



# Costa Rica

## Countdown to 2030

Women's, Children's & Adolescents' Health

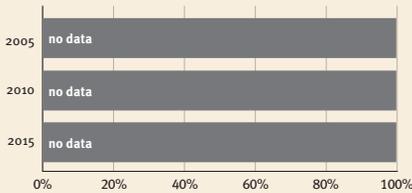
### Demographics

Population	5,139,053
Annual births	67,373
Children under 5	343,783 (7%)
Under-five mortality	9/1,000

### Threats to Early Childhood Development

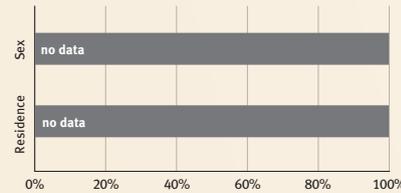
Maternal mortality	27/100,000	Adolescent birth rate	41/1,000
Low birthweight	7%	Preterm births	14%
Child poverty	no data	Under-five stunting	9%
Violent discipline	53%	Inadequate supervision	7%

### Young children at risk of poor development

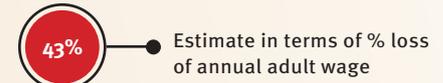


At risk in 2005, 2010 and 2015, using a composite indicator of under-five stunting or poverty

### Risk by sex and residence



### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood



### Children with functional difficulty



### Children developmentally on-track

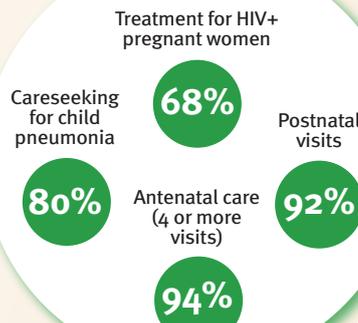


## Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

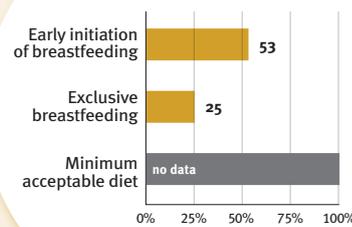
Parents and caregivers need a facilitating environment of laws, policies, services and community support to assist them in providing their young children with nurturing care.

## Facilitating environments

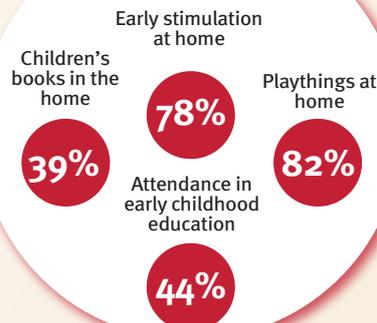
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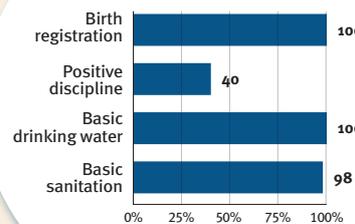
### Nutrition



### Early learning



### Security and safety



### Responsive caregiving

- Public information about ECD
- Parental mental health
- Parent support (groups, home visits)
- Quality child day care



Comparative country data urgently needed

### Policies

None	<14	14 - <18	18 - <26	≥26
Paid maternity leave (weeks)				
None	<14	14 - <18	18 - <26	≥26
Paid paternity leave (weeks)				

### International conventions

✓	Convention on the Rights of the Child
✓	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
✓	CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography
✓	Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption