



ZAMBIA

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 Zambia 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 **24** per 1,000 live births (2022), compared to 26 in 2017. 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 **41%** (2018). The indicator is below the regional average.
- **DTP vaccination rate, third dose.** In 2023, **80%** of infants received the third dose of the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine, compared to 90% in 2018. The indicator is higher than the regional average.

SCHOOL AGE

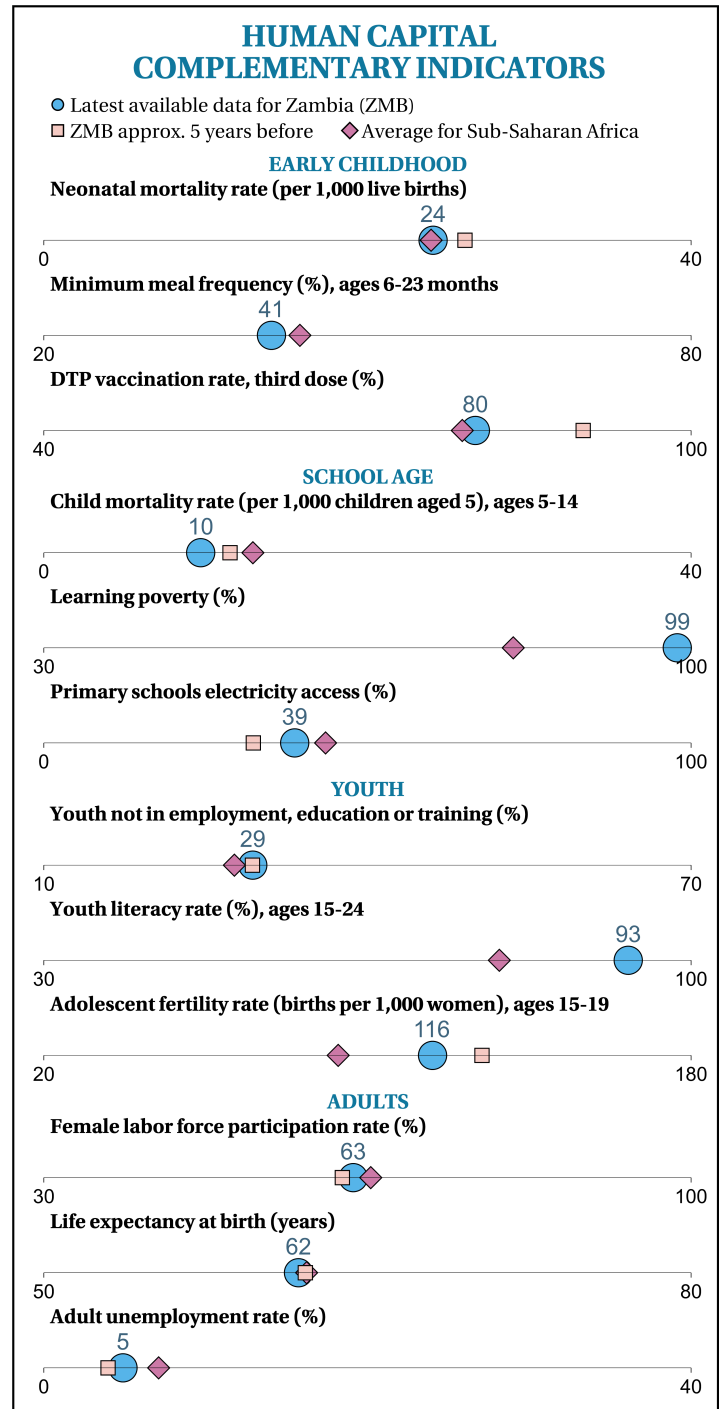
- **Child mortality rate.** The mortality rate for children ages 5-14 is **10** per 1,000 children aged 5 (2022), compared to 12 in 2017. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Learning poverty.** In 2019, **99%** of children could not read and understand a simple text, by age 10. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Primary school electricity access.** The share of primary schools with access to electricity is **39%** (2020), compared to 32% in 2016. The indicator is lower than the regional average.

YOUTH

- **Youth not in employment, education or training.** In 2022, **29%** of youth (ages 15-24) were not in employment, education or training. This remains unchanged since 2017. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Youth literacy rate.** The share of youth (ages 15-24) who are literate is **93%** (2020). The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Adolescent fertility rate.** The number of births for every 1,000 women ages 15-19 is **116** (2022), compared to 128 in 2017. The indicator is higher 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 **63%** (2023), compared to 62% in 2018. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Life expectancy at birth.** Life expectancy at birth is **62** years (2022). This remains unchanged since 2017. The indicator is similar to the regional average.
- **Adult unemployment rate.** Unemployed adults as a share of the adult labor force (ages 25+) is **5%** (2023), compared to 4% in 2018. The indicator is lower than the regional average.



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

