The 2008 Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS) provides up-to-date information on the population and health situation in Nigeria. The 2008 NDHS is the fourth national demographic and health survey conducted in the country. The survey is based on a nationally representative sample. It provides estimates for rural and urban areas of the country, for each of the 6 zones, and, in most cases, for each of the 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

### Number Response Rates
- **Households interviewed**: 34,070 (98%)
- **Women (age 15–49) interviewed**: 33,385 (97%)
- **Men (age 15–49) interviewed**: 15,486 (93%)

### Total Fertility Rate by State
- **Nigeria**: 5.7
- **South South**: 4.7
- **Edo**: 5.3
- **Delta**: 4.5
- **Bayelsa**: 5.8
- **Rivers**: 4.3
- **Akwa Ibom**: 4.0
- **Cross River**: 5.4

### Immunisation Coverage
- **Nigeria**: 39%
- **South South**: 31%
- **Edo**: 38%
- **Delta**: 37%
- **Akwa Ibom**: 39%
- **Bayelsa**: 38%
- **Cross River**: 38%
- **Rivers**: 42%

### Stunting by State
- **Nigeria**: 41%
- **South South**: 31%
- **Delta**: 35%
- **Brother**: 36%
- **Bayelsa**: 33%
- **Rivers**: 32%
- **Akwa Ibom**: 29%
- **Cross River**: 29%

### Maternal Health Care
- **Received ANC from a skilled provider***
- **Received delivery care from a skilled provider***

### Comprehensive Knowledge of HIV Prevention
- **Women**
- **Men**

*Skilled provider includes doctor, nurse/midwife, and auxiliary nurse/midwife.

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* Comprehensive knowledge means knowing that consistent use of condoms during sexual intercourse and having just one uninfected faithful partner can reduce the risk of getting HIV, knowing that a healthy-looking person can have HIV, and rejecting the two most common misconceptions about HIV transmission and prevention.
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### Fertility

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### Family Planning

| Women age 15–49 (currently married) | 10 | 16 | 18 | 8 | 16 | 15 | 19 | 14 |

### Maternal and Child Health

#### Maternity care

| Women who gave birth in the last 5 years who received antenatal care from a skilled provider (%) | 58 | 70 | 67 | 35 | 68 | 78 | 91 | 67 |
| Births assisted by a skilled provider (%) | 39 | 56 | 44 | 22 | 44 | 62 | 80 | 64 |
| Births delivered in a health facility (%) | 35 | 48 | 37 | 18 | 39 | 57 | 76 | 48 |

#### Child immunisation

| Children 12–23 months fully immunised (%) | 23 | 36 | 32 | 20 | 42 | 38 | 39 | 37 |
| Children 12–23 months with no immunisations (%) | 29 | 10 | 9 | 18 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 10 |

### Nutrition

| Children <5 years who are stunted (moderate or severe) (%) | 41 | 31 | 28 | 29 | 32 | 35 | 38 | 29 |
| Children <5 years who are wasted (moderate or severe) (%) | 14 | 8 | 14 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 5 |
| Children <5 years who are underweight (moderate or severe) (%) | 23 | 13 | 17 | 8 | 16 | 13 | 11 | 11 |

### Malaria

| Households with at least one insecticide-treated net (ITN) (%) | 8 | 10 | 14 | 7 | 16 | 6 | 6 | 12 |
| Children <5 who slept under an ITN the night before the survey (%) | 6 | 9 | 14 | 8 | 16 | 6 | 3 | 10 |
| Pregnant women who slept under an ITN the night before the survey (%) | 5 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 14 | 5 | 3 | 9 |
| Pregnant women who received 2+ doses of SP/Fansidar as IPT during antenatal care (%) | 5 | 6 | 13 | 4 | 12 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Among children <5 with fever, percent who received antimalarial drugs the same or next day (%) | 15 | 21 | 21 | 20 | 20 | 17 | 29 | 21 |

### HIV and AIDS–related Knowledge

#### Knows that the risk of getting HIV can be reduced by:

| Having one sex partner (women 15–49/men 15–49) (%) | 68/83 | 73/89 | 89/87 | 73/96 | 93/96 | 53/84 | 77/92 | 66/85 |
| Using condoms (women 15–49/men 15–49) (%) | 53/72 | 65/78 | 76/71 | 72/91 | 89/87 | 48/67 | 63/87 | 56/76 |
| Knows a healthy-looking person can have HIV (women 15–49/ men 15–49) (%) | 66/78 | 73/80 | 87/82 | 74/92 | 79/91 | 64/75 | 74/67 | 67/80 |
| Knows HIV can be transmitted to infant by breastfeeding (women 15–49/men 15–49) (%) | 52/59 | 59/67 | 87/70 | 44/70 | 86/78 | 27/69 | 55/58 | 57/64 |
| Knows risk of MTCT can be reduced by mother taking special drugs during pregnancy (women 15–49/men 15–49) (%) | 28/39 | 35/36 | 35/25 | 38/66 | 65/49 | 18/37 | 37/25 | 31/33 |

### Housing Conditions

| Households with an improved source of drinking water (%) | 56 | 59 | 65 | 27 | 26 | 72 | 60 | 69 |
| Households with electricity (%) | 50 | 56 | 58 | 51 | 32 | 64 | 74 | 53 |
| Households with an improved toilet facility (%) | 27 | 22 | 39 | 6 | 10 | 22 | 30 | 20 |

### Education

| Literate (women 15–49/men 15–49) (%) | 54/77 | 78/89 | 80/85 | 72/96 | 70/79 | 77/86 | 76/88 | 84/95 |
| No education (women 15–49/men 15–49) (%) | 36/19 | 6/2 | 4/3 | 10/1 | 9/3 | 4/2 | 9/3 | 5/2 |

1 Skilled provider includes doctor, nurse/midwife, or auxiliary nurse/midwife. 2 Fully immunised includes BCG, measles, and three doses each of DPT and polio.