

Largest urban agglomeration or Capital city : ASMARA
Official language: ENGLISH
Surface area (square kms) : 117600
Population density (per square km): 37

DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIOECONOMICS STATISTICS ^a			YEARS	ERITREA	WHO AFRICAN REGION
Population	number	(000)	2005	4 401	738 083
	annual growth rate	(%)	1995–2004	3,2	2,2
	in urban	(%)	2005	21	38
Total fertility rate (per woman)			2004	5,4	5,3
Adolescent fertility proportion			2000	8,1	11,7
Adult literacy rate			2000–2004	...	60,1
Net primary school enrolment ratio	Males	(%)	1998–2004	49	70
	Females	(%)		42	63
Gross national income per capita			2004	1050	2 074
Population living below the poverty line			1997-2003	...	44

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HEALTH STATUS STATISTICS MORTALITY ^a			YEARS	ERITREA	WHO AFRICAN REGION
Life expectancy at birth (years)	Males		2004	58	47
Life expectancy at birth (years)	Females		2004	62	49
Healthy life expectancy (HALE) at birth (years)	Males		2002	49	40
Healthy life expectancy (HALE) at birth (years)	Females		2002	51	42
Probability of dying per 1 000 population between 15 and 60 years (adult mortality rate)	Males		2004	345	519
	Females		2004	281	465
Probability of dying per 1 000 live births under 5 years (under-5 mortality rate)	Both sexes		2004	82	167
Infant mortality rate (per 1 000 live births)	Both sexes		2004	52	100
Neonatal mortality rate (per 1 000 live births)	Both sexes		2000	25	43
Maternal mortality ratio (per 100 000 live births)	Females		2000	630	910
	HIV/AIDS		2003	155	313
Cause-specific mortality rate (per 100 000 population) (Both sexes)	TB among HIV-negative people		2004	52	53
	TB among HIV-positive people		2004	9	28
	Non-communicable diseases		2002	762	800
Age-standardized mortality rate by cause (per 100 000 population) (Both sexes)	Cardio-vascular diseases		2002	398	404
	Cancer		2002	133	144
	Injuries		2002	92	133
	Communicable diseases		2002	81	59
	Non-communicable diseases		2002	11	10
Years of life lost by broader causes (%) (Both sexes)	Injuries		2002	8	8
	Neonatal causes		2000	27,4	26,2
	HIV/AIDS		2000	6,2	6,8
Causes of death among children under 5 years of age (%) (Both sexes)	Diarrhoeal diseases		2000	15,6	16,6
	Measles		2000	2,5	4,3
	Malaria		2000	13,6	17,5
	Pneumonia		2000	18,6	21,1
	Injuries		2000	3,0	1,9
	Other		2000	13,0	5,6

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Mortality Country Fact Sheet 2006

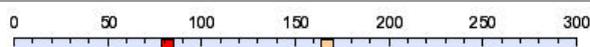
Eritrea



Summary	Year	Males	Females	Both sexes
Population (millions)	2005	2.2	2.2	4.4
Life expectancy (years)	2004	58	62	60
Under-5 mortality (per 1 000 live births)	2004	89	75	82
Adult mortality (per 1 000)	2004	345	281	
Maternal mortality (per 100 000 live births)	2000		630	

Source: World Health Statistics 2006

Under-5 mortality rate (per 1 000 live births)
Eritrea, 2004



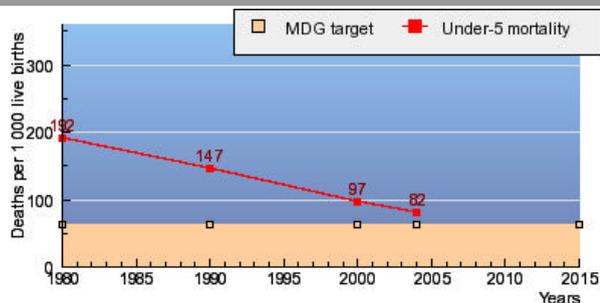
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Source: World Health Statistics 2006

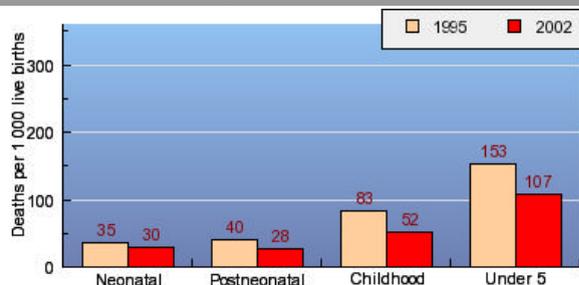
Under-5 mortality

Under-5 mortality: Estimated trend and MDG goal
Eritrea, 1980-2004



Source: i) WHO mortality database ii) World Health Statistics 2006

Under-5 mortality: Age-specific mortality rates
Eritrea, DHS 1995, DHS 2002



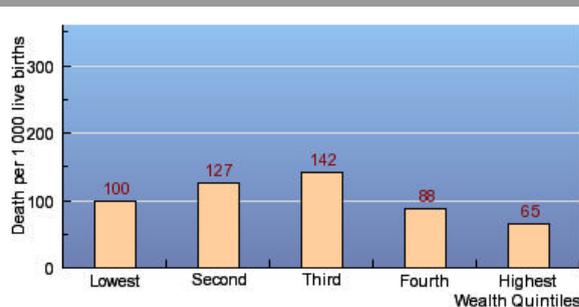
Note: rate for 5 years preceding the survey
Source: DHS 1995, DHS 2002

Under-5 mortality: for highest and lowest quintiles
Eritrea, DHS 2002

Wealth/assets quintiles	Lowest	Highest	Ratio
	100	65	1.5
Sex	Males	Females	Ratio
	116	98	1.2
Urban/Rural	Rural	Urban	Ratio
	117	86	1.4
Mother's education quintiles	None	Higher	Ratio
	121	59	2.1

Note: rate per 1 000 live births for 10-year period preceding the survey
Source: DHS 2002

Under-5 mortality rates by wealth quintile
Eritrea, DHS 2002



Note: rate for 10-year period preceding the survey
Source: DHS 2002



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Causes of death in children under-5

Distribution of causes of death among children under 5 years of age Eritrea, 2000-2003			Annual estimated proportions of death by cause for neonates Eritrea, 2000		
Causes	Deaths ^b (%)	Regional average (%)	Causes	Deaths ^c (%)	Regional average ^c (%)
Total neonatal deaths	100	100	Total neonatal deaths	100	100
Neonatal causes ^a	27	26	Neonatal tetanus	7	9
HIV/AIDS	6	7	Severe infection ^a	34	27
Diarrhoeal diseases	16	17	Birth asphyxia	26	24
Measles	3	4	Diarrhoeal diseases	2	3
Malaria	14	17	Congenital anomalies	5	6
Pneumonia	19	21	Preterm birth ^b	20	23
Injuries	3	2	Others	7	7
Others	13	6			

a. Includes diarrhoea during neonatal period
b. Sum of individual proportions may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

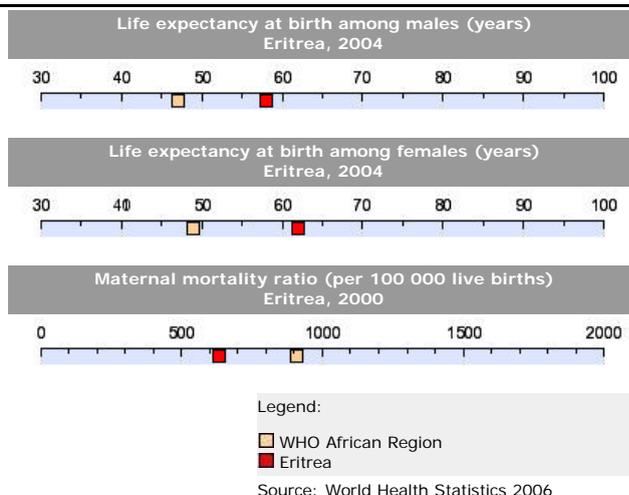
a. Includes deaths from pneumonia, meningitis, sepsis/septicaemia and other infections during the neonatal period.
b. Includes only deaths directly attributed to prematurity and to specific complications of preterm birth such as surfactant deficiency, but not all deaths in preterm infants.
c. Sum of individual proportions may not equal 100% due to rounding.

Causes of Death

Top ten causes of death, all ages Eritrea, 2002			
Causes	Deaths		Years of Life Lost (%)
	(000)	(%)	
All causes	41	100	100
Lower respiratory infections	6	16	20
HIV/AIDS	6	16	16
Perinatal conditions	2	6	8
Diarrhoeal diseases	2	6	8
Malaria	2	6	8
Tuberculosis	2	5	5
Cerebrovascular disease	1	4	1
Ischaemic heart disease	1	3	1
Measles	1	3	4
Road traffic accidents	0	2	2

Source: [Death and DALY estimates by cause, 2002](#)

<http://www.who.int/entity/healthinfo/statistics/bodgbddeathdalyestimates.xls>



HEALTH STATUS STATISTICS MORBIDITY ^a		YEARS	ERITREA	WHO AFRICAN REGION
HIV prevalence among adults (15 - 49) (%)	Both sexes	2003	2,7	7,1
TB prevalence (per 100 000 population)	Both sexes	2004	437	518
TB incidence (per 100 000 population)	Both sexes	2004	271	356
Number of confirmed polio cases	Both sexes	2005	1	854

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BEHAVIOUR AND ENVIRONMENTAL RISK FACTORS ^a		YEARS	ERITREA	WHO AFRICAN REGION
Non-communicable diseases - Infobase for the country	See ---> http://www.afro.who.int/dnc/infobase/Eritrea.pdf			
Children under-5 stunted for age (Both sexes) (%)		2002	37,6	...
Children under-5 underweight for age (Both sexes) (%)		2002	39,6	...
Children under-5 overweight for age (Both sexes) (%)		2002	0,7	...
Newborns with low birth weight (Both sexes) (%)		2000-2002	21	14
Adults (≥15) who are obese (%)	Males	2002	...	...
	Females	2002	1,6	...
Access to improved water sources (%)	Urban	2002	72	84
	Rural	2002	54	45
Access to improved sanitation (%)	Urban	2002	34	58
	Rural	2002	3	28
Population using solid fuels (%)	Urban	2003	31	...
	Rural	2003	97	...
Prevalence of current tobacco use (%) Adolescents (13 - 15)	Both sexes	2006	6,6	...
Prevalence of current tobacco use (%) Adults (≥15)	Males	...	...	...
	Females
Condom use by young people (15 - 24) at higher risk sex (%)	Males
	Females

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HEALTH SERVICES COVERAGE STATISTICS ^a			YEARS	ERITREA	WHO AFRICAN REGION
Immunization coverage among 1-year-olds	Measles	(%)	2004	84	66
	DTP3	(%)	2004	83	66
	HepB3	(%)	2004	83	35
Antenatal care coverage	At least 1 visit	(%)	2001	...	...
	At least 4 visits	(%)	2001	49	...
Births attended by skilled health personnel		(%)	2002	28	...
Contraceptive prevalence rate		(%)	2002	8,0	...
Children under-5 sleeping under insecticide-treated nets		(%)	2002	4,2	...
Antiretroviral therapy coverage		(%)	Dec 2005	5	17
TB detection rate under DOTS		(%)	2004	14	48
TB detection treatment success DOTS		(%)	2003 cohort	85	72
Children under-5 with ARI symptoms taken to facility		(%)	2002	43,6	...
Children under-5 with diarrhoea receiving ORT		(%)	2002	38,2	...
Children under-5 with fever who received treatment with any antimalarial		(%)	2002	3,6	...
Children 6-59 months who received vitamin A supplementation		(%)	2002	51,1	...
Births by Caesarean section		(%)	1995	2	...

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HEALTH SYSTEMS STATISTICS ^a		YEARS	ERITREA
Physicians	Number	2004	215
	Density	2004	0,05
Nurses	Number	2004	2 505
	Density per 1000	2004	0,58
Midwives	Number	...	...
	Density per 1000	...	...
Dentists	Number	2004	16
	Density per 1000	2004	0,00
Pharmacists	Number	2004	107
	Density per 1000	2004	0,02
Public and environmental health workers	Number	2004	88
	Density per 1000	2004	0,02
Community Health workers	Number	...	...
	Density per 1000	...	...
Lab technicians	Number	2004	248
	Density per 1000	2004	0,06
Other health workers	Number	2004	56
	Density per 1000	2004	0,01
Health management and support workers	Number	2004	765
	Density per 1000	2004	0,18
Total expenditure on health as % of gross domestic product		2003	4,4
General government expenditure on health as % of total expenditure on health		2003	45,5
Private expenditure on health as % of total expenditure on health		2003	54,5
General government expenditure on health as % of total government expenditure		2003	4,0
External resources for health as % of total expenditure on health		2003	19,6
Social security expenditure on health as % of general government expenditure on health		2003	0,0
Out-of-pocket expenditure as % of private expenditure on health		2003	100,0
Private prepaid plans as % of private expenditure on health		2003	0,0
Per capita total expenditure on health at average exchange rate (US\$)		2003	8
Per capita total expenditure on health at international dollar rate		2003	50
Per capita government expenditure on health at average exchange rate (US\$)		2003	4
Per capita government expenditure on health at international dollar rate		2003	23
Coverage of vital registration of deaths (%)		2002	<25
Hospital beds (per 10 000)	

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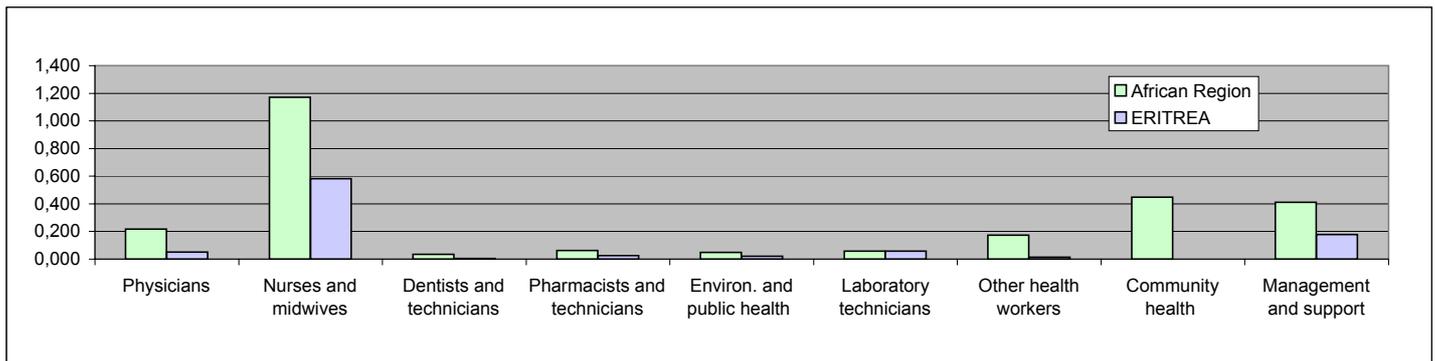
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Country Fact Sheet Eritrea

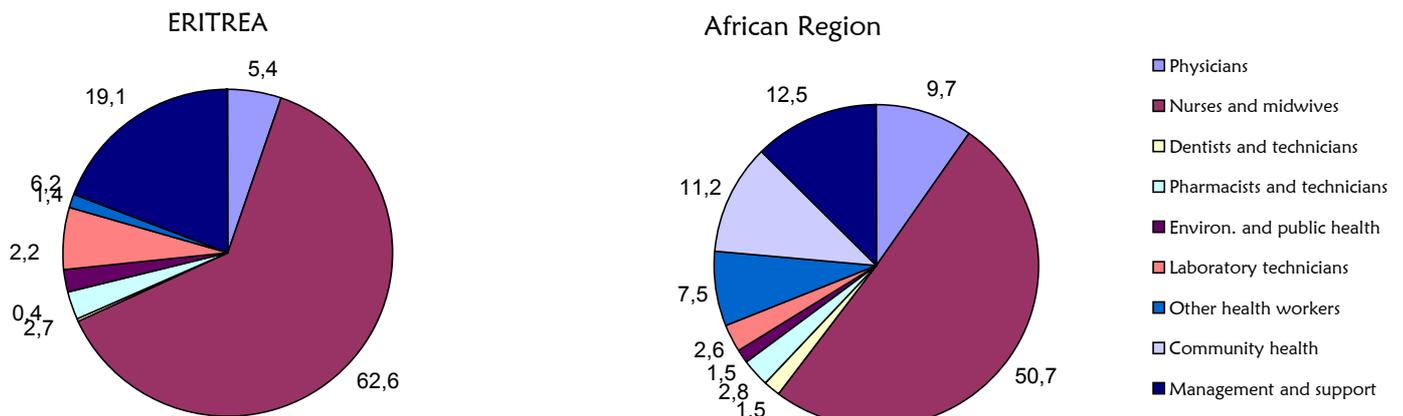
Total numbers and densities of the health workforce in ERITREA (2002)

	Total number ERITREA	Density per 1000 ERITREA	Density per 1000 AFRO
Physicians	215	0,050	0,217
Nurses and midwives	2505	0,583	1,172
Dentists and technicians	16	0,004	0,035
Pharmacists and technicians	107	0,025	0,063
Environmental and public health workers	88	0,020	0,049
Laboratory technicians	248	0,058	0,057
Other health workers	56	0,013	0,173
Community health workers	n.a.	n.a.	0,449
Health management and support	765	0,178	0,411
Sum total	4000	0,931	2,626

Densities of health workers in ERITREA and in the African Region per 1000 population



Distribution of health workforce by cadre



MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS ^a	YEARS	ERITREA	WHO AFRICAN REGION
GOAL 1: ERADICATE EXTREME POVERTY AND HUNGER			
4. Prevalence of underweight children under five years of age	2000	40	26
5. Proportion of population below minimum level of dietary energy consumption	...	...	...
GOAL 4: REDUCE CHILD MORTALITY			
13. Under-five mortality rate (per 1000 live births, %)	1990	...	...
	2003	85	171
	2004	82	167
14. Infant mortality rate (per 1000 live births, %)	1990	81	...
	2003	45	...
	2004	52	100
15. Proportion of one-year-old children immunized against measles, %	2003	84	63
	2004	84	66
GOAL 5: IMPROVE MATERNAL HEALTH			
16. Maternal mortality ratio (per 100 000 live births)	1990	1400	...
	1995	1100	...
	2000	630	990
	2003	...	...
	2004	...	...
17. Proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel	2000	28	43
GOAL 6: COMBAT HIV/AIDS, MALARIA AND OTHER DISEASES			
18. HIV prevalence among pregnant women aged 15-24	...	...	...
- HIV prevalence among adults (15-49) %, both sexes	2003	2,7	7,1
19. Condom use rate of the contraceptive prevalence rate	...	...	...
- Contraceptive prevalence rate	2000	8	...
20. Number of children orphaned by HIV/AIDS	...	...	...
21. Prevalence rate associated with malaria	...	...	...
- Death rates associated with malaria (per 100 000)	2000	68	...
22. Proportion of population in malaria-risk areas using effective malaria prevention and treatment measures	...	...	...
23. Prevalence rate associated with tuberculosis (per 100 000)	1990	580	317
	2000	361	...
	2004	437	518
- Death rates associated with tuberculosis	1990	63	41
	2000	44	...
	2004	61	81
24. Proportion of tuberculosis cases detected under DOTS	2003	18	50
	2004	14	48
- Proportion of tuberculosis cases cured under DOTS	2002	82	73
	2003	85	72
GOAL 7: ENSURE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY			
29. Proportion of population using solid fuels	2002	80	76
30. Proportion of population with sustainable access to improved water source, urban	2002	72	84
- Proportion of population with sustainable access to improved water source, rural	2002	54	45
31. Proportion of urban population with access to improved sanitation	2002	34	58
- Proportion of rural population with access to improved sanitation	2002	3	28
GOAL 8: DEVELOP A GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR DEVELOPMENT			
46. Proportion of population with access to affordable essential drugs on a sustainable basis

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