

# 2008 Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS)

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).

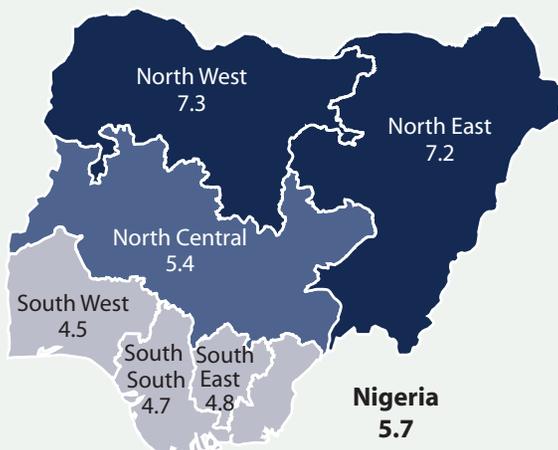
Households interviewed	34,070
Women (age 15–49) interviewed	33,385
Men (age 15–59) interviewed	15,486

## Response rates

Households interviewed	98%
Women interviewed	97%
Men interviewed	93%

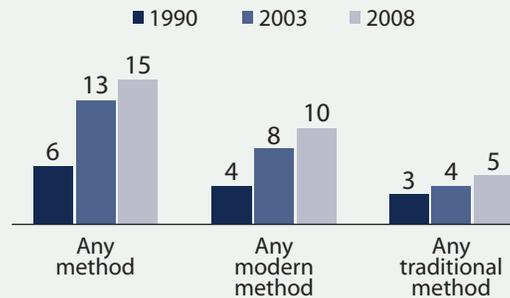
## Total Fertility Rate by Zone

Births per woman



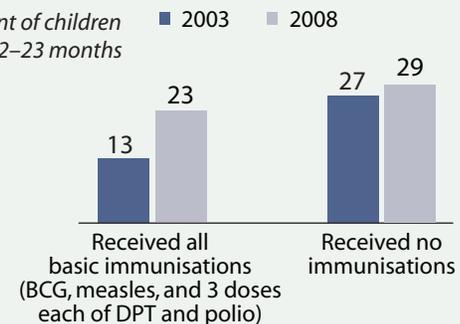
## Trends in Use of Family Planning

Percent of married women age 15–49 who use family planning



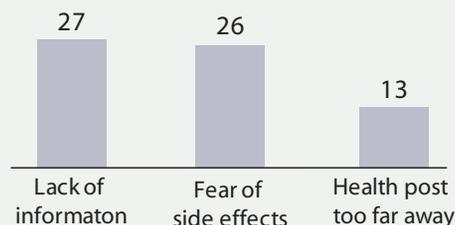
## Trends in Immunisation Coverage

Percent of children age 12–23 months



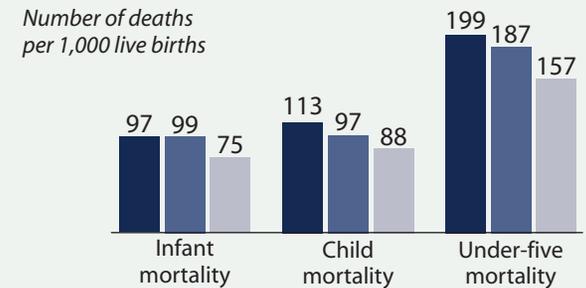
## Reasons for Not Receiving Immunisations

Percent of children age 12–59 months who did not receive any immunisations by mother's reason for not immunising child



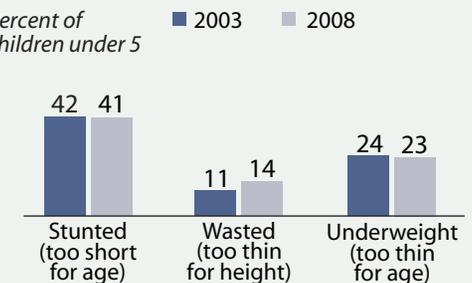
## Trends in Childhood Mortality

Number of deaths per 1,000 live births



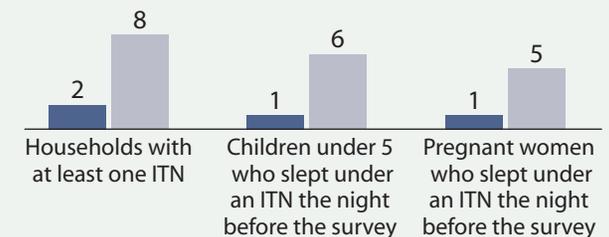
## Trends in Children's Nutritional Status

Percent of children under 5



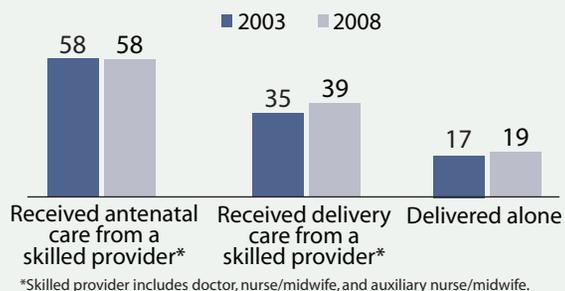
## Trends in Ownership and Use of Insecticide-Treated Nets (ITNs)

Percent



## Trends in Maternal Health Care

Percent of women with a live birth in the 5 years before the survey

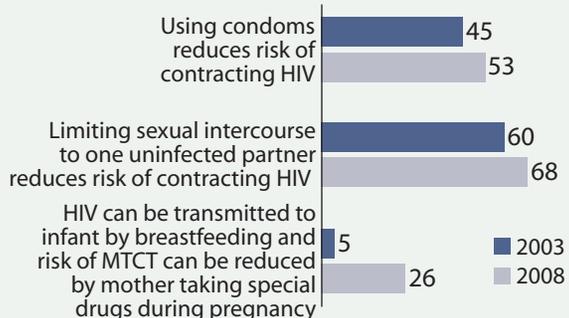


\*Skilled provider includes doctor, nurse/midwife, and auxiliary nurse/midwife.

The maternal mortality ratio in Nigeria is 545 deaths per 100,000 live births.

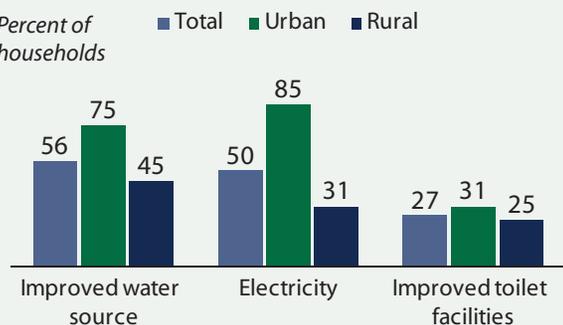
## Trends in Knowledge of HIV Prevention Methods

Percent of women 15–49 who know that:



## Housing Characteristics

Percent of households



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## Fact Sheet

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	Residence			Zone					
	Total	Urban	Rural	North Central	North East	North West	South East	South South	South West
<b>Fertility</b>									
Total fertility rate	5.7	4.7	6.3	5.4	7.2	7.3	4.8	4.7	4.5
Women age 15–19 who are mothers or now pregnant (%)	23	12	29	22	39	45	8	12	9
Median age at first marriage for women age 25–49 (years)	18.3	21.1	16.9	18.3	15.6	15.2	22.8	20.9	21.8
Median age at first intercourse for women age 25–49 (years)	17.7	19.2	16.5	18.4	15.6	15.4	20.4	18.1	19.6
Married women (age 15–49) wanting no more children (%)	20	25	17	20	13	10	28	27	32
Mean ideal number of children for women 15–49	6.1	5.2	6.7	5.7	8.1	8.0	5.5	5.2	4.6
<b>Family Planning</b>									
Current use of any modern method (currently married women 15–49) (%)	10	17	7	11	4	3	12	16	21
Currently married women with an unmet need for family planning <sup>1</sup> (%)	20	19	21	19	18	21	18	26	20
<b>Maternal and Child Health</b>									
<b>Maternity care</b>									
Women who gave birth in past 5 years who received antenatal care from a skilled provider <sup>2</sup> (%)	58	84	46	65	43	31	87	70	87
Births assisted by a skilled provider <sup>2</sup> (%)	39	65	28	43	16	10	82	56	77
Births delivered in a health facility (%)	35	59	25	41	13	8	74	48	70
<b>Child immunisation</b>									
Children 12–23 months fully immunised <sup>3</sup> (%)	23	38	16	26	8	6	43	36	43
Children 12–23 months with no immunisations (%)	29	18	33	23	33	49	17	10	13
<b>Nutrition</b>									
Children <5 years who are stunted (moderate or severe) (%)	41	31	45	44	49	53	22	31	31
Children <5 years who are wasted (moderate or severe) (%)	14	11	15	9	22	20	9	8	9
Children <5 years who are underweight (moderate or severe) (%)	23	16	27	20	35	35	10	13	13
Median duration of any breastfeeding (months)	18	16	19	19	21	20	14	15	16
Median duration of exclusive breastfeeding (months)	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6
<b>Childhood Mortality</b>									
<b>Number of deaths per 1,000 births:<sup>4</sup></b>									
Infant mortality (between birth and first birthday)	75	67	95	77	109	91	95	84	59
Under-five mortality (between birth and fifth birthday)	157	121	191	135	222	217	153	138	89
<b>Malaria</b>									
Households with at least one insecticide-treated net (ITN) (%)	8	9	8	7	7	8	10	10	6
Children <5 who slept under an ITN the night before the survey (%)	6	7	5	4	4	4	11	9	5
Pregnant women who slept under an ITN the night before the survey (%)	5	5	5	3	6	4	6	7	3
Pregnant women who received 2+ doses of SP/Fansidar as IPT during antenatal care	5	8	4	7	3	4	5	6	6
Among children with fever, percent who received antimalarial drugs the same or next day (%)	15	19	14	21	12	13	10	21	22
<b>HIV and AIDS-related Knowledge</b>									
Knows ways to reduce the risk of getting HIV:									
Having one sex partner (women 15–49/men 15–49) (%)	68/83	75/87	64/81	62/81	62/82	66/80	78/88	73/89	67/82
Using condoms (women 15–49/ men 15–49) (%)	53/72	63/78	47/69	48/74	39/72	46/66	61/76	65/78	59/73
Knows a healthy-looking person can have HIV (women 15–49/ men 15–49) (%)	66/78	79/88	58/73	56/73	54/71	60/76	69/81	73/80	78/86
Knows HIV can be transmitted to infant by breastfeeding (women 15–49/men 15–49) (%)	52/59	65/63	45/57	50/66	40/52	34/48	70/67	59/67	67/59
Knows risk of MTCT can be reduced by mother taking special drugs during pregnancy (women 15–49/ men 15–49) (%)	28/39	41/46	21/34	31/36	29/52	22/40	27/38	35/36	28/34
<b>Women's Experience of Violence</b>									
Ever experienced physical violence since age 15 (women 15–49) (%)	28	30	26	31	20	13	30	52	29
Ever experienced physical or sexual violence committed by a husband/partner (women 15–49) (%)	18	18	19	26	17	7	24	39	14
<b>Housing Conditions</b>									
Households with an improved source of drinking water (%)	56	75	45	50	34	50	68	59	67
Households with electricity (%)	50	85	31	36	24	37	64	56	71
Households with an improved toilet facility (%)	27	31	25	19	25	44	37	22	16

<sup>1</sup> Currently married women who do not want any more children or want to wait at least 2 years before their next birth but are not currently using a method of family planning. <sup>2</sup> Skilled provider includes doctor, nurse/midwife, or auxiliary nurse/midwife. <sup>3</sup> Fully vaccinated includes BCG, measles, and three doses each of DPT and polio. <sup>4</sup> Figures are for the ten-year period before the survey, except for the national rate, in italics, which represents the five-year period before the survey.