

Nepal 2024-25



Sample & Survey Characteristics

Multiple Indicator
Cluster Surveys



Government of Nepal
Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers
National Statistics Office



Sample Size and Response Rates



Women age 15-49



Men age 15-49



Children under 5



Children age 5-17



Survey Implementation

Implementing agency:
National Statistics Office

Sampling frame:
2021 National Population and Housing Census

Listing & mapping:
13th December 2023 to 8th April 2024

Interviewer training:
November to December 2024

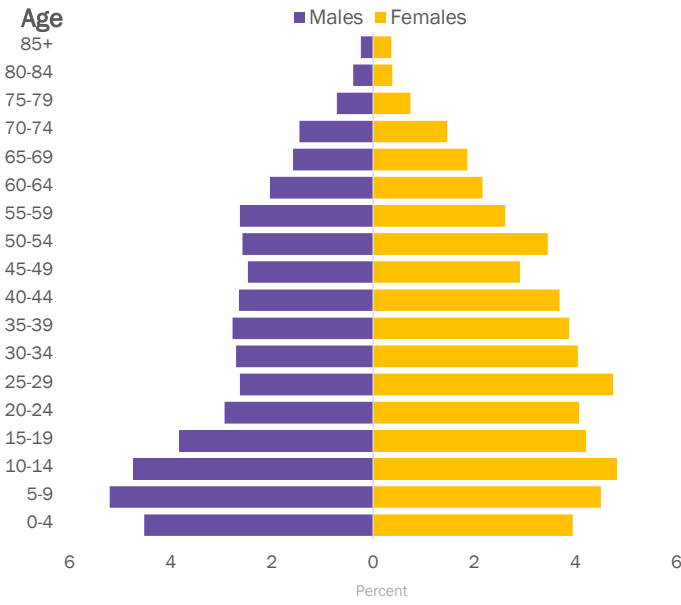
Fieldwork:
December 2024 to May 2025

Questionnaires:
Household
Women age 15-49
Men age 15-49
Children under 5
Children age 5-17

Forms
Water Quality testing *
Anthropometry age 0-4 *
* A subsample was selected a per standard methodology. See the Survey Findings Report for details.

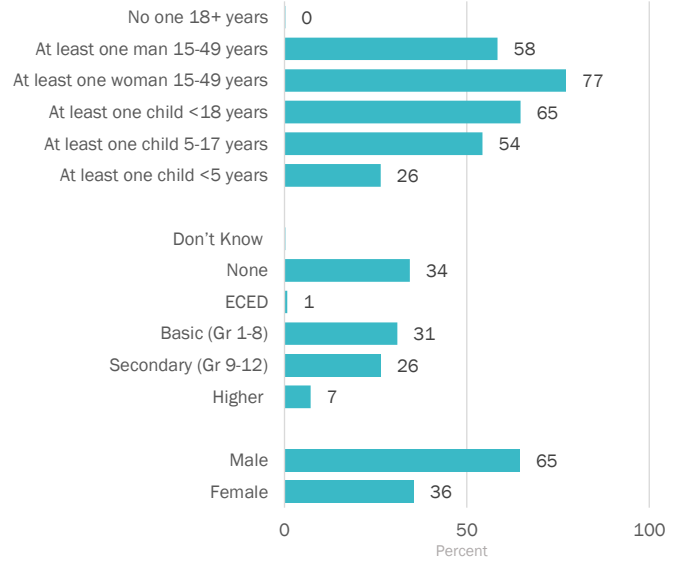
Population Characteristics

Household Population Age & Sex Distribution



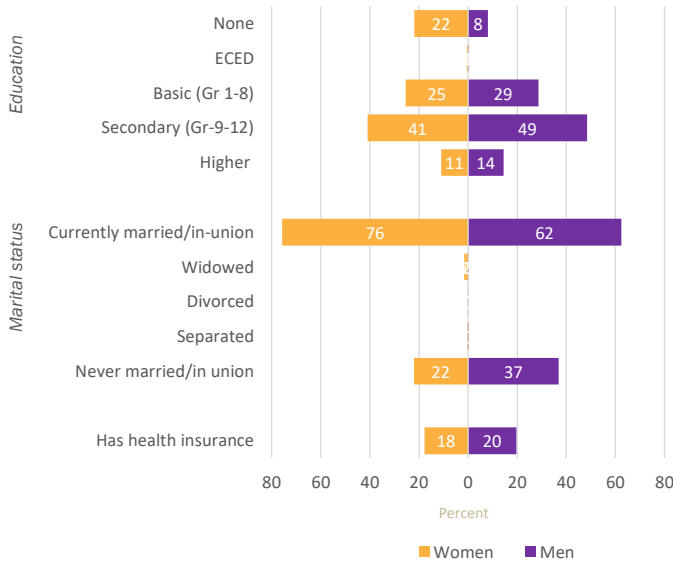
Percent distribution of household population by age group and sex

Household Composition & Characteristics of Head of household



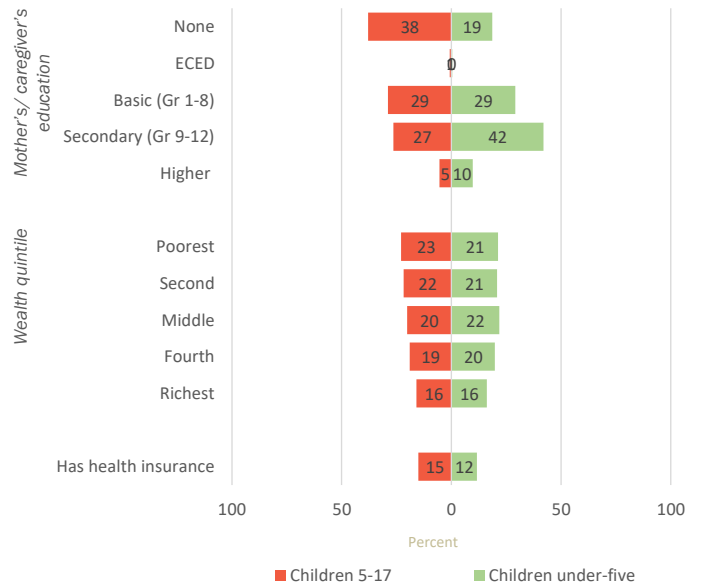
Percent of households by selected characteristics

Women & Men's Profile



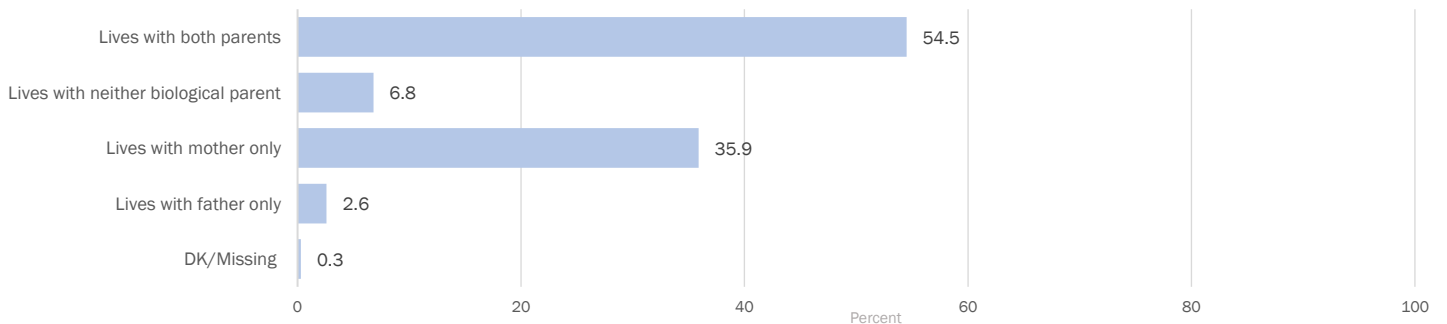
Percent of women and men age 15-49 by background characteristics

Children's Profile



Percent distribution of children age 5-17 and under-five by background characteristics

Children's Living Arrangements*



Percent distribution of children age 0-17 years according to living arrangements
*Children age 0-17 years

Provincial Distribution of Population (percent)- Interviewed

Province	Households	Women 15-49	Men 15-49	Children under 5	Children 5-17
National	98.8	97.7	96.2	98.0	99.3
Koshi	99.4	96.5	92.9	97.4	99.2
Madhesh	99.5	98.6	97.5	97.7	99.3
Bagmati	98.2	97.6	96.6	97.8	99.1
Gandaki	99.8	98.3	97.5	98.9	99.4
Lumbini	98.6	97.9	96.9	98.1	99.6
Karnali	99.2	98.4	97.9	98.1	99.6
Sudurpashchim	97.1	97.0	94.4	98.4	99.0

Key Messages

- The Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) for Nepal in 2024-25 was implemented by the National Statistics Office, using the 2021 National Population and Housing Census as the sampling frame.
- The survey involved listing and mapping in 2024, interviewer's training was held in November to December 2024, and fieldwork conducted during 2024-25.
- Questionnaires targeted households, women (15-49), men (15-49), children under 5, and children aged 5-17.
- The survey achieved high response rates across all target groups, indicating strong field implementation.
- The survey interviewed 12,802 households, ensuring a robust sample size for national-level analysis.
- Women have significantly lower educational attainment, with 22% having no education compared to only 8% of men. Men progressively outpace women at higher education levels, particularly in secondary (49% vs 41%) and higher education (14% vs 11%).
- Health insurance coverage is relatively low overall, with only 18% of women aged 15-49 and 20% of men aged 15-49 having health insurance, indicating limited access to health insurance.
- Mothers of older children (5-17) are more likely to have no education compared to mothers of young children (under-5). Majority of children aged 0-17 live with both parents (~55 percent).
- About one-third of children live with their mother only, making this the most common single-parent arrangement.

The Nepal Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) was carried out in 2024-25 by the National Statistics Office as part of the global MICS programme. Technical support was provided by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). UNICEF and National Statistics office provided financial support.

The objective of this snapshot is to disseminate selected findings from the Nepal MICS 2024-25 related to Survey and Sample Characteristics. Data from this snapshot can be found in tables SR.1.1, SR.5.1W, SR.5.1M, SR.5.2, SR.5.3 and SR.2.3 in the Survey Findings Report.

Further statistical snapshots and the Survey Findings Report for this and other surveys are available on mics.unicef.org/surveys.