**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

**Marshall Islands**

### Demographics
- **Population**: 59,194
- **Annual births**: no data
- **Children under 5**: no data (no data)
- **Under-five mortality**: 32/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development
- **Maternal mortality**: no data/100,000
- **Low birthweight**: no data
- **Child poverty**: no data
- **Violent discipline**: no data
- **Young mothers (births by 18y)**: 21%
- **Preterm births**: 12%
- **Under-five stunting**: 35%
- **Inadequate supervision**: 9%

### Young children at risk of poor development

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

### Risk by sex and residence

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### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

- **Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage**: 117%

### 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

**Policies**

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**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

**Health**

- Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: no data
- Antenatal care (4 or more visits): no data
- Postnatal visits: no data
- Careseeking for child pneumonia: no data
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 77%

**Nutrition**

- Early initiation of breastfeeding: 61%
- Exclusive breastfeeding: 43%
- Minimum acceptable diet: 16%

**Early learning**

- Early stimulation at home: 19%
- Children’s books in the home: no data
- Attendance in early childhood education: 72%
- Playthings at home: 71%

**Responsive caregiving**

- Public information about ECD
- Parental mental health
- Parent support (groups, home visits)
- Quality child day care

**Security and safety**

- Birth registration: 84%
- Positive discipline: no data
- Basic drinking water: 88%
- Basic sanitation: 83%

**Facilitating environments**

- No data
- National minimum wage
- Child and family social protection

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