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Women's Health in Morocco

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- ❖ 69% of women in Morocco report that they do not have access to a health care provider while 82% of men report not having access to a health care provider. Health care is 23% more available in urban areas than in rural areas.¹ The majority of women lack access to a health care provider, 57% of women in urban areas and 81% of women in rural areas.¹
- ❖ The percent of the country's national GDP spent on health is 6.4%.²
- ❖ A woman's median age of first child is 25.4 years. The contraceptive prevalence rate is 67.4%.³ The fertility rate in Morocco increased from 2.4 in 2005 to 2.7 in 2012.²
- ❖ In 2010 there were 100 deaths per 100,000 live births.² The maternal mortality per 100,000 births in 2013 was 120.³
- ❖ Female life expectancy at birth is 72.6 years.⁴
- ❖ Unwed mothers are likely to give birth under unsanitary and unhealthy conditions without proper healthcare.⁵
- ❖ 95% of lower class women give birth at home, compared to the 6% of upper class women who deliver at home.⁵
- ❖ Assistance in delivery has reduced the health risk for women. In 1992, 31% of births were delivered by medical professionals. This percentage increased to 63 in 2004.⁵
- ❖ The percentage of women who received prenatal care in 2011 was 77.1%.³
- ❖ There are 11,000 women living with HIV in Morocco as of 2012.⁶

¹ (January 15, 2015) <http://www.ifes.org/Content/Publications/Papers/2010/Focus-on-Morocco-Health-Care-Access-Topic-Brief.aspx>

² (January 15, 2015) <http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SP.DYN.TFRT.IN/countries/MA-XQ-XN?display=graph>

³ (January 15, 2015) <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

⁴ (January 15, 2015) <https://data.un.org/CountryProfile.aspx?crName=MOROCCO>

⁵ (January 15, 2015)

<http://www.prb.org/Publications/Articles/2006/FertilityDeclineandReproductiveHealthinMoroccoNewDHSFigures.aspx>

⁶ (January 15, 2015) http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/morocco_statistics.html