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## Health at a glance

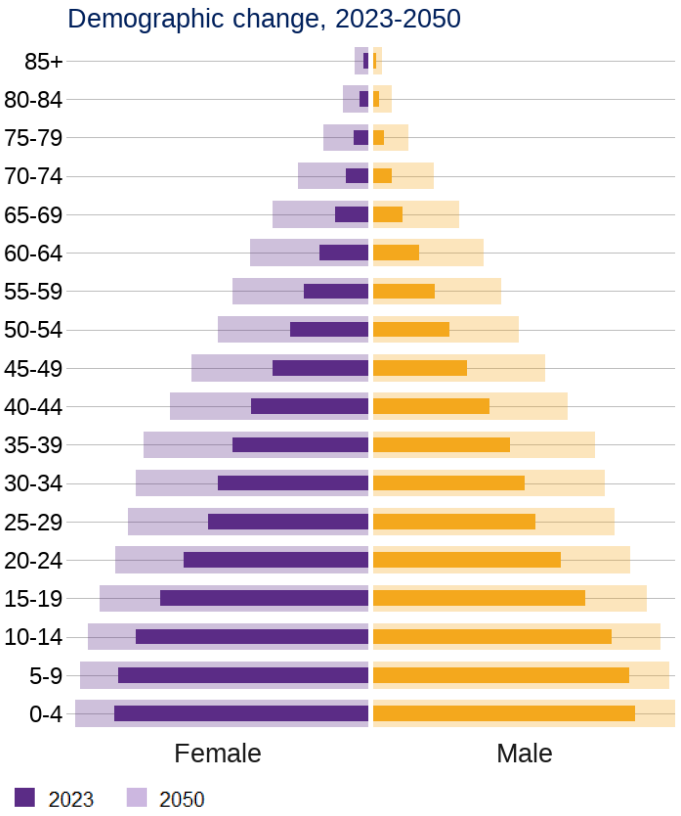
World Health Organization

## Overview

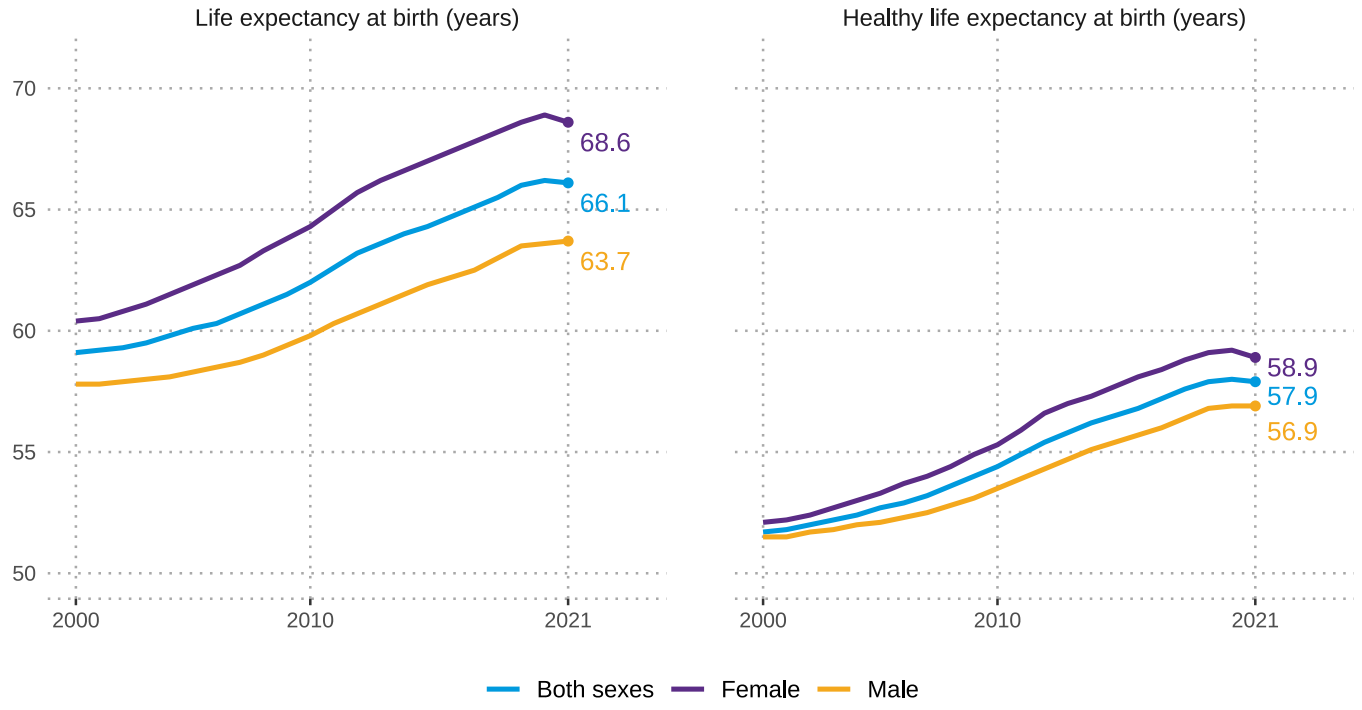
In Ghana, the population as of 2023 is 33 787 914 with a projected increase of 50% to 50 553 047 by 2050.

Life expectancy at birth (years) has improved by 6.9 years from 59.1 [58.4 - 59.8] years in 2000 to 66 [65.1 - 67] years in 2019. Since 2019, life expectancy has improved to 66.1 [65.3 - 66.9] years.

Ghana had 217 450 total deaths in 2021; 47% of deaths were from noncommunicable diseases; 43% were from communicable, maternal, perinatal and nutritional conditions; 9% were from injuries; and 2% were from other COVID-19 pandemic-related outcomes.

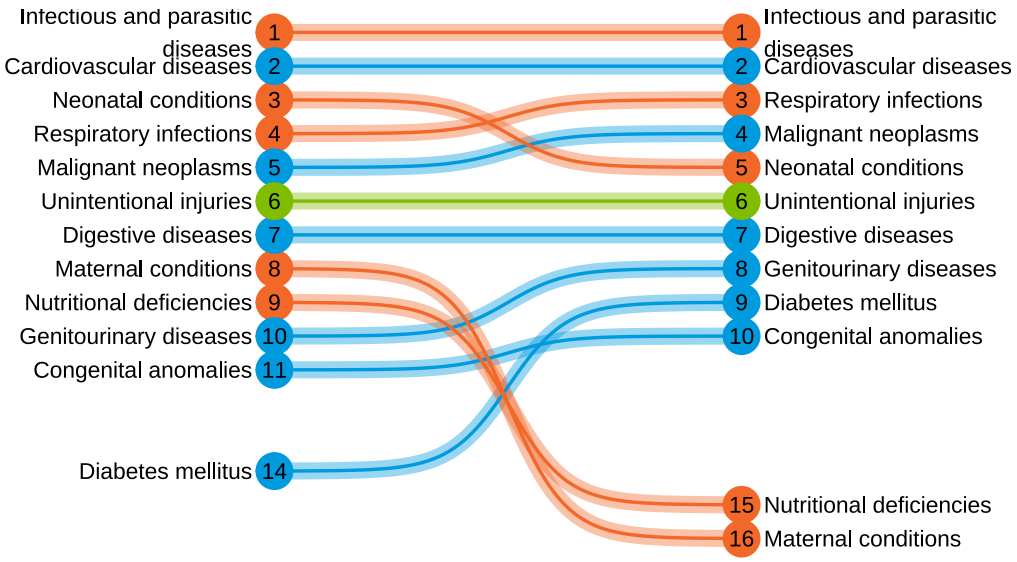



## Life expectancy and healthy life expectancy by sex, 2000-2021

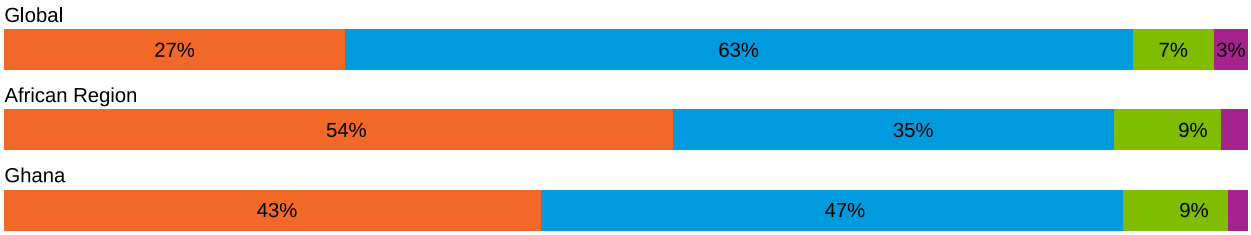


Communicable diseases Noncommunicable diseases Injuries Other COVID-19 pandemic-related outcomes

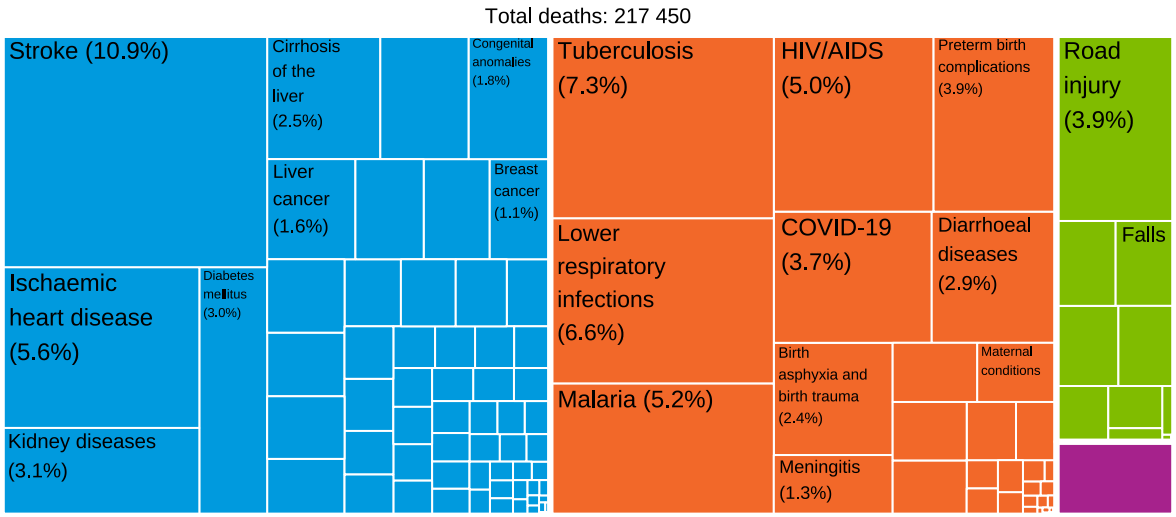
## Top 10 level 2 causes of death, 2000-2021




## Overall causes of death, 2021



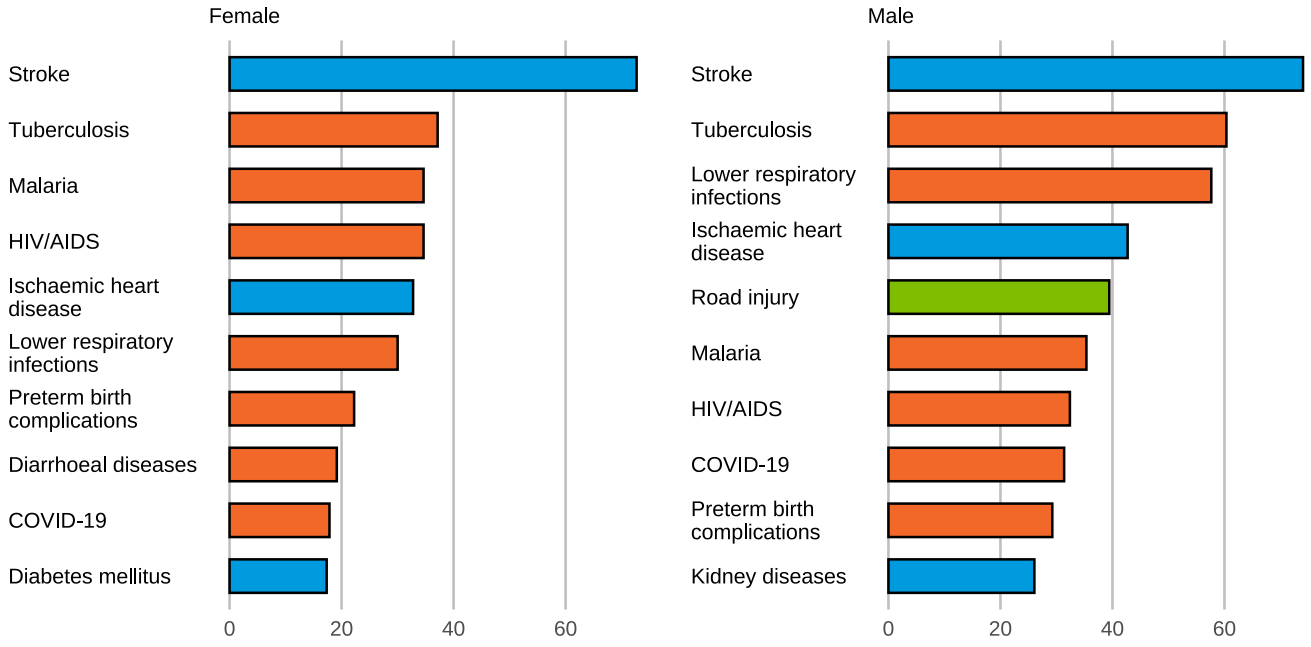

## Detailed causes of death, 2021



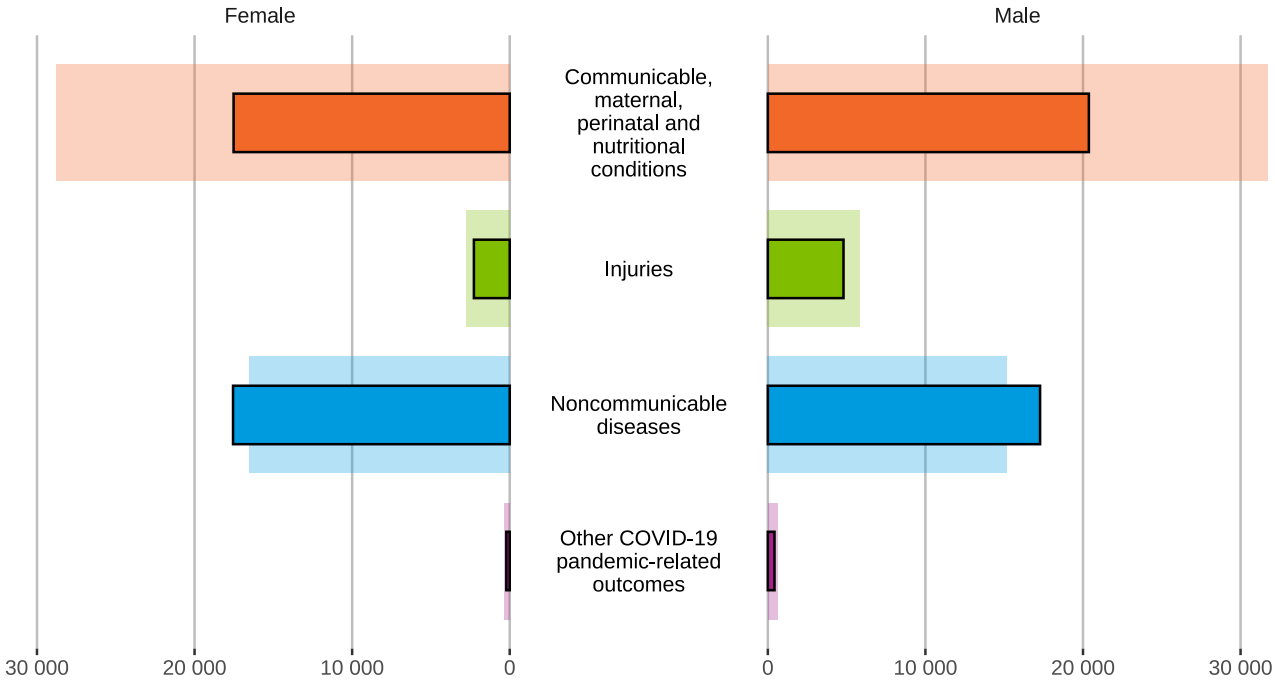

Note: Communicable diseases includes maternal, perinatal and nutritional conditions.




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



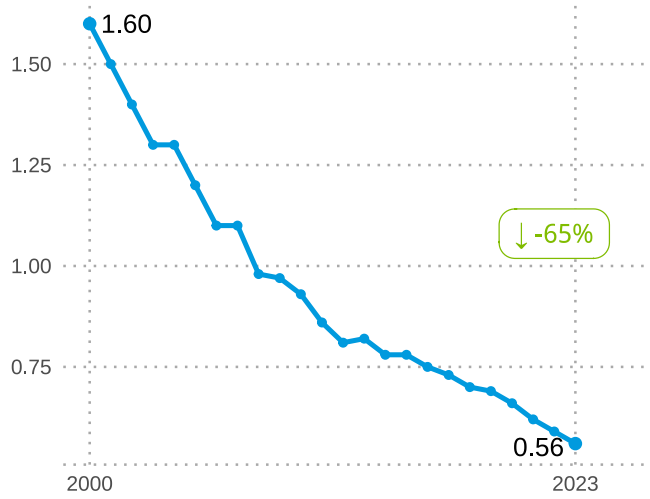

## Disability adjusted life-years (DALYs) by sex, 2021 (DALYs per 100 0000 population)



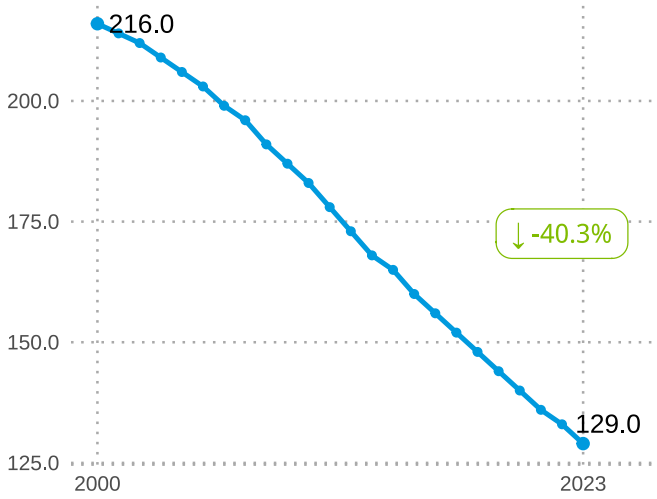

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## Health Statistics: Health Status

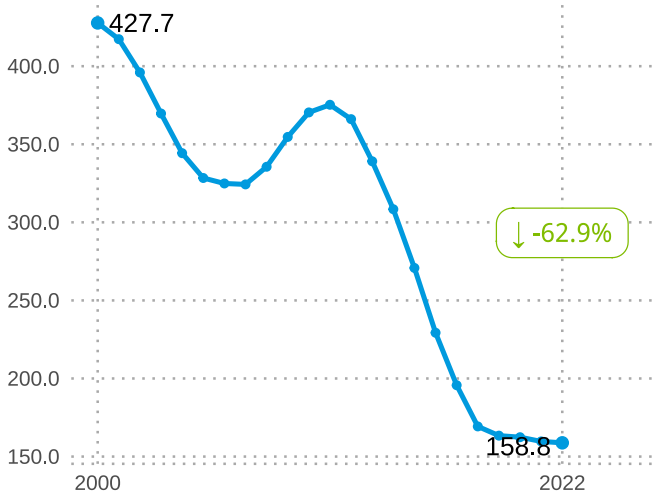
New HIV infections (per 1000 uninfected population)



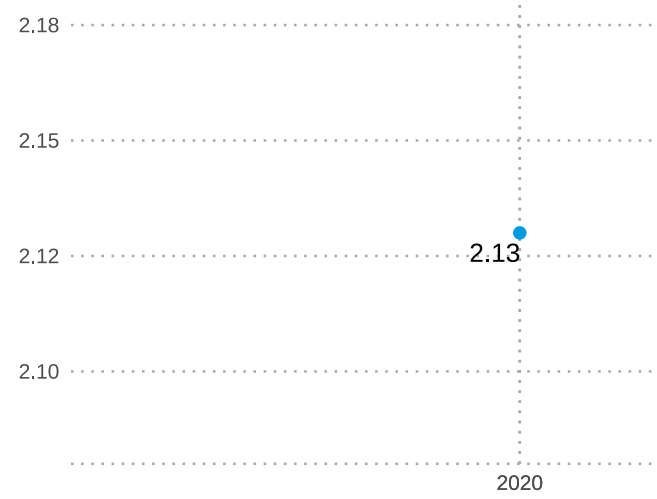

Tuberculosis incidence (per 100 000 population)



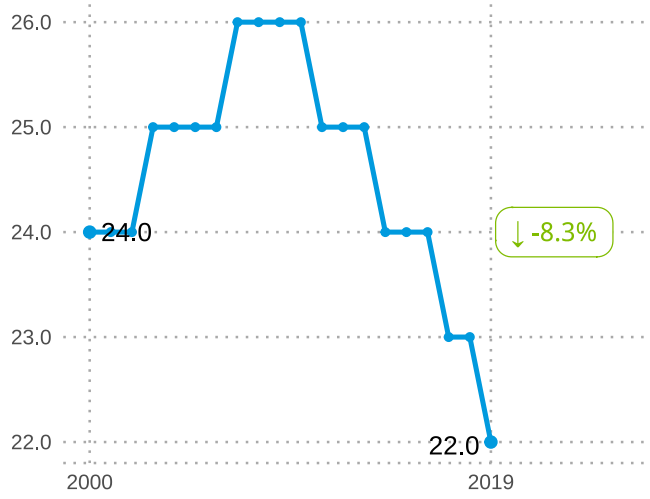

Malaria incidence (per 1000 population at risk)



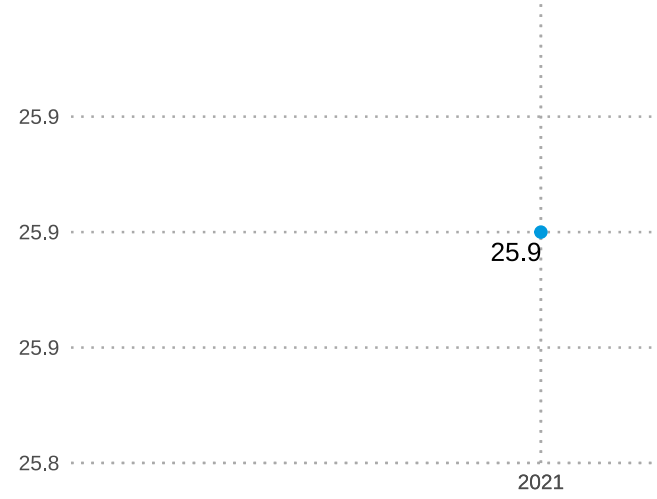

Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) prevalence among children under 5 years (%)



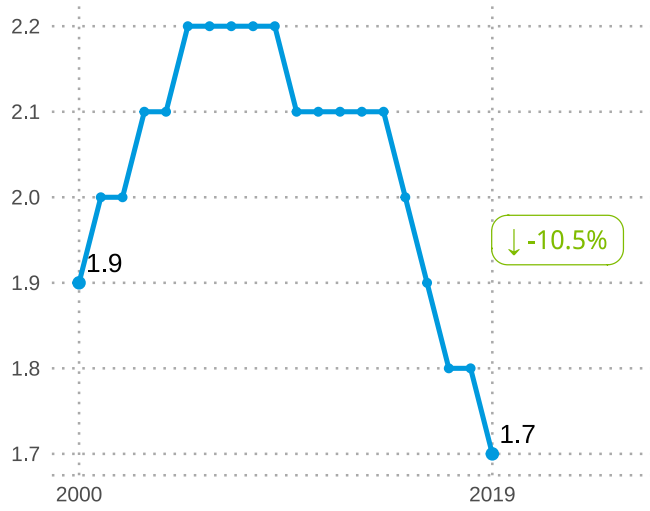

Probability of premature mortality from NCDs (%)



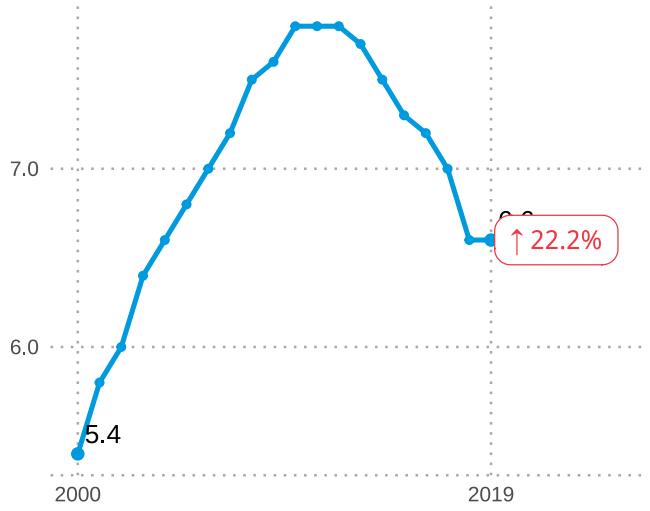

Road traffic mortality rate (per 100 000 population)



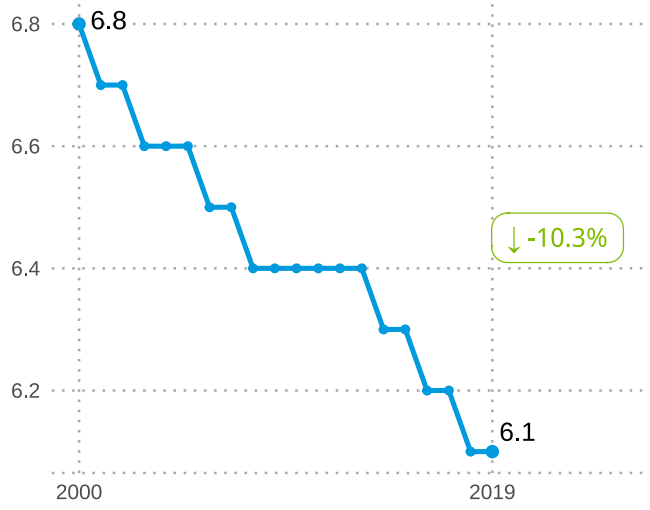
Mortality rate from unintentional poisoning (per 100 000 population)



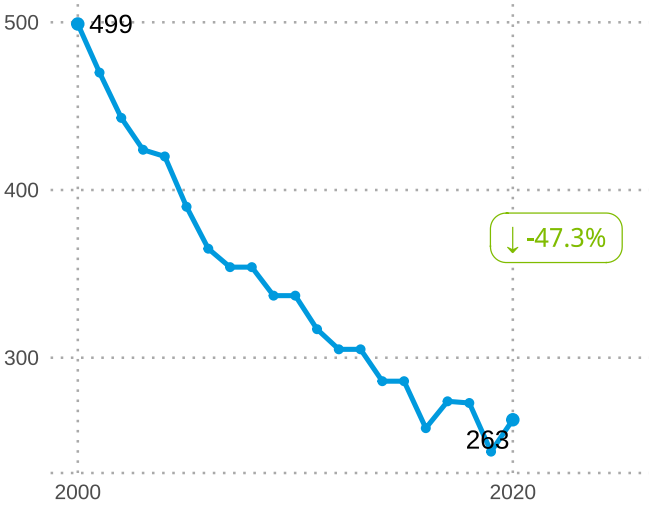

Suicide mortality rate (per 100 000 population)



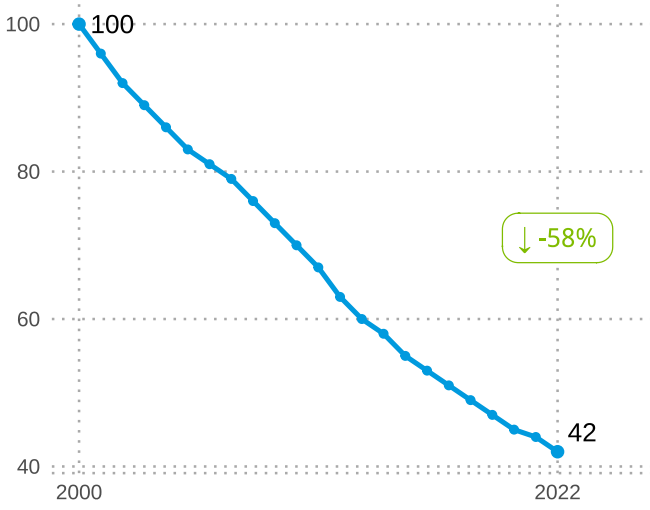

Mortality rate due to homicide (per 100 000 population)



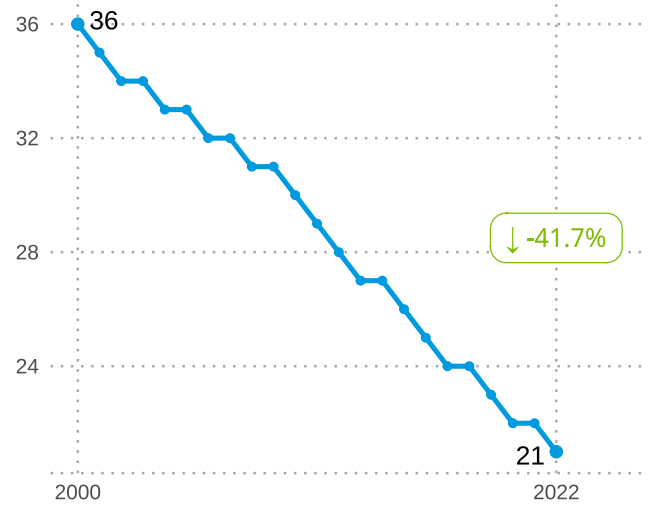

Maternal mortality ratio (per 100 000 live births)



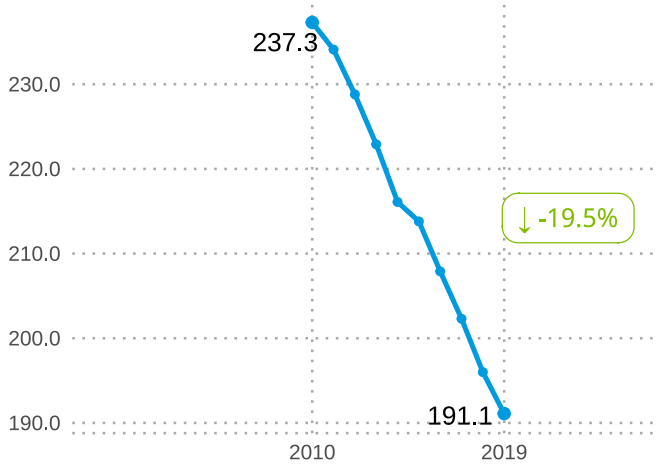

Under-five mortality rate (per 1000 live births)



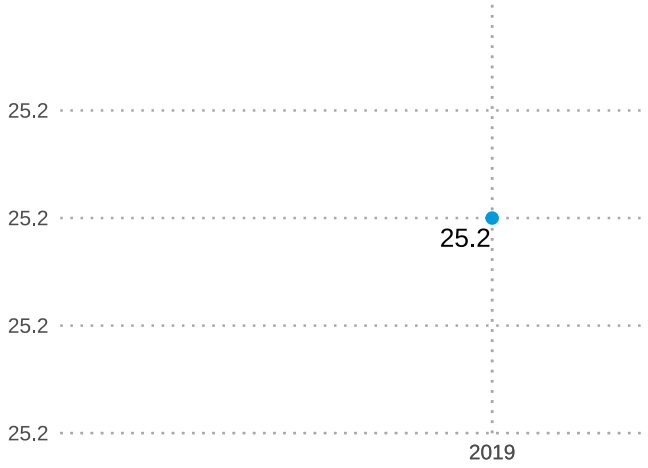

Neonatal mortality rate (per 1000 live births)



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

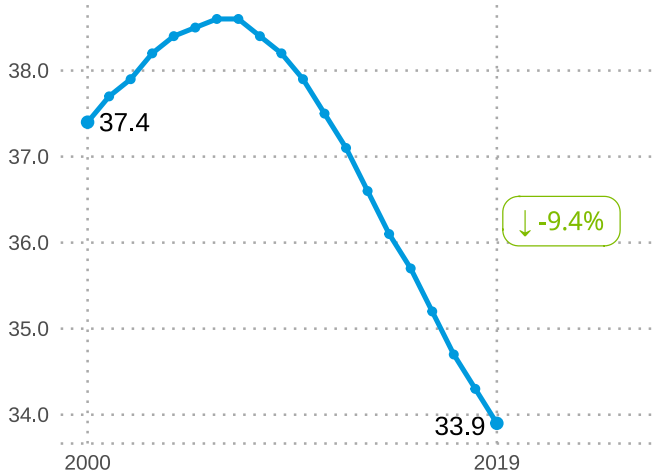



Mortality rate attributed to exposure to unsafe WASH services (per 100 000 population)

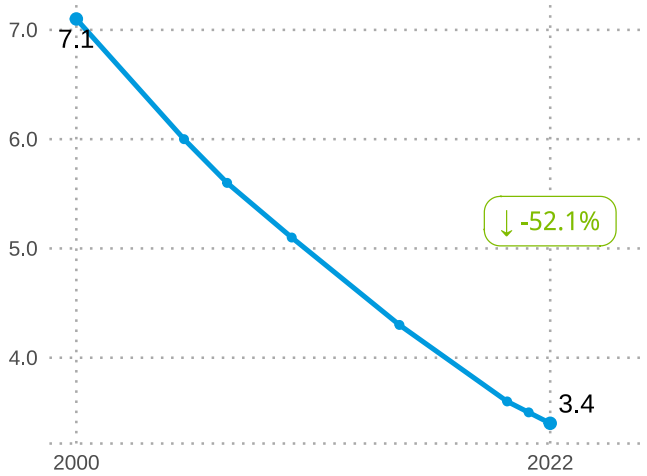


## Health Statistics: Risk Factors

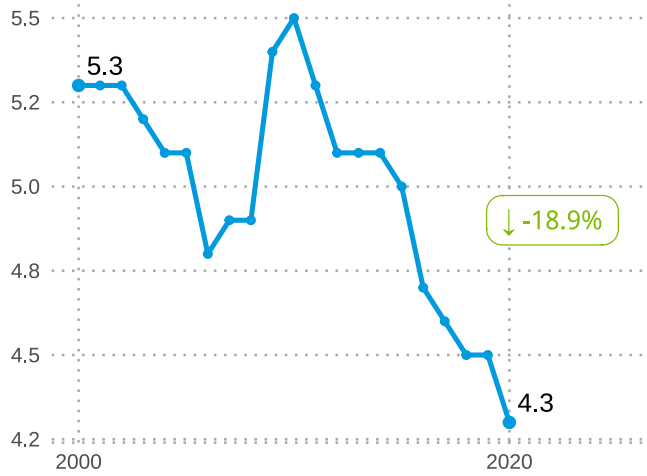
Age-standardized prevalence of hypertension among adults aged 30 to 79 years (%)



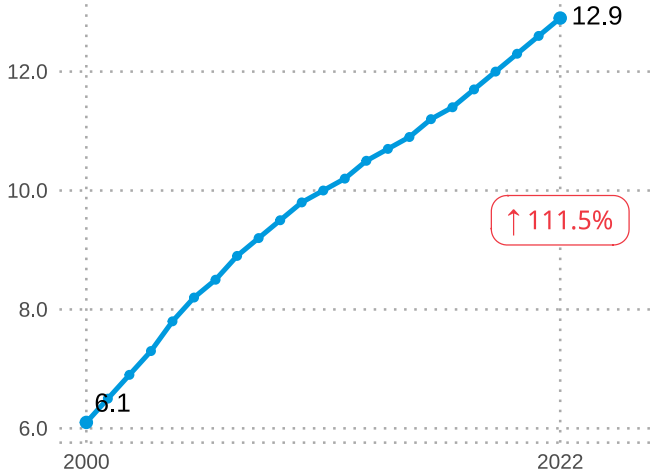

Age-standardized prevalence of tobacco use among persons 15 years and older (%)



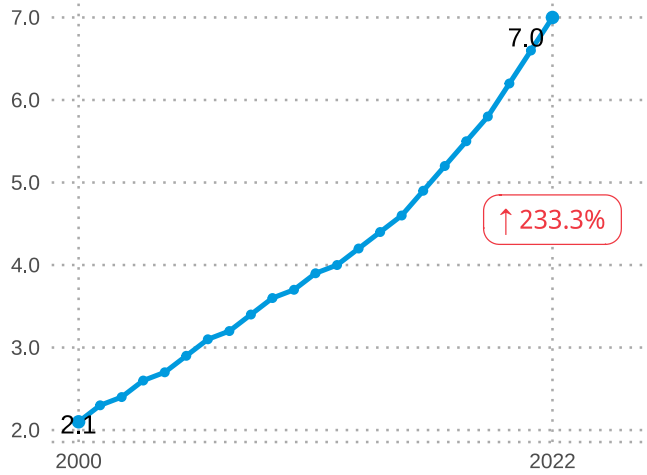

Total alcohol per capita (>= 15 years of age) consumption (litres of pure alcohol)



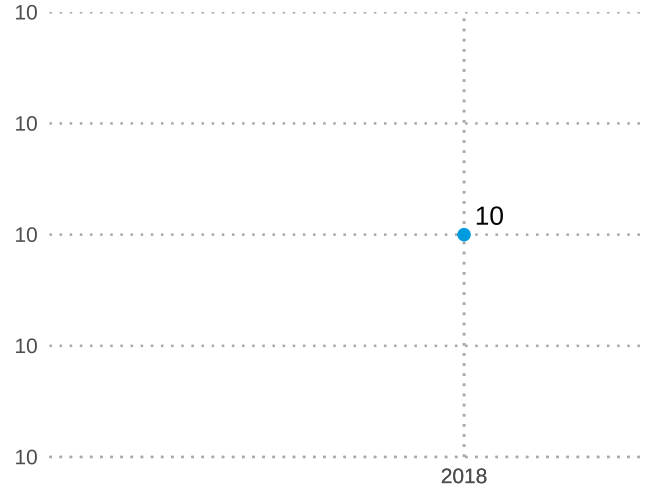

Age-standardized prevalence of obesity among adults (18+ years) (%)



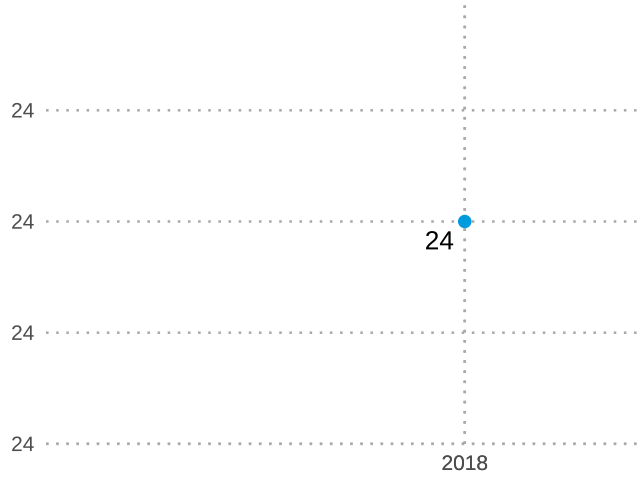

Prevalence of obesity among children and adolescents aged 5 to 19 years (%)



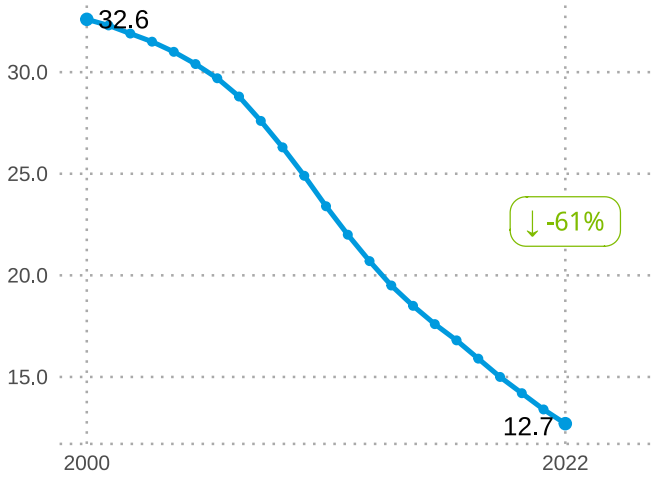

Proportion of ever-partnered women and girls aged 15– 49 years subjected to physical and/or sexual violence by a current or former intimate partner in the previous 12 months (%)



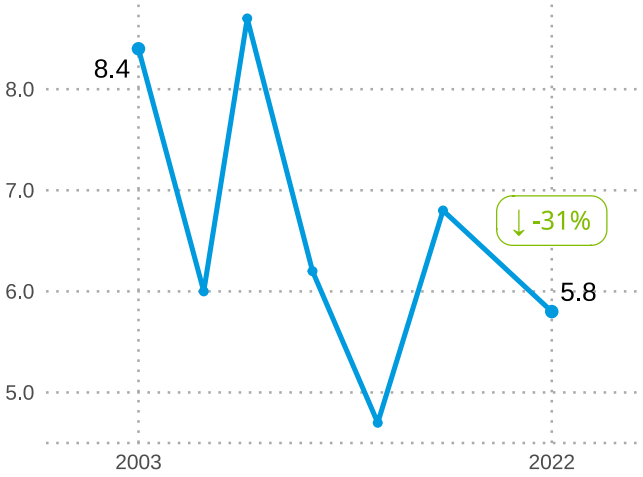
Proportion of ever- partnered women and girls aged 15– 49 years subjected to physical and/or sexual violence by a current or former intimate partner in their lifetime (%)



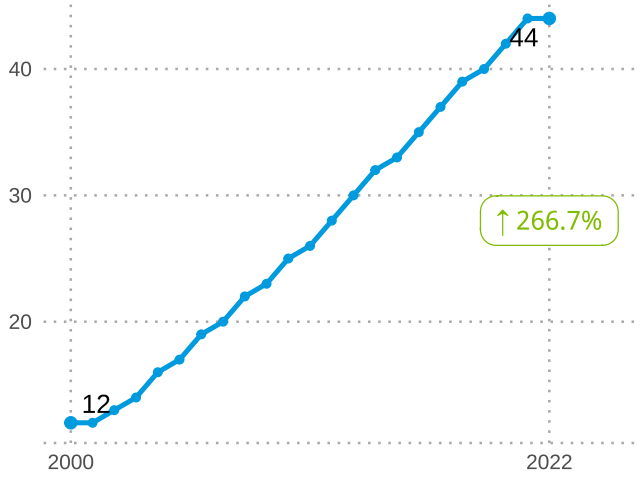

Prevalence of stunting in children under 5 (%)



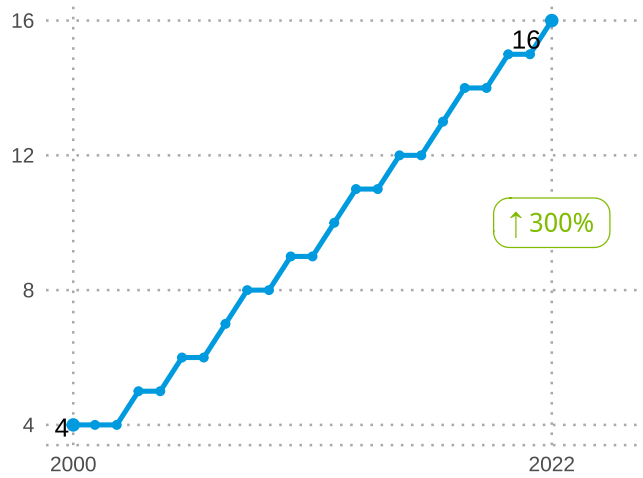

Prevalence of wasting in children under 5 (%)



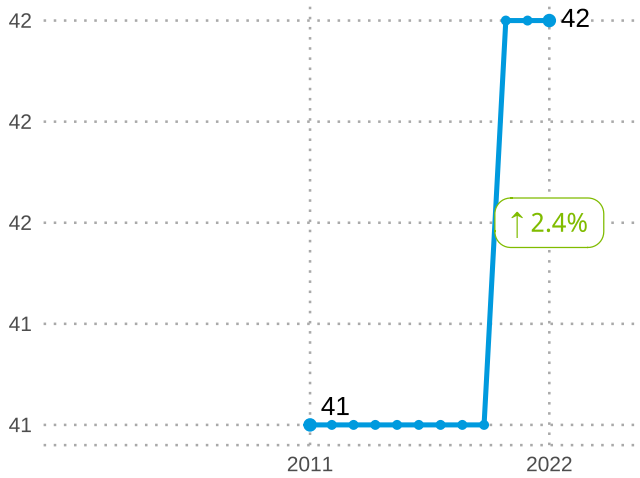

Proportion of population using safely managed drinking-water services (%)



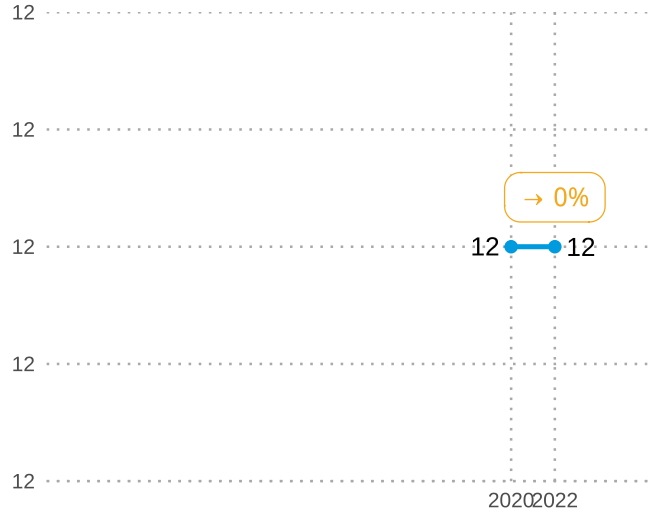

Proportion of population using safely managed sanitation services (%)



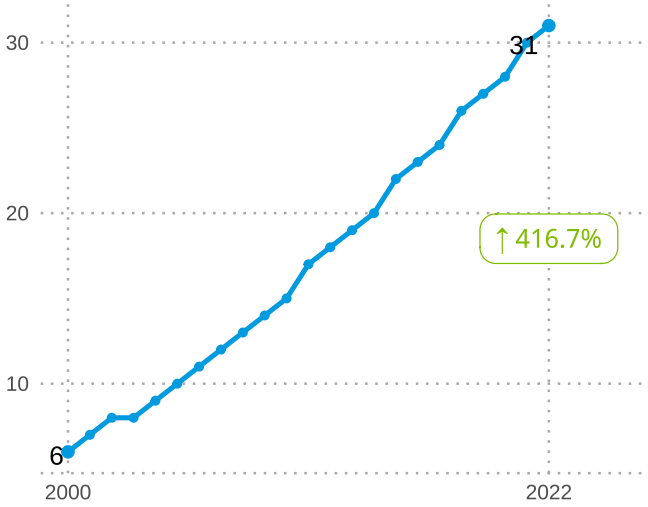

Proportion of population using a hand-washing facility with soap and water (%)



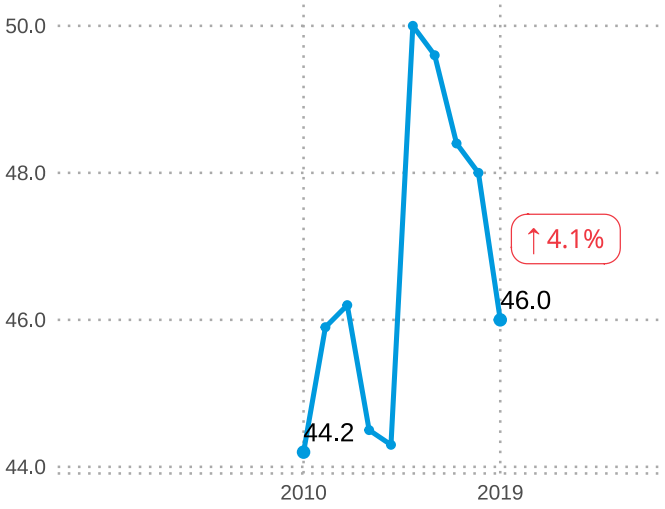
Proportion of safely treated domestic wastewater flows (%)




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

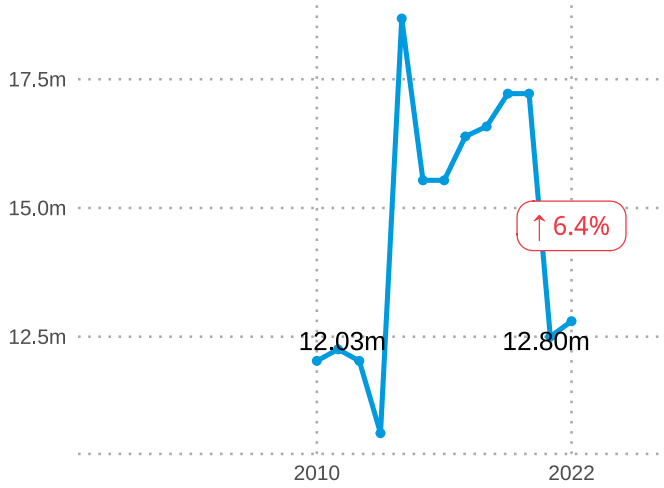



Annual mean concentrations of fine particulate matter (PM2.5) in urban areas (µg/m3)

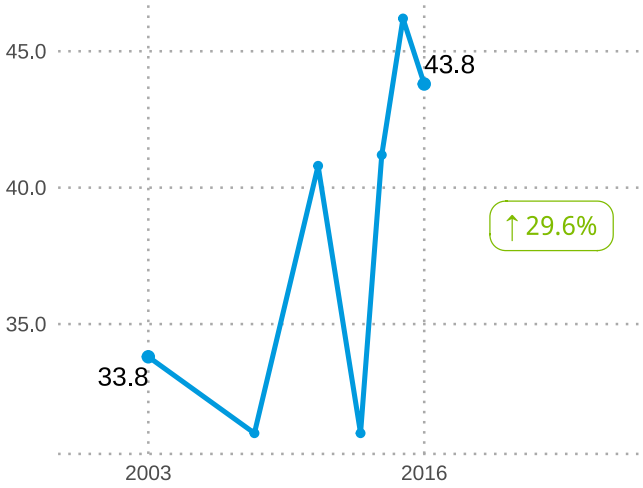


## Health Statistics: Service Coverage

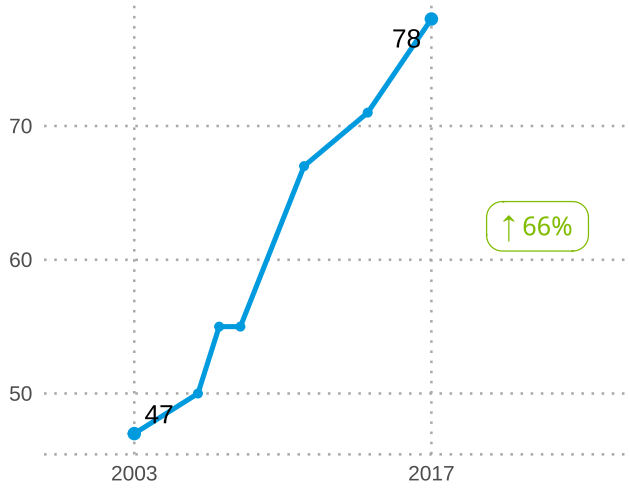
Reported number of people requiring interventions against Neglected Tropical Diseases



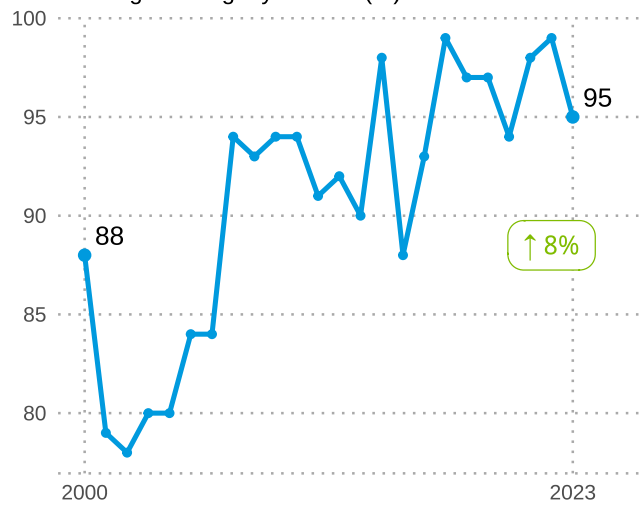

Proportion of women of reproductive age who have their need for family planning satisfied with modern methods (%)




Proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel (%)




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

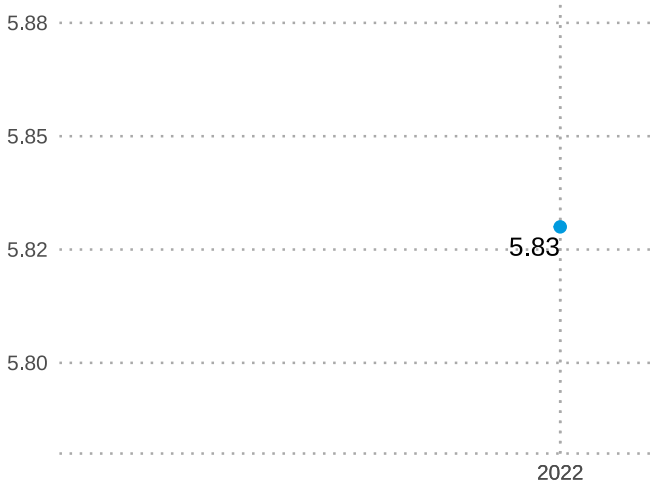


## Health Statistics: Health Systems

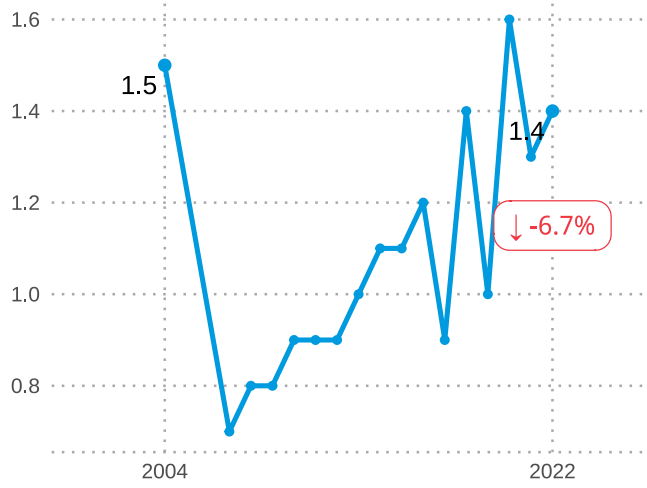
Domestic general government health expenditure (GGHE-D) as percentage of general government expenditure (GGE) (%)



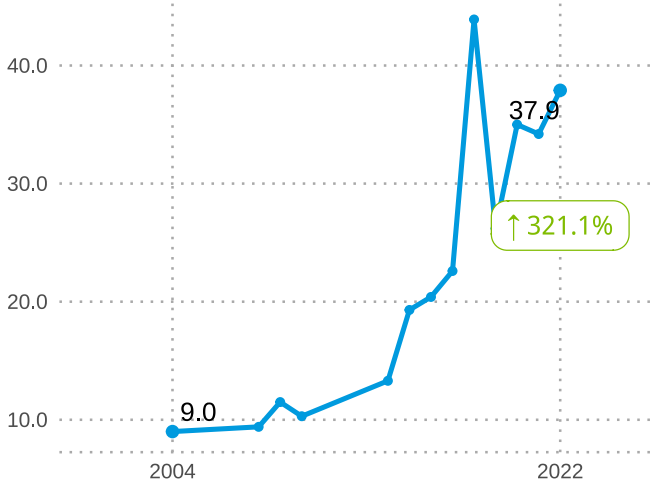

Total net official development assistance to medical research and basic health per capita (US$), by recipient country



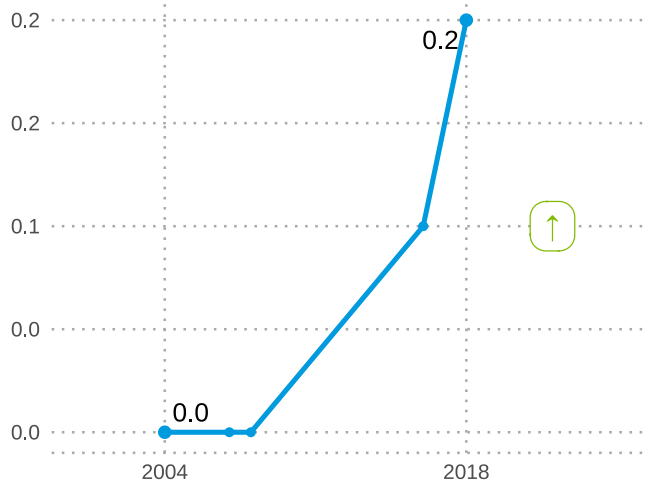

Density of physicians (per 10 000 population)



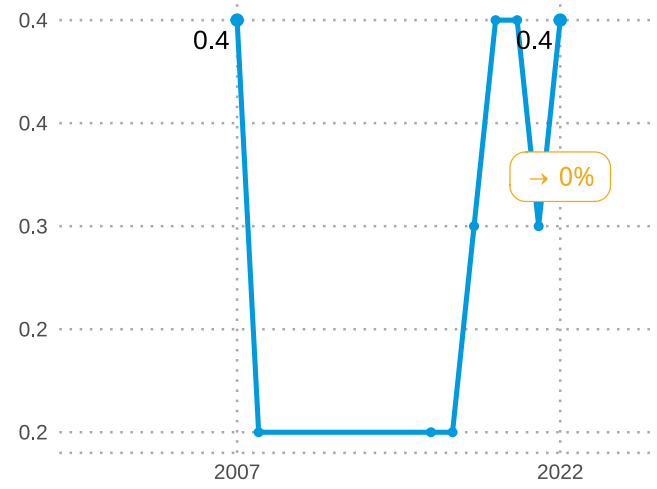

Density of nursing and midwifery personnel (per 10 000 population)



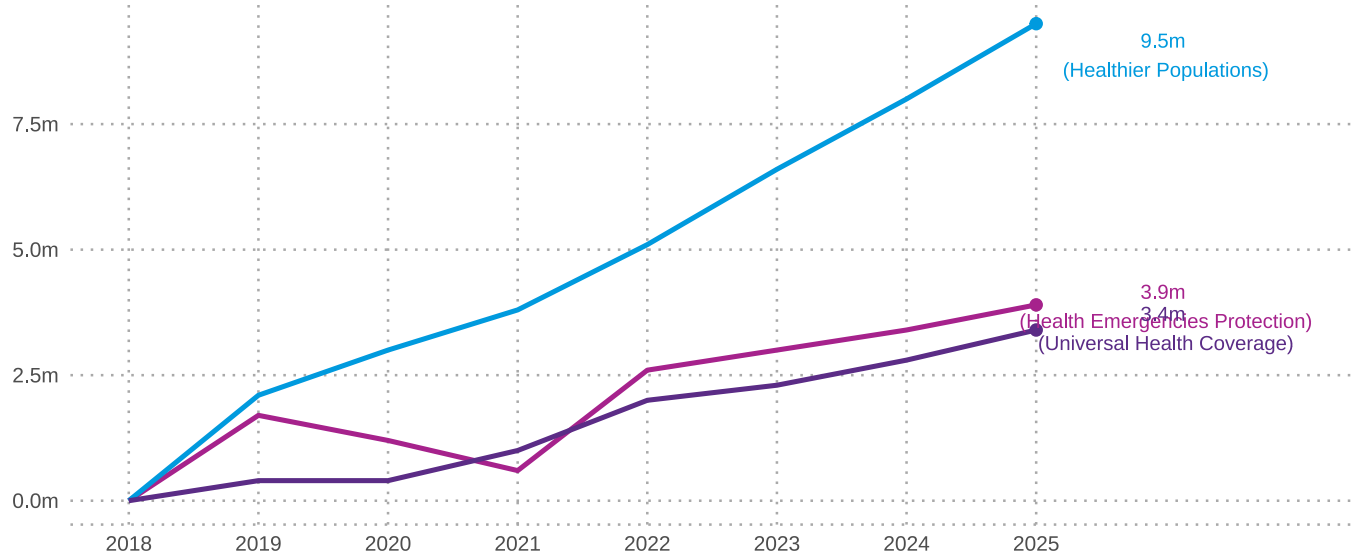

Density of dentistry personnel (per 10 000 population)




Density of pharmaceutical personnel (per 10 000 population)

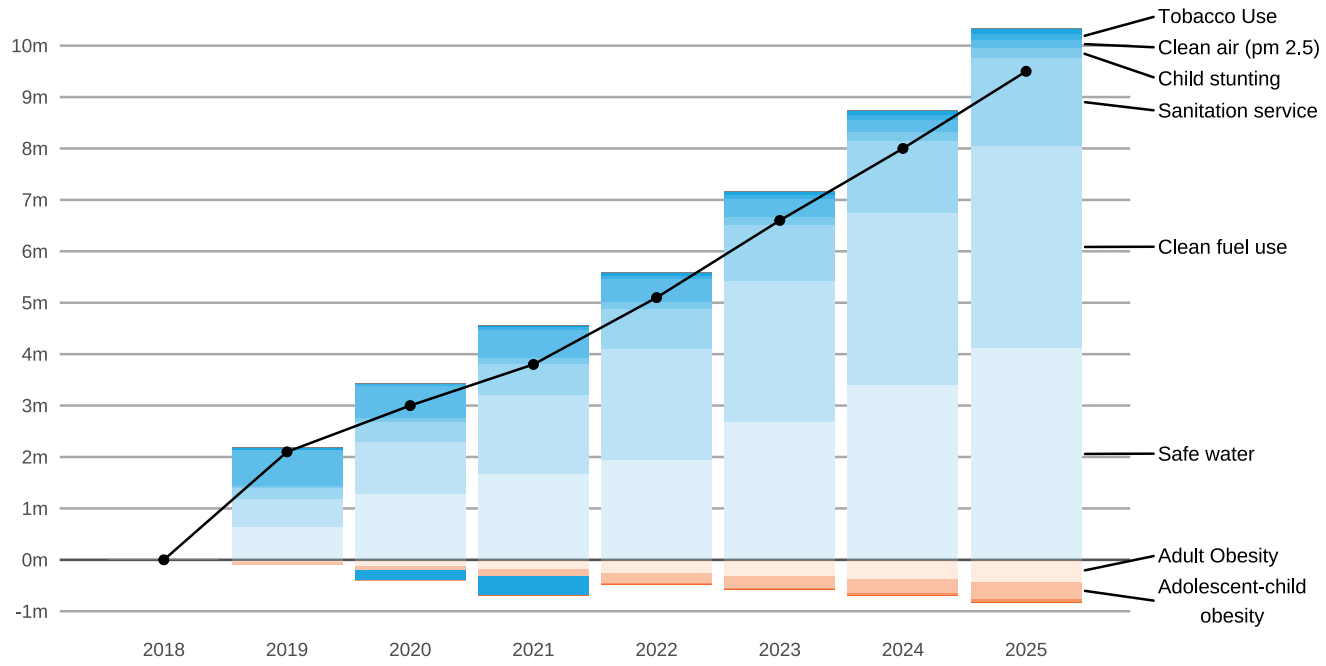


## Triple Billions - Number of people affected (millions)




In Ghana, by 2025 the number of additional people projected to be: enjoying better health and wellbeing is 9.5 million; covered by essential services and not experiencing financial hardship is 3.4 million; and protected from health emergencies is 3.9 million.

## Healthier Populations - individual indicator contributions (millions)




Other indicators below 1% of the total absolute contribution in 2025: Child violence, Child development, Partner violence, Trans-fat policy, Child wasting, Child overweight, Suicide mortality, Alcohol consumption, Road deaths.

## Further Resources

WHO Global country page

WHO Global website

## Data Sources

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| Population data | UNDESA population division, World Population Prospects 2022<br>Extracted: December 2024 |
| Current Health Expenditure (CHE) as % of GDP | World Health Organization, Global Health Expenditure database<br>Extracted: August 2024 |
| Life expectancy and Healthy life expectancy (HALE) | World Health Organization, Global Health Estimates<br>Extracted: December 2024 |
| Causes of death | World Health Organization, Global Health Estimates<br>Extracted: December 2024 |
| Disease Burden | World Health Organization, Global Health Estimates, Burden of Disease<br>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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