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SDG Indicator 8.7.1 has been updated to correct the calculation of child labor.

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Sustainable Development Goals Indicators

Liberia DHS 2019-20

Indicator	Sex		Total	DHS table number
	Male	Female		
2. Zero hunger				
2.2.1 Prevalence of stunting among children under 5 years of age	31.8	27.9	29.8	11.1
2.2.2 Prevalence of malnutrition among children under 5 years of age	8.2	7.4	7.8 ^a	na
a) Prevalence of wasting among children under 5 years of age	3.6	3.2	3.4 ^a	11.1
b) Prevalence of overweight among children under 5 years of age	4.5	4.2	4.4 ^a	11.1
3. Good health and well-being				
3.1.1 Maternal mortality ratio ¹	na	na	742	14.04
3.1.2 Proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel	na	na	84.4	9.7
3.2.1 Under-5 mortality rate ²	96	91	93	8.2
3.2.2 Neonatal mortality rate ²	45	30	37	8.2
3.7.1 Proportion of women of reproductive age (age 15-49 years) who have their need for family planning satisfied with modern methods	na	47.8	na	7.13.2
3.7.2 Adolescent birth rates per 1,000 women				
a) Girls age 10-14 years ³	na	4	na	5.1
b) Women age 15-19 years ⁴	na	128	na	5.1
3.a.1 Age-standardized prevalence of current tobacco use among persons age 15 years and older ⁵	7.3	1.0	4.2 ^a	3.10.1, 3.10.2
3.b.1 Proportion of the target population covered by all vaccines included in their national program				
a) Coverage of DPT containing vaccine (3 rd dose) ⁶	70.5	68.0	69.2	10.4
c) Coverage of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (last dose in schedule) ⁷	70.9	66.2	68.5	10.4
5. Gender equality				
5.2.1 Proportion of ever-partnered women and girls age 15 years and older subjected to physical, sexual or psychological violence by a current or former intimate partner in the previous 12 months ^{8,9}	na	45.6	na	16.12
a) Physical violence	na	34.0	na	16.12
b) Sexual violence	na	6.9	na	16.12
c) Psychological violence	na	35.0	na	16.12
5.3.1 Proportion of women age 20-24 years who were married or in a union before age 15 and before age 18				
a) before age 15	na	5.8	na	4.3
b) before age 18	na	24.9	na	4.3
5.3.2 Proportion of girls and women age 15-49 years who have undergone female genital mutilation/cutting	na	38.2	na	15.19
5.6.1 Proportion of women age 15-49 years who make their own informed decisions regarding sexual relations, contraceptive use and reproductive health care ¹⁰	na	58.8	na	na
5.b.1 Proportion of individuals who own a mobile telephone ¹¹	60.6	46.7	53.7 ^a	15.7.1, 15.7.2
Indicator	Residence		Total	DHS table number
	Urban	Rural		
7. Affordable clean energy				
7.1.1 Proportion of population with access to electricity	37.0	4.3	23.1	2.4
7.1.2 Proportion of population with primary reliance on clean fuels and technology ¹²	1.5	0.3	1.0	2.4

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Sustainable Development Goals Indicators—Continued

Indicator	Sex		Total	DHS table number
	Male	Female		
8. Decent work and economic growth				
8.7.1 Proportion and number of children age 5-17 years engaged in child labor	39.3 26.3	34.3 29.2	34.7 27.7	17.6
8.10.2 Proportion of adults (15 years and older) with an account at a bank or other financial institution or with a mobile-money-service provider ¹³	21.3	12.0	16.7 ^a	15.7.1, 15.7.2
16. Peace, justice, and strong institutions				
16.2.1 Percentage of children age 1-17 years who experienced any physical punishment and/or psychological aggression by caregivers in the past month ¹⁴	85.2	85.1	85.2	17.1
16.9.1 Proportion of children under 5 years of age whose births have been registered with a civil authority	67.1	65.4	66.3	2.11
17. Partnerships for the goals				
17.8.1 Proportion of individuals using the Internet ¹⁵	36.4	22.0	29.2 ^a	3.5.1, 3.5.2

na = Not applicable

¹ Expressed in terms of maternal deaths per 100,000 live births in the 7-year period preceding the survey

² Expressed in terms of deaths per 1,000 live births for the 5-year period preceding the survey

³ Equivalent to the age-specific fertility rate for girls age 10-14 for the 3-year period preceding the survey, expressed in terms of births per 1,000 girls age 10-14

⁴ Equivalent to the age-specific fertility rate for women age 15-19 for the 3-year period preceding the survey, expressed in terms of births per 1,000 women age 15-19

⁵ Data are not age-standardized and are available for women and men age 15-49 only.

⁶ The percentage of children age 12-23 months who received three doses of DPT containing vaccine

⁷ The percentage of children age 12-23 months who received three doses of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine

⁸ Data are available for women age 15-49 who have ever been in union only.

⁹ In the DHS, psychological violence is termed emotional violence.

¹⁰ Data are available for currently married women who are not pregnant only.

¹¹ Data are available for women and men age 15-49 only.

¹² Measured as the percentage of the population using clean fuel for cooking.

¹³ Data are available for women and men age 15-49 who have and use an account at bank or other financial institution; information on use of a mobile-money-service provider is not available

¹⁴ Data are available for children age 1-14 only.

¹⁵ Data are available for women and men age 15-49 who have used the internet in the past 12 months.

^a The total is calculated as the simple arithmetic mean of the percentages in the columns for males and females.

Chapter 17 Child Discipline and Child Labor

Page 357 Key Findings

The text has been corrected in the electronic version of the report on the website.

- Child discipline: 85% of children age 1-14 experienced any violent discipline methods during the month before the survey.
- Child participation in economic activities: 11% of children age 12-14 and ~~3~~ 2% of children age 15-17 are considered to engage in excessive work outside the home.
- Child participation in domestic activities: Among children age 12-14, ~~20~~ 21% are considered to engage in excessive domestic work.
- Exposure to hazardous work: Overall, 30% of children work in dangerous conditions.
- Overall child labor: During the week before the interview, ~~32~~ 28% of children age 5-17 were engaged in economic activities or domestic tasks at or above the threshold defined for their age group.

Page 363 Table 17.1 Child discipline

A “Don’t know” row has been included for “Head of household’s education”.

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Table 17.1 Child discipline

Percentage of children age 1-14 years by child disciplining methods experienced during the last one month, according to background characteristics, Liberia DHS 2019-20

Background characteristic	Percentage of children age 1-14 years who experienced:					Number of children age 1-14 years
	Only non-violent discipline	Psychological aggression	Any	Severe ¹	Any violent discipline method ²	
Age in years						
1-2	7.6	61.3	56.5	8.0	67.9	799
3-4	8.9	78.2	71.3	19.9	82.4	948
5-9	6.8	84.8	75.4	20.5	88.6	2,195
10-14	6.8	84.3	72.7	25.0	89.4	2,135
Child's sex						
Male	7.4	80.1	71.8	20.9	85.2	3,070
Female	7.1	80.9	70.9	19.8	85.1	3,007
Residence						
Urban	7.2	81.1	72.2	21.6	85.0	3,674
Greater Monrovia	4.0	88.0	78.8	20.9	91.5	487
Other urban	7.7	80.1	71.2	21.7	84.1	3,187
Rural	7.3	79.5	70.0	18.4	85.4	2,403
Region						
North Western	7.5	81.5	67.6	17.4	86.6	529
South Central	6.9	80.8	73.0	23.2	85.0	2,588
South Eastern A	4.7	88.1	75.6	13.8	92.4	385
South Eastern B	3.8	91.1	79.9	23.2	94.3	371
North Central	8.6	76.8	68.0	18.4	82.3	2,204
County						
Bomi	8.8	83.1	62.6	14.5	88.1	205
Bong	5.3	87.9	78.9	20.7	91.3	572
Gbarpolu	8.7	82.3	71.7	19.3	90.5	103
Grand Bassa	5.1	86.0	81.8	21.2	91.7	342
Grand Cape Mount	5.7	79.6	70.4	19.2	83.5	221
Grand Gedeh	7.9	82.1	70.2	9.6	88.7	130
Grand Kru	6.7	90.4	68.7	17.2	91.6	120
Lofa	7.4	79.2	75.0	22.0	85.7	518
Margibi	4.4	86.9	71.2	20.1	89.6	346
Maryland	1.6	92.3	89.2	27.6	97.0	178
Montserrado	7.7	78.8	71.8	24.1	83.0	1,900
Nimba	10.8	70.0	59.2	15.6	76.0	1,114
River Cess	5.0	85.0	65.7	22.0	89.1	102
River Gee	4.5	89.2	75.6	22.5	91.9	73
Sinoe	1.8	95.3	86.9	11.9	97.7	153
School attendance						
Attending	6.6	84.8	74.3	22.2	89.4	3,520
Not attending	8.0	74.6	67.3	17.7	79.3	2,557
Head of household's education						
No education	5.2	82.4	73.3	22.8	87.5	2,010
Elementary	11.4	79.6	68.9	17.6	83.7	1,098
Junior high	5.8	78.0	70.7	19.3	82.7	821
Senior high	7.0	80.2	71.6	20.0	85.5	1,427
Higher	9.0	80.1	69.2	19.9	83.3	654
Don't know	5.3	79.2	74.4	15.2	83.8	67
Wealth quintile						
Lowest	5.4	81.2	70.6	20.1	86.7	1,259
Second	6.5	80.0	71.3	18.4	85.6	1,272
Middle	8.6	81.3	70.8	21.4	85.2	1,275
Fourth	8.0	81.6	72.7	20.5	84.5	1,178
Highest	7.8	78.2	71.3	21.5	83.7	1,092
Total	7.2	80.5	71.3	20.4	85.2	6,077

¹ Severe physical punishment includes: 1) Hit or slapped on the face, head or ears or 2) Beat up, that is, hit over and over as hard as one could.

² Any violence discipline method includes: 1) Shook, 2) Shouted, yelled at or screamed at, 3) Spanked, hit or slapped on the bottom with bare hand, 4) Hit on the bottom or elsewhere on the body with something like a belt, hairbrush, stick, or other hard object, 5) Called dumb, lazy, or another name like that, 6) Hit or slapped on the hand, arm or leg, or 7) Beat up, that is, hit over and over as hard as one could.

Page 364 Table 17.2 Attitudes toward physical punishment

A “Don’t know” row has been included for “Head of household’s education”. Removed the rows for “Respondents age”.

The table has been corrected in the electronic version of the report on the website.

Table 17.2 Attitudes toward physical punishment		
Percentage of mothers/caretakers of children age 1-14 years who believe that physical punishment is needed to bring up, raise, or educate a child properly, according to background characteristics, Liberia DHS 2019-20		
Background characteristic	Percentage of mothers/caretakers who believe that a child needs to be physically punished	Number of mothers/caretakers responding to child discipline module
Respondent's age		
15-19	58.7	209
20-29	63.7	1,201
30-39	64.0	1,954
40-49	64.9	1,307
50+	65.3	1,406
Child's age in years		
1-2	51.3	799
3-4	63.6	948
5-9	65.3	2,195
10-14	68.4	2,135
Child's sex		
Male	64.1	3,070
Female	64.4	3,007
Residence		
Urban	65.8	3,674
Greater Monrovia	66.3	487
Other urban	65.7	3,187
Rural	61.9	2,403
Region		
North Western	60.9	529
South Central	66.6	2,588
South Eastern A	68.3	385
South Eastern B	66.2	371
North Central	61.3	2,204
County		
Bomi	57.6	205
Bong	56.7	572
Gbarpolu	55.6	103
Grand Bassa	73.5	342
Grand Cape Mount	66.5	221
Grand Gedeh	42.7	130
Grand Kru	69.7	120
Lofa	68.1	518
Margibi	64.4	346
Maryland	70.2	178
Montserrado	65.7	1,900
Nimba	60.5	1,114
River Cess	71.1	102
River Gee	50.8	73
Sinoe	88.3	153
School attendance		
Attending	67.8	3,520
Not attending	59.4	2,557
Head of household's education		
No education	65.6	2,010
Elementary	65.0	1,098
Junior high	61.9	821
Senior high	64.9	1,427
Higher	59.6	654
Don't know	74.3	67

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Table 17.2—Continued

Background characteristic	Percentage of mothers/caretakers who believe that a child needs to be physically punished	Number of mothers/caretakers responding to child discipline module
Wealth quintile		
Lowest	64.1	1,259
Second	63.6	1,272
Middle	64.1	1,275
Fourth	65.8	1,178
Highest	63.7	1,092
Total	64.3	6,077

Page 360 Text Section 17.2.1 Child Labor Outside the Home

The text has been corrected in the electronic version of the report on the website.

However, only 11% of children age 12-14 and 32% of children age 15-17 were working longer in their jobs than is considered appropriate for their age.

Page 365 Table 17.3 Children's involvement in economic activities

The column “Economic activity for 43 hours or more” for children age 15-17 have changed. A “Don’t know” row has been included for “Head of household’s education”. A note was added to explain that an asterisk is used when there are fewer than 25 unweighted cases.

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Table 17.3 Children's involvement in economic activities

Percentage of children age 5-17 years by involvement in economic activities during the previous week, according to background characteristics, Liberia DHS 2019-20

Background characteristic	Percentage of children age 5-11 years involved in economic activity for at least one hour	Number of children age 5-11 years	Percentage of children age 12-14 years involved in:		Number of children age 12-14 years	Percentage of children age 15-17 years involved in:		Number of children age 15-17 years
			Economic activity less than 14 hours	Economic activity for 14 hours or more		Economic activity less than 43 hours	Economic activity for 43 hours or more	
Child's sex								
Male	30.7	1,527	36.5	11.3	633	63.3	1.2	468
Female	30.2	1,504	38.8	11.0	665	49.2	4.3 2.3	357
Residence								
Urban	25.3	1,788	32.0	9.3	876	50.5	2.7 1.5	526
Greater Monrovia	30.3	229	37.4	11.7	104	45.4	1.3	92
Other urban	24.5	1,559	31.3	8.9	772	51.5	3.0 1.5	435
Rural	37.8	1,243	49.4	15.1	422	69.2	2.3 2.1	299
Region								
North Western	41.3	274	46.1	20.6	109	78.9	1.9	67
South Central	18.1	1,250	26.6	7.4	631	40.2	3.4 1.6	372
South Eastern A	33.8	203	52.9	14.4	84	66.7	2.4	55
South Eastern B	32.7	192	41.4	18.2	78	63.3	2.4	53
North Central	40.6	1,112	49.1	12.6	396	71.8	4.7 1.5	279
County								
Bomi	35.7	104	44.7	19.2	49	(78.7)	(0.2)	25
Bong	41.1	272	28.5	34.8	117	64.1	3.4 2.9	95
Gbarpolu	54.2	52	39.5	32.1	22	(65.5)	(12.4)	9
Grand Bassa	27.0	180	53.0	5.3	51	57.2	4.2	48
Grand Cape Mount	40.5	118	51.8	15.7	38	82.7	0.3	33
Grand Gedeh	22.1	65	61.4	16.0	26	(60.3)	(4.5)	23
Grand Kru	44.9	63	47.8	19.5	25	(76.9)	(0.0)	18
Lofa	42.2	299	57.8	4.6	106	78.9	1.6	89
Margibi	30.7	174	38.9	13.3	77	(66.9)	(2.1)	37
Maryland	25.2	96	42.7	10.6	36	49.4	5.5	23
Montserrado	13.8	896	22.0	6.6	503	33.8	3.4 1.1	286
Nimba	39.5	541	57.7	2.4	173	72.7	0.0	95
River Cess	36.7	61	40.6	14.9	18	(71.2)	(2.2)	12
River Gee	31.3	33	29.2	32.3	17	70.6	0.0	12
Sinoe	41.3	78	52.8	13.1	40	(71.3)	(0.0)	20
School attendance								
Attending	29.5	2,385	36.6	10.4	1,135	54.9	2.4 1.4	661
Not attending	33.7	646	45.4	16.5	163	66.5	3.0 2.6	164
Head of household's education								
No education	35.3	1,039	41.7	9.6	390	63.0	3.3 1.0	308
Elementary	35.5	509	37.4	20.4	249	71.7	4.1	123
Junior high	29.9	390	38.0	9.6	162	64.4	0.1	78
Senior high	25.8	775	40.1	9.4	285	44.4	2.3	190
Higher	15.6	290	27.3	5.0	190	39.0	1.3	113
Don't know	(45.2)	29	*	*	22	*	*	12
Wealth quintile								
Lowest	43.2	650	49.4	19.2	205	80.8	2.1	139
Second	41.8	629	55.3	14.2	217	64.5	2.5 2.1	143
Middle	30.6	671	41.2	9.0	266	65.0	1.1	178
Fourth	17.6	563	28.4	8.4	293	48.9	2.6 2.3	169
Highest	14.2	519	23.8	8.2	318	35.3	1.1	196
Total	30.4	3,031	37.7	11.2	1,298	57.2	2.5 1.7	825

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

Page 360 Text Section 17.2.2 Child Labor Inside the Home

The text has been corrected in the electronic version of the report on the website.

Table 17.4 presents information on the involvement of children age 5-14 in household chores during the week before the survey. Many Liberian children are responsible for performing household chores. The level of engagement varies with the child's age; however, even among children age 5-11, ~~nearly half (47%)~~ 79% were responsible for at least some household chores during the week before the survey. However, only 10% of children in this age range exceeded 21 hours of household work. Among children age 12-14, ~~65~~ 96% were engaged in some household chores, while ~~20~~ 21% exceeded the 21-hour threshold.

Patterns by background characteristics

- Rural children age 5-11 are more likely to be engaged in household chores beyond the 21-hour threshold than their urban counterparts (11% versus ~~8~~ 9%). The same pattern is not so clearly observed among children age 12-14 (~~20~~ 22% versus ~~19~~ 21%).
- The percentage of children age 5-11 engaged in excessive housework is highest in Gbarpolu (~~25~~ 27%) and lowest in Sinoe (1%). Among children age 12-14, the percentage is highest in Grand Gedeh (49%) and lowest in Sinoe (2%).
- Children age 5-11 and 12-14 who are attending school are less likely to be engaged in excessive household chores (~~9~~ 10% and ~~19~~ 21%, respectively) than those not attending school (~~11~~ 12% and ~~22~~ 23%, respectively).

Page 366 Table 17.4 Children's involvement in household chores

The numbers in this table have changed. A “Don’t know” row has been included for “Head of household’s education”. A note was added to explain that figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.

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Table 17.4 Children's involvement in household chores

Percentage of children age 5-14 years by involvement in household chores during the previous week, according to background characteristics, Liberia DHS 2019-20

Background characteristic	Percentage of children age 5-11 years involved in:			Percentage of children age 12-14 years involved in:		
	Household chores less than 21 hours	Household chores for 21 hours or more	Number of children age 5-11 years	Household chores less than 21 hours	Household chores for 21 hours or more	Number of children age 12-14 years
Child's sex						
Male	43.7 65.0	9.8 10.5	1,527	66.6 78.7	16.8 17.1	633
Female	50.2 71.8	9.3 9.7	1,504	64.3 71.3	22.4 24.9	665
Residence						
Urban	44.9 65.9	9.8 9.2	1,788	63.4 74.3	19.0 20.8	876
Greater Monrovia	50.6 66.0	10.3 10.4	229	77.6 84.6	44.3 14.6	104
Other urban	40.6 65.9	8.7 9.0	1,559	61.4 72.9	19.7 21.6	772
Rural	54.4 72.0	10.5 11.3	1,243	69.8 76.2	20.6 21.7	422
Region						
North Western	47.3 65.0	17.9 18.8	274	58.9 64.3	30.8 31.8	109
South Central	38.3 64.8	7.7 8.5	1,250	64.8 75.6	17.4 19.9	631
South Eastern A	57.8 75.7	5.8 6.4	203	76.9 80.2	17.8 17.9	84
South Eastern B	59.4 72.8	15.7 16.1	192	70.6 74.2	22.4 22.9	78
North Central	52.4 71.2	9.2 9.4	1,112	64.8 75.8	19.8 20.3	396
County						
Boni	48.9 67.6	13.0 13.4	104	56.5 61.2	30.4	49
Bong	45.6 61.3	22.4 22.7	272	41.4 51.0	43.4 44.7	117
Gbarpolu	46.6 66.0	25.2 27.4	52	50.4 59.1	40.6	22
Grand Bassa	55.0 74.9	3.1	180	71.6 88.7	7.8 10.0	51
Grand Cape Mount	46.3 62.3	18.9 19.9	118	67.2 71.2	25.6 28.5	38
Grand Gedeh	44.3 67.2	9.4 9.8	65	43.4 46.8	48.9 49.4	26
Grand Kru	64.4 71.7	19.4 20.3	63	62.7	33.4 34.6	25
Lofa	67.9 79.4	4.7	299	87.0 93.3	6.7	106
Margibi	33.8 61.2	15.9 21.3	174	76.5 84.9	14.0	77
Maryland	56.9 72.8	14.9	96	74.6 81.0	14.9 15.9	36
Montserrado	35.8 63.4	7.1	896	62.3 72.8	18.9 21.9	503
Nimba	47.3 71.7	5.4 5.2	541	67.0 81.9	12.0	173
River Cess	52.5 72.1	8.4 9.5	61	80.8 89.8	7.0	18
River Gee	64.7 74.9	11.7	33	73.6 76.4	20.7	17
Sinoe	75.8 85.7	1.1	78	97.0 97.7	2.3	40
School attendance						
Attending	49.0 71.1	9.2 9.5	2,385	65.9 75.5	19.4 20.8	1,135
Not attending	39.3 58.4	11.0 12.2	646	62.3 71.1	22.3 23.0	163
Head of household's education						
No education	54.8 69.4	11.2 12.0	1,039	64.5 74.1	21.2 21.5	390
Elementary	48.4 71.2	13.3 13.6	509	66.8 72.7	20.8 21.6	249
Junior high	44.5 63.5	9.5 9.9	390	73.7 81.1	14.0 14.2	162
Senior high	45.8 70.6	6.2 6.6	775	79.0 84.9	11.9 12.3	285
Higher	34.7 62.7	3.9 4.2	290	40.8 61.9	29.4 37.6	190
Don't know	(48.7)	(31.8)	29	(51.8)	(30.5)	22
Wealth quintile						
Lowest	53.6 71.1	13.1 13.3	650	64.2 69.0	28.4 28.9	205
Second	55.4 73.9	8.3 9.4	629	74.7 80.2	16.6 16.7	217
Middle	46.7 66.8	12.8 13.4	671	68.4 79.2	13.0 13.1	266
Fourth	42.5 66.1	7.7 8.3	563	62.9 74.8	18.2 20.0	293
Highest	33.3 63.0	4.5	519	60.0 71.6	22.5 26.7	318
Total	46.9 68.4	9.6 10.1	3,031	65.4 74.9	19.5 21.1	1,298

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.

Page 361 Table 17.5 Hazardous work

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Patterns by background characteristics

- The percentage of children engaged in hazardous work grows with the age of the child, from 21% among those age 5-11 to 48% among those age 15-17.
- There is little difference by sex in the percentage of children engaged in hazardous work (~~30~~ 31% of boys and ~~29~~ 28% of girls).
- As wealth quintile increases, the percentage of children engaged in hazardous work declines. Specifically, 44% of children in the lowest wealth quintile are engaged in such work, as compared with 16% of children in the highest quintile

Page 367 Table 17.5 Hazardous work

The numbers in this table have changed. A “Don’t know” row has been included for “Head of household’s education”.

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Table 17.5 Hazardous work

Percentage of children age 5-17 years engaged in economic activities or household chores above the age specific thresholds, percentage working under hazardous conditions, by type of work, and percentage of children engaged in economic activities or household chores above thresholds or working under hazardous conditions during the previous week, according to background characteristics, Liberia DHS 2019-20

Background characteristic	Percentage of children engaged in:				Percentage of children working under hazardous conditions								Percentage of children engaged in economic activities or household chores above thresholds, or working under hazardous conditions		Number of children age 5-17 years		
	Economic activities above age specific threshold	Household chores above age specific threshold	Carrying heavy loads	Working with dangerous tools or operating heavy machinery	Exposed to dust, fumes or gas	Exposed to extreme cold, heat or humidity	Exposed to loud noise or vibration	Working at heights	Working with chemicals or explosives	Exposed to other unsafe things, processes or conditions	Total hazardous work						
Age in years																	
5-11	22.3 30.4	9.6 10.1	10.4	3.8	3.5	1.9	0.9	0.4	0.1	0.2	21.2	36.5 36.9	3,031				
12-14	19.3 11.2	19.5 21.1	18.0	8.8	6.0	1.4	1.8	0.4	0.4	0.0	36.8	47.8 49.1	1,298				
15-17	49.7 1.7	0.0	28.9	12.4	4.1	1.8	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.0	48.2	48.4	825				
Child's sex																	
Male	49.9 20.8	9.4 10.2	47.3 18.0	6.6 6.9	3.5 3.7	1.4 1.5	0.8	0.4	0.0	0.0 0.1	30.0 31.3	40.1 42.2	2,736 2,628				
Female	22.4 21.2	41.9 12.3	43.0 12.5	6.3 6.0	5.4 4.8	2.1	1.4	0.3	0.4	0.2	28.8 27.6	42.5 41.4	2,449 2,526				
Residence																	
Urban	47.2 16.9	40.2 10.9	11.6	5.4	4.2	2.0	1.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	25.4	37.0 37.5	3,191				
Greater Monrovia	19.5	9.0 9.2	13.1	7.7	4.4	2.8	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	28.9	38.3 38.5	425				
Other urban	46.8 16.6	40.4 11.1	11.4	5.1	4.2	1.9	1.6	0.1	0.3	0.2	24.8	36.8 37.4	2,766				
Rural	27.5	44.0 11.8	21.2	8.1	4.2	1.3	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.1	36.2	48.4 48.8	1,963				
Region																	
North Western	30.4	48.3 19.2	14.3	9.7	1.1	0.8	1.6	0.4	0.0	0.3	28.2	47.9 48.5	450				
South Central	42.6 12.3	9.2 10.3	6.6	3.8	5.1	2.3	1.2	0.4	0.1	0.2	19.7	30.3 31.3	2,253				
South Eastern A	24.0	8.7 8.2	13.7	10.3	6.0	1.3	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	32.1	45.3 45.7	342				
South Eastern B	24.3	44.7 15.2	21.1	7.2	3.3	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.0	0.1	34.8	48.0 48.4	323				
North Central	28.3	40.4 10.3	25.6	8.1	3.7	1.5	1.1	0.1	0.4	0.0	40.6	51.4 51.5	1,787				
County																	
Bomi	26.2	45.9 16.1	9.2	11.0	1.7	0.3	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.5	38.4 38.6	178				
Bong	32.2 32.1	23.0 23.6	27.9	7.3	5.6	2.3	1.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	44.5	58.1	484				
Gbarpolu	43.8	26.6 28.0	22.0	8.0	1.7	1.8	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.4	34.4	60.3 60.5	82				
Grand Bassa	19.0	3.4 3.8	14.1	5.7	5.5	3.6	2.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	33.8	39.3	279				
Grand Cape Mount	28.6	47.0 18.2	15.7	9.1	0.3	0.8	1.6	0.9	0.0	0.5	28.9	51.3 52.5	189				
Grand Gedeh	17.2	46.6 16.9	9.9	8.7	2.3	1.1	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.1	23.3	41.2 41.6	113				
Grand Kru	31.5	49.3 20.3	22.4	11.1	3.5	2.7	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	40.0	27.8 58.8	106				
Lofa	26.8	4.3	35.9	8.9	3.3	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	49.0	54.8	494				
Margibi	22.3	43.3 16.6	11.2	5.1	7.0	1.5	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.0	25.3	40.2 43.2	288				
Maryland	18.8	42.7 12.9	19.5	4.2	0.3	0.3	1.9	1.9	0.0	0.3	28.4	40.3 40.5	156				
Montserrado	9.7 9.5	9.4 10.3	4.6	3.3	4.8	2.2	1.1	0.0	0.1	0.3	16.4	27.4 28.0	1,685				
Nimba	26.9	6.0 6.1	18.0	8.3	2.8	1.5	1.8	0.2	0.6	0.0	33.2	45.3 45.4	809				
River Cess	27.8	6.8 7.7	18.3	4.1	1.3	2.2	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	26.8	41.9 42.8	90				
River Gee	25.7	11.9	23.0	8.3	10.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	42.1	50.7	62				
Sinoe	27.1	1.3	13.9	15.6	12.2	0.9	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	43.0	50.9	138				
School attendance																	
Attending	21.2 21.0	41.0 11.7	14.3	7.0	4.6	1.9	1.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	29.7	42.3 42.8	3,953				
Not attending	20.8 20.7	9.8 9.7	18.4	4.6	2.9	1.4	1.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	28.9	37.8 38.5	1,201				

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Table 17.5—Continued

Background characteristic	Percentage of children engaged in:				Percentage of children working under hazardous conditions								Percentage of children engaged in economic activities or household chores above thresholds, or working under hazardous conditions		Number of children age 5-17 years
	Economic activities above age specific threshold	Household chores above age specific threshold	Carrying heavy loads	Working with dangerous tools or operating heavy machinery	Exposed to dust, fumes or gas	Exposed to extreme cold, heat or humidity	Exposed to loud noise or vibration	Working at heights	Working with chemicals or explosives	Exposed to other unsafe things, processes or conditions	Total hazardous work				
Head of household's education															
No education	23.8 23.4	11.5 12.0	21.6	6.6	3.5	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	33.7	46.1 46.5	1,737		
Elementary	26.8	13.5 14.0	18.9	8.1	4.4	2.3	1.9	0.3	0.6	0.0	36.3	49.7 49.8	881		
Junior high	21.0	9.5 9.8	14.5	4.5	4.1	3.6	1.5	0.2	0.0	0.2	28.5	39.4 39.6	630		
Senior high	18.5	6.6 6.9	8.6	5.4	5.1	1.4	1.8	0.2	0.2	0.5	23.2	34.5 34.7	1,250		
Higher	9.5	11.3 14.1	6.0	7.5	4.3	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.0	0.0	19.7	29.2 31.9	594		
Don't know	29.0	25.3	18.1	11.0	5.3	6.4	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	43.8	57.2	63		
Wealth quintile															
Lowest	32.5	14.4 14.7	27.0	9.1	4.0	2.1	1.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	43.7	56.7 56.9	993		
Second	30.1 30.0	9.8 9.6	20.9	9.8	3.5	1.0	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.0	36.7	49.2 49.8	989		
Middle	20.7	10.8 11.2	17.2	4.7	4.7	1.6	0.6	0.7	0.0	0.1	29.4	43.6 43.9	1,115		
Fourth	13.1 12.4	9.4 10.3	7.5	5.2	4.6	3.2	1.8	0.2	0.2	0.0	22.7	31.1 31.7	1,025		
Highest	9.9	9.2 10.5	4.4	4.0	4.4	0.9	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.6	15.7	26.3 27.5	1,032		
Total	21.1 21.0	10.5 11.2	15.3	6.5	4.2	1.8	1.1	0.3	0.2	0.1	29.5	41.2 41.8	5,154		

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases.

Page 362 Text Section 17.2.4 Overall Child Labor

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Table 17.6 combines information on children involved in economic activities or performing household chores ~~at or above and below the age-specific thresholds~~ (as detailed in the previous tables) into a total child labor indicator. ~~Overall, 21% of children age 5-17 are engaged in economic activities at or above the threshold for their age, while 11% are engaged in household chores at or above the age-specific limit. Therefore, one~~ **One** out of three (~~32~~ **28**%) children are engaged in child labor (**Figure 17.2**).

Patterns by background characteristics

- The percentage of children engaged in child labor decreases with age, declining from ~~37~~ **36**% among those age 5-11 to ~~16~~ **26**% among those age 12-14 before falling to ~~3~~ **2**% among those age 15-17.
- Girls (~~34~~ **29**%) are more likely than boys (~~29~~ **26**%) to be engaged in child labor.
- By county, Montserratado has the smallest percentage of children engaged in child labor (~~19~~ **18**%), while Gbarpolu has the largest (~~70~~ **52**%).
- As wealth quintile increases, the percentage of children engaged in child labor declines. Specifically, ~~47~~ **39**% of children in the lowest wealth quintile are engaged in such work, as compared with 19% of children in the highest quintile (**Figure 17.3**).

Page 362 Figure 17.2 Child labor

The figure has been updated to reflect the new numbers in Table 17.6.

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Figure 17.2 Child labor

Percentage of children age 5-17 who were involved, during the week before the interview, in economic activities or housework at or above the number of hours fixed for their age group, and total ~~percentage~~

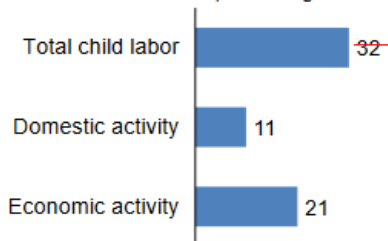
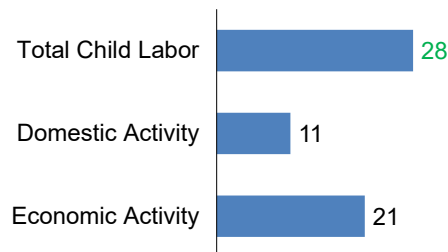


Figure 17.2 Child labor

Percentage of children aged 5-17 who were involved, during the week before the interview, in economic activities or housework at or above the number of hours fixed for their age group



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Figure 17.3 Child labor by wealth

Percentage of children age 5-17

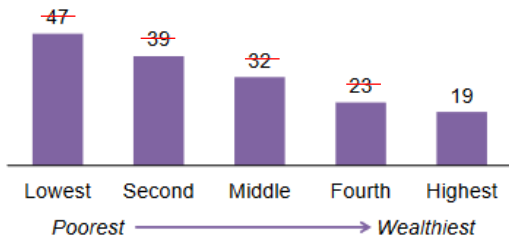
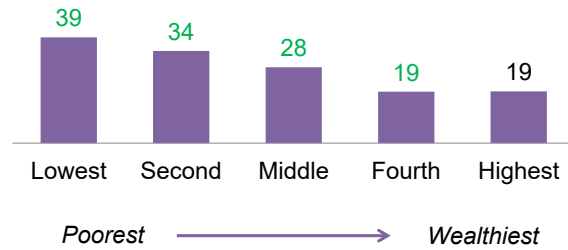


Figure 17.3 Child labor by wealth

Percentage of children age 5-17 who were involved, during the week before the interview, in economic activities or housework at or above the number of hours fixed for their age group



Page 368 Table 17.6 Child labor

The numbers in this table have changed. A “Don’t know” row has been included for “Head of household’s education”.

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Table 17.6 Child labor

Percentage of children age 5-17 years by involvement in economic activities or household chores during the last week and percentage engaged in child labor during the previous week, according to background characteristics, Liberia DHS 2019-20

Background characteristic	Children involved in economic activities for a total number of hours during last week:		Children involved in household chores for a total number of hours during last week:		Total child labor ¹	Number of children age 5-17 years
	Below the age specific threshold	At or above the age specific threshold	Below the age specific threshold	At or above the age specific threshold		
Age in years						
5-11	60.7 3.2	22.3 30.4	46.9 68.4	9.6 10.1	34.9 35.5	3,031
12-14	56.4 37.7	19.3 11.2	65.4 74.9	19.5 21.1	38.8 26.0	1,298
15-17	60.3 57.2	19.7 1.7	na	na	19.7 1.7	825
Child's sex						
Male	58.0 21.8	19.9 20.8	39.8 56.7	9.4 10.2	29.3 26.3	2,736 2,628
Female	64.4 19.2	22.4 21.2	48.9 61.5	11.9 12.3	34.3 29.2	2,419 2,526
Residence						
Urban	59.0 19.0	17.2 16.9	40.9 57.3	10.2 10.9	27.4 24.5	3,191
Greater Monrovia	56.5 20.3	19.5	46.3 56.3	9.0 9.2	28.5 24.0	425
Other urban	59.4 18.8	16.8 16.6	40.0 57.5	10.4 11.1	27.2 24.6	2,766
Rural	60.5 23.0	27.5	49.3 61.9	11.0 11.8	38.6 32.9	1,963
Region						
North Western	58.7 23.5	30.4	43.1 55.2	18.3 19.2	48.7 38.0	450
South Central	59.5 16.6	12.6 12.3	39.4 57.1	9.2 10.3	21.8 20.4	2,253
South Eastern A	63.0 25.3	24.0	53.2 64.7	8.7 8.2	31.8 28.7	342
South Eastern B	60.4 20.6	24.3	52.3 61.3	14.7 15.2	39.0 32.6	323
North Central	59.0 23.8	28.3	47.0 61.1	10.1 10.3	38.4 33.3	1,787
County						
Bomi	61.0 24.0	26.2	44.0 56.3	15.9 16.1	42.1 30.7	178
Bong	52.5 22.3	32.2 32.1	35.6 46.8	23.0 23.6	55.2 42.6	484
Gbarpolu	46.3 18.5	43.8	42.5 57.1	26.6 28.0	70.4 52.2	82
Grand Bassa	66.6 25.8	19.0	48.5 64.4	3.4 3.8	22.4 22.0	279
Grand Cape Mount	62.0 25.3	28.6	42.5 53.3	17.0 18.2	45.6 38.8	189
Grand Gedeh	70.6 29.6	17.2	33.5 49.1	16.6 16.9	33.8 28.7	113
Grand Kru	57.0 24.5	31.5	51.3 57.7	19.3 20.3	50.8 42.0	106
Lofa	61.6 28.5	26.8	59.8 68.1	4.3	31.1 29.6	494
Margibi	60.8 20.7	22.3	40.9 59.7	13.3 16.6	35.7 30.6	288
Maryland	63.5 17.7	18.8	52.5 63.8	12.7 12.9	31.5 26.8	156
Montserrado	58.1 14.3	9.9 9.5	37.6 55.5	9.4 10.3	19.3 18.4	1,685
Nimba	61.3 21.9	26.9	46.0 65.5	6.0 6.1	32.9 30.0	809
River Cess	59.9 18.4	27.8	50.9 65.9	6.8 7.7	34.6 29.8	90
River Gee	58.2 21.5	25.7	53.3 61.2	11.9	37.6 31.0	62
Sinoe	58.8 26.3	27.1	70.9 76.7	1.3	28.4 27.9	138
School attendance						
Attending	62.2 21.6	21.2 21.0	48.5 64.6	11.0 11.7	32.3 28.5	3,953
Not attending	50.9 16.9	20.8 20.7	29.6 41.1	8.9 9.7	29.7 25.1	1,201
Head of household's education						
No education	59.2 22.0	23.8 23.4	45.5 58.1	11.5 12.0	35.3 30.3	1,737
Elementary	57.9 23.3	26.8	46.8 61.7	13.5 14.0	40.4 34.5	881
Junior high	61.1 18.7	21.0	46.5 60.2	9.5 9.8	30.5 26.3	630
Senior high	61.9 18.0	18.5	46.4 63.1	6.6 6.9	25.0 21.9	1,250
Higher	57.5 18.7	9.5	30.0 50.5	11.3 14.1	20.8 22.4	594
Don't know	26.2	29.0	40.5	25.3	42.4	63
Wealth quintile						
Lowest	58.6 24.8	32.5	48.3 60.7	14.4 14.7	47.0 39.2	993
Second	58.4 22.5	30.1 30.0	51.7 64.6	9.8 9.6	39.0 34.1	989
Middle	62.0 21.3	20.7	44.3 59.1	10.8 11.2	31.5 27.7	1,115
Fourth	61.5 19.1	13.1 12.4	41.3 57.7	9.4 10.3	22.5 19.1	1,025
Highest	57.1 15.1	9.9	35.2 53.7	9.2 10.5	19.1	1,032
Total	59.6 20.5	21.1 21.0	44.1 59.1	10.5 11.2	31.7 27.7	5,154

na = Not applicable

¹ According to the UNICEF definition, this category includes children who (1) participate in economic activities at or above the threshold defined for their age group or (2) participate in household chores at or above the threshold defined for their age group.