

## Syria in Numbers

### MDG Indicators in Syria at a glance

Indicator	Baseline year is 1990 Unless Otherwise Indicated*	2004 (%)
<b><i>GOAL 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger</i></b>		
Population living below \$1 a day (%), PPP 2003-2004 (UNDP Poverty Study)	---	0.34
Population living below \$2 a day (%), PPP 2003-2004	---	10.36
Population living below the lower poverty line (%), 1996-1997/2003-2004	14.26 (1996-1997)	11.39
Population living below the upper poverty line (%), 1996-1997/2003-2004	33.22 (1996-1997)	30.13
<b><i>GOAL 2: Achieve universal primary education</i></b>		
Net enrolment in primary education	95.4%	98.0
Pupils reaching sixth grade	93%	88.5
Literacy rates among 15-24 years old	88.0%	92.5
<b><i>GOAL 3: Promote gender equality and empower women</i></b>		
Percentage of females in basic education (6-11)	88.0	92.0
Percentage of females in basic education (12-14)	82.0	88.0
Percentage of females in secondary vocational education (15-17)	70.0	85.0
Ratio of females to males in the university stage (18-23)	0.58	0.88
Percentage of literate females (15-24)	86	92
Female employment in the production sector	13.1 (1993)	5.3
Female employment in the production service sector	4.4 (1993)	10
Female employment in the collective & social services sector	22.5 (1993)	47.2

<b><i>GOAL 4: Reduce child mortality</i></b>		
Under-five mortality rate (per 1,000 live births),	41.7 (1993)	19.3
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	34.6 (1993)	17.1
<b><i>GOAL 5: Improve maternal health</i></b>		
Maternal mortality rate	107 (1993)	58/100,000
Contraceptive prevalence rate (% of married women ages 15-49) (NMDGR 2005)	39.9 (1993)	49.5
Births attended by skilled health personnel (%)	76.8 (1993)	89.7
<b><i>GOAL 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases</i></b>		
Total number of registered AIDS cases	---	207
Total number of registered Tuberculosis cases	5127 (1994)	4708
Total number of registered local malaria cases	42 (1995)	1
Total number of registered local dermal Leishmania cases	---	26814
<b><i>GOAL 7: Ensure environmental sustainability</i></b>		
Forests as % of land area	2.22 (1995)	2.53
Ratio of area protected (to maintain biological diversity) to surface area	0.14 (1995)	1.02
% of population having access to safe drinking water	84.2 (2000)	88.3
% of population with access to sanitation	71.8 (2000)	73.8
% of population with access to secure housing	96.1 (2000)	93.2
<b><i>GOAL 8: Develop a global partnership for development</i></b>		
% of unemployment rate for the (15-24) age group	13.9 (1995)	24.9
% of unemployment rate for the (15-24) age group Male	11.5 (1995)	22
% of unemployment rate for the (15-24) age group Female	21 (1995)	36.7

## 1. UNDP Human development index (HDR, 2006)

Syria's Human Development Ranking is 107 out of 177 countries (2006 HDR with 2002 data)

Human development index (HDI) value, 2004	0.716
Life expectancy at birth (years) (HDI), 2004	73.6
Adult literacy rate (% ages 15 and older) (HDI), 2004	79.6
Combined gross enrolment ratio for primary, secondary and tertiary schools (%), 2004	63 <sup>1</sup>
GDP per capita (PPP US\$) (HDI), 2004	3,610
Life expectancy index	0.81
Education index	0.74
GDP index	0.60
GDP per capita (PPP US\$) rank minus HDI rank	8

### 1a. Basic indicators

Life expectancy at birth (years) (HDI), 2000-05	73.2
Adult literacy rate (% ages 15 and older) (HDI), 2004	79.6
Combined gross enrolment ratio for primary, secondary and tertiary schools (%) (HDI), 2004	62.6
GDP per capita (PPP US\$) (HDI), 2004	3,610
Total population (thousands), 2004	18,582
Total fertility rate (births per woman), 2000-05	3.5
Under-five mortality rate (per 1,000 live births), 1993	41.7
Under-five mortality rate (per 1,000 live births), 2004	19.3
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births), 1993	34.6
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births), 2004	17.1
Maternal mortality rate (per 100,000 deliveries), 1993	107
Maternal mortality rate (per 100,000 deliveries), 2004	58
Net primary enrolment ratio (%), 2004	95
HIV prevalence (% ages 15-49), 2005	[<0.2]
People undernourished (% of total population), 2001-03	4
Population with sustainable access to an improved water source (%), 2004	93

### 2. Human development index trends (HDR 2006)

Human development index, 1975	0.543
Human development index, 1980	0.589
Human development index, 1985	0.625
Human development index, 1990	0.646
Human development index, 1995	0.673
Human development index, 2000	0.690
Human development index, 2004	0.716

### 3. Human and income poverty

Human poverty index (HPI-1) Rank	29
Human Poverty Index (HPI-1) Value (%)	14.4
Probability at birth of not surviving to age 40 (% of cohort), 2000-05	4.6
Adult illiteracy rate (% ages 15 and older), 2004	20.4
Population without sustainable access to an improved water source (%), 2004	7
Children underweight for age (% under age 5) (HPI..1), 1996-2004	7
Population living below \$1 a day (%), PPP 2003-2004	0.34%
Population living below \$2 a day (%), PPP 2003-2004	10.36%
Population living below the national lower poverty line (%), 1996-1997	11.39%
Population living below the national upper poverty line (%), 2003-2004	30.12%

Poverty rate by geographical region (using the lower poverty line) 2003-2004	
Urban	
Southern	5.82
North-Eastern	11.16
Middle	9.02
Coastal	9.34
Rural	
Southern	10.67
North-Eastern	17.91
Middle	11.10
Coastal	9.70
All Syria	11.39

Poverty rate by geographical region (using the upper poverty line) 2003-2004	
Urban	
Southern	24.10
North-Eastern	33.20
Middle	27.68
Coastal	26.67
Rural	
Southern	26.54
North-Eastern	35.75
Middle	28.90
Coastal	29.88
All Syria	30.13

(UNDP Poverty Study, 2005)

<b>4. Demographic trends</b>	
<u>Total population (millions), 1975</u>	7.5
<u>Total population (millions), 2004</u>	18.6
Total population (millions), 2006 –CBS data	18.9
<u>Total population (millions), 2015</u>	23.8
<u>Annual population growth rate (%), 1975-2004</u>	3.1
<u>Annual population growth rate (%), 2004-15</u>	2.3
<u>Urban population (% of total), 1975</u>	45.1
<u>Urban population (% of total), 2004</u>	50.5
<u>Urban population (% of total), 2015</u>	53.4
<u>Population under age 15 (% of total), 2004</u>	37.4
<u>Population under age 15 (% of total), 2015</u>	33.2
<u>Population ages 65 and older (% of total), 2004</u>	3.1
<u>Population ages 65 and older (% of total), 2015</u>	3.6
<u>Total fertility rate (births per woman), 1970-75</u>	7.5
<u>Total fertility rate (births per woman), 2000-05</u>	3.5
<b>5. Commitment to health: resources, access and services</b>	
<u>Public health expenditure (% of GDP), 2003</u>	2.5
<u>Private health expenditure (% of GDP), 2003</u>	2.6
<u>Health expenditure per capita (PPP US\$), 2003</u>	116
<u>One-year-olds fully immunized against tuberculosis (%), 2004</u>	99
<u>One-year-olds fully immunized against measles (%), 2004</u>	98
Contraceptive prevalence rate (% of married women ages 15-49), 1993 (NMDGR 2005)	39.9
Contraceptive prevalence rate (% of married women ages 15-49), 2004	49.5
Births attended by skilled health personnel (%), 1993	76.8
Births attended by skilled health personnel (%), 2004	89.7
<u>Physicians (per 100,000 people), 1990-2004</u>	140
<b>6. Water, sanitation and nutritional status</b>	
<u>Population with sustainable access to improved sanitation (%), 1990</u>	73
<u>Population with sustainable access to improved sanitation (%), 2004</u>	90
<u>Population with sustainable access to an improved water source (%), 1990</u>	80
<u>Population with sustainable access to an improved water source (%), 2004</u>	93
<u>Population undernourished (% total), 1990-92</u>	5
<u>Population undernourished (% total), 2001-03</u>	4
<u>Children underweight for age (% under age 5), 1996-2004</u>	7
<u>Children under height for age (% under age 5), 1996-2004</u>	19
<u>Infants (%), 1996-2004</u>	6

<b>7. Survival: progress and setbacks</b>	
<u>Life expectancy at birth (years), 1970-75</u>	57.4
<u>Life expectancy at birth (years), 2000-05</u>	73.2
<u>Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births), 1970</u>	90
<u>Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births), 2004</u>	15
<u>Under-five mortality rate (per 1,000 live births), 1970</u>	128
<u>Under-five mortality rate (per 1,000 live births), 2004</u>	16
<u>Probability at birth of surviving to age 65, female (% of cohort), 2000-05</u>	83.2
<u>Probability at birth of surviving to age 65, male (% of cohort), 2000-05</u>	76.3
<u>Maternal mortality ratio reported (per 100,000 live births), 1990-2004</u>	65
<u>Maternal mortality ratio adjusted (per 100,000 live births), 2000</u>	160
<b>8. Commitment to education: public spending</b>	
<u>Public expenditure on education (as % of GDP), 1991</u>	3.9
<u>Public expenditure on education (as % of GDP), 2002-04</u>	..
<u>Public expenditure on education (as % of total government expenditure), 1991</u>	14.2
<u>Public expenditure on education (as % of total government expenditure), 2002-04</u>	..
<b>9. Literacy and enrolment</b>	
<u>Adult literacy rate (% ages 15 and older), 1990</u>	64.8
<u>Adult literacy rate (% ages 15 and older), 2004</u>	79.6
<u>Youth literacy rate (% ages 15-24), 1990</u>	79.9
<u>Youth literacy rate (% ages 15-24), 2004</u>	92.2
<u>Net primary enrolment ratio (%), 1991</u>	91
<u>Net primary enrolment ratio (%), 2004</u>	95 <sup>3</sup>
<u>Net secondary enrolment ratio (%), 1991</u>	43
<u>Net secondary enrolment ratio (%), 2004</u>	58
<u>Children reaching grade 5 (% of grade 1 students), 1991</u>	96
<u>Children reaching grade 5 (% of grade 1 students), 2003</u>	92 <sup>4</sup>
<b>10. Technology: diffusion and creation</b>	
<u>Telephone mainlines (per 1,000 people), 1990</u>	39
<u>Telephone mainlines (per 1,000 people), 2004</u>	143
<u>Cellular subscribers (per 1,000 people), 1990</u>	0
<u>Cellular subscribers (per 1,000 people), 2003</u>	126
<u>Internet users (per 1,000 people), 1990</u>	0
<u>Internet users (per 1,000 people), 2003</u>	43
<u>Patents granted to residents (per million people), 2004</u>	..
<u>Researchers in R&amp;D (per million people), 1990-2003</u>	29

<b>11. Economic performance</b>	
<u>GDP (US\$ billions), 2004</u>	24.0
<u>GDP (PPP US\$ billions), 2004</u>	67.1
<u>GDP per capita (US\$), 2004</u>	1,293
<u>GDP per capita (PPP US\$), 2004</u>	3,610
<u>GDP per capita annual growth rate (%), 1975-2004</u>	1.1
<u>GDP per capita annual growth rate (%), 1990-2004</u>	1.5
<u>GDP per capita, highest value (PPP US\$), 1975-2004</u>	3,772
<u>GDP per capita, year of highest value</u>	1998
<u>Average annual change in consumer price index (%), 1990-2004</u>	4.9
<b>12. Inequality in income or expenditure</b>	
Survey Year (Poverty Diagnostic Study – UNDP)	2003-2004
Share of income or consumption (%) - Poorest 10%	3.29
Share of income or consumption (%) - Poorest 20%	7.76
Share of income or consumption (%) - Richest 20%	44.01
Share of income or consumption (%) - Richest 10%	28.90
Inequality measures - Gini coefficient (1997)	0.34
Inequality measures – Gini coefficient (2004)	0.37
<b>13. The structure of trade</b>	
<u>Imports of goods and services (% of GDP), 1990</u>	28
<u>Imports of goods and services (% of GDP), 2004</u>	34
<u>Exports of goods and services (% of GDP), 1990</u>	28
<u>Exports of goods and services (% of GDP), 2004</u>	35
<u>Primary exports (% of merchandise exports), 1990</u>	64
<u>Primary exports (% of merchandise exports), 2004</u>	87
<u>Manufactured exports (% of merchandise exports), 1990</u>	36
<u>Manufactured exports (% of merchandise exports), 2004</u>	11
<u>High-technology exports (% of manufactured exports), 1990</u>	..
<u>High-technology exports (% of manufactured exports), 2004</u>	1
<b>14. Flows of aid, private capital and debt</b>	
<u>Official development assistance (ODA) received (net disbursements) Total (US\$ millions), 2004</u>	110.2
<u>Official development assistance (ODA) received (net disbursements) Per capita (US\$), 2004</u>	5.9
<u>Official development assistance (ODA) received (net disbursements) (as % of GDP), 1990</u>	5.6
<u>Official development assistance (ODA) received (net disbursements) (as % of GDP), 2004</u>	0.5

<u>Net foreign direct investment inflows (% of GDP), 1990</u>	0.6
<u>Net foreign direct investment inflows (% of GDP), 2004</u>	1.1
<u>Other private flows (% of GDP), 1990</u>	- 0.1
<u>Other private flows (% of GDP), 2004</u>	(.)
<u>Total debt service (As % of GDP), 1990</u>	9.7
<u>Total debt service (As % of GDP), 2004</u>	1.4
<u>Total debt service (As % exports of goods, services and net income from abroad), 1990</u>	20.3
<u>Total debt service (As % exports of goods, services and net income from abroad), 2004</u>	2.5
<b>15. Priorities in public spending</b>	
<u>Public expenditure on health (% of GDP), 2003-04</u>	2.5
<u>Public expenditure on education (% of GDP), 1991</u>	3.9
<u>Public expenditure on education (% of GDP), 2002-04</u>	...
<u>Military expenditure (% of GDP), 1990</u>	6.9
<u>Military expenditure (% of GDP), 2004</u>	6.6
<u>Total debt service (% of GDP), 1990</u>	9.7
<u>Total debt service (% of GDP), 2004</u>	1.4
<b>16. Energy and the environment</b>	
<u>Traditional fuel consumption (% of total energy requirements), 2003</u>	0
<u>Electricity consumption per capita (kilowatt-hours), 1980</u>	433
<u>Electricity consumption per capita (kilowatt-hours), 2003</u>	1,683
<u>GDP per unit of energy use (2000 PPP US\$ per kg of oil equivalent), 1980</u>	4.7
<u>GDP per unit of energy use (2000 PPP US\$ per kg of oil equivalent), 2003</u>	3.4
<u>Carbon dioxide emissions - Per capita (metric tons), 1980</u>	2.2
<u>Carbon dioxide emissions - Per capita (metric tons), 2003</u>	2.7
<u>Carbon dioxide emissions - Share of world total (%), 2003</u>	0.2
<u>Ratification of environmental treaties - Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety</u>	Ratified
<u>Ratification of environmental treaties - Framework Convention on Climate Change</u>	Ratified
<u>Ratification of environmental treaties - Kyoto Protocol to the Framework Convention on Climate Change</u>	Ratified
<u>Ratification of environmental treaties - Convention on Biological Diversity</u>	Ratified
<b>17. Refugees and armaments</b>	
<u>Syria is in fact hosting some 1.5 million Iraqi refugees up to statistics of 2006</u>	
<u>Internally displaced people (thousands), 2005</u>	305
<u>Refugees by country of asylum (thousands), 2005</u>	26
<u>Refugees by country of origin (thousands), 2005</u>	16
<u>Conventional arms transfers (1990 prices) - Imports (US\$ millions), 1995</u>	43



Conventional arms transfers (1990 prices) - Imports (US\$ millions), 2005	0
Conventional arms transfers (1990 prices) - Exports (US\$ millions), 2005	0
Conventional arms transfers (1990 prices) - Exports (share %), 2001-05	0
Total armed forces (Thousands), 2006	308
Total armed forces Index (1985=100), 2006	77
<b>18. Gender-related development index</b>	
Gender-related development index (GDI) rank, 2004	82/177
Gender-related development index (GDI) value, 2004	0.702
Life expectancy at birth, female (years), 2004	75.4
Life expectancy at birth, male (years), 2004	71.8
Adult literacy rate, female (% ages 15 and older), 2004	73.6
Adult literacy rate, male (% ages 15 and older), 2004	86.0
Combined gross enrolment ratio for primary, secondary and tertiary schools, female (%), 2004	60
Combined gross enrolment ratio for primary, secondary and tertiary schools, male (%), 2004	65 <sup>5</sup>
Estimated earned income, female (PPP US\$), 2004	5,402 <sup>6</sup>
Estimated earned income, male (PPP US\$), 2004	9.6
<b>19. Gender empowerment measure &amp; Gender inequality in economic activity (NMDGR 2005)</b>	
Female employment in the material production sector (1993)	13.1
Female employment in the material production sector (2004)	5.3
Female employment in the production service sector (1993)	4.4
Female employment in the production service sector (2004)	10
Female employment in the collective & social services sector(93)	22.5
Female employment in the collective & social services sector (04)	47.2
<b>20. Gender inequality in education</b>	
Adult literacy rate (female rate % ages 15 and older), 2004	73.6
Adult literacy rate (female rate as % of male rate), 2004	86
Youth literacy rate (female rate % ages 15-24), 2004	90.2
Youth literacy rate (female rate as % of male rate), 2004	1
Net primary enrolment - female ratio (%), 2004	92
Net primary enrolment - ratio of female to male , 2004	0.95
Net secondary enrolment - female ratio (%), 2004	56
Net secondary enrolment - ratio of female to male , 2004	0.93
Gross tertiary enrolment - female ratio (%), 2004	..
Gross tertiary enrolment - ratio of female to male , 2004	..

<b>21. Women's political participation</b>	
<u>It is beneficial to say that Syria is the only country within the Arab States with a woman Vice-President</u>	
<u>Year women received right to vote</u>	1949, 1953
<u>Year women received right to stand for election</u>	1953
<u>Year first woman elected (E) or appointed (A) to parliament</u>	1973 E
<u>Women in government at ministerial level (as % of total), 2005</u>	0.1
<u>Seats in parliament held by women (% of total) 1990-1994 (NMDGR 2005)</u>	9.6
<u>Seats in parliament held by women (% of total) 2002-2006 (NMDGR 2005)</u>	12.0
<b>22. Status of major international human rights instruments</b>	
<u>CAT-Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (2004)</u>	Ratified
<u>CCPR-International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1969)</u>	Ratified
<u>CEDAW-Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (2003)</u>	Ratified
<u>CESCR-International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1969)</u>	Ratified
<u>CMW-International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (2005)</u>	Ratified
<u>CRC-Convention on the Rights of the Child (1993)</u>	Ratified
<u>CRC-OP-AC-Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict (2003)</u>	Ratified
<u>CRC-OP-SC-Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children child prostitution and child pornography (2003)</u>	Ratified
<b>23. Status of fundamental labour rights conventions</b>	
<u>Freedom of association and collective bargaining - Convention 87</u>	Ratified
<u>Freedom of association and collective bargaining - Convention 98</u>	Ratified
<u>Elimination of forced and compulsory labour - Convention 29</u>	Ratified
<u>Elimination of forced and compulsory labour - Convention 105</u>	Ratified
<u>Elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation - Convention 100</u>	Ratified
<u>Elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation - Convention 111</u>	Ratified
<u>Abolition of child labour - Convention 138</u>	Ratified
<u>Abolition of child labour - Convention 182</u>	Ratified

***Basic Indicators about Education in Syria, 2003\****

Proportion of teacher to student in basic education (urban)	21
Proportion of teacher to student in basic education (rural)	18
Proportion of teacher to student in basic education (total)	19
Proportion of teacher to student in secondary education (urban)	11
Proportion of teacher to student in secondary education (rural)	8
Proportion of teacher to student in secondary education (total)	10
Class density (basic education- urban; 2003	34
Class density (basic education- rural; 2003	22
Class density (basic education- total; 2003	27
Class density (secondary education- urban; 2003	35
Class density (secondary education- urban; 2003	32
Class density (secondary education- urban; 2003	34

\* Syrian National Human Development Report (2005)