

# Belize 2024



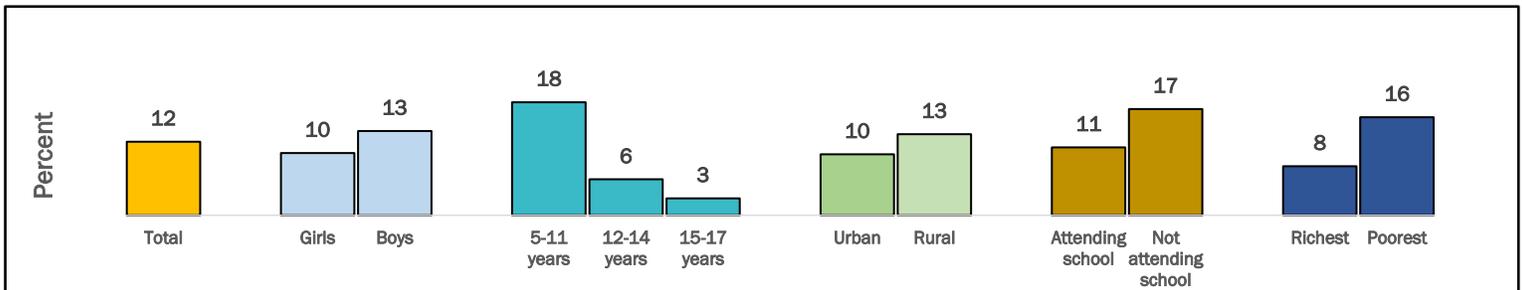
## Child Labour

Multiple Indicator  
Cluster Surveys

### Child Labour: Levels & Disaggregates

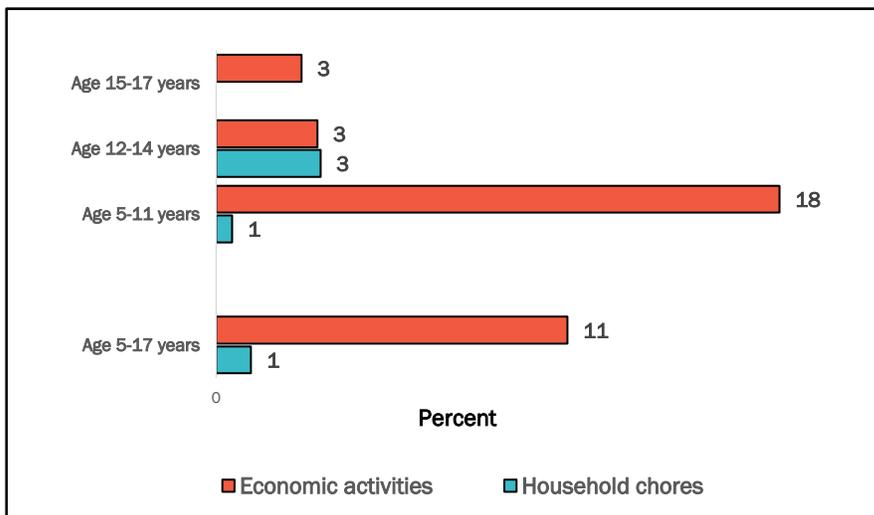


#### Child Labour for Age 5-17 years: SDG 8.7.1



Percentage of children age 5 to 17 years engaged in child labour, by background characteristics

#### Types of Child Labour



Percentage of children age 5 to 17 years engaged in child labour, by type of activity and by age

Note: These data reflect the proportions of children engaged in the activities at or above the age specific thresholds outlined in the definitions box.

#### Definition of Child Labour

Age 5 to 11 years: At least 1 hour of economic activities or 21 hours of unpaid household services per week.

Age 12 to 14 years: At least 14 hours of economic activities or 21 hours of unpaid household services per week.

Age 15 to 17 years: At least 43 hours of economic activities. No threshold for number of hours of unpaid household services.

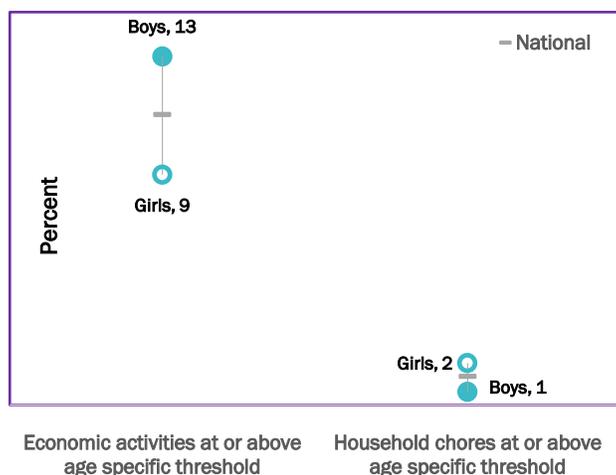
Economic activities include paid or unpaid work for someone who is not a member of the household, work for a family farm or business. Household chores include activities such as cooking, cleaning or caring for children.

Note that while the overall concept of child labour includes hazardous working conditions, the definition of child labour currently used for SDG reporting does not. Further methodological work is ongoing to incorporate additional questions specifically aimed at identifying children in hazardous working conditions..

### Key Messages

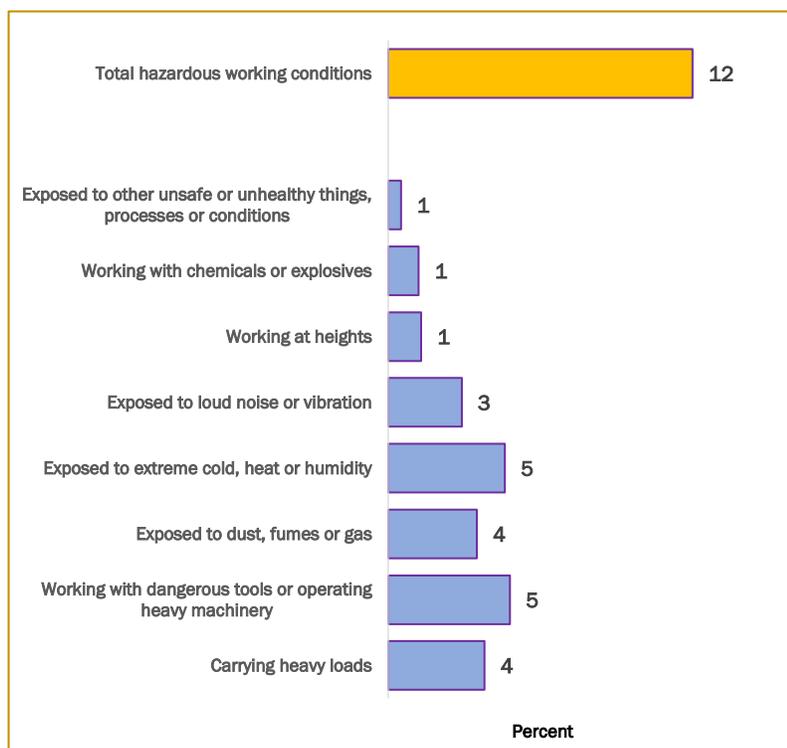
- Children living in the poorest economic quintile are twice as likely to engage in Child Labour compared to children within the richest quintile.
- Boys are more likely to engage in Child Labour compared to girls.
- Children (5 to 11 years) are three times likely to be engaged in child labour compared to children age 12 to 14 years and six times more likely to engage in child labour compared to children age 15 to 17 years.
- Children between the ages 15 to 17 are three times as likely to engage in Economic Activity compared to children between the ages 5 to 11 years old.

## Inequalities in Child Labour



Percentage of children age 5 to 17 years engaged in child labour, by type of activity and by sex

## Hazardous Working Conditions



Percentage of children age 5 to 17 years working under hazardous conditions, by background characteristics

## Regional Data on Child Labour

Region	Total Child Labour
<b>National</b>	<b>11.7</b>
Corozal	22.1
Orange Walk	6.4
Belize North	10.9
Belize South	8.7
Cayo	12.4
Stann Creek	13.1
Toledo	9.5

Percentage of children age 5 to 17 years engaged in child labour, by region

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The objective of this snapshot is to disseminate selected findings from the Belize MICS7 2024 related to Child Labour. Data from this snapshot can be found in tables PR.3.3 and PR.3.4 in the Survey Findings Report.

Further statistical snapshots and the Survey Findings Report for this and other surveys are available on [mics.unicef.org/surveys](https://mics.unicef.org/surveys).