

Armenia

Overview

A country of over 3 million people, Armenia faces a number of economic challenges across the country including a high poverty rate and unemployment. From a demographic perspective the country has a total fertility rate below replacement level at 1.7ⁱ and it is estimated that 16.8% of Armenian women of reproductive age are infertileⁱⁱ. Armenia also faces high population ageing and extensive migration, further exacerbating demographic challenges.

Gender inequality and violence against women is a concerning issue with intimate partner physical violence estimated to be at 8.9%ⁱⁱ. Data also suggests a skewed sex ratio of 114 boys per 100 girlsⁱⁱⁱ.

Armenia has achieved various accomplishments in recent years; the modern contraceptive prevalence rate has increased from under 1% in 1994 to 27% in 2010^{iv}. Of important note, the country has also seen a significant decline in the abortion rate (from 81 down to 28 per 1000 women between 2000 and 2010) as well as a substantial decrease in the maternal mortality rate (from 71.1 down to 6.1 per 100,000 live births between 2000 and 2010)ⁱⁱⁱ.

UNFPA Country Programme Focus and Priorities

The UNFPA supports policy formulation to improve access to quality reproductive health services, particularly for vulnerable groups. Capacity development of health-care providers to deliver effective sexual and reproductive health services is particularly important as well as HIV prevention and increasing awareness of and demand for reproductive health and family planning services among women and youth.

The UNFPA supports national and local efforts to promote gender equality and women's empowerment. UNFPA also works to develop national institution's capacity to collect, analyze and manage data to develop and implement effective social policies and programs to address the issue of gender-based violence.



Partnerships

The UNFPA office works closely with several Government Ministries including the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labour and Social Issues, Ministry of Sports and Youth and the National Statistical Service. Fruitful cooperation has also been established with bi-lateral and multilateral organizations to raise funds for the 2011 Census. The UNFPA promotes synergies with other UN agencies, as well as international actors such as Council of Europe, USAID, World Vision and others.

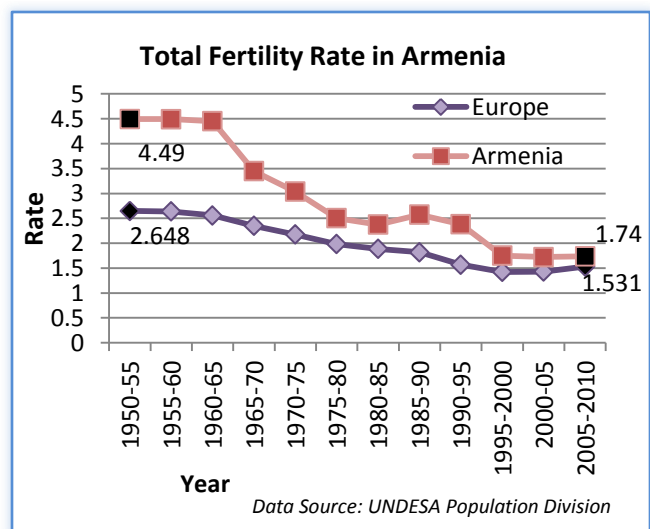
The UNFPA in Armenia has built an excellent partnership with the Inter-Church Charitable Round Table Foundation of the World Council of Churches to address gender-based violence. Another notable collaboration is with the International Center for Human Development, a leading think tank in South Caucasus providing policy advice on various issues on the national agenda. A partnership with the Theatre for Changes has also been highly effective; the forum theatre favors critical thinking and works to break the silence around sensitive social issues.

i Armenia Demographic and Health Survey, 2010

ii National State Statistics Service of Armenia

iii Ministry of Health

iv Armenia Demographic and Health Survey, 2010 and 2000



UNFPA provides technical assistance to address population demographic challenges in Armenia; similar to other European countries, the country has experienced a decreased fertility rate

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Indicators

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POPULATION	1990	Most recent	
Total population in thousands	3 545	3 092	2010
Total population in thousands, male	1 719	1 439	2010
Total population in thousands, female	1 825	1 653	2010
Total population, 0-14, %	30.4	20.2	2010
Total population, 15-59, %	59.6	65.2	2010
Total population, 60+, %	10.0	14.6	2010
Total fertility rate (TFR)	2.58	1.74	2010
Life expectancy at birth, male, years	65.9	70.2	2010
Life expectancy at birth, female, years	70.7	76.7	2010
Total dependency ratio (0-14+65+/15-64)	56.2	45.6	2010
Net migration rate, per 1000 population	- 4	- 5	2010

Data source: UNDESA Population Division



UNFPA supports maternal health programmes in Armenia



UNFPA works with young people in Armenia to improve sexual and reproductive health awareness including HIV

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH	1990	Most recent	
Births attended by skilled health personnel%	94.6 1997	99.5	2010
Maternal deaths per 100 000 live births	40.1	6.7	2010
Abortion rate per 1000 live births	326.66	274.3	2010
Antenatal care at least 1 visit, % ^	93 2005	99.1	2010
Antenatal care at least 4 visits, % ^	-	70.5	2009
Unmet need for family planning, % #	18.1 2000	19.3	2005
Contraceptive prevalence rate, all, % #	56.0 1991	54.9	2010
Contraceptive prevalence rate, modern, % #	25.2 1991	26.5	2010

Data Source: WHO (HFA-DB) ^WHO (GHO-DR) # UNDESA

GENDER	1990	Most recent	
Seats held by women in national parliament%	35.6	8.4	2012
Share of women in wage employment (non-agricultural sector)	45.0 2002	43.1	2009
Gender parity index in secondary enrolment	1.06 2001	1.02	2010

Data Source: Official UN Millennium Development Goals Indicators website

HIV and other STIs	1990	Most recent	
Percentage of adults aged 15-49 years who are HIV infected	0.1 2001	0.1	2009
Percentage of sex workers in capital city who are HIV infected	-	-	
Percentage of men who have sex with men in capital city who are HIV infected	-	-	
Percentage of people who inject drugs in capital city who are HIV infected	-	-	
Percentage of sex workers reporting the use of a condom with their most recent client	89 2005	91^	2007
Percentage of men reporting condom use the last time they had anal sex with a male partner	30 2005	84	2007
Percentage of sex workers with correct knowledge of HIV transmission	49 2005	54	2007
Percentage of men who have sex with men with correct knowledge of HIV transmission	54 2005	74	2007
Percentage of people who inject drugs with correct knowledge of HIV transmission	60 2005	68	2007
Syphilis incidence per 100,000 #	3.7	2.9	2011
Congenital Syphilis incidence per 100,000 #	0.03	0.06	2001

Data Source: UNGASS

WHO (HFA-DB)

^Females only

YOUTH	1990	Most recent	
Percentage of young people (15-24) with correct knowledge of HIV transmission	-	36	2007
Percentage of young people (15-24) who have had sexual intercourse before the age of 15	-	3	2007
Percentage of all live births to mothers aged under 20 #	12.5	8.7	2010
Adolescent abortions per 1000 live births (aged under 20) #	115.2 1997	160.8	2010

Data Source: UNGASS

WHO (HFA-DB)