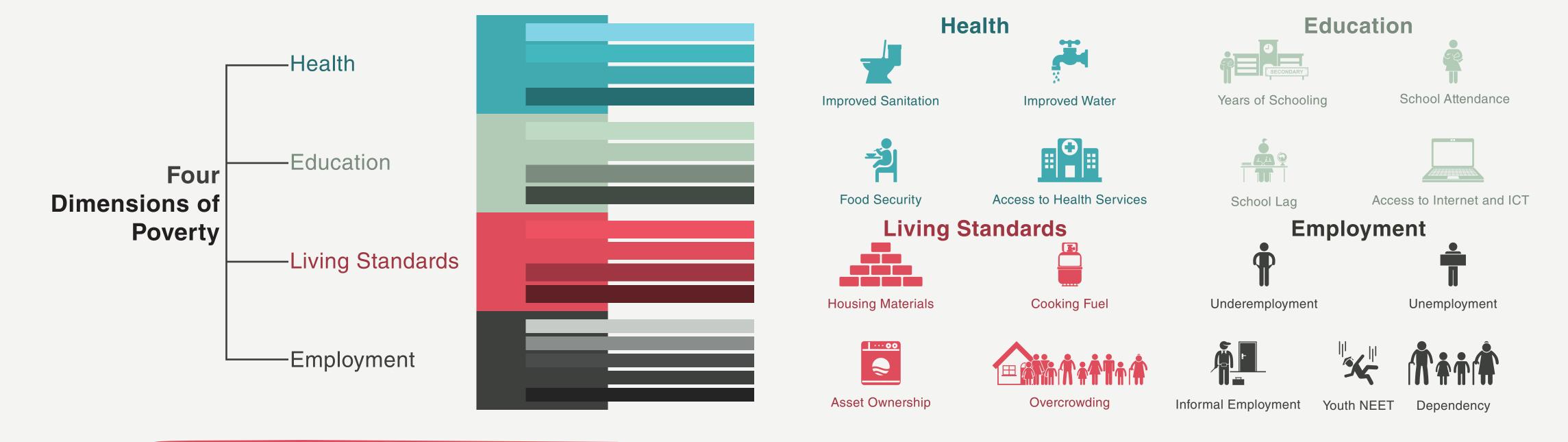
MULTIDIMENSIONAL POVERTY INDEX

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The multidimensional poverty index directly measures different kinds of deprivation that people experience simultaneously across various facets of their life. The multidimensional poverty index considers seventeen different variables across four dimensions.



Each household is assessed for each of the 17 indicators and gets a score (deprivation score) depending on the indicators for which it is deprived. The household's total deprivation score is increased by the weight assigned to that indicator. After the household has been assessed for all 17 indicators, the deprivation score for that household will be a number between zero and one. All households with deprivation scores of 0.25 or higher are considered to be multidimensional poor households.

Official Multidimensional Poverty Estimates, September 2021

The official Multidimensional Poverty Index in September 2021 was 0.139, with 35.7 percent of the population being multidimensionally poor and an intensity rate of 39 percent. It was estimated that 133,516 persons spread across 31,399 households, were multidimensionally poor.

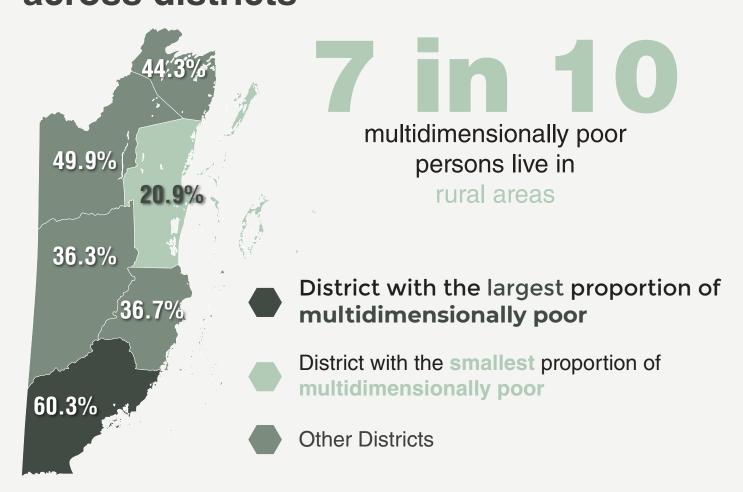




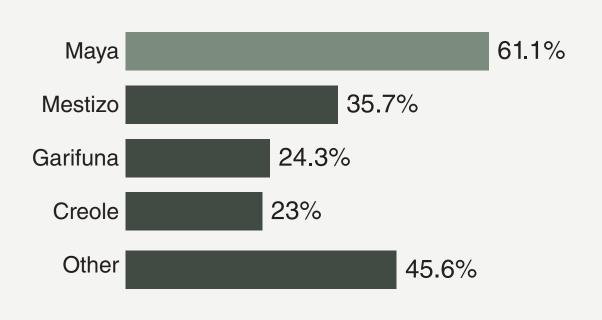
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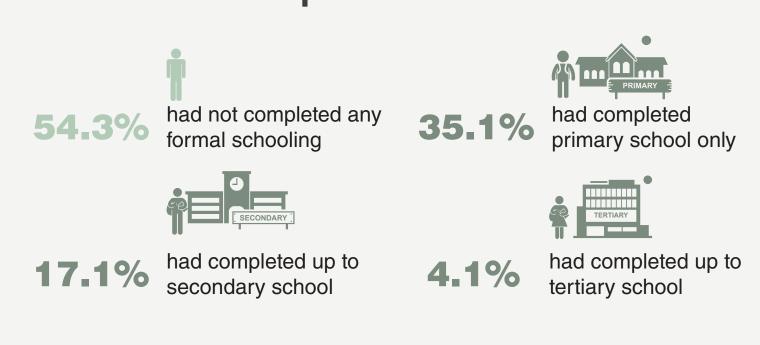
Multidimensional poverty distribution across districts



Multidimensionally poor by ethnicity



Multidimensionally poor by level of education completed of household head



Multidimensional poverty by household size

3 members or less 20.1%



4 to 6 members 34.9%



7 members or more 66.2%



