

# Albania

## Overview

Albania has a population of 3.1 million inhabitants, with over 50% under the age of 24 years<sup>i</sup>. Over the past decades, the total fertility rate has dropped from over 6 children per women down to 1.6<sup>ii</sup>. Simultaneously, major internal and international population movements have taken place, creating challenges for the government's economic and social policy.

Albania has made significant progress towards achieving the goals set out in its National Strategy for Development and Integration 2007-2013, to become a "country with high living standards, which is integrated in the European and Euro-Atlantic structures, is democratic, and guarantees fundamental human rights and liberties".

The country has achieved sustained GDP growth averaging about 6% per annum, contributing to a rapid decline of absolute and extreme poverty. The maternal mortality rate has decreased by one quarter from 2001, to a rate of 5.9 per 100,000 live births in 2010<sup>iii</sup>.

### **UNFPA Country Programme Focus and Priorities**

Albania is one of the pilot countries of One UN programme. The goal of the Programme of Cooperation in 2012-2016 is to promote sustainable and equitable development, social inclusion and adherence to international norms and obligations. The UNFPA in Albania is committed to addressing reproductive health and rights, population dynamics, gender issues, young people, and supporting vulnerable groups across the country. Special focus is given to improving the quality of health care in the area of Maternal and Child Health, improving the efficiency of National Family Planning Program, as well as strengthening and expanding awareness and community participation in health related programmes.

<sup>i</sup> <http://www.instat.gov.al>

<sup>ii</sup> Albania Demographic Health Survey 2008-09 (DHS)

<sup>iii</sup> <http://www.moh.gov.al>



### **Partnerships**

In addition to working with the government of Albania including the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Ministry of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Sports, the Ministry of Education, and the Institute of Statistics UNFPA also partners with civil society, to engage the community and raise awareness on and advocate for human rights, including women's rights. This civil society engagement also covers: addressing poverty and economic development in rural areas, provision of social and health services (including family planning), gender equality, combatting gender-based violence, and HIV/STIs, as well as to assist monitoring of human rights issues and access to justice while reporting to treaty bodies.

The UNFPA assists the government to collect and use data for better policy making and programming, as well as non-state users of data to enhance their capacity to demand, collect and analyze data for improved monitoring of government performance. Working with other UN agencies, the UNFPA helps to foster necessary dialogue among both public and private institutions, focusing on established institutions or task forces, such as those promoting Roma inclusion, and empowering women and young people.



*UNFPA works with young people in Albania through Y-Peer to help improve sexual and reproductive health; Albania has a young demographic profile with over 50% of the population under 24 years*

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## Indicators

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POPULATION	1990	Most recent	
Total population in thousands	3 289	3 204	2010
Total population in thousands, male	1 687	1 605	2010
Total population in thousands, female	1 602	1 600	2010
Total population, 0-14, %	32.8	22.7	2010
Total population, 15-59, %	59.4	64.0	2010
Total population, 60+, %	7.8	13.3	2010
Total Fertility Rate (TFR)	3.7	1.6	2010
Life expectancy at birth, male, years	69.2	73.4	2010
Life expectancy at birth, female, years	75.0	79.7	2010
Total dependency ratio (0-14+65+/15-64)	61.6	47.8	2010
Net migration rate, per 1000 population	1	- 3	2010

Data Source: UNDESA Population Division



UNFPA advocates for and promotes achievement of ICPD Programme of Action goals



UNFPA supports Albania to improve the quality of health care in the area of maternal and child health

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH	1990	Most recent	
Births attended by skilled health personnel, %	99.1	99.3	2008
Maternal deaths per 100 000 live births	37.8	5.9	2010
Abortion rate per 1000 live births	318.0	204.4	2010
Antenatal care at least 1 visit, % ^	-	97.3	2009
Antenatal care at least 4 visits, % ^	-	66.8	2009
Unmet need for family planning, % #	1.3	12.9	2009
Contraceptive prevalence rate, all, % #	57.5	69.3	2009
Contraceptive prevalence rate, modern, % #	15.3	10.2	2009

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

GENDER	1990	Most recent	
Seats held by women in national parliament %	28.8	15.7	2012
Share of women in wage employment (non-agricultural sector)	29.2	33.0	2003
Gender parity index in secondary enrolment	0.9	1.0	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	-	-	
Percentage of men reporting condom use the last time they had anal sex with a male partner	-	-	
Percentage of sex workers with correct knowledge of HIV transmission	-	-	
Percentage of men who have sex with men with correct knowledge of HIV transmission	-	-	
Percentage of people who inject drugs with correct knowledge of HIV transmission	-	18	2009
Syphilis incidence per 100,000 #	0	0.8	2010
Congenital Syphilis incidence per 100,000 #	0	0	2004

Data Source: UNGASS

# WHO (HFA-DB)

YOUTH	1990	Most recent	
Percentage of young people (15-24) with correct knowledge of HIV transmission	-	-	
Percentage of young people (15-24) who have had sexual intercourse before the age of 15	-	-	
Percentage of all live births to mothers aged under 20 #	2.9	5.0	2008
Adolescent abortions per 1000 live births (aged under 20) #	292.9	149.6	2008

Data Source: UNGASS

# WHO (HFA-DB)