

Belize 2024



Mass Media, Communications & Internet

Multiple Indicator
Cluster Surveys

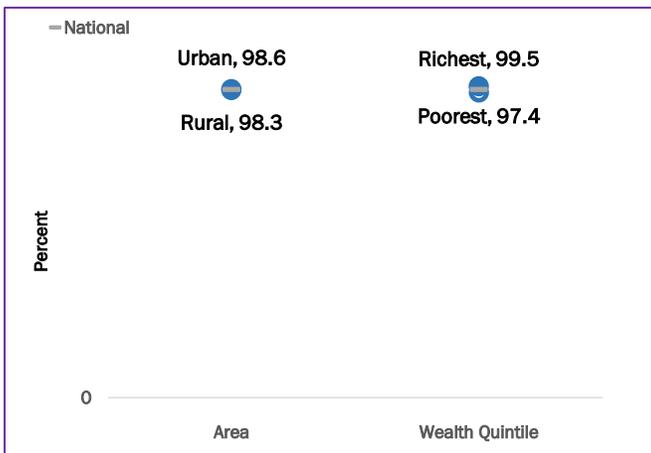
Household Ownership of Information & Communication Technology (ICT) Equipment & Internet at Home



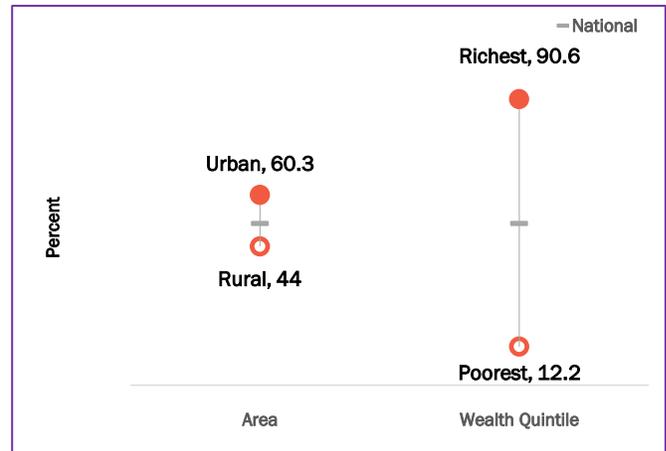
Region	Radio	Television	Telephone-Fixed line	Telephone-Mobile	Computer	Internet at Home
National	98.5	70.1	5.0	93.4	51.3	81.3
Corozal	97.8	69.2	3.9	89.1	44.2	81.1
Orange Walk	98.2	66.1	3.0	89.3	46.6	76.2
Belize North	96.9	81.6	7.4	96.4	61.7	90.1
Belize South	99.7	79.7	8.6	95.1	57.6	85.6
Cayo	99.1	71.2	4.0	96.3	53.3	84.8
Stann Creek	99.1	62.8	3.6	93.9	43.6	74.6
Toledo	98.0	39.8	2.5	86.5	38.6	58.3

Percentage of households which own a radio, television-fixed line, telephone- mobile, computer and that have access to the internet at home

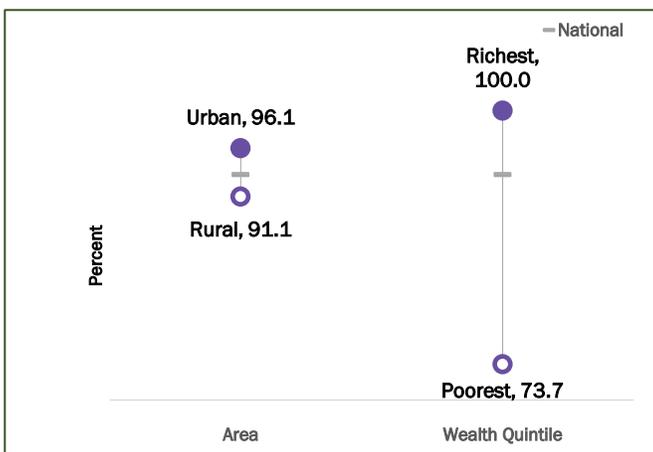
Household Ownership of a Radio



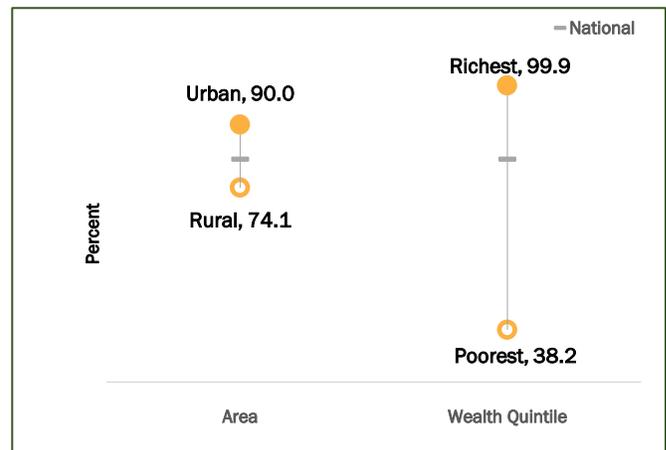
Household Ownership of a Computer



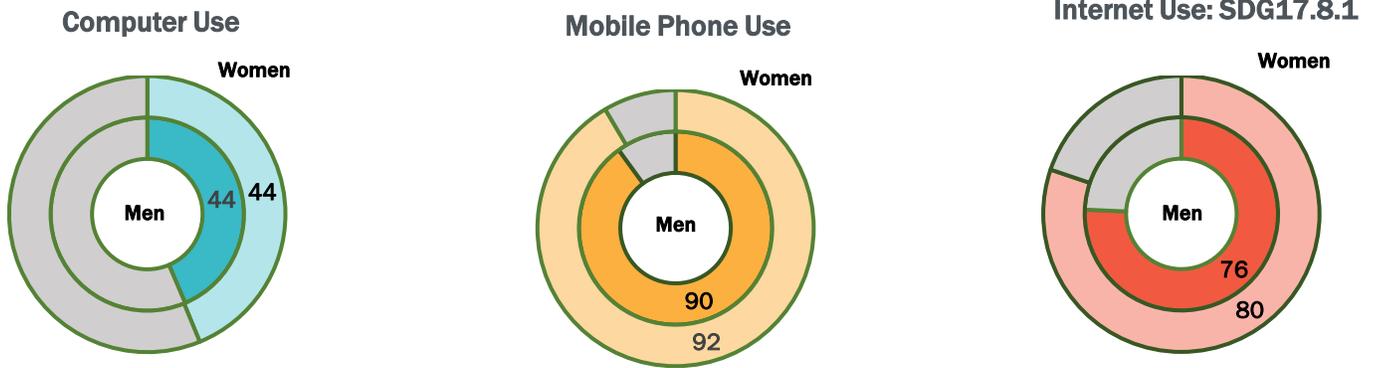
Household Ownership of a Mobile Telephone



Households with Internet



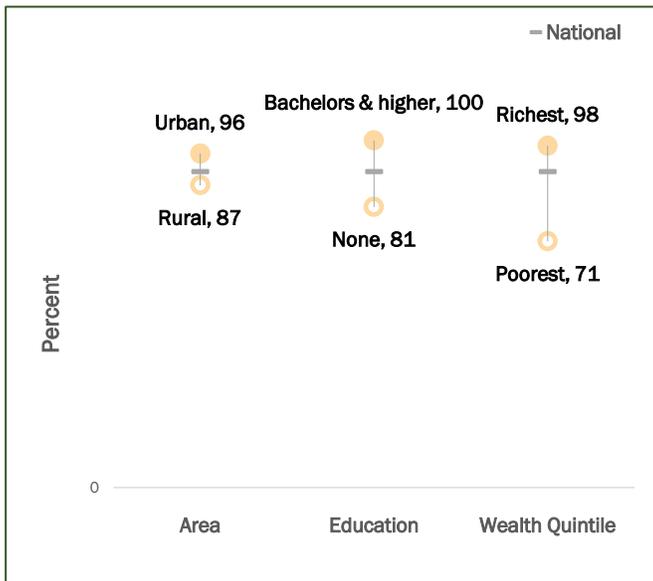
Use of Information & Communication Technology



Percentage of women and men age 15-49 years who during the last 3 months used a computer, used a mobile phone and used the internet

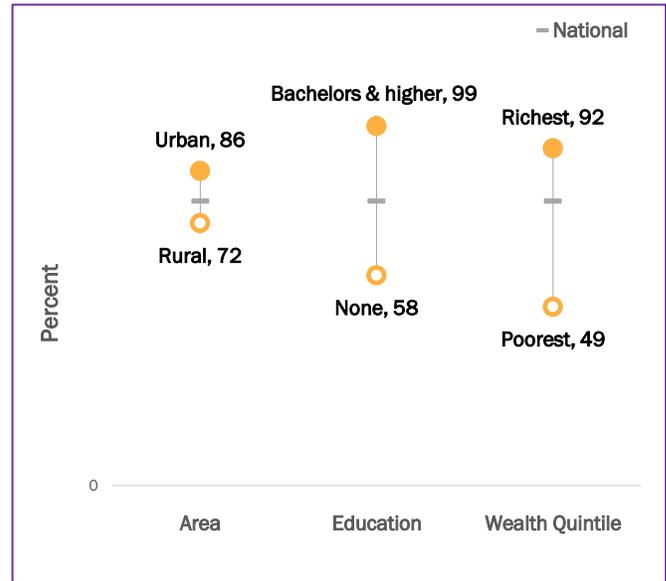
Disparities in Use of Information & Communication Technology

Disparities in Mobile Phone Use



Percentage of persons age 15-49 years who during the last 3 months used a mobile phone

Disparities in Internet Use



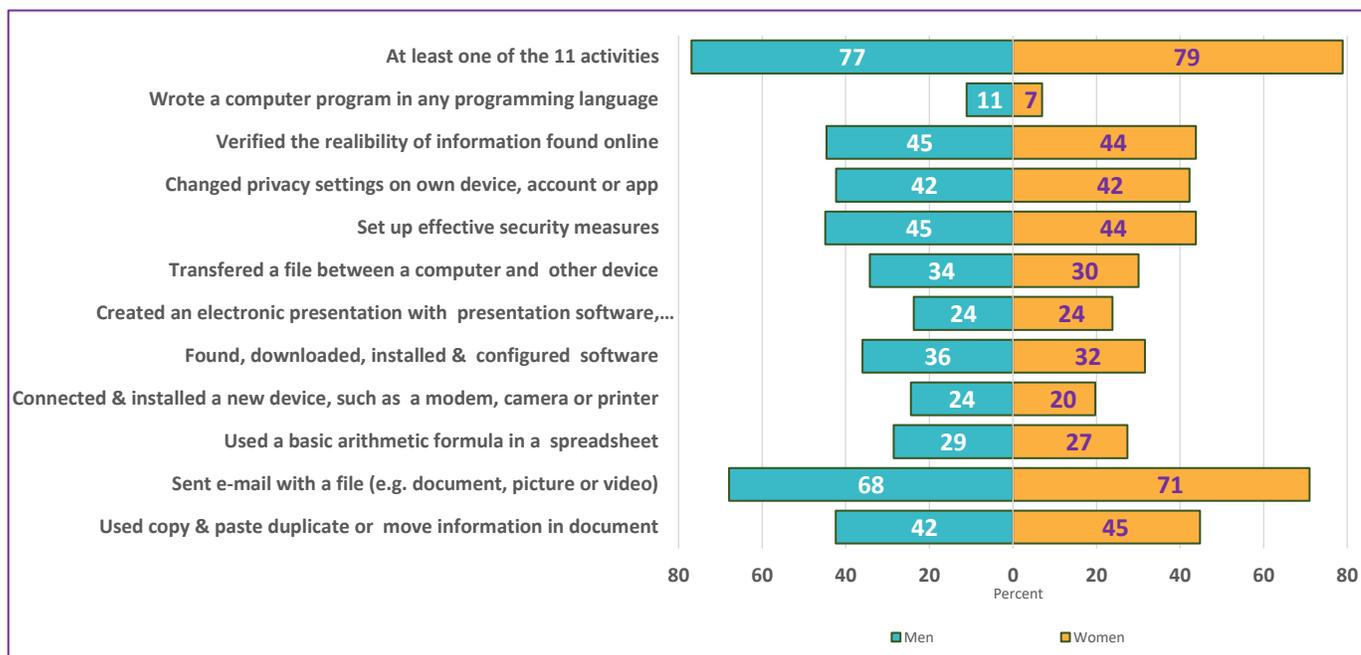
Percentage of persons age 15-49 years who used the internet during the last 3 months

Key Messages

- Nationally, most households own either a radio (98.5%) or a mobile phone (93.4%) while 70.1% owns a Television and 51.3% owns a Computer.
- Toledo has the lowest ownership of computers at 38.6% and Television at 39.8%.
- Internet access is also lowest in Toledo, with only 58.3% of households having internet at home.
- There is a significant disparity in computer ownership, mobile phone access, and internet availability between rural and urban communities.
- The gap is even wider when comparing wealth groups, with the wealthiest households almost fully owning a computer (90.6%), mobile phone (100%), and having internet access (100%). In contrast, the poorest households show much lower ownership rates—particularly for computers (12.2%), Internet (38%) and mobile phone (74%).
- Nationally, only 43.7% of people have used a computer in the past 3 months, with Toledo District having the lowest usage at 28.2%.

Information & Communication Technology (ICT) Skills

Specific Computer Skills



Percentage of men and women age 15-49 years who in the last 3 months have carried out specific computer related activities and the percentage who have carried out at least one of these activities

Regional Data on ICT Use & Skills among persons 15 – 49 years

Region	Computer Use	Mobile Phone Use	Internet Use	Performed at Least 1 computer-related activity
National	43.7	90.8	78.0	78.0
Corozal	38.5	89.6	82.9	80.5
Orange Walk	42.7	87.5	78.4	77.9
Belize North	48.2	94.2	80.9	81.7
Belize South	54.6	95.7	91.3	93.1
Cayo	45.1	93.7	74.7	75.9
Stann Creek	36.6	86.2	66.7	56.7
Toledo	28.2	79.0	66.0	72.5

Percentage of persons age 15-49 years who during the last 3 months used a computer, used a mobile phone and used the internet and percentage who performed at least 1 computer-related activity

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The objective of this snapshot is to disseminate selected findings from the Belize MICS, 2024 related to Mass Media, Communications & Internet. Data from this snapshot can be found in tables LN.6.1, LN.6.2 and LN.6.3 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.