
CAMEROON

Health at a glance

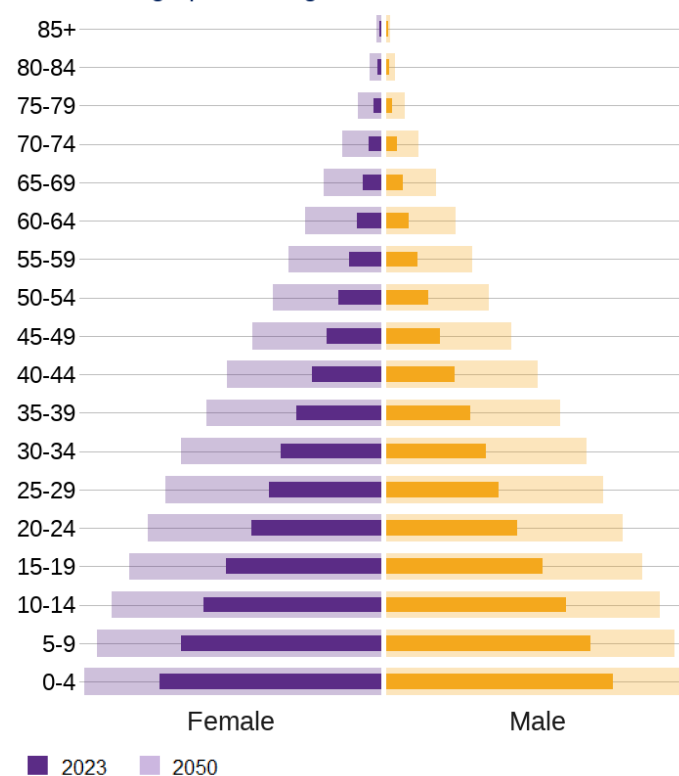
Overview

In Cameroon, the population as of 2023 is 28 372 687 with a projected increase of 80% to 51 096 317 by 2050.

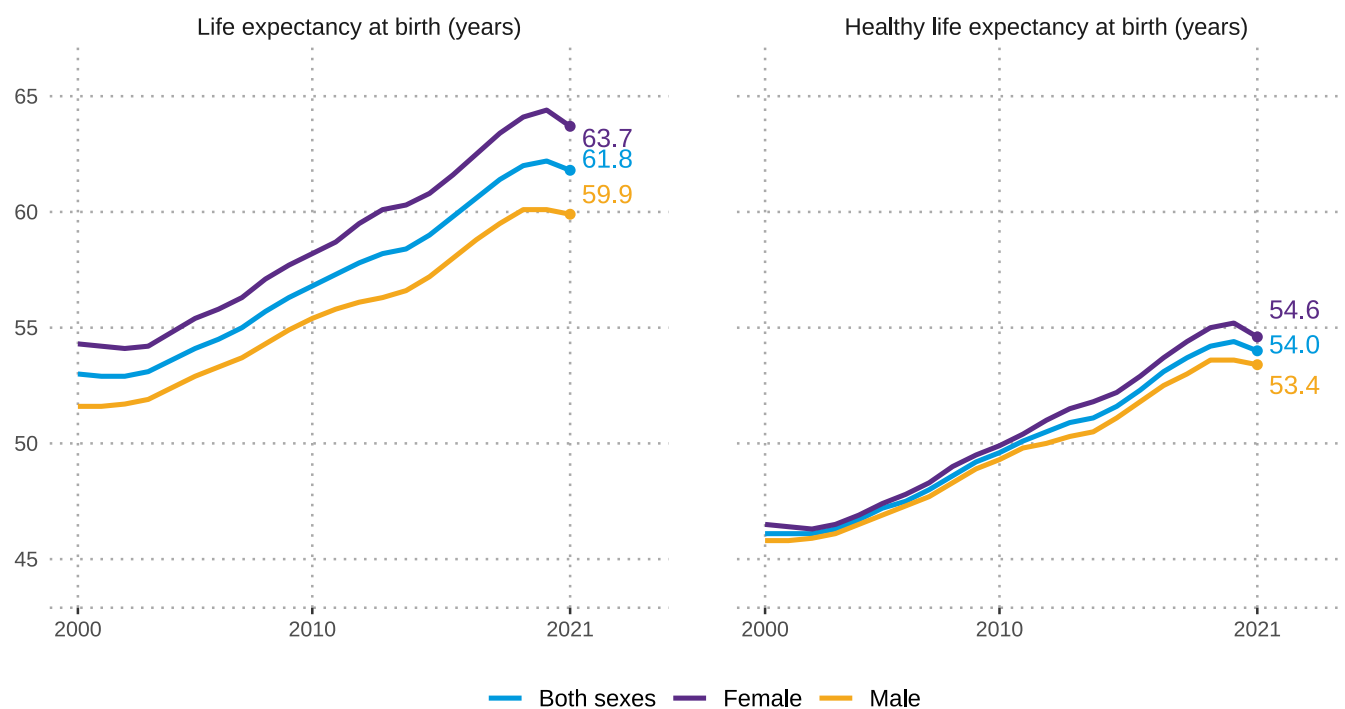
Life expectancy at birth (years) has improved by 9.1 years from 53 [52.1 - 53.8] years in 2000 to 62 [60.9 - 63] years in 2019. Since 2019, life expectancy has decreased to 61.8 [61 - 62.7] years.

Cameroon had 213 546 total deaths in 2021; 54% of deaths were from communicable, maternal, perinatal and nutritional conditions; 36% were from noncommunicable diseases; 8% were from injuries; and 2% were from other COVID-19 pandemic-related outcomes.

Demographic change, 2023-2050

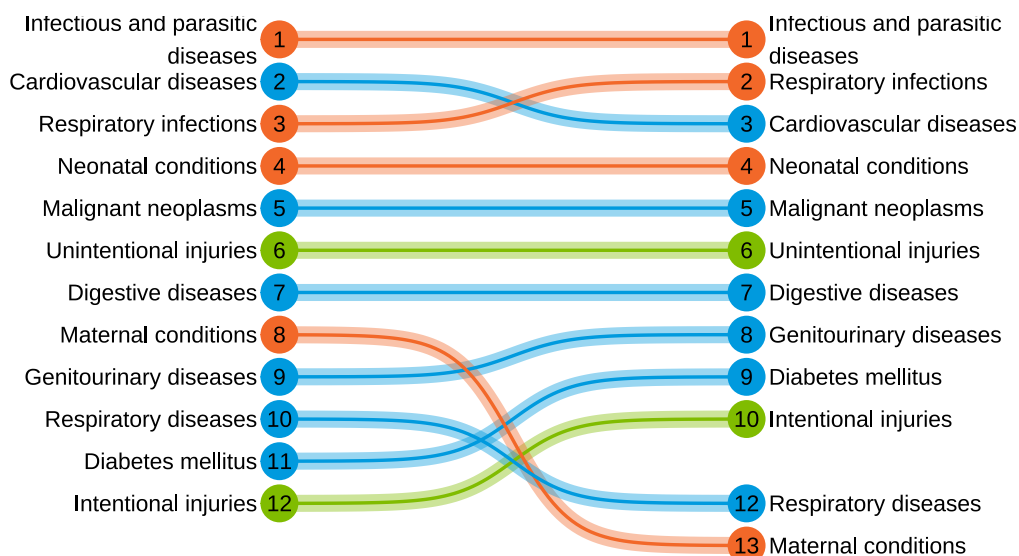


Life expectancy and healthy life expectancy by sex, 2000-2021

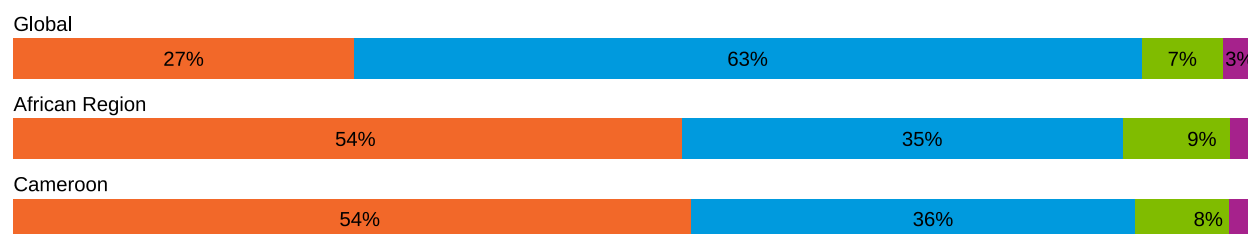


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 ■ Noncommunicable diseases
 ■ Injuries
 ■ Other COVID-19 pandemic-related outcomes

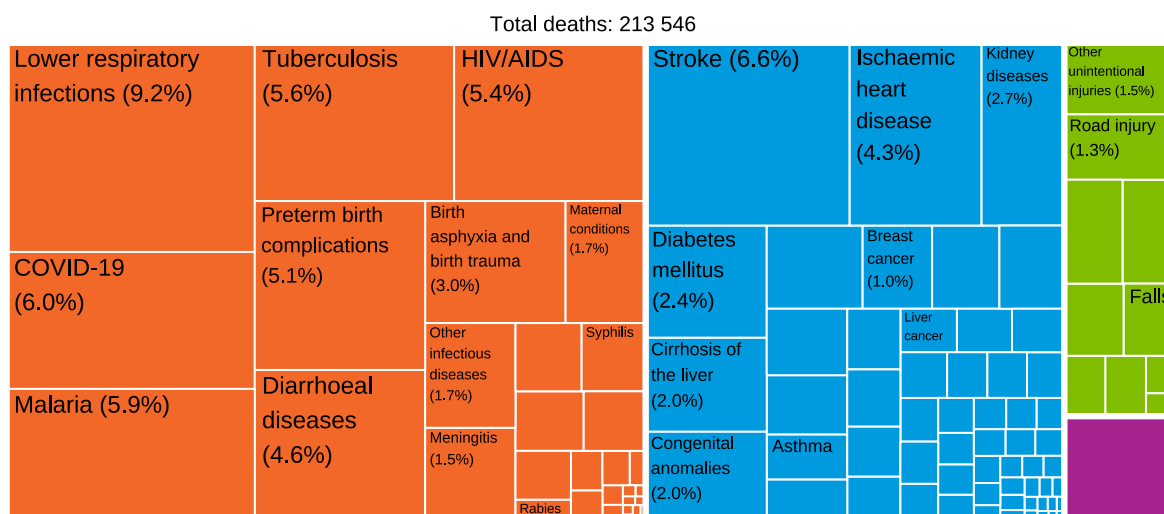
Top 10 level 2 causes of death, 2000-2021



Overall causes of death, 2021



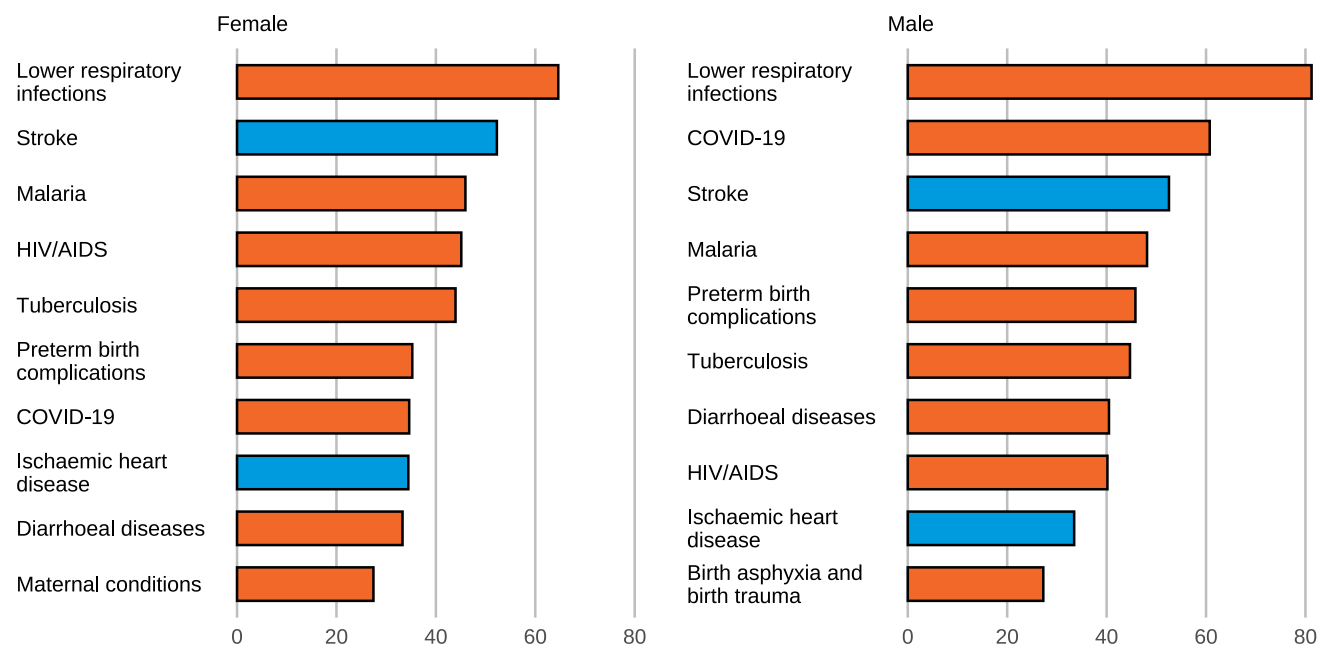
Detailed causes of death, 2021



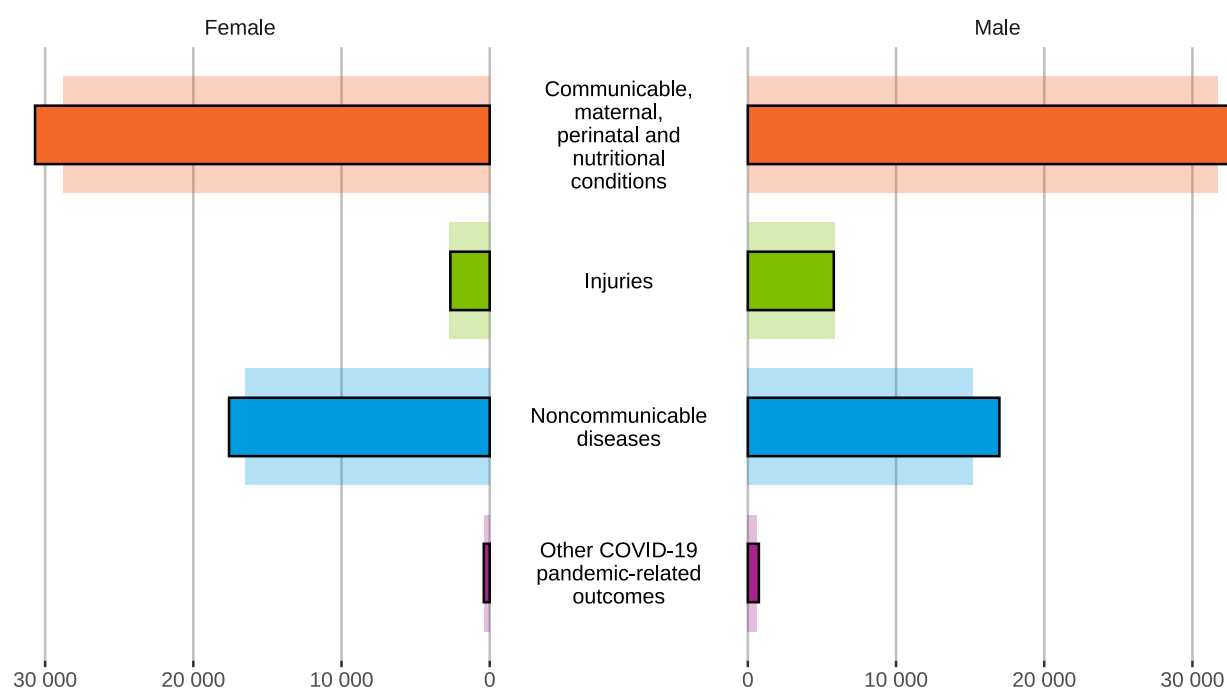
Note: Communicable diseases includes maternal, perinatal and nutritional conditions.

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Top 10 detailed causes of death by sex, 2021 (deaths per 100 000 population)

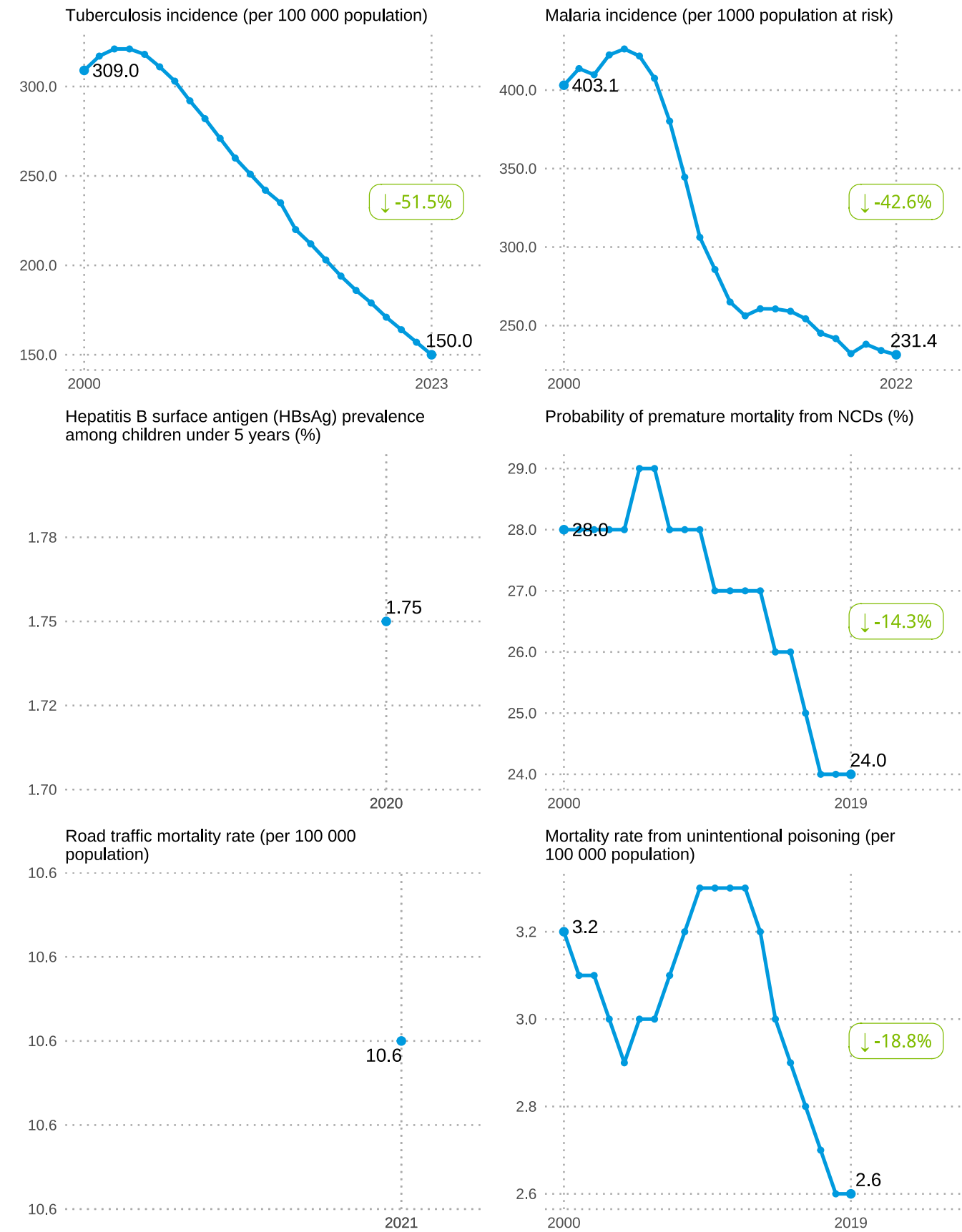


Disability adjusted life-years (DALYs) by sex, 2021 (DALYs per 100 000 population)

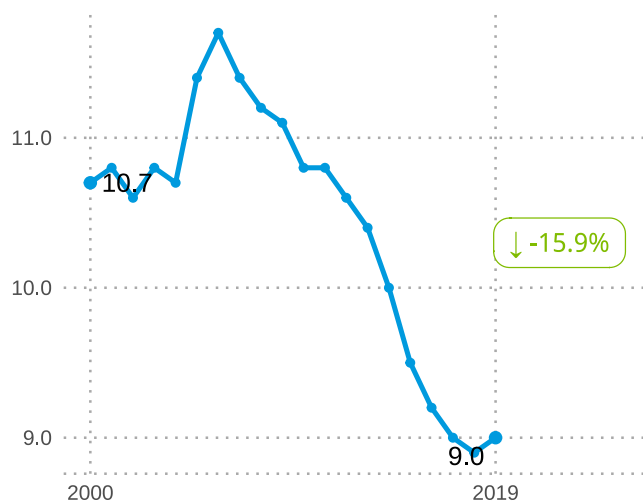


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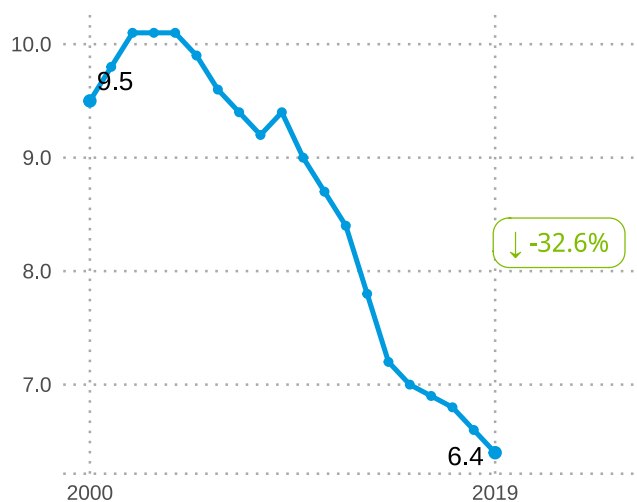
Health Statistics: Health Status



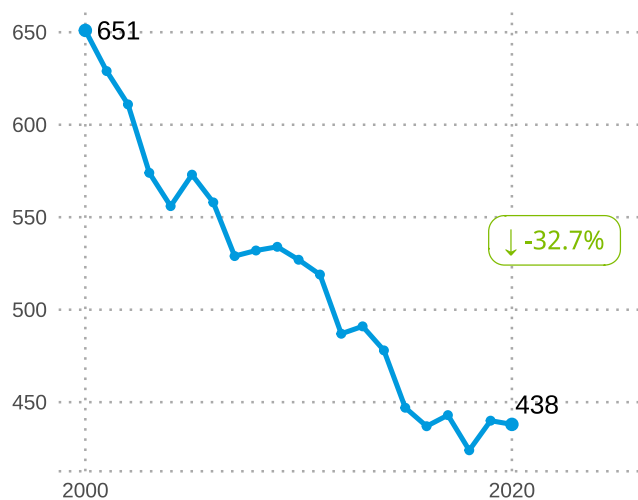
Suicide mortality rate (per 100 000 population)



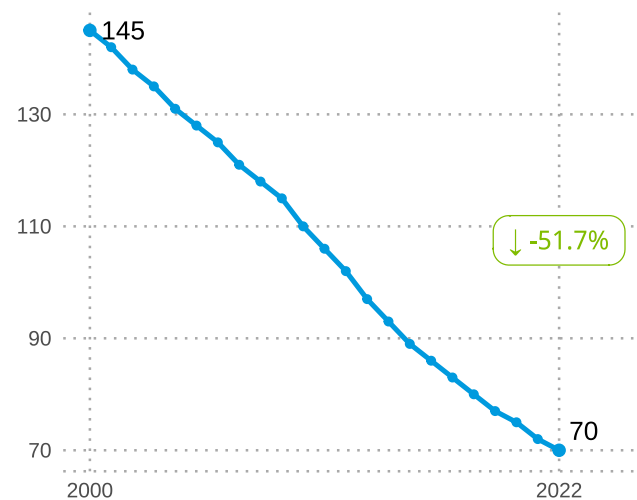
Mortality rate due to homicide (per 100 000 population)



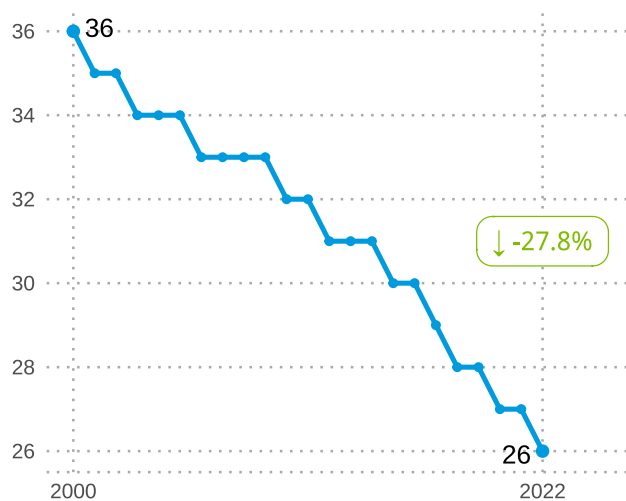
Maternal mortality ratio (per 100 000 live births)



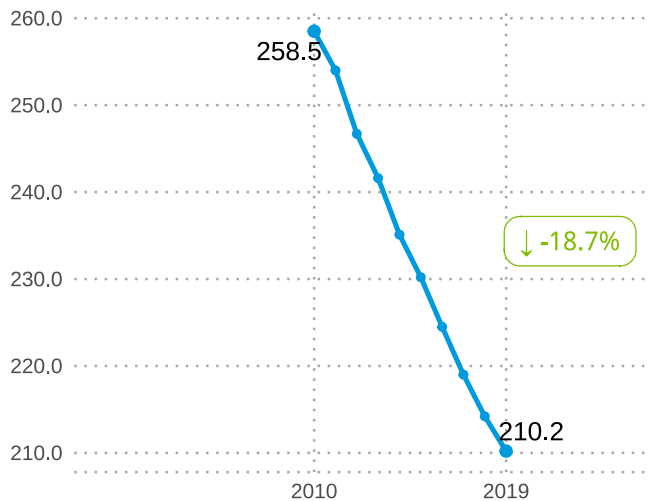
Under-five mortality rate (per 1000 live births)



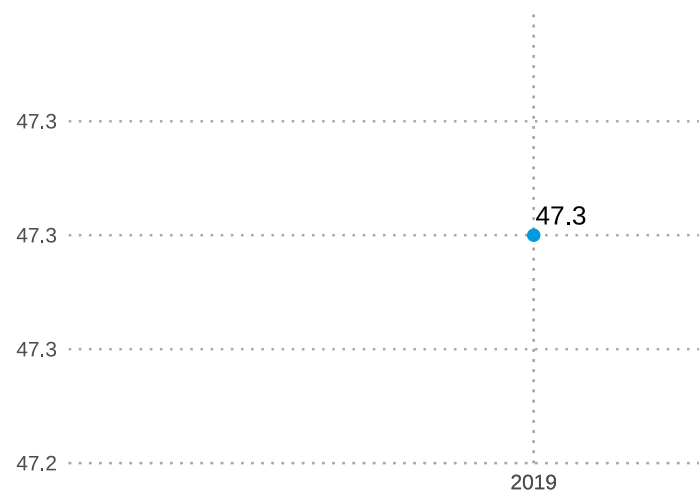
Neonatal mortality rate (per 1000 live births)



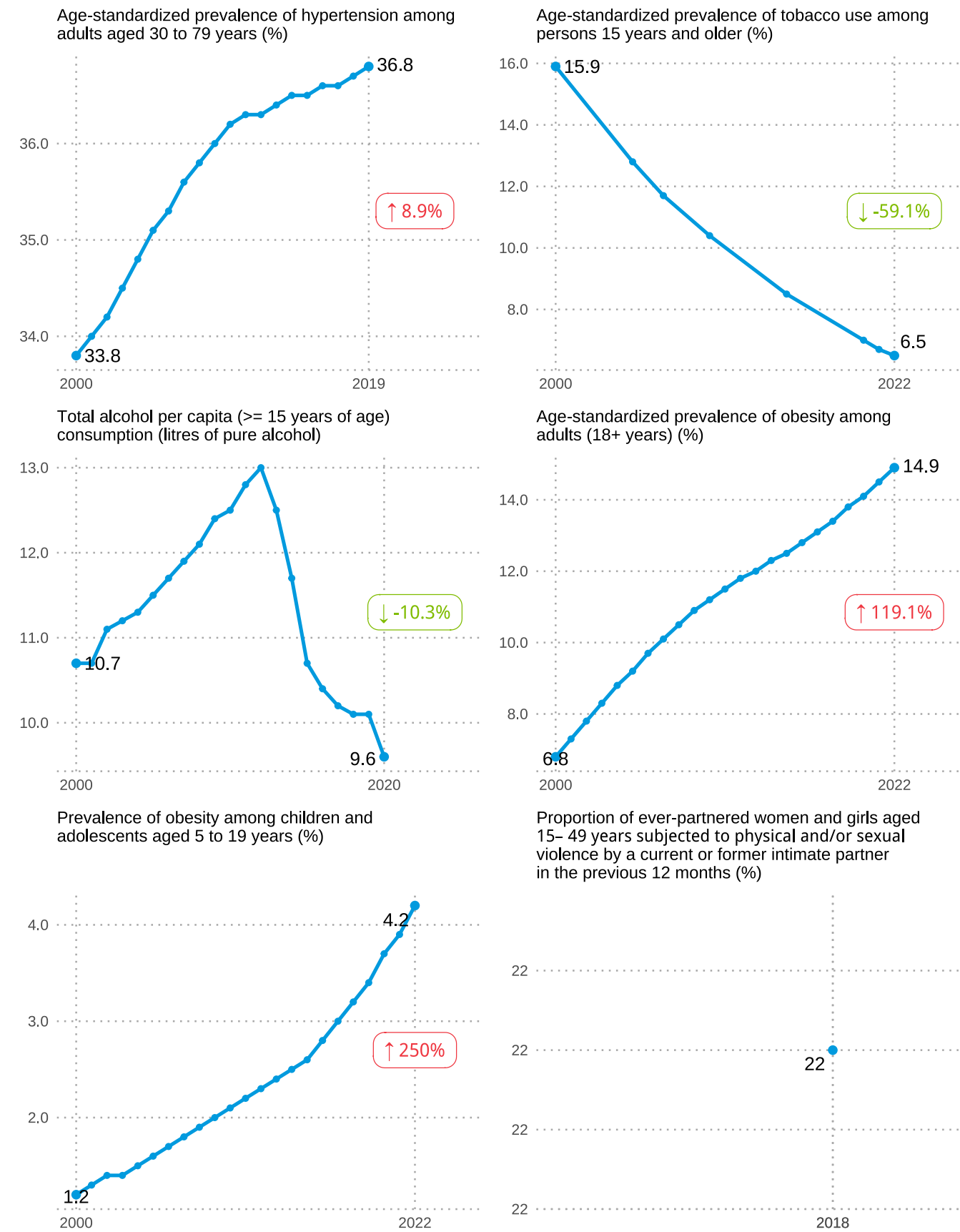
Age-standardized mortality rate attributed to household and ambient air pollution (per 100 000 population)



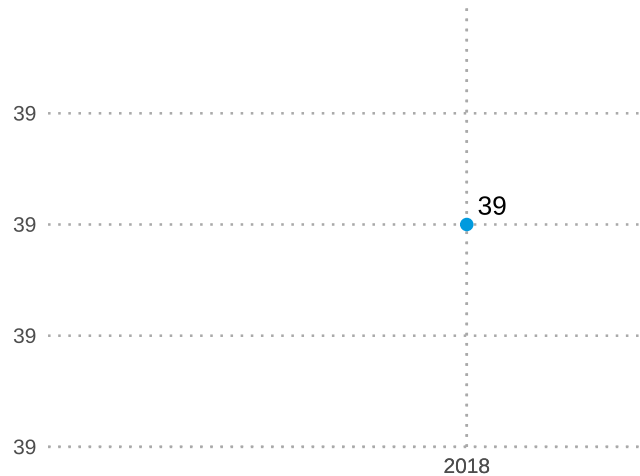
Mortality rate attributed to exposure to unsafe
WASH services (per 100 000 population)



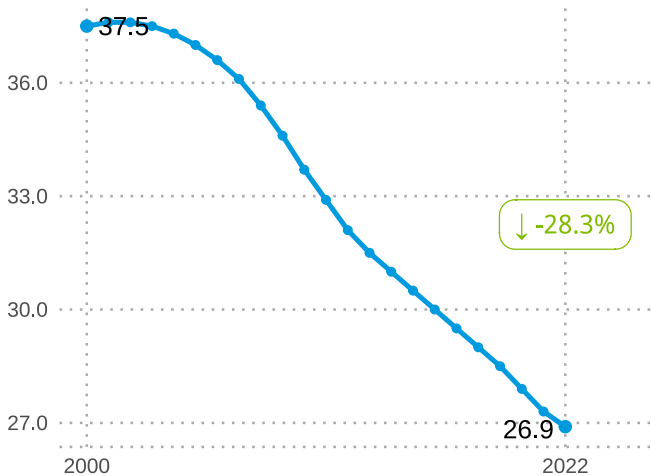
Health Statistics: Risk Factors



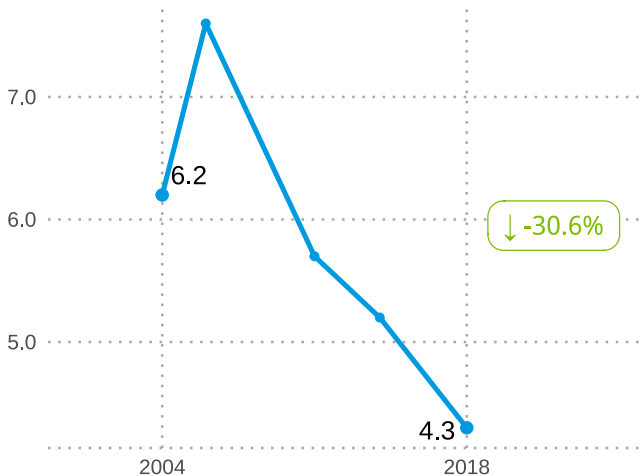
Proportion of ever- partnered women and girls aged 15– 49 years subjected to physical and/or sexual violence by a current or former intimate partner in their lifetime (%)



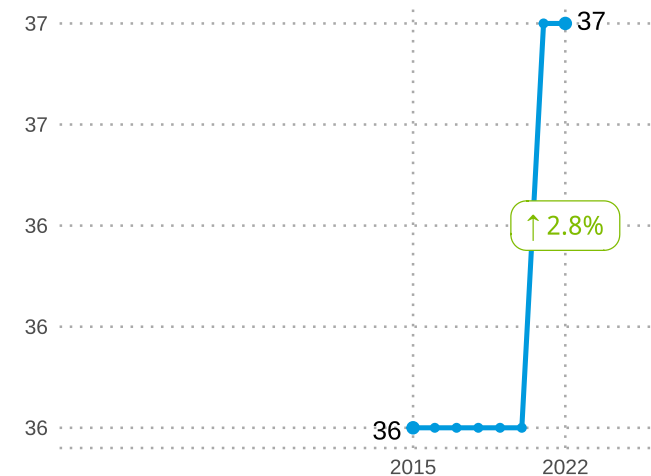
Prevalence of stunting in children under 5 (%)



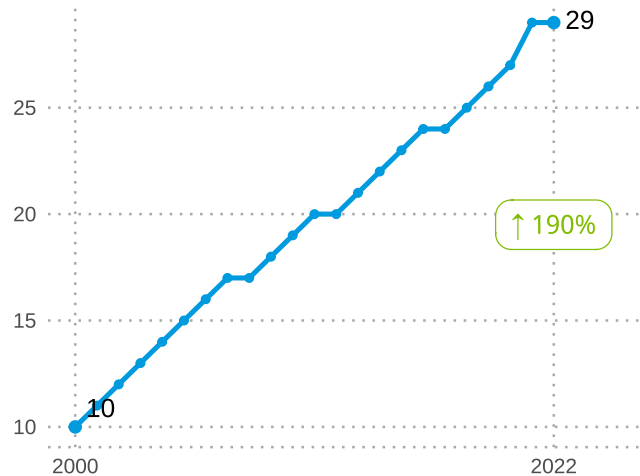
Prevalence of wasting in children under 5 (%)



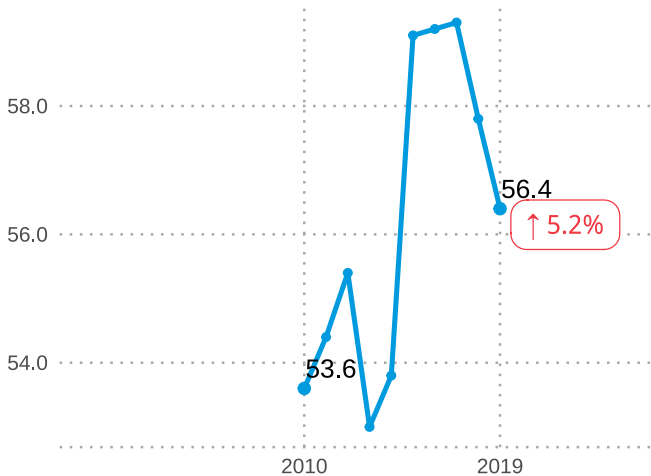
Proportion of population using a hand-washing facility with soap and water (%)



Proportion of population with primary reliance on clean fuels (%)

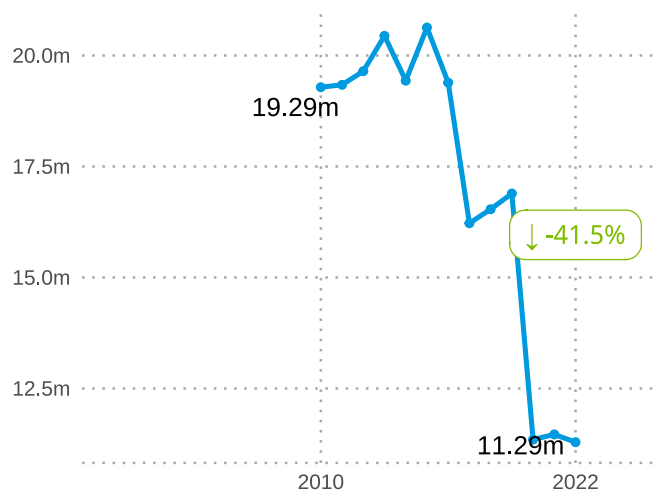


Annual mean concentrations of fine particulate matter (PM2.5) in urban areas (µg/m3)

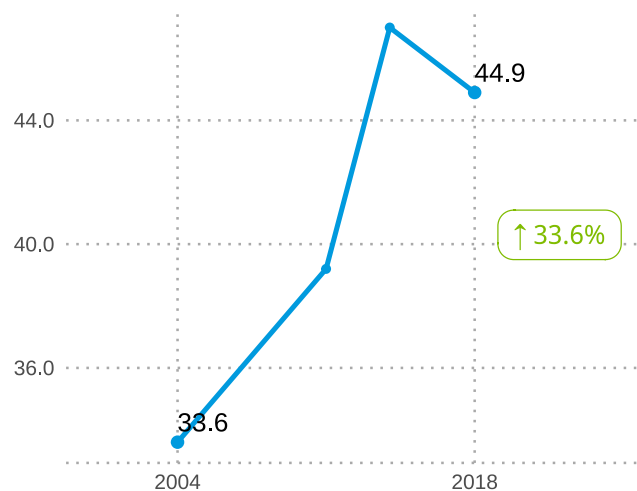


Health Statistics: Service Coverage

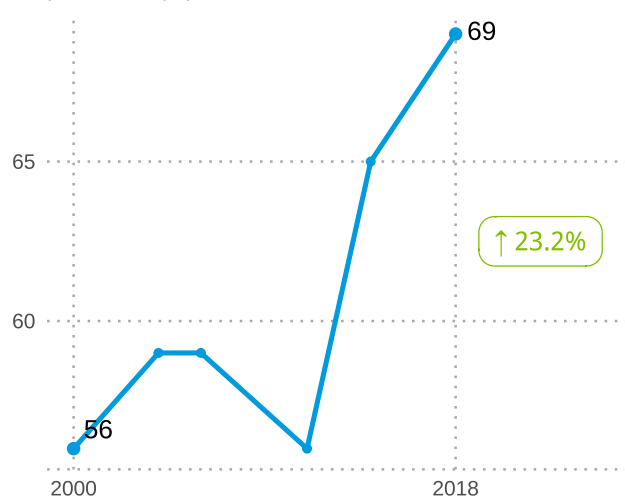
Reported number of people requiring interventions against Neglected Tropical Diseases



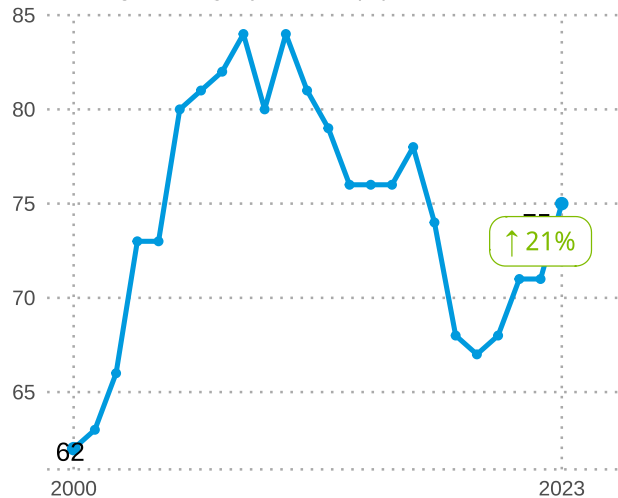
Proportion of women of reproductive age who have their need for family planning satisfied with modern methods (%)



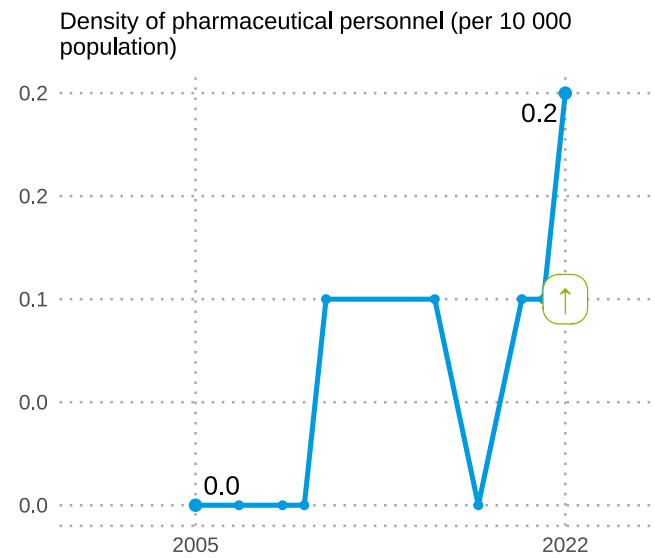
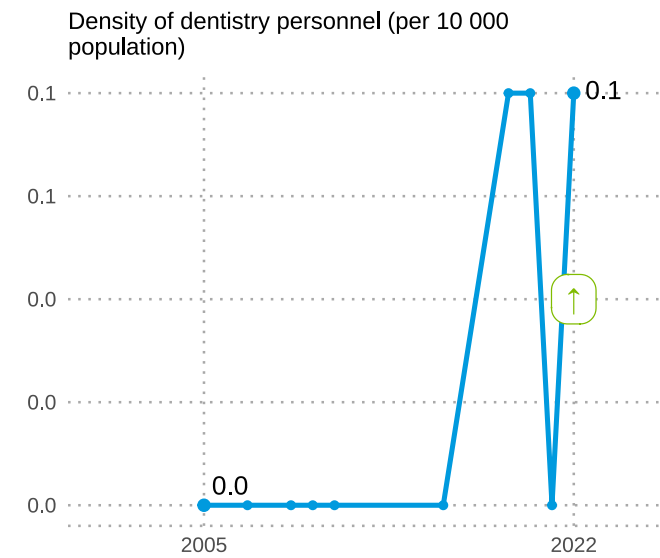
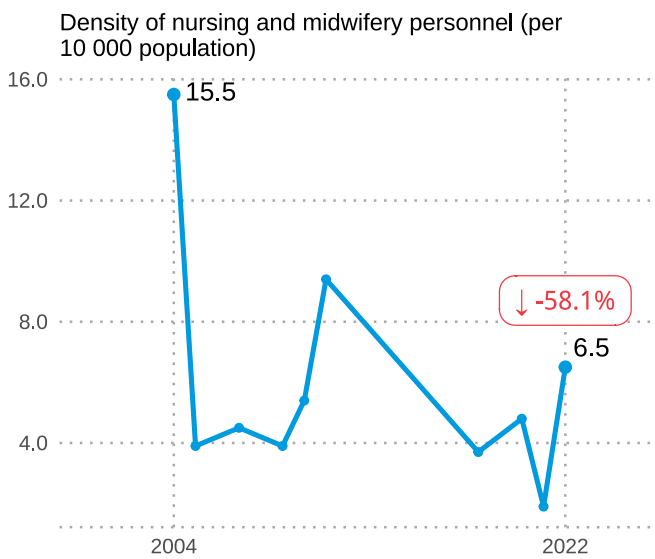
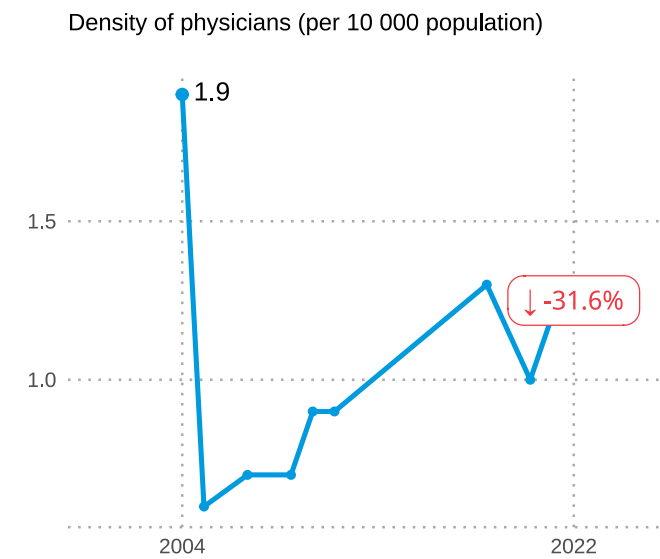
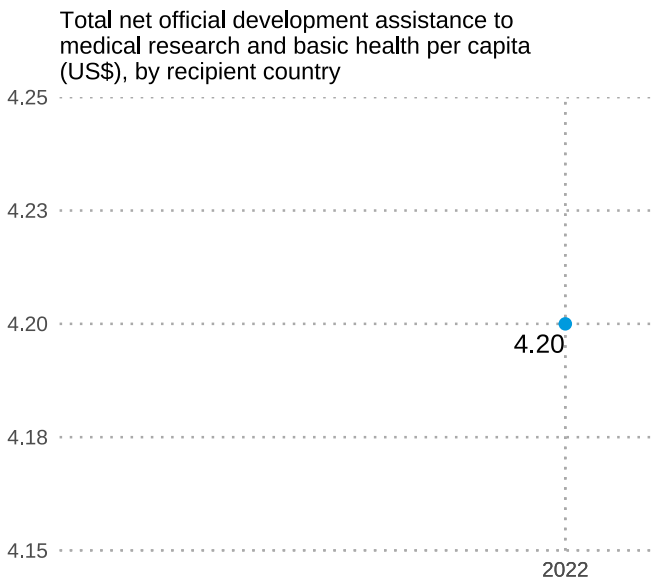
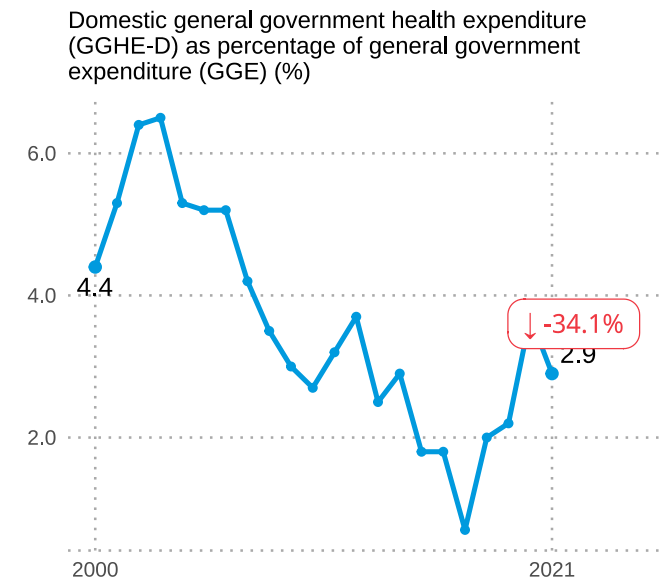
Proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel (%)



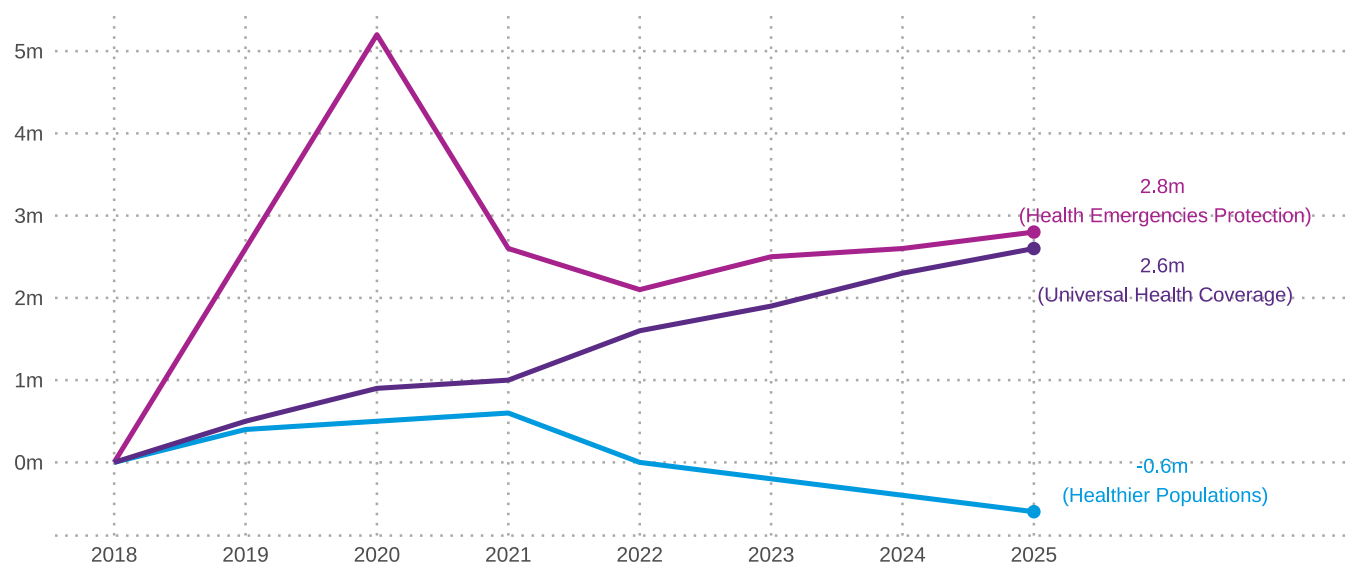
Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP3) immunization coverage among 1 year olds (%)



Health Statistics: Health Systems

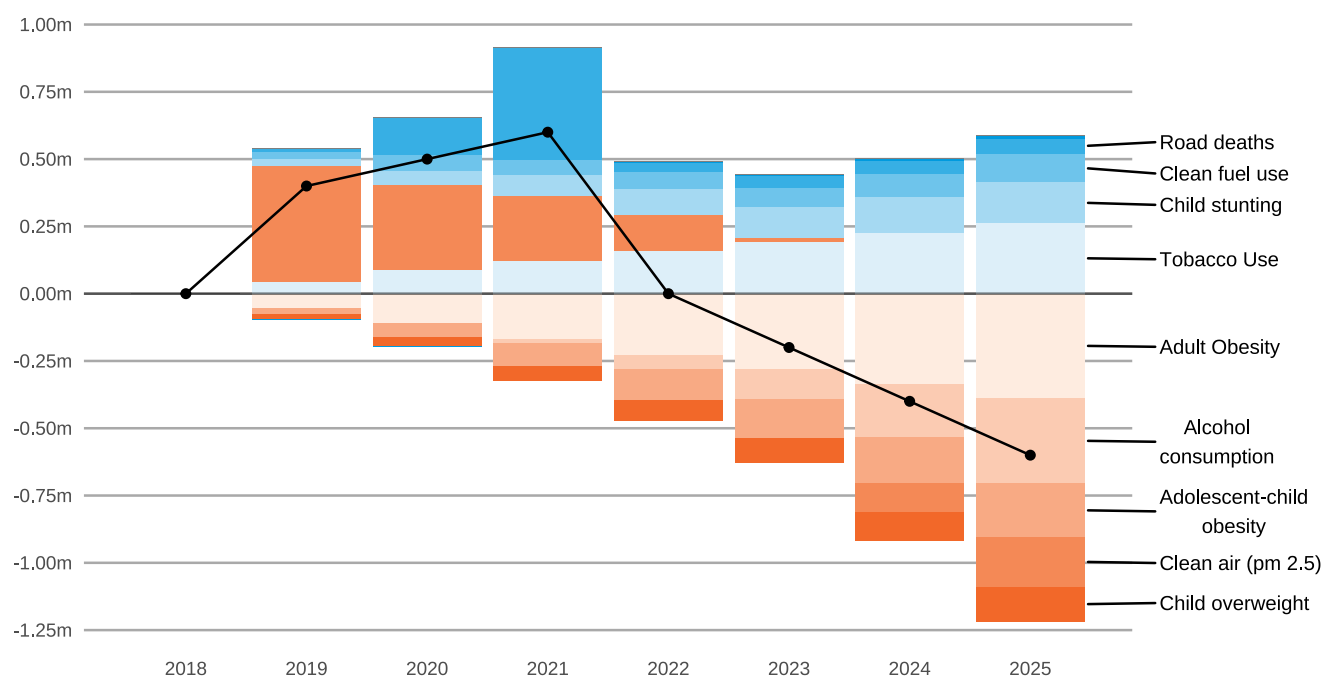


Triple Billions - Number of people affected (millions)



In Cameroon, by 2025 the number of additional people projected to be: enjoying better health and wellbeing is -0.6 million; covered by essential services and not experiencing financial hardship is 2.6 million; and protected from health emergencies is 2.8 million.

Healthier Populations - individual indicator contributions (millions)



Other indicators below 1% of the total absolute contribution in 2025: Child violence, Child development, Sanitation service, Partner violence, Trans-fat policy, Child wasting, Safe water, Suicide mortality.

Further Resources

[WHO Global country page](#)

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Data Sources

Population data	UNDESA population division, World Population Prospects 2022 Extracted: December 2024
Current Health Expenditure (CHE) as % of GDP	World Health Organization, Global Health Expenditure database Extracted: August 2024
Life expectancy and Healthy life expectancy (HALE)	World Health Organization, Global Health Estimates Extracted: December 2024
Causes of death	World Health Organization, Global Health Estimates Extracted: December 2024
Disease Burden	World Health Organization, Global Health Estimates, Burden of Disease Extracted: December 2024
Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Indicators	World Health Organization, The Global Health Observatory
Triple Billion	World Health Organization, Global Progress Dashboard, Triple Billion targets

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<https://data.who.int/countries/120>

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