

Region: Latin America and Caribbean 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 St. Lucia 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 11 per 1,000 live births (2022), compared to 12 in 2017. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- Participation rate in organized learning. In 2020, 99% of children one year younger than the official primary school entry age participated in an organized learning program, compared to 95% in 2015. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **DTP vaccination rate, third dose.** In 2023, **74%** of infants received the third dose of the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine, compared to 95% in 2018. The indicator is lower than the regional average.

SCHOOL AGE

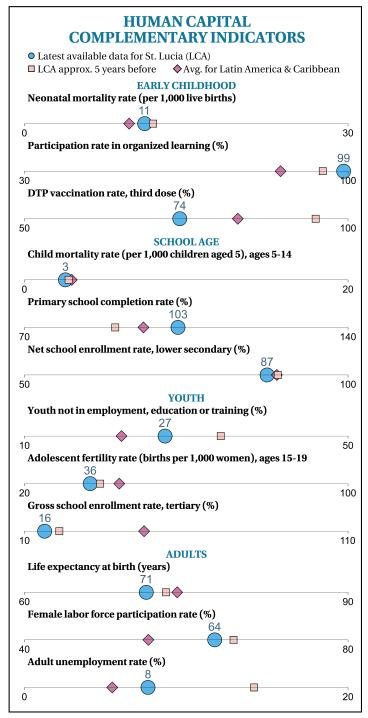
- **Child mortality rate.** The mortality rate for children ages 5-14 is **3** per 1,000 children aged 5 (2022). This remains unchanged since 2017. The indicator is similar to the regional average.
- Primary school completion rate. The primary school completion rate is 103% (by the official entrance age of the last grade) (2022), compared to 90% in 2017. The indicator is above the regional average.
- Net school enrollment rate, lower secondary. The percentage of lower secondary school-aged children enrolled is 87% (2022), compared to 89% in 2017. The indicator is lower than the regional average.

YOUTH

- Youth not in employment, education or training. In 2022, 27% of youth (ages 15-24) were not in employment, education or training, compared to 34% in 2017. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- Adolescent fertility rate. The number of births for every 1,000 women ages 15-19 is 36 (2022), compared to 39 in 2017. The indicator is below the regional average.
- Gross school enrollment rate, tertiary. Tertiary school enrollment as a percentage of people ages 18-24 is 16% (2022), compared to 21% in 2017. The indicator is lower than the regional average.

ADULTS

- Life expectancy at birth. Life expectancy at birth is **71** years (2022), compared to 73 in 2017. The indicator is lower 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 **64**% (2023), compared to 66% in 2018. The indicator is above the regional average.
- Adult unemployment rate. Unemployed adults as a share of the adult labor force (ages 25+) is **8%** (2023), compared to 14% 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.



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