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The percentage of Egypt's population who are between the ages of 15 and 29

34%

The percentage of married women ages 18 to 24 who wed before age 18

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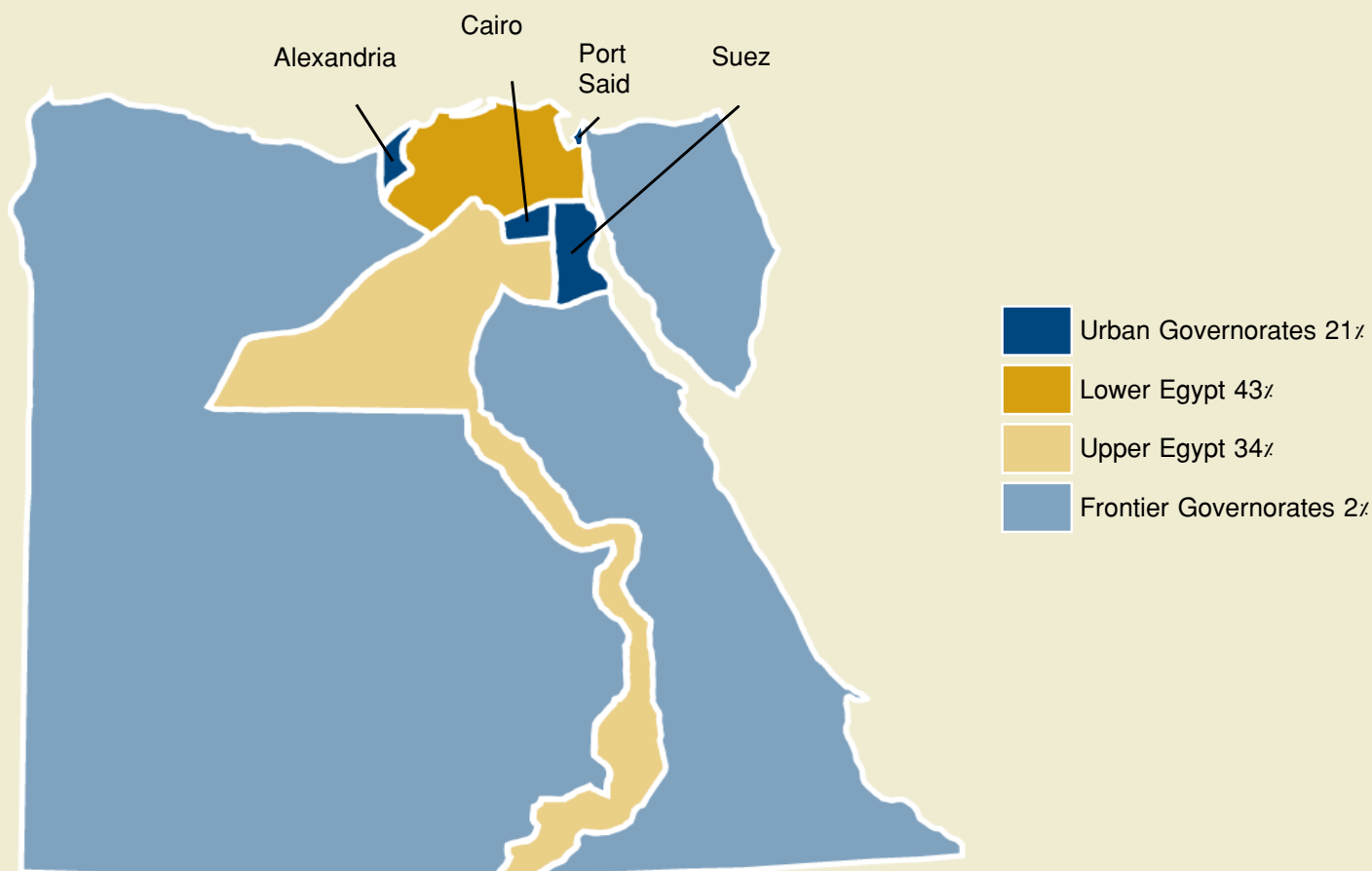
Egypt Youth Data Sheet

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Distribution of Young People Ages 15–29 by Region



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Measures of Youth Status and Well-being by Selected Characteristics

		TOTAL	AGE GROUP		
		YOUTH AGES 15-29 (a)	15-17	18-24	25-29
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY FORMATION					
% of youth who ever married	M	14	–	6	43
	F	42	2	38	82
% of marriages that are consanguineous		34	61	34	33
% of married women ages 18-29 who wed before age 18		29	–	34	24
% ever-married under age 30 making final decision to marry by himself/herself	M	88	–	81	90
	F	57	43	54	59
% of marriages where husband is 11+ years older than his wife		14	21	18	12
% of marriages where wife is older than her husband		4	0	3	4
% of marriages where husband and wife are of the same age		4	0	5	4
% of women ages 20-29 starting childbearing before age 20 (d)		56	–	–	–
Average number of children ever born to married women ages 25-29		–	–	–	2.3
Ideal number of children reported by women ages 15-29		2.7	2.5	2.6	2.9
% of husbands under age 30 having discussed with wife how many children to have		80	–	70	83
% of married women under age 30 using contraception (e)		71	26	59	81
KNOWLEDGE AND ATTITUDES ABOUT HIV/AIDS					
% of youth having heard of AIDS	M	92	87	93	94
	F	79	74	81	79
% having ever discussed HIV/AIDS with family	M	9	7	9	11
	F	13	11	13	14
% knowing at least one possible mode of HIV transmission (f)	M	90	84	92	93
	F	73	68	75	73
% knowing all four possible modes of HIV transmission (f)	M	2	1	2	4
	F	3	2	3	3
% willing to interact with a person who is HIV-positive	M	20	14	20	25
	F	16	13	18	15
ATTITUDES TOWARD GENDER ROLE AND PRACTICES					
% OF YOUTH AGREEING THAT:					
Education is more important for boys than girls	M	35	34	36	34
	F	13	14	13	13
A girl must obey her brother even if he is younger	M	71	73	72	67
	F	49	47	47	52
A woman should obtain her husband's permission for everything	M	86	87	86	84
	F	74	71	73	79
A husband is justified to beat his wife under certain circumstances (g)	M	89	91	89	88
	F	75	74	74	75
Female circumcision is important and necessary	M	65	51	67	73
	F	56	50	54	63
% OF FEMALES WHO ARE CIRCUMCISED		85	79	85	90
SCHOOL, WORK, AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION					
% of youth ages 15 to 29 who never attended school	M	4	1	4	5
	F	13	6	13	20
% ages 15-24 enrolled in schools	M	43	80	27	–
	F	37	74	21	–
% in the labor force (h)	M	61	23	63	93
	F	13	4	14	20
% in the labor force who are unemployed (i)	M	13	16	15	8
	F	32	16	35	30
Average number of weeks an unemployed youth spent searching for job	M	109	101	104	123
	F	149	114	133	183
% aspiring to migrate abroad	M	29	33	29	26
	F	7	10	7	5
% having ever participated in volunteer activities	M	4	3	4	5
	F	1	1	2	1

		WEALTH QUINTILE (b)				
		LOWEST	SECOND	MIDDLE	FOURTH	HIGHEST
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY FORMATION						
% of youth who ever married	M	14	17	14	15	10
	F	43	49	43	43	34
% of marriages that are consanguineous		42	37	35	28	21
% of married women ages 18-29 who wed before age 18		44	36	28	20	9
% ever-married under age 30 making final decision to marry by himself/herself	M	84	85	89	90	95
	F	43	53	56	62	75
% of marriages where husband is 11+ years older than his wife		16	15	12	14	13
% of marriages where wife is older than her husband		5	5	2	2	4
% of marriages where husband and wife are of the same age		4	5	4	4	6
% of women ages 20-29 starting childbearing before age 20 (d)		61	65	59	53	45
Average number of children ever born to married women ages 25-29		2.7	2.5	2.4	2.2	1.9
Ideal number of children reported by women ages 15-29		2.9	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.4
% of husbands under age 30 having discussed with wife how many children to have		77	80	81	82	81
% of married women under age 30 using contraception (e)		67	71	73	70	74
KNOWLEDGE AND ATTITUDES ABOUT HIV/AIDS						
% of youth having heard of AIDS	M	89	88	93	94	97
	F	56	73	79	91	95
% having ever discussed HIV/AIDS with family	M	8	7	9	11	11
	F	3	9	11	18	25
% knowing at least one possible mode of HIV transmission (f)	M	86	86	91	93	96
	F	49	65	73	85	92
% knowing all four possible modes of HIV transmission (f)	M	1	1	2	3	4
	F	1	2	2	3	6
% willing to interact with a person who is HIV-positive	M	16	17	19	23	25
	F	9	15	14	18	26
ATTITUDES TOWARD GENDER ROLE AND PRACTICES						
% OF YOUTH AGREEING THAT:						
Education is more important for boys than girls	M	39	38	36	33	28
	F	20	16	13	10	7
A girl must obey her brother even if he is younger	M	73	74	74	70	60
	F	62	54	49	42	36
A woman should obtain her husband's permission for everything	M	88	87	88	87	77
	F	82	77	77	71	64
A husband is justified to beat his wife under certain circumstances (g)	M	87	90	91	89	87
	F	79	79	77	70	65
Female circumcision is important and necessary	M	66	71	71	63	50
	F	69	67	61	49	31
% OF FEMALES WHO ARE CIRCUMCISED		93	94	92	84	58
SCHOOL, WORK, AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION						
% of youth ages 15 to 29 who never attended school	M	9	5	2	1	1
	F	35	19	9	3	1
% ages 15-24 enrolled in schools	M	32	34	40	44	68
	F	24	26	35	43	62
% in the labor force (h)	M	63	67	64	62	47
	F	10	12	12	15	20
% in the labor force who are unemployed (i)	M	10	11	13	15	15
	F	22	35	34	41	25
Average number of weeks an unemployed youth spent searching for job	M	114	108	122	107	85
	F	170	145	151	162	120
% aspiring to migrate abroad	M	30	26	31	31	28
	F	4	5	5	9	11
% having ever participated in volunteer activities	M	6	3	4	4	4
	F	0	1	1	2	4

		REGION							
		URBAN	LOWER Egypt			UPPER Egypt		FRONTIER	
		Gov.	TOTAL	URBAN	RURAL	TOTAL	URBAN	RURAL	Gov.
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY FORMATION									
% of youth who ever married	M	11	15	15	15	13	12	14	19
	F	35	47	41	50	41	35	43	45
% of marriages that are consanguineous		25	25	18	27	50	40	53	44
% of married women ages 18-29 who wed before age 18		18	25	17	28	39	25	42	26
% ever-married under age 30 making final decision to marry by himself/herself	M	86	91	92	91	85	75	87	88
	F	67	57	63	55	50	52	49	64
% of marriages where husband is 11+ years older than his wife		13	14	13	14	13	22	15	9
% of marriages where wife is older than her husband		4	4	3	4	4	6	3	5
% of marriages where husband and wife are of the same age		5	4	3	4	5	6	4	4
% of women ages 20-29 starting childbearing before age 20 (d)		46	63	51	67	56	48	58	62
Average number of children ever born to married women ages 25-29		2.1	2.2	2.0	2.3	2.7	2.3	2.8	2.5
Ideal number of children reported by women ages 15-29		2.4	2.6	2.5	2.6	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.0
% of husbands under age 30 having discussed with wife how many children to have		73	84	90	82	79	78	79	79
% of married women under age 30 using contraception (e)		75	76	73	77	61	60	61	64
KNOWLEDGE AND ATTITUDES ABOUT HIV/AIDS									
% of youth having heard of AIDS	M	95	90	95	89	93	94	93	90
	F	90	82	90	79	68	82	64	68
% having ever discussed HIV/AIDS with family	M	11	6	8	6	12	17	10	7
	F	23	13	19	11	7	14	5	9
% knowing at least one possible mode of HIV transmission (f)	M	94	89	94	88	89	91	89	90
	F	84	77	87	73	61	77	56	65
% knowing all four possible modes of HIV transmission (f)	M	3	4	5	3	1	2	1	1
	F	3	3	5	3	2	3	2	2
% willing to interact with a person who is HIV-positive	M	11	25	32	23	19	26	17	4
	F	20	17	20	16	14	22	12	7
ATTITUDES TOWARD GENDER ROLE AND PRACTICES									
% OF YOUTH AGREEING THAT:									
Education is more important for boys than girls	M	39	26	18	29	44	42	44	25
	F	8	11	8	12	20	16	21	22
A girl must obey her brother even if he is younger	M	63	75	69	77	70	68	70	68
	F	41	45	35	49	58	51	60	55
A woman should obtain her husband's permission for everything	M	79	86	84	87	89	92	88	82
	F	63	76	71	78	79	75	80	74
A husband is justified to beat his wife under certain circumstances (g)	M	87	94	92	94	84	82	85	92
	F	66	77	76	77	76	72	78	62
Female circumcision is important and necessary	M	47	72	63	75	69	63	71	44
	F	33	58	46	63	67	59	70	44
% OF FEMALES WHO ARE CIRCUMCISED		65	89	80	93	93	89	94	60
SCHOOL, WORK, AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION									
% of youth ages 15 to 29 who never attended school	M	3	3	2	3	5	3	5	9
	F	6	9	3	11	24	11	28	20
% ages 15-24 enrolled in schools	M	47	41	50	38	42	33	44	40
	F	46	38	45	35	32	47	27	32
% in the labor force (h)	M	61	66	60	67	56	59	56	61
	F	19	16	17	16	7	11	6	8
% in the labor force who are unemployed (i)	M	14	12	15	12	12	14	12	8
	F	26	36	34	37	26	33	23	35
Average number of weeks an unemployed youth spent searching for job	M	98	112	130	104	111	139	100	105
	F	122	158	148	161	152	157	148	87
% aspiring to migrate abroad	M	24	31	32	31	32	32	31	18
	F	9	6	8	5	7	11	6	3
% having ever participated in volunteer activities	M	2	4	5	3	7	8	6	2
	F	2	1	2	1	2	5	1	0

		EDUCATION				
		Years of schooling (c)				
		0	1-5	6-11	12-15	16+
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY FORMATION						
% of youth who ever married	M	30	22	13	10	9
	F	64	56	39	30	32
% of marriages that are consanguineous		43	33	34	23	7
% of married women ages 18-29 who wed before age 18		37	28	14	3	0
% ever-married under age 30 making final decision to marry by himself/herself	M	83	91	89	87	64
	F	44	55	58	70	77
% of marriages where husband is 11+ years older than his wife		17	13	15	9	7
% of marriages where wife is older than her husband		3	7	3	3	3
% of marriages where husband and wife are of the same age		2	4	5	6	8
% of women ages 20-29 starting childbearing before age 20 (d)		70	67	64	30	27
Average number of children ever born to married women ages 25-29		2.8	2.6	2.3	1.7	1.7
Ideal number of children reported by women ages 15-29		3.1	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.4
% of husbands under age 30 having discussed with wife how many children to have		71	80	82	75	87
% of married women under age 30 using contraception (e)		68	74	72	67	76
KNOWLEDGE AND ATTITUDES ABOUT HIV/AIDS						
% of youth having heard of AIDS	M	71	85	93	98	97
	F	40	60	85	97	100
% having ever discussed HIV/AIDS with family	M	6	6	8	13	25
	F	4	7	13	24	37
% knowing at least one possible mode of HIV transmission (f)	M	68	83	90	98	97
	F	30	50	79	96	100
% knowing all four possible modes of HIV transmission (f)	M	1	<0.5	1	6	19
	F	<0.5	1	2	7	15
% willing to interact with a person who is HIV-positive	M	7	9	19	32	44
	F	5	7	17	27	49
ATTITUDES TOWARD GENDER ROLE AND PRACTICES						
% OF YOUTH AGREEING THAT:						
Education is more important for boys than girls	M	39	43	36	28	22
	F	24	18	12	8	2
A girl must obey her brother even if he is younger	M	75	74	72	63	46
	F	65	55	48	36	27
A woman should obtain her husband's permission for everything	M	79	84	87	82	71
	F	83	77	74	68	61
A husband is justified to beat his wife under certain circumstances (g)	M	90	91	89	87	72
	F	80	79	74	68	58
Female circumcision is important and necessary	M	50	62	66	64	64
	F	74	67	56	34	22
% OF FEMALES WHO ARE CIRCUMCISED		93	93	86	73	53
SCHOOL, WORK, AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION						
% of youth ages 15 to 29 who never attended school	M	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-
% ages 15-24 enrolled in schools	M	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-
% in the labor force (h)	M	89	88	57	54	94
	F	7	10	10	27	69
% in the labor force who are unemployed (i)	M	3	7	13	21	11
	F	10	24	32	38	15
Average number of weeks an unemployed youth spent searching for job	M	10	140	115	93	74
	F	164	124	169	126	102
% aspiring to migrate abroad	M	21	24	31	31	33
	F	1	1	7	12	37
% having ever participated in volunteer activities	M	2	2	4	6	5
	F	<0.5	<0.5	1	4	6

		PLACE OF RESIDENCE			EMPLOYMENT	
		URBAN	URBAN slums	RURAL	IN LABOUR FORCE (h)	NOT IN LABOUR FORCE
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY FORMATION						
% of youth who ever married	M	10	21	15	21	2
	F	33	48	47	38	43
% of marriages that are consanguineous		28	22	38	34	43
% of married women ages 18-29 who wed before age 18		18	22	34	15	30
% ever-married under age 30 making final decision to marry by himself/herself	M	86	86	89	89	72
	F	66	57	53	58	56
% of marriages where husband is 11+ years older than his wife		15	14	14	5	19
% of marriages where wife is older than her husband		4	3	3	7	2
% of marriages where husband and wife are of the same age		5	4	4	7	3
% of women ages 20-29 starting childbearing before age 20 (d)		45	57	63	38	61
Average number of children ever born to married women ages 25-29		2.0	2.5	2.3	2.1	2.4
Ideal number of children reported by women ages 15-29		2.5	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.7
% of husbands under age 30 having discussed with wife how many children to have		77	83	80	81	67
% of married women under age 30 using contraception (e)		72	71	70	70	71
KNOWLEDGE AND ATTITUDES ABOUT HIV/AIDS						
% of youth having heard of AIDS	M	95	94	90	93	91
	F	88	88	72	88	77
% having ever discussed HIV/AIDS with family	M	10	15	8	9.1	92
	F	21	17	8	20	12
% knowing at least one possible mode of HIV transmission (f)	M	93	93	88	91	89
	F	84	83	65	83	71
% knowing all four possible modes of HIV transmission (f)	M	3	3	2	2	2
	F	3	3	3	6	2
% willing to interact with a person who is HIV-positive	M	17	20	25	20	19
	F	20	14	20	24	15
ATTITUDES TOWARD GENDER ROLE AND PRACTICES						
% OF YOUTH AGREEING THAT:						
Education is more important for boys than girls	M	33	35	36	37	32
	F	10	10	16	9	14
A girl must obey her brother even if he is younger	M	65	68	74	72	69
	F	41	41	54	42	43
A woman should obtain her husband's permission for everything	M	81	86	88	86	85
	F	68	68	79	75	74
A husband is justified to beat his wife under certain circumstances (g)	M	87	91	90	89	88
	F	67	78	77	73	74
Female circumcision is important and necessary	M	51	65	73	70	57
	F	40	47	66	48	57
% OF FEMALES WHO ARE CIRCUMCISED		70	82	93	83	85
SCHOOL, WORK, AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION						
% of youth ages 15 to 29 who never attended school	M	3	2	4	5	2
	F	6	6	19	7	14
% ages 15-24 enrolled in schools	M	46	40	41	7	79
	F	48	39	31	4	41
% in the labor force (h)	M	58	68	62	-	-
	F	17	15	11	-	-
% in the labor force who are unemployed (i)	M	14	13	12	-	-
	F	25	44	34	-	-
Average number of weeks an unemployed youth spent searching for job	M	111	102	135	-	-
	F	123	158	161	-	-
% aspiring to migrate abroad	M	25	35	31	29	29
	F	9	10	5	12	6
% having ever participated in volunteer activities	M	4	5	5	4	4
	F	3	2	1	3	1

Notes

— Data are not applicable or the number of cases are not significant.

- a) Youth in this publication refers to young people ages 15 to 29, unless otherwise specified.
- b) Wealth quintiles (five population groups of equal size) were created using an index of household assets.
- c) 1–5 years: some primary school; 6–10 years: completed primary school, some preparatory or secondary education; 11–15 years: completed secondary school, some university education; 16+: completed four or more years of university education.
- d) They were pregnant or had already given birth at their 20th birthday.
- e) Nearly all the women using contraception use a modern method, with the most popular method being IUD, followed by the pill (oral contraceptives). In all, modern methods include the pill, injectables, implants, IUD, condom, diaphragm, spermicides, Lactational Amenorrhea Method, and male and female sterilization.
- f) The four possible modes of HIV transmission are through contaminated blood, from mother to child, and having a sexual relationship or sharing a needle with an infected person.
- g) Circumstances under which a husband is justified in beating his wife include any of the following: burning the food, neglecting the children, arguing with him, talking to other men, wasting his money, and refusing to have sex with him.
- h) Those who either had a job or were looking for one.
- i) Those who were actively searching for a job during the week prior to the interview. This standard definition of employment does not capture individuals who are willing to work, but are not searching because they are discouraged with the job market. If these individuals were included, the unemployment rate would rise to 16 percent among male youth and 43 percent among female youth.

Source

Data are based on findings from the 2009 Survey of Young People in Egypt (SYPE) conducted by the Population Council's Regional Office in Cairo, in collaboration with the Information and Decision Support Center (IDSC), the National Center for Examination and Education Evaluation (NCEEE), and the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS). The survey covered a nationally representative sample of more than 15,000 young people ages 10 to 29. Most data shown in this wall chart refer to youth ages 15 to 29. More information about the survey can be found at www.popcouncil.org/countries/egypt.asp.