

Background on CRVS

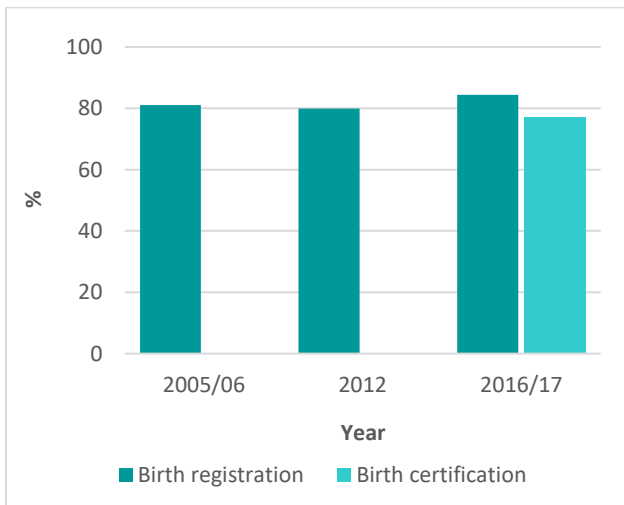
- The registration of births and deaths in Haiti is governed by Decree of 14 November 1988.
- The Ministry of Justice and Public Security (MJSP) is responsible for registration.
- The Ministry of Health is responsible for issuing medical certificates of deaths for deaths occurring in health facilities.
- Registration is free and is undertaken manually.
- Registration is mandated to take place within 25 months for births.
- A modernization and integration of Haiti’s civil registry project was implemented in 2008–2012.
- Digitization of historical records on births, deaths and marriage has taken place.

Status of CRVS

Birth registration

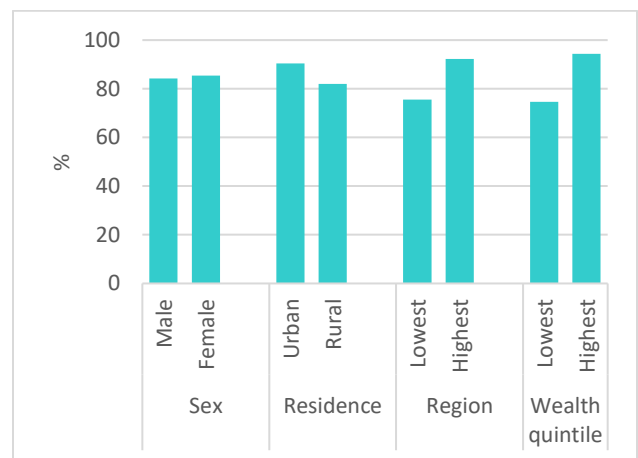
- About 85% of children aged below five years in Haiti were registered in 2016/17, having increased modestly from around 80% in 2005/06 and 2012 (Figure 1).
- Birth registration was slightly higher than birth certification in 2016/17 (77%), indicating that nearly 10% of children registered did not receive birth certificates.

Figure 1: Birth registration and certification, Haiti, 2005–2017



- In 2016/17, there were virtually no differences in birth registration by sex; modest differences by rural-urban residence; and wide difference by region and wealth quintile (Figure 2).
- Birth registration in urban areas was slightly higher (90%) than in rural areas (82%).
- For the regions, birth registration was highest in Aire Métropolitaine (92%) and lowest in Artibonite (76%).
- Birth registration among children from the poorest households was lowest (75%) and highest among those from the wealthiest (94%).

Figure 2: Birth registration by background characteristics, Haiti, 2016/17



Death registration and causes of death

- There is no information on the coverage of death registration and causes of death.

Registration of marriages

- There is no information on the coverage of marriage registration.
- About 18% of women aged 20–24 got married before aged 18 in 2012.

Vital statistics

- Vital statistics is not produced from the civil registration system.

Areas of improvement in CRVS

- Revisions to legislation and procedures regarding birth registration
- Strengthening the institutions responsible for CRVS.

CRVS stakeholders

- Ministry of Justice and Public Security, Haitian Institute of Statistics and Informatics
- Inter-American Development Bank, Organization of American States, UNDP, UNICEF, UNHCR, UNICEF, National School of Public Administration, Government of Canada