



# ZIMBABWE

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 Zimbabwe 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 27 in 2017. The indicator is similar to the regional average.
- **Children who are developmentally on track.** In 2019, **71%** of children (ages 36-59 months) were developmentally on track in health, learning and psychosocial well-being. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Minimum meal frequency.** The share of children ages 6-23 months who regularly consume an age-appropriate meal is **68%** (2019), compared to 34% in 2015. The indicator is higher than the regional average.

## SCHOOL AGE

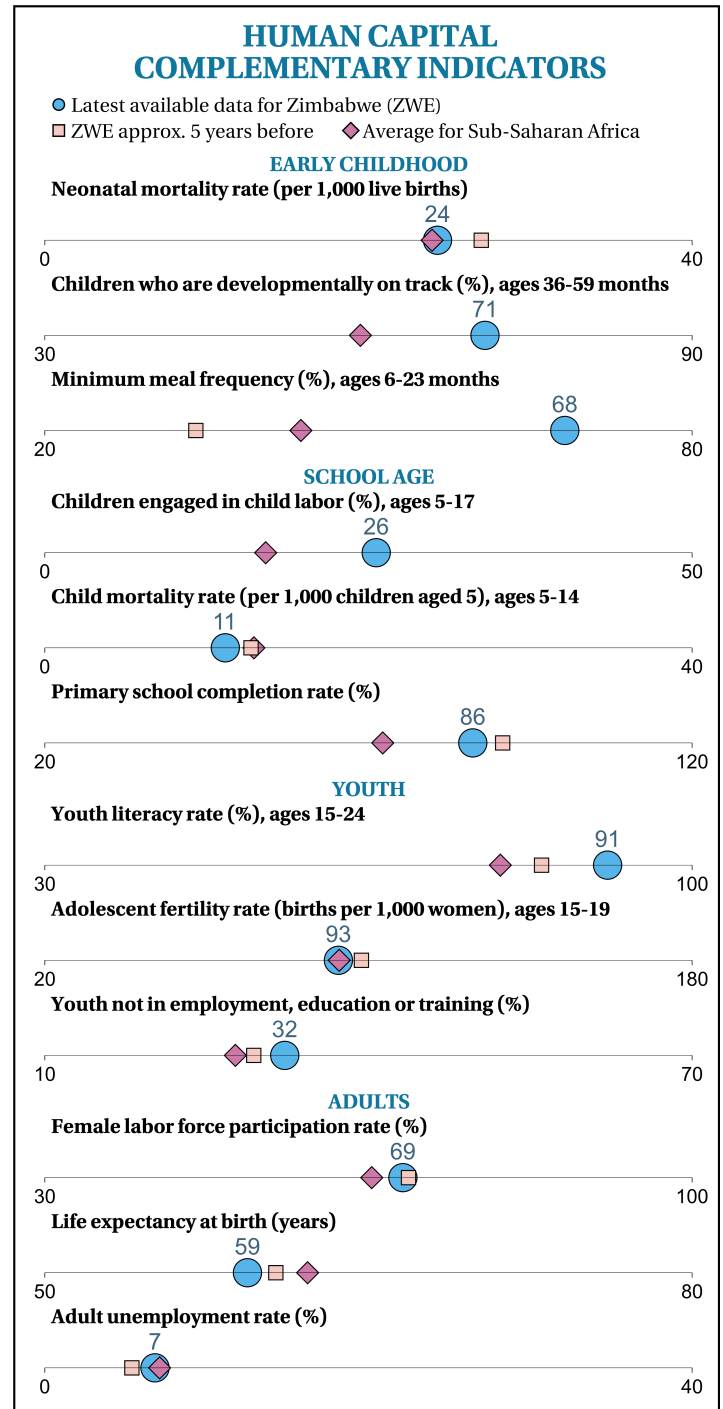
- **Children engaged in child labor.** The share of children (ages 5-17) who are engaged in economic activities is **26%** (2019). The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Child mortality rate.** The mortality rate for children ages 5-14 is **11** per 1,000 children aged 5 (2022), compared to 13 in 2017. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Primary school completion rate.** The primary school completion rate is **86%** (by the official entrance age of the last grade) (2022), compared to 91% in 2017. The indicator is higher than the regional average.

## YOUTH

- **Youth literacy rate.** The share of youth (ages 15-24) who are literate is **91%** (2022), compared to 84% 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 **93** (2022), compared to 98 in 2017. The indicator is similar to the regional average.
- **Youth not in employment, education or training.** In 2022, **32%** of youth (ages 15-24) were not in employment, education or training, compared to 29% in 2019. 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 **69%** (2023). This remains unchanged since 2018. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Life expectancy at birth.** Life expectancy at birth is **59** years (2022), compared to 61 in 2017. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Adult unemployment rate.** Unemployed adults as a share of the adult labor force (ages 25+) is **7%** (2023), compared to 5% in 2018. The indicator is similar to the regional average.



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

