

<b>Preterm births</b>	Preterm births are an indicator of poor antenatal development and a predictor of poor childhood development in the early years, including developmental delays and disabilities	Less than 37 completed weeks of gestation (2010)	Blencowe et al., 'National, Regional and Worldwide Estimates of Preterm Birth Rates in the Year 2010 with Time Trends since 1990 for Selected Countries: A systematic review and implications', <i>The Lancet</i> , vol. 379, no. 9832, 2012, pp. 2162-2172. Supplementary country tables. Data sources: National registries, reproductive health surveys and studies identified through systematic searches, unpublished data and data submitted during WHO country consultations
<b>Maternal mortality</b>	The death of a young child's mother increases the risks of child mortality, morbidity and poor early childhood development	Number of deaths of women from pregnancy-related causes per 100,000 live births during the same time period (2023)	United Nations Maternal Mortality Estimation Inter-Agency Group, composed of WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, World Bank and the United Nations Population Division, released in April 2025
<b>Adolescent birth rate</b>	It has been shown that children of young (versus older) mothers fare worse in school achievement	Annual number of births to females aged 15-19 years per 1,000 females aged 15-19 years (2004-2023)	SDG global database, updated May 2025
<b>Violent discipline</b>	Violence and maltreatment are associated with short- and long- term effects on children's health, well-being and social adjustment	Percentage of children aged 1-4 years who experienced any violent discipline (psychological aggression and/or physical punishment) in the past month (2006-2024)	UNICEF global databases, based on DHS, MICS and other nationally representative surveys
<b>Inadequate supervision</b>	Young children need adult supervision to protect them from danger, ensure adequate feeding, and provide them with support for learning	Percentage of children aged 0-59 months left alone or in the care of another child under 10 years for more than an hour at least once in the past week (2005-2024)	UNICEF global databases, based on DHS, MICS and other nationally representative surveys