

Macedonia



The former Yugoslav Republic of

Overview

As part of sustained efforts toward EU integration, the Government of the FY Republic of Macedonia is committed to advancing human rights, particularly for women, and effective implementation of population strategies. Similar to other European countries, the country faces demographic issues including ageing and low fertility rates, and in addition, the country faces significant unemployment, poverty, high infant mortality, and migration, internal and external.

UNFPA Country Programme Focus and Priorities

The UNFPA country office was established in 2007. The main areas of work in the country are the prevention of domestic violence and promotion of sexual and reproductive health and rights. UNFPA supports the Government's efforts to develop strategic documents and policies that address population and development issues, such as the National Strategy for Population Development and the National Strategy for Reduction of Poverty and Social Exclusion.

In partnership with other UN Agencies in FY Republic of Macedonia, the UNFPA country office was part of a government implemented joint programme "Strengthening National Capacity to Prevent Domestic Violence 2008-2011". In this project, UNFPA took the lead on public awareness raising and outreach activities and the establishment of a unified data collection system for domestic violence.

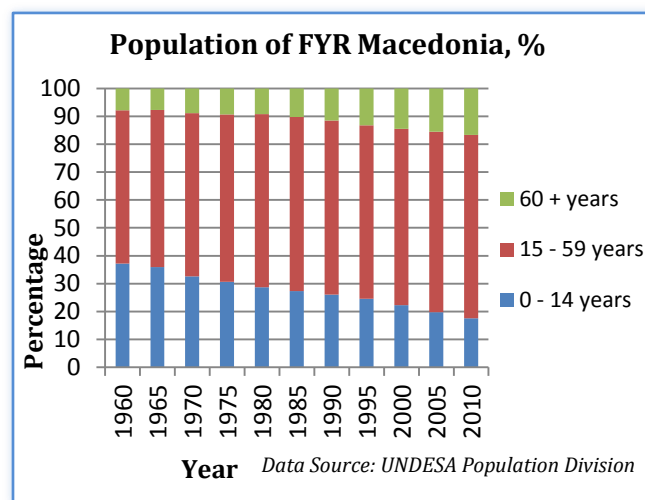
The UNFPA supported the Ministry of Health and Institute of Public Health to develop the National Strategy for Sexual and Reproductive Health. This new strategy enabled the establishment of 18 youth counseling centers for sexual and reproductive health nationwide. In partnership with the Government, UNFPA also supported capacity building of the centers through the training and sensitization of medical personnel to provide quality sexual and reproductive health counseling and distribute free contraceptives

to visiting youth. The country office also works with Macedonian Singer and Y-Peer Ambassador Dani Dimitrovska to promote healthy lifestyles among youth.

Partnerships

The UNFPA has established partnerships with the government, civil society and private sector. Valued partners include the Ministry of Health, Institute of Public Health, Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, network of over 13 civil society organizations focused on gender-based violence, Club of Women Parliamentarians and Parliamentary Commission for Equal Opportunities of Women and Men.

The UNFPA collaborates with the Ministry for Labor and Social Policy to provide support to the review of the National Population Strategy, as part of continued efforts to promote equality in terms of regional development, overcoming the disparities in rights and opportunities between men and women. In 2009, the UNFPA's public awareness campaign 'Real men never hit a woman' in partnership with marketing firm Publicis Macedonia, was awarded one of the 10 most inspiring campaigns in the world in the 'Women Deliver' contest.



UNFPA assists FY Republic of Macedonia to address emerging demographic issues including ageing and low fertility rates

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Indicators

POPULATION	1990	Most recent	
Total population in thousands	1 909	2 061	2010
Total population in thousands, male	958	1 032	2010
Total population in thousands, female	951	1 028	2010
Total population, 0-14, %	26.1	17.6	2010
Total population, 15-59, %	62.4	65.7	2010
Total population, 60+, %	11.5	16.7	2010
Total Fertility Rate (TFR)	2.2	1.5	2010
Life expectancy at birth, male, years	68.9	72.1	2010
Life expectancy at birth, female, years	72.8	76.3	2010
Total dependency ratio (0-14+65+/15-64)	50.6	41.7	2010
Net migration rate, per 1000 population	- 2	0	2010

Data Source: UNDESA Population Division



UNFPA works with women and girls of FY Republic of Macedonia to promote gender equality and improve reproductive health



UNFPA leads public awareness campaigns to combat gender-based violence in FY Republic of Macedonia

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH	1990	Most recent	
Births attended by skilled health personnel, %	88.9	99.7	2008
Maternal deaths per 100 000 live births	11.5	8.2	1991 2010
Abortion rate per 1000 live births	618.5	209.0	2010
Antenatal care at least 1 visit, % ^	-	94	2006
Antenatal care at least 4 visits, % ^	-	-	
Unmet need for family planning, % #	-	-	
Contraceptive prevalence rate, all, % #	-	-	
Contraceptive prevalence rate, modern, % #	-	-	

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

GENDER	1990	Most recent	
Seats held by women in national parliament %	3.3	30.9	1997 2012
Share of women in wage employment (non-agricultural sector)	38.3	42.2	2010
Gender parity index in secondary enrolment	0.98	0.99	1999 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	-	-	
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	86	78	2005 2009
Percentage of men reporting condom use the last time they had anal sex with a male partner	29	56	2005 2009
Percentage of sex workers with correct knowledge of HIV transmission	10	47	2005 2009
Percentage of men who have sex with men with correct knowledge of HIV transmission	34	41	2005 2009
Percentage of people who inject drugs with correct knowledge of HIV transmission	27	34	2005 2009
Syphilis incidence per 100,000 #	0	0.05	2011
Congenital Syphilis incidence per 100,000 #	-	-	

Data Source: UNGASS # WHO (HFA-DB)

YOUTH	1990	Most recent	
Percentage of young people (15-24) with correct knowledge of HIV transmission	-	22	2007
Percentage of young people (15-24) who have had sexual intercourse before the age of 15	-	5	2007
Percentage of all live births to mothers aged under 20 #	10.85	6.1	2010
Adolescent abortions per 1000 live births (aged under 20) #	110.7	123.6	1998 2010

Data Source: UNGASS # WHO (HFA-DB)