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Fertility & Family Planning

Fertility

Age Specific Fertility Rates

Births per 1000 women

Total — Rural — Urban
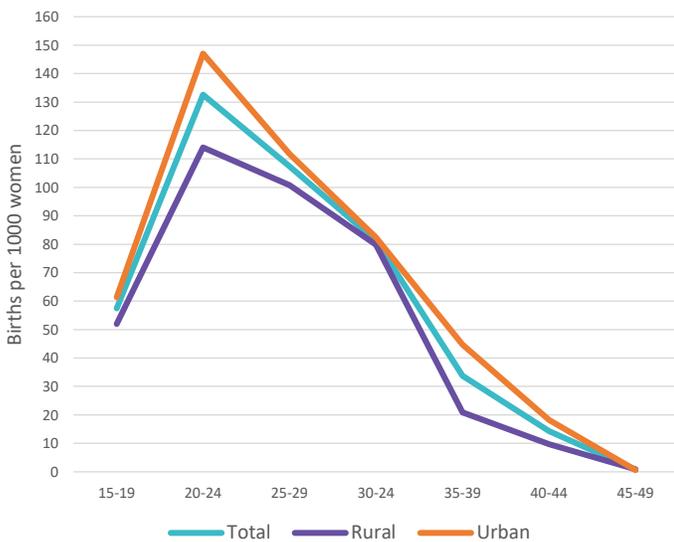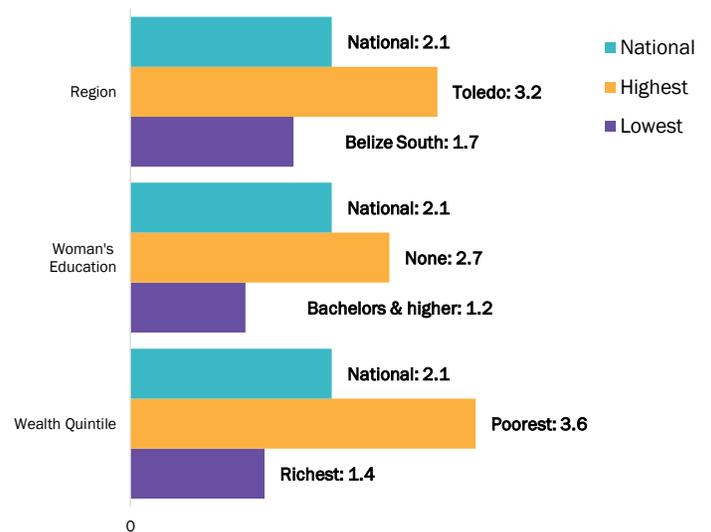
Age-specific fertility rates (ASFR) are the number of live births in the last 3 years, divided by the average number of women in that age group during the same period, expressed per 1,000 women

Total Fertility Rate

■ National
■ Highest
■ Lowest

Region
- National: 2.1
- Toledo: 3.2
- Belize South: 1.7

Woman's Education
- National: 2.1
- None: 2.7
- Bachelors & higher: 1.2

Wealth Quintile
- National: 2.1
- Poorest: 3.6
- Richest: 1.4

The total fertility rate (TFR) is calculated by summing the age-specific fertility rates
(ASFRs) calculated for each of the five-year age groups of women, from age 15 through to age 49

Adolescent Birth Rate: SDG indicator 3.7.2

— National

Births per 1000 women age 15-19

- None, 152
- Toledo, 118
- Poorest, 104
- Orange Walk, 35
- Bachelors & higher, 7
- Richest, 27

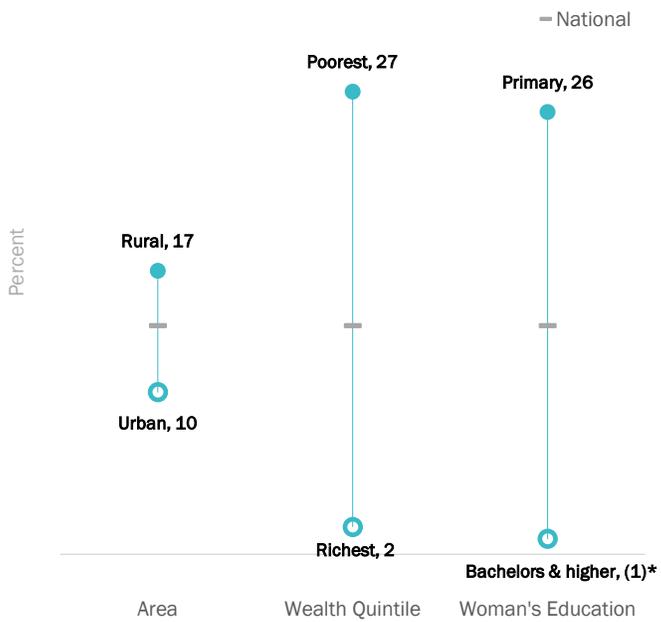Region | Woman's Education | Wealth Quintile

Age-specific fertility rate for girls age 15-19 years for the three-year period preceding the survey
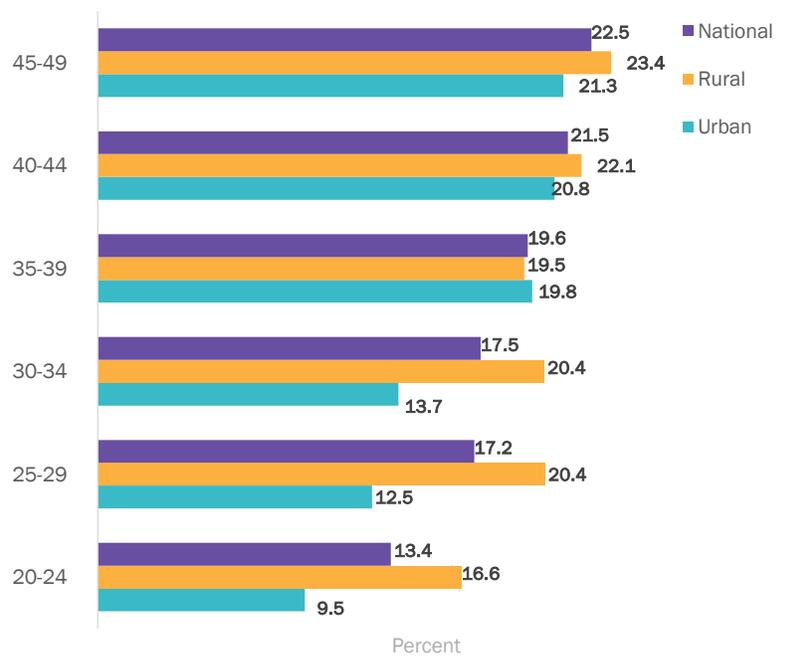
Adolescent Birth rate SDG 3.7.2 indicator is under target 3.7: By 2030, ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health-care services, including for family planning, information and education, and the integration of reproductive health into national strategies and programmes
Reducing adolescent fertility and addressing the multiple factors underlying it are essential for improving sexual and reproductive health and the social and economic well-being of adolescents. Preventing births very early in a woman's life is an important measure to improve maternal health and reduce infant mortality.

Early Child Bearing - by Age 18

National —

Rural, 17
Urban, 10

Poorest, 27
Richest, 2

Primary, 26
Bachelors & higher, (1)*

Percent

Area   Wealth Quintile   Woman's Education

Percentage of women age 20-24 years who have had a live birth before age 18, by background characteristics
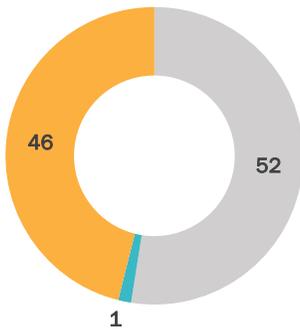* Values in parentheses indicate findings based on 25–49 unweighted cases

Trends in Early Child Bearing - by Age 18

Age	National	Rural	Urban
45-49	22.5	23.4	21.3
40-44	21.5	22.1	20.8
35-39	19.6	19.5	19.8
30-34	17.5	20.4	13.7
25-29	17.2	20.4	12.5
20-24	13.4	16.6	9.5

Percent

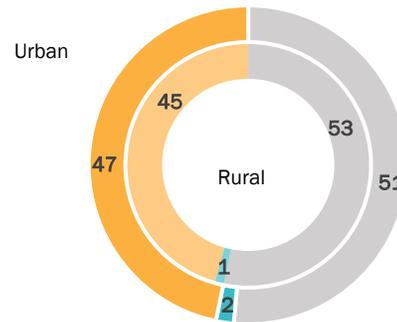Percentage of women age 20-49 years who have had a live birth before age 18

Family Planning

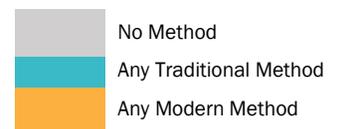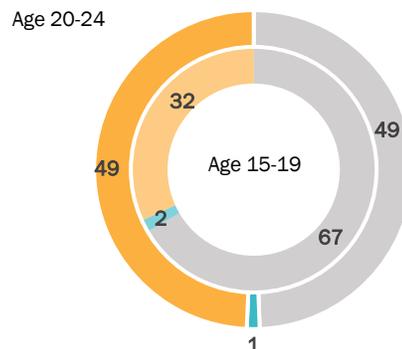### Method of Family Planning by Various Characteristics

Type of method*

46
52
1

By Area

Urban
Rural
45
47
53
51
1
2

By Age

Age 20-24
Age 15-19
32
49
49
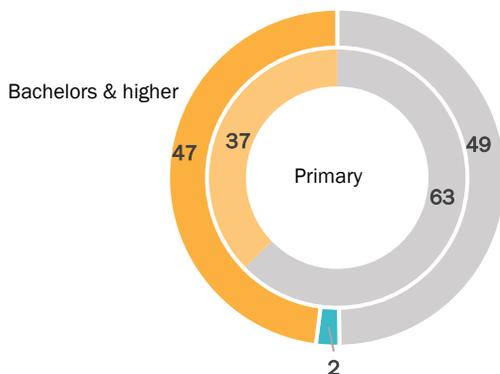67
2
1

No Method
Any Traditional Method
Any Modern Method

Percentage of women age 15-49 years currently married or in union who are using (or whose partner is using) a contraceptive method
*Modern Methods include female sterilization, male sterilization, IUD, injectables, implants, pills, male condom, Female condom, diaphragm, foam, jelly and contraceptive patch Traditional methods refer to periodic abstinence and withdrawal
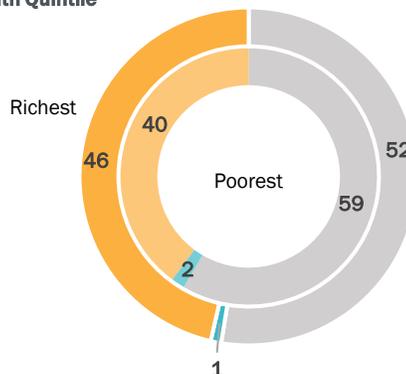
Family Planning

Method of Family Planning by Various Characteristics

By Woman's Education

Bachelors & higher

47 37 49 63

Primary

2

By Wealth Quintile

Richest

46 40 52 59

Poorest

2

1

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Regional Data on Fertility & Family Planning

Region	Adolescent Birth Rate	Total Fertility Rate	Child bearing before 15*	Child bearing before 18	Contraception Use of modern method among married / in-union women	Contraception Use of any method among married / in-union women
National	58	2.1	0.2	13.4	45.9	47.4
Corozal	55	2.3	0.0	18.2	52.0	54.4
Orange Walk	35	2.1	0.5	8.7	47.4	49.6
Belize North	79	2.2	(0.0)*	11.9	52.0	53.7
Belize South	44	1.7	0.0	10.1	37.9	41.8
Cayo	47	1.9	0.4	12.4	43.4	44.1
Stann Creek	62	2.5	0.0	13.9	46.7	48.3
Toledo	118	3.2	0.0	26.9	41.6	42.0

*Percentage of women age 15-49 years who have had a live birth before age 15
* Values in parentheses indicate findings based on 25–49 unweighted cases

Key Messages

- Among women aged 20–24, 13.4% had a live birth before age 18..
- Only 0.2% of women had a live birth before age 15.
- Use of modern contraception among married/in-union women: 45.9%.

- Use of any method of contraception: 47.4%.
Toledo has the highest adolescent birth rate (118) and TFR (3.2).

- Orange Walk shows the lowest adolescent birth rate (35) and early childbearing (8.7).
- Corozal leads in modern contraception use (52%) and any method (54.4%).