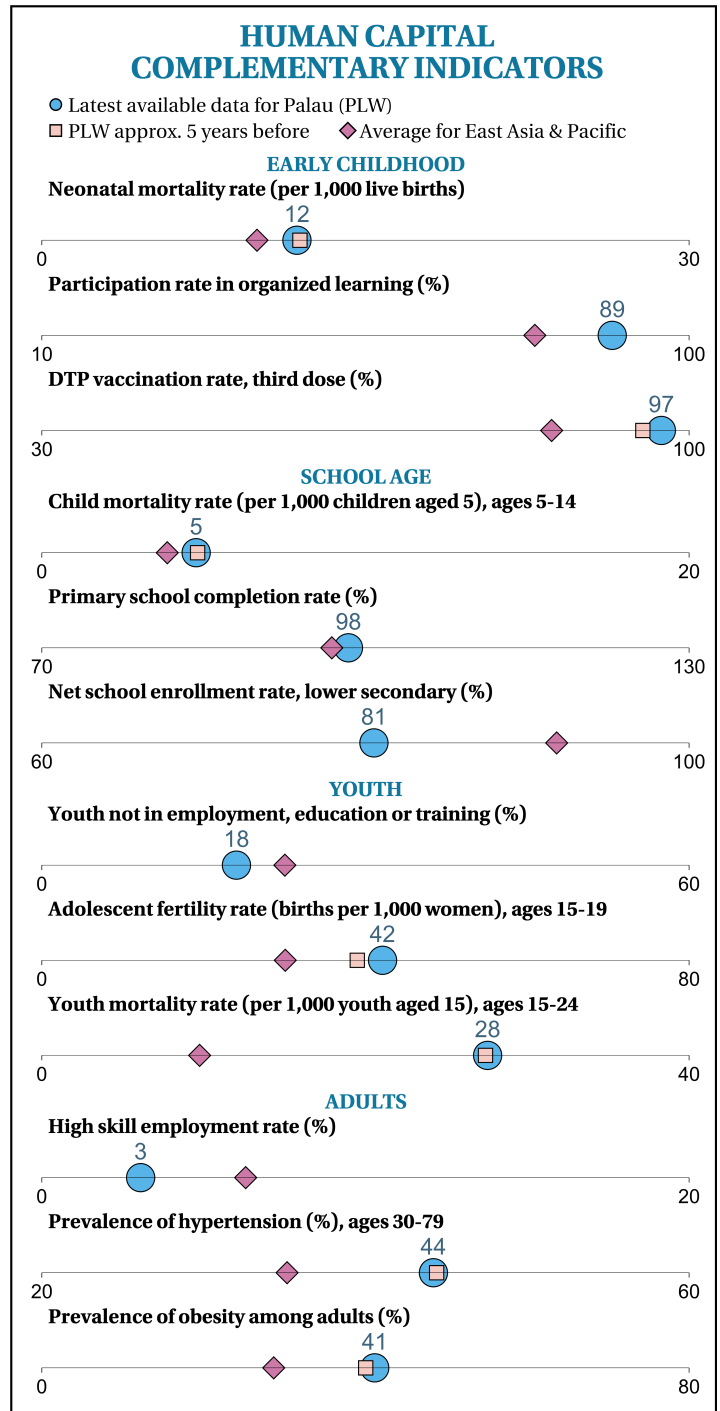
- **Child mortality rate.** The mortality rate for children ages 5-14 is **5** per 1,000 children aged 5 (2022). This remains unchanged since 2017. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Primary school completion rate.** The primary school completion rate is **98%** (by the official entrance age of the last grade) (2021). The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Net school enrollment rate, lower secondary.** The percentage of lower secondary school-aged children enrolled is **81%** (2020). The indicator is lower than the regional average.

## YOUTH

- **Youth not in employment, education or training.** In 2020, **18%** of youth (ages 15-24) were not in employment, education or training. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Adolescent fertility rate.** The number of births for every 1,000 women ages 15-19 is **42** (2022), compared to 39 in 2017. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Youth mortality rate.** The mortality rate of youth ages 15–24 is **28** per 1,000 youth aged 15 (2022), compared to 27 in 2017. The indicator is higher than the regional average.

## ADULTS

- **High skill employment rate.** In 2020, **3%** of employed adults worked in high-skilled occupations. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Prevalence of hypertension.** The prevalence of hypertension among people ages 30-79 is **44%** (2019). This remains unchanged since 2015. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Prevalence of obesity among adults.** The percentage of adults ages 18+ years who are obese is **41%** (2022), compared to 40% in 2017. The indicator is higher than the regional average.



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

