MAURITANIA

Population Indicators

Indicator	1975	1 985	1995	2011
Population size and growth				
Population size (thousands)	1 312	1 748	2 292	3 54
Annual growth rate (percentage)*	2.93	2.82	2.77	2.5
Population age structure				
Percentage of population under age 15	46	45	44	40
Percentage of population aged 60 or over	4	4	4	
Statutory age at retirement (years): Males				6
Females				5
Fertility				
Total fertility (children per woman)*	6.7	6.3	5.8	4.
Adolescent birth rate (births per 1,000 women aged 15-19)*	124	112	104	7
Percentage of women aged 20-24 married by age 18			37 ^a	35
Reproductive health and family planning				
Percentage of married women using contraception: All methods		1 ^c	4 ^d	9
Modern methods		0 ^c	1 ^d	8
Percentage of married women with unmet need for family planning				
Index of family planning effort (percentage of maximum score)**				2
Induced abortion rate (per 1,000 women aged 15-44)				
Percentage of women in non-agricultural wage employment				36
Health and mortality				
Life expectancy at birth (years): Both sexes*	48.8	54.2	56.5	57.5
Males*	47.5	52.8	54.9	55.9
Females*	50.1	55.6	57.9	59.
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)*	133	93	77	7
Under-five mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)*	199	147	127	119
Percentage of children 12-23 months with 3 doses of DPT vaccine			55	64
Prevalence of stunting among children 0-59 months (percentage)			50 [†]	23
Maternal mortality ratio (per 100,000 live births)***			690	510
Percentage of births attended by trained health professional Percent obese among adults aged 20 or over: Males****			40 ^g	61 3.5
Females****				21.
Percentage of deaths caused by non-communicable diseases****				32
HIV prevalence among adults aged 15-49 (percentage)			0.5	1.1
Number of people living with HIV (thousands)			6.3	24
Spatial distribution and internal migration				
Population density (per sq. km.)	1	2	2	:
Urban population (percentage)	21	35	40	4
Annual urban population growth rate (percentage)*	9.83	7.74	2.85	2.9
Annual rural population growth rate (percentage)*	1.47	0.60	2.72	2.24
Percentage of urban population in urban agglomerations	38	50	53	53
International migration				
International migrant stock (thousands)***				9
Percentage of females among international migrants***				42
Net migration rate (per thousand)*	-0.97	-1.97	-1.37	0.6
Annual inflow of remittances in US\$ (millions)				

* For the periods 1970-1975, 1980-1985, 1990-1995 and 2005-2010.

** This index measures the level of effort of national family planning programmes. 2011 data refer to 2009.

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^a For 2000.	^b For 2007.	^c For 1981.
^d For 1991/1992.	^e For 2010.	^f For 1996.
^g For 1991.		