BELIZE
Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey
2015

Key Findings
August, 2016

Introduction
The Belize Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) was carried out in 2015-2016 by Statistical Institute of Belize in collaboration with The Government of Belize and UNICEF, as part of the global MICS programme.

Technical support was provided by the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and UNDP and the Office of the UN Resident Coordinator.

The global MICS programme was developed by UNICEF in the 1990s as an international household survey programme to collect internationally comparable data on a wide range of indicators on the situation of children and women. MICS surveys measure key indicators that allow countries to generate data for use in policies and programmes, setting the baseline for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and other internationally agreed upon commitments.

The objective of this report is to facilitate the timely dissemination and use of results from the Belize MICS5 prior to the release of full tables and the final survey report that will contain detailed information on all survey findings by various demographic, social, economic and cultural characteristics.

For more information on indicators and the analysis conducted in the full final report please go to mics.unicef.org and childinfo.org.
Infant Mortality

2001-2005: 15/1000
2006-2010: 18/1000

Breastfeeding Under 6 Months

Exclusive breastfeeding: 33%
Predominant breastfeeding: 50%
Child Health
Vaccinations and Immunization Coverage

- Tuberculosis: 97.6%
- Measles: 90.2%
- Polio: 83.1%
- Pentavalent (DPT3): 83.4%

77.5%
Full Immunization Coverage

Water & Sanitation
Households without soap or cleaning products
17%
Use of Contraceptives

48.5% Modern Methods

2.9% Traditional Methods

48.6% No Method

Use of Contraceptives
Modern Methods

4.8% Male Condom

10.1% Injectables/Injection

10.9% Pill

17.4% Female Sterilization/Tie-off

3.3% Implants

1.5% IUD/Coil

0.1% Diaphragm/Foam/Jelly

0.1% Male Sterilization/Vasectomy

0.3% Female Condom
Child Development

Mother’s support: 68%
Father’s support: 24%
Attendance to early childhood education: 55%

Literacy & Education

Primary School Attendance
- Boys: 96%
- Girls: 97%

Secondary School Attendance
- Boys: 57%
- Girls: 63%
Child Protection

- Physical Punishment: 48%
- Psychological Aggression: 52%
- Any Violent Discipline: 65%
- Only Non-Violent Discipline: 26%

HIV/AIDS & Sexual Behaviour

Sexually active young people who have been tested for HIV and know the results

- Women: 37%
- Men: 25%
Exposure to Mass Media

26% Women

28% Men

People age 15-49 years who, at least once a week, access mass media

Use of ICT

64% Women

69% Men

People age 15-24 years who, used a computer during the last 12 months
Perception of a Better Life

**Women**
age 15-24 years whose life improved during the last one year, and who expect that their life will be better after one year

75%

**Men**
age 15-24 years whose life improved during the last one year, and who expect that their life will be better after one year

72%
Tobacco Use
People age 15-49 years who smoked cigarettes or used tobacco products during the last one month

Women 2.1%

Men 16.4%

Alcohol Use
People age 15-49 years who had at least one alcoholic drink during the last one month

Men 53.7%

Women 29.3%