

Ukraine

Overview

The contemporary population situation of Ukraine is characterized by a low fertility rate, population ageing, and high mortality (especially among men of working age). The country also faces such issues as significant external and internal migration, poor health (including reproductive health), high relative poverty and income stratification, widening development gap between urban and rural areas, signs of gender-based discrimination and a high prevalence of HIV.

Ukraine is striving to overcome a demographic crisis that combines depopulation and poor overall health and well-being. Since 2005, the most notable population trend has been a significant decrease of the natural population decline rate. This has improved, dropping from 7.6‰ to 3.5‰ in 2011ⁱ due to increasing fertility and decreasing mortality. More recently, the average life expectancy at birth has increased in Ukraine, in 2011, 65.98 years for men and 75.88 years for womenⁱ, also illustrating a significant gap between the sexes. Importantly, since 2009, the abortion rate also decreased by over 11%ⁱⁱ.

UNFPA Country Programme Focus and Priorities

The second UNFPA Country Programme 2012 – 2016 for Ukraine repositions the UNFPA as a leader in maternal health and family planning. With extensive government involvement and leadership, the programme prioritizes rural and most-at-risk populations and targeting services in selected under-served areas.

The UNFPA country office focuses its work on several priorities: advancing the policy and normative environment of reproductive health care, improving quality and accessibility of maternal health and family planning services in underserved rural areas, promoting health-seeking behavior among young people and most-at-risk populations

ⁱ State Statistics Service of Ukraine

ⁱⁱ Ministry of Health

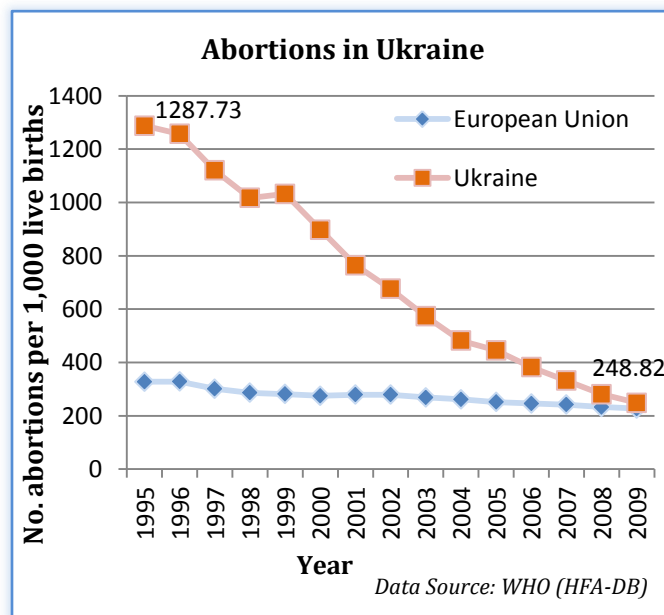


for better sexual and reproductive health, supporting the national population and housing census of the 2010 round and developing national capacity to address population ageing, promoting gender equality and women's empowerment.

Partnerships

The UNFPA works in close partnership with various government agencies, NGOs, academic and research institutions, think tanks, UN agencies, donors and mass media.

To improve maternal health, UNFPA has established a Reproductive Health Partners Group in Ukraine with the participation of Ministry of Health, UNDP, UNICEF, WHO, USAID and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) for joint activity planning and implementation. The UNFPA in Ukraine also leads the multi-stakeholder working group on gender equality. Additionally, census support and population ageing projects are being implemented in partnership with the State Statistics Service of Ukraine and UNECE.



UNFPA works to improve access to quality sexual and reproductive health services including family planning; the number of abortions in Ukraine has significantly decreased over the past decade

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Indicators

POPULATION	1990	Most recent	
Total population in thousands	51 645	45 448	2010
Total population in thousands, male	23 867	20 914	2010
Total population in thousands, female	27 778	24 535	2010
Total population, 0-14, %	21.4	14.2	2010
Total population, 15-59, %	60.0	65.1	2010
Total population, 60+, %	18.6	20.7	2010
Total Fertility Rate (TFR)	2.03	1.39	2010
Life expectancy at birth, male, years	66.01	61.78	2010
Life expectancy at birth, female, years	74.56	73.54	2010
Total dependency ratio (0-14+65+/15-64)	50.7	42.2	2010
Net migration rate, per 1000 population	0	- 0	2010

Data Source: UNDESA Population Division



UNFPA helps to improve access to quality maternal health in Ukraine, particularly underserved rural areas



Ukraine has the highest number of adults living with HIV in Europe and Central Asia and the rate is increasing; UNFPA works with key populations in the country in an effort to prevent HIV transmission

Source: UNAIDS

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH	1990	Most recent	
Births attended by skilled health personnel, %	99.9 ¹⁹⁹⁶	98.7	2007
Maternal deaths per 100 000 live births	32.41	23.31	2010
Abortion rate per 1000 live births	1550.57	248.82	2009
Antenatal care at least 1 visit, % ^		98.5	2007
Antenatal care at least 4 visits, % ^		74.8	2007
Unmet need for family planning, % #	17.5 ¹⁹⁹⁹	10.1	2007
Contraceptive prevalence rate, all, % #	67.5 ¹⁹⁹⁹	66.7	2007
Contraceptive prevalence rate, modern, % #	37.6 ¹⁹⁹⁹	47.5	2007

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

GENDER	1990	Most recent	
Seats held by women in national parliament %	3.8 ¹⁹⁹⁷	8.0	2012
Share of women in wage employment (non-agricultural sector)	46.6	54.6	2008
Gender parity index in secondary enrolment	1.04 ¹⁹⁹¹	0.98	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	0.9 ²⁰⁰¹	1.1	2009
Percentage of sex workers in capital city who are HIV infected		8.6	2009
Percentage of men who have sex with men in capital city who are HIV infected		22.9	2009
Percentage of people who inject drugs in capital city who are HIV infected		88 [^]	2009
Percentage of sex workers reporting the use of a condom with their most recent client	80 ²⁰⁰⁵	64	2009
Percentage of men reporting condom use the last time they had anal sex with a male partner	72 ²⁰⁰⁵	8	2005
Percentage of sex workers with correct knowledge of HIV transmission		71	2009
Percentage of men who have sex with men with correct knowledge of HIV transmission	49 ²⁰⁰⁵	55	2009
Percentage of people who inject drugs with correct knowledge of HIV transmission	21 ²⁰⁰⁵	2.96	2011
Syphilis incidence per 100,000 #	5.98	0.0683	1995
Congenital Syphilis incidence per 100,000 #	0.0077		

Data Source: UNGASS

WHO (HFA-DB)

^Females only

YOUTH	1990	Most recent	
Percentage of young people (15-24) with correct knowledge of HIV transmission	40 ²⁰⁰⁷	40	2009
Percentage of young people (15-24) who have had sexual intercourse before the age of 15	5 ²⁰⁰⁷	2	2009
Percentage of all live births to mothers aged under 20 #	17.31 ¹⁹⁹¹	8.68	2009
Adolescent abortions per 1000 live births (aged under 20) #	789.07 ¹⁹⁹¹	232.38	2009

Data Source: UNGASS

WHO (HFA-DB)