EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Croatia

Demographics

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<th>Population</th>
<th>4,105,268</th>
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<td>Annual births</td>
<td>35,341</td>
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<td>Children under 5</td>
<td>184,151 (4%)</td>
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<td>Under-five mortality</td>
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Threats to Early Childhood Development

- Maternal mortality: 8/100,000
- Low birthweight: 5%
- Child poverty: no data
- Violent discipline: no data
- Young mothers (births by 18y): no data
- Preterm births: 6%
- Under-five stunting: no data
- Inadequate supervision: no data

Young children at risk of poor development

At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty

Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

Parents and caregivers need a facilitating environment of laws, policies, services and community support to assist them in providing their young children with nurturing care.

Facilitating environments

- Health
  - Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: no data
  - Careseeking for child pneumonia: no data
  - Antenatal care (4 or more visits): no data
  - Postnatal visits: no data
  - Early initiation of breastfeeding: no data
  - Exclusive breastfeeding: 24%
  - Minimum acceptable diet: no data

- Early learning
  - Early stimulation at home: no data
  - Children’s books in the home: no data
  - Playthings at home: no data
  - Attendance in early childhood education: no data

- Nutrition
  - Public information about ECD: no data
  - Parental mental health: no data
  - Parent support (groups, home visits): no data
  - Quality child day care: no data
  - Comparative country data urgently needed: no data

- Security and safety
  - Birth registration: 100%
  - Positive discipline: no data
  - Basic drinking water: 100%
  - Basic sanitation: 97%

International conventions

- Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption