

A snapshot of Drinking Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in the UNICEF West & Central Africa Region

**2017 Update and
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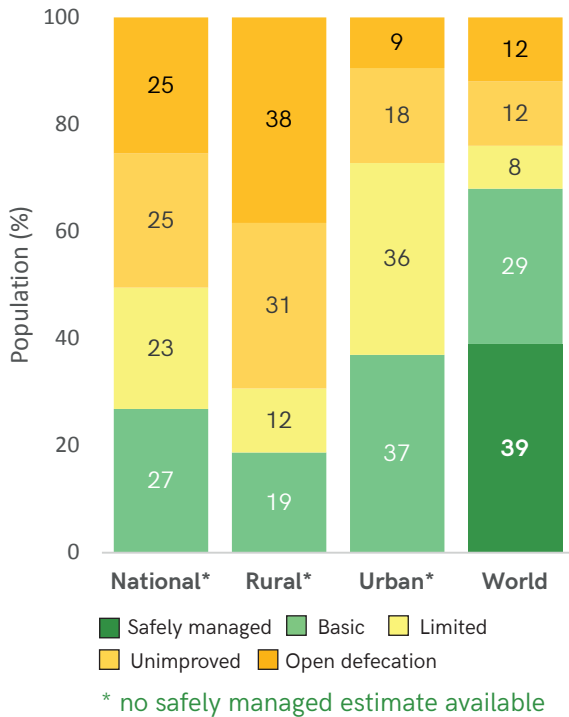
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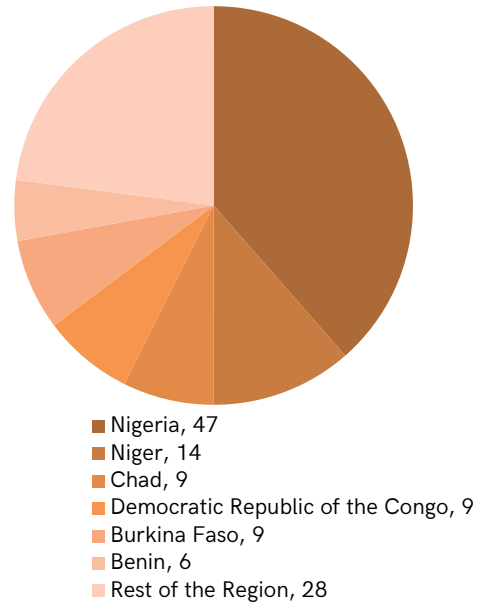


Sanitation coverage

Proportion of population using safely managed, basic, limited, unimproved sanitation services or practising open defecation, 2015

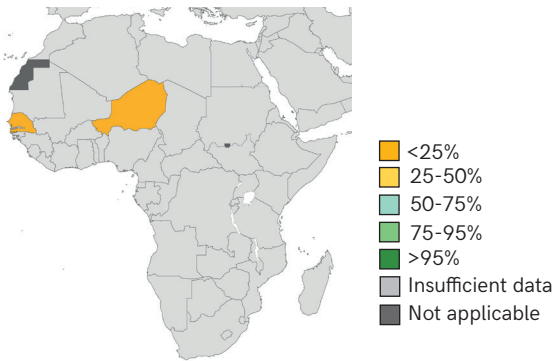


351 million people in the UNICEF West & Central Africa Region lacked a basic sanitation service in 2015, 122 million of whom practise open defecation



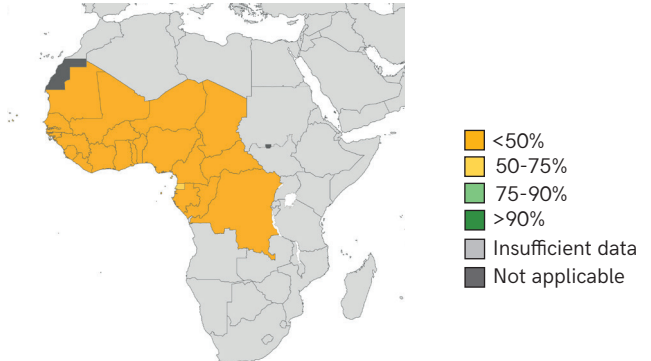
Countries in the region with the highest number of people practising open defecation in 2015

Safely managed sanitation estimate is available for two countries in the region



Safely managed - national

Urban coverage of basic sanitation services exceeds 50% in 5 countries, rural coverage exceeds 50% in 2 countries

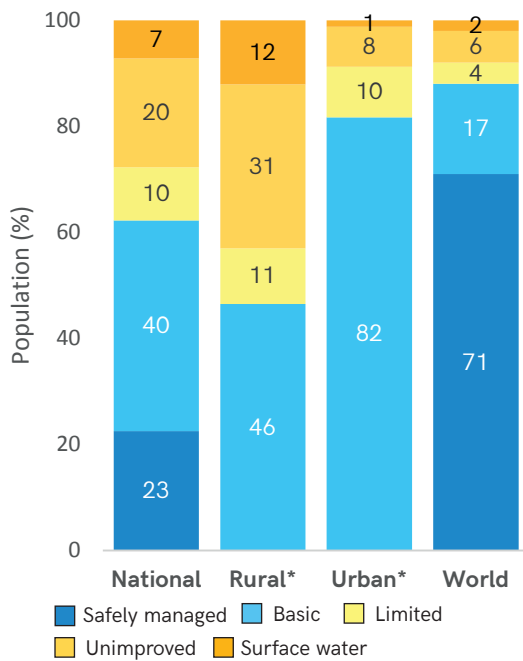


Basic - national

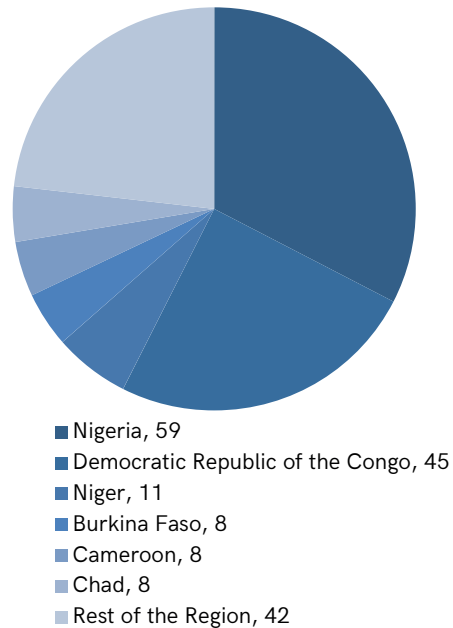


Drinking water coverage

Proportion of population using safely managed, basic, limited, unimproved water services or surface water, 2015

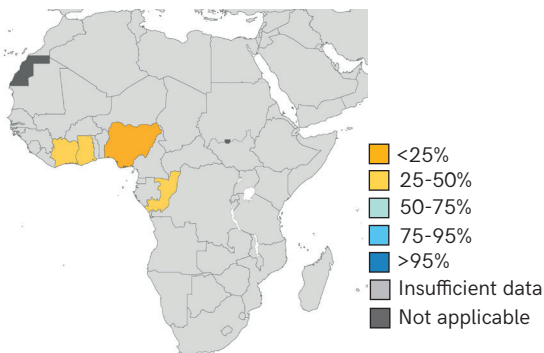


181 million people in the UNICEF West & Central Africa Region lacked a basic drinking water service in 2015, 78% of whom live in rural areas



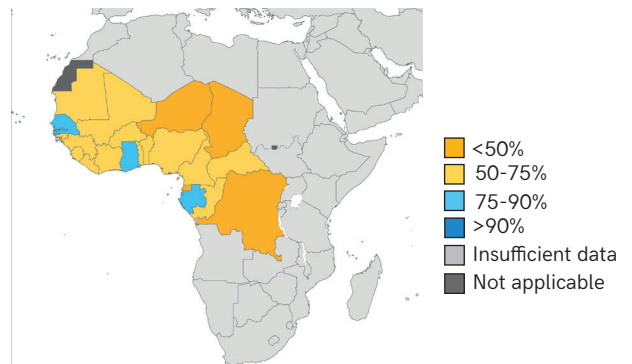
Countries in the region with the highest number of people who did not use a basic water service in 2015

💧 Safely managed drinking water estimate is available for four countries in the region

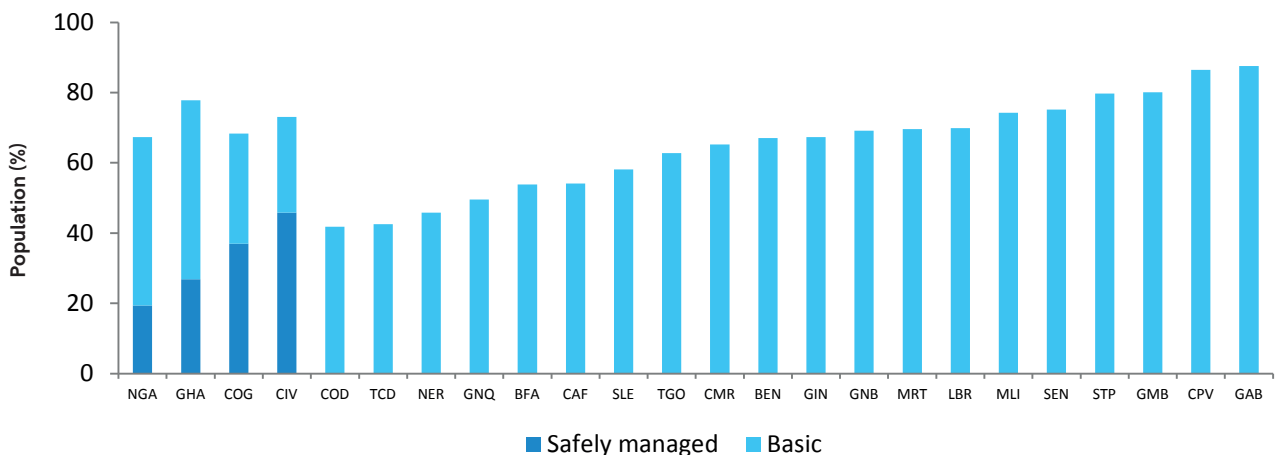


Safely managed - national

💧 Urban coverage of basic drinking water services exceeds 50% in 24 countries, rural coverage exceeds 50% in 13 countries

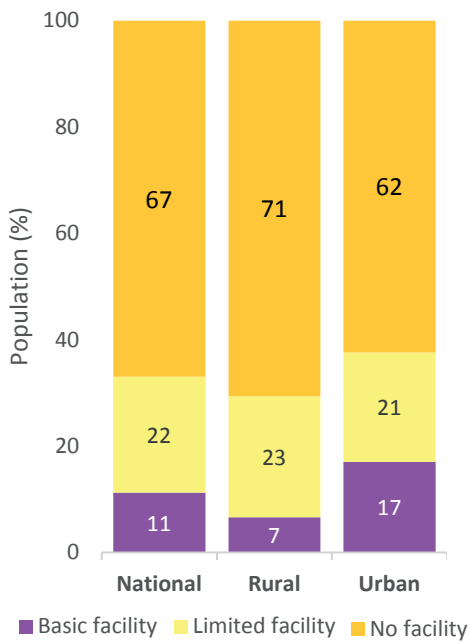


Basic - national



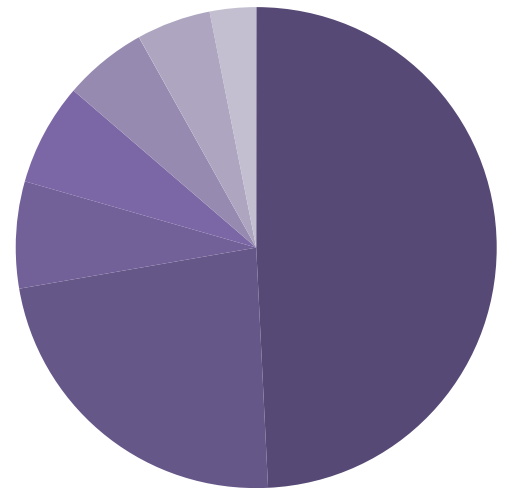
Hygiene coverage

Proportion of population with basic, limited handwashing facilities or no facility in 2015



426 million people in the UNICEF West & Central Africa Region lacked a basic handwashing facility in 2015, 321 million of whom had no facility

- Nigeria, 158
- Democratic Republic of the Congo, 74
- Cameroon, 23
- Ghana, 22
- Côte d'Ivoire, 18
- Burkina Faso, 16
- Rest of the Region, 10



Countries in the region with the highest number of people without handwashing facilities in 2015

🗨 there are no countries for which urban or rural coverage of basic handwashing facilities exceeds 50%



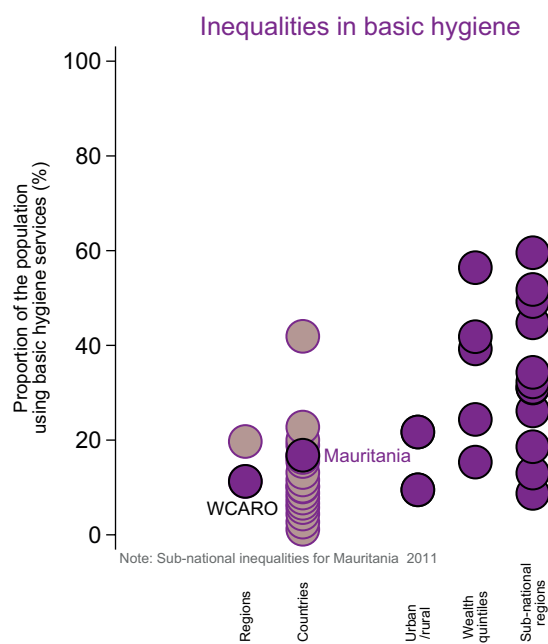
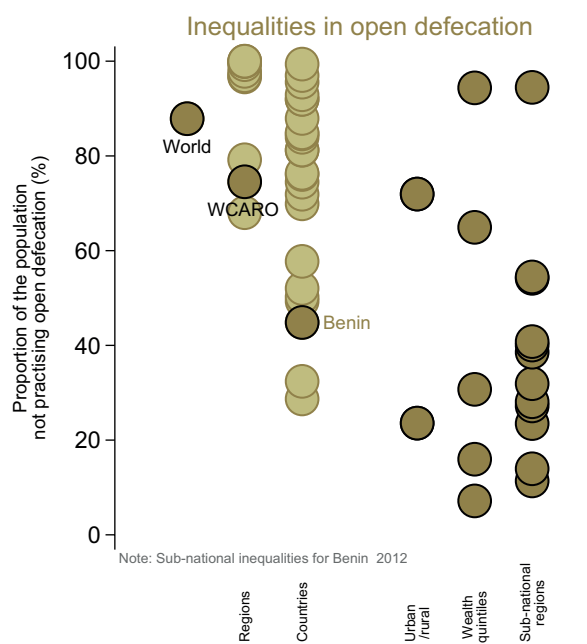
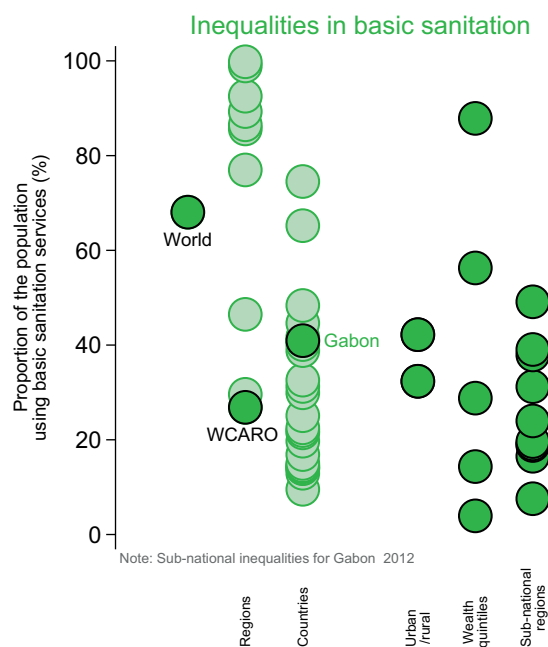
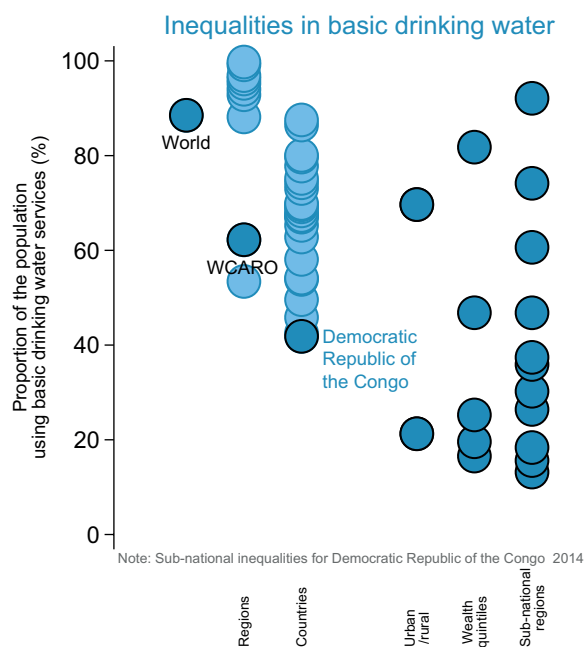
Basic - urban



Basic - rural

- <25%
- 25-50%
- 51-75%
- 76-90%
- >90%
- Insufficient data
- Not applicable

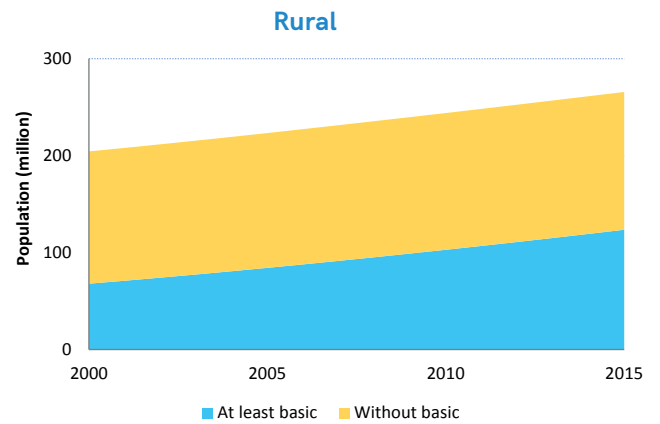
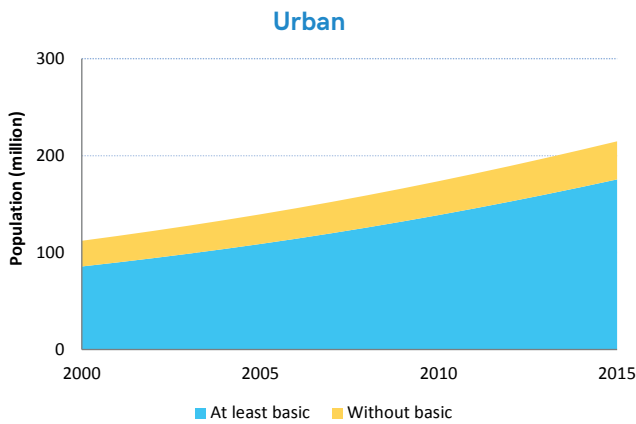
Inequalities



Note: WCARO - UNICEF West & Central Africa Region

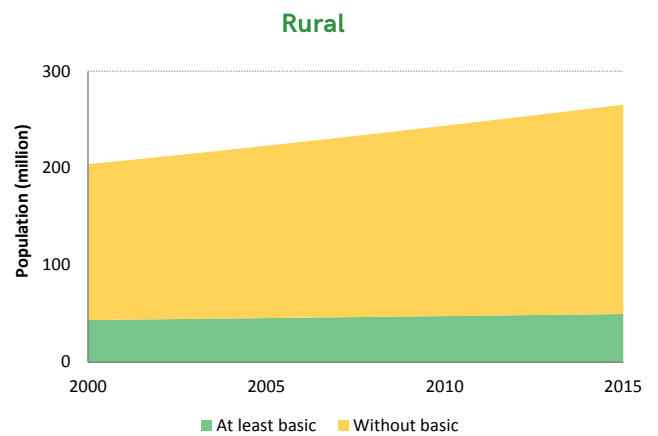
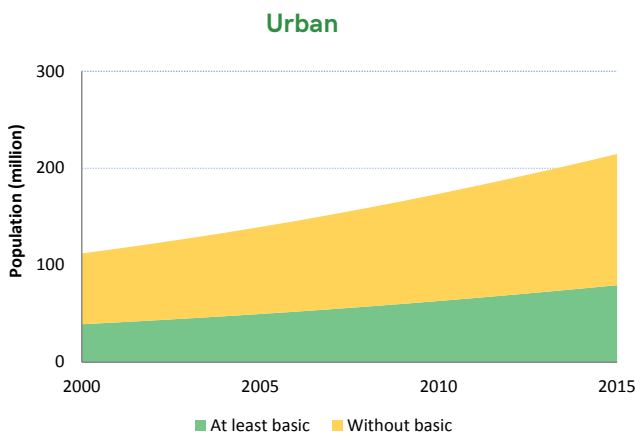
Trends

Drinking water



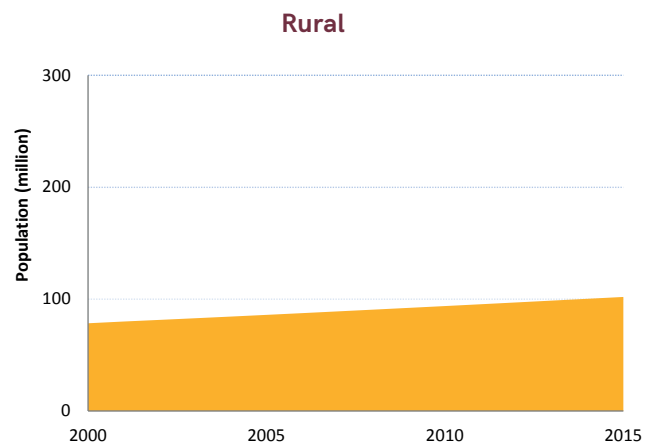
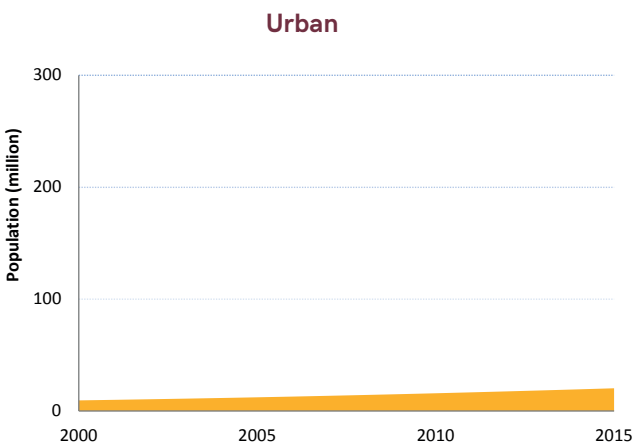
In 2015, 81.7% of the urban population and 46.5% of the rural population used a basic drinking water service.

Sanitation



In 2015, 37% of the urban population and 18.7% of the rural population used a basic sanitation service.

Open defecation



In 2015, 9.5% of the urban population and 38.4% of the rural population practised open defecation.

Hygiene estimates

COUNTRY, AREA OR TERRITORY	Year	Population (thousands)	% urban	NATIONAL			RURAL			URBAN		
				Basic	Limited (without water or soap)	No facility	Basic	Limited (without water or soap)	No facility	Basic	Limited (without water or soap)	No facility
Benin	2015	10 880	44	10	15	75	6	16	79	16	15	70
Burkina Faso	2015	18 106	30	12	58	30	7	58	35	23	58	19
Cameroon	2015	23 344	54	3	13	84	1	11	89	4	15	81
Chad	2015	14 037	22	6	18	76	2	18	79	18	19	63
Côte d'Ivoire	2015	22 702	54	20	33	47	10	37	53	28	30	42
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2015	77 267	42	4	11	84	2	11	87	7	12	81
Equatorial Guinea	2015	845	40	23	23	54	20	24	56	26	21	53
Gambia	2015	1 991	60	8	15	77	1	13	85	12	16	72
Ghana	2015	27 410	54	19	26	55	11	24	65	25	28	47
Guinea	2015	12 609	37	9	38	53	7	37	56	12	40	48
Guinea-Bissau	2015	1 844	49	7	5	88	5	4	92	9	6	85
Liberia	2015	4 503	50	1	1	97	1	1	98	2	1	97
Mali	2015	17 600	40	16	13	71	16	6	79	18	23	59
Mauritania	2015	4 068	60	17	26	58	10	23	67	22	27	51
Nigeria	2015	182 202	48	13	24	63	7	27	66	19	20	60
Sao Tome and Principe	2015	190	65	42	14	44	47	17	36	39	13	48
Senegal	2015	15 129	44	15	15	69	10	14	76	23	17	60
Togo	2015	7 305	40	10	12	78	4	11	85	20	13	66
West & Central Africa	2015	480 150	45	11	22	67	7	23	71	17	21	62

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Sanitation estimates

COUNTRY, AREA OR TERRITORY	ISO3	Year	Population (thousands)	% urban	NATIONAL						RURAL						URBAN					
					At least basic	Limited (shared)	Unimproved	Open defecation	Annual rate of change in basic	Annual rate of change in open defecation	At least basic	Limited (shared)	Unimproved	Open defecation	Annual rate of change in basic	Annual rate of change in open defecation	At least basic	Limited (shared)	Unimproved	Open defecation	Annual rate of change in basic	Annual rate of change in open defecation
Benin	BEN	2000	6 949	38	10	14	8	68	0.26	-0.84	3	6	5	86	0.14	-0.63	21	28	13	39	0.28	-0.70
		2015	10 880	44	14	20	11	55			5	9	9	76			25	34	13	28		
Burkina Faso	BFA	2000	11 608	18	10	9	10	71	0.86	-1.56	2	3	10	85	0.65	-1.31	44	37	9	9	0.24	-0.14
		2015	18 106	30	23	24	5	48			12	18	5	65			48	40	5	7		
Cabo Verde	CPV	2000	439	53	37	4	35	23	1.85	0.32	23	1	45	31	1.85	1.05	50	6	27	17	1.51	0.11
		2015	521	66	65	7	0	28			51	3	0	47			73	9	0	18		
Cameroon	CMR	2000	15 928	46	40	18	35	7	-0.06	-0.02	26	10	51	13	-0.49	0.08	56	28	15	1	-0.02	0.03
		2015	23 344	54	39	18	36	7			19	7	60	14			56	28	15	1		
Central African Republic	CAF	2000	3 726	38	15	9	53	23	0.67	0.06	8	4	53	35	0.05	0.06	26	17	54	4	1.54	0.20
		2015	4 900	40	25	15	36	24			9	4	51	36			49	31	13	6		
Chad	TCD	2000	8 343	22	10	5	15	71	-0.02	-0.21	6	2	7	85	-0.23	-0.19	23	15	43	18	0.63	-0.11
		2015	14 037	22	10	6	17	68			3	1	14	82			33	22	29	17		
Congo	COG	2000	3 109	59	13	25	53	9	0.15	-0.04	6	9	69	17	0.00	0.21	18	37	42	3	0.15	-0.07
		2015	4 620	65	15	30	46	8			6	9	66	20			20	42	36	2		
Côte d'Ivoire	CIV	2000	16 518	44	22	18	23	36	0.50	-0.84	9	11	21	59	0.25	-0.83	40	29	25	7	0.31	-0.16
		2015	22 702	54	30	24	22	24			13	15	26	47			45	32	19	4		
Democratic Republic of the Congo	COD	2000	48 049	35	22	22	45	10	-0.18	0.12	21	16	49	14	-0.26	0.27	24	34	39	3	-0.09	0.07
		2015	77 267	42	20	21	47	12			18	13	51	18			23	32	41	4		
Equatorial Guinea	GNQ	2000	531	39	80	8	11	0	-0.38	0.29	80	7	14	0	-0.59	0.34	81	11	8	0	-0.05	0.23
		2015	845	40	75	8	13	4			71	6	18	5			80	11	6	3		
Gabon	GAB	2000	1 232	80	39	31	28	2	0.13	0.09	35	21	42	3	-0.15	0.25	40	34	25	1	0.14	0.07
		2015	1 725	87	41	33	23	3			32	20	42	7			42	35	20	3		
Gambia	GMB	2000	1 229	48	55	32	7	6	-0.90	-0.36	59	22	9	10	-1.56	-0.57	51	42	5	1	-0.36	-0.10
		2015	1 991	60	42	28	30	1			35	14	50	2			46	37	17	0		
Ghana	GHA	2000	18 825	44	11	45	22	22	0.21	-0.21	6	31	30	32	0.19	-0.08	17	62	12	8	0.09	-0.02
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		2015	12 609	37	22	28	35	15			15	17	45	24			34	47	17	1		
Guinea-Bissau	GNB	2000	1 315	37	12	10	42	36	0.63	-1.33	4	2	39	55	0.29	-1.64	26	22	48	4	0.61	-0.13
		2015	1 844	49	21	17	45	16			8	5	57	30			35	31	33	2		
Liberia	LBR	2000	2 892	44	13	19	13	55	0.25	-0.82	4	12	7	77	0.14	-1.06	25	27	22	26	0.22	-0.21
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Mali	MLI	2000	11 047	28	19	12	47	22	0.80	-0.90	12	5	54	28	0.63	-1.04	38	30	27	5	0.55	-0.23
		2015	17 600	40	31	21	40	8			22	10	56	13			46	37	16	1		
Mauritania	MRT	2000	2 711	49	23	7	21	49	1.42	-1.25	7	3	14	76	0.66	-1.06	40	10	29	21	1.54	-0.72
		2015	4 068	60	45	12	13	30			17	6	16	61			63	17	11	10		
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Sao Tome and Principe	STP	2000	137	53	21	3	5	71	1.28	-1.39	15	3	4	78	0.88	-0.99	26	4	6	64	1.36	-1.44
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		2015	480 150	45	27	23	25	25			19	12	31	38			37	36	18	9		

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Drinking water estimates

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					At least basic	Limited (more than 30 mins)	Unimproved	Surface water	Annual rate of change in basic	At least basic	Limited (more than 30 mins)	Unimproved	Surface water	Annual rate of change in basic	At least basic	Limited (more than 30 mins)	Unimproved	Surface water	Annual rate of change in basic
Benin	BEN	2000	6 949	38	60	8	20	12		50	10	24	16		76	4	14	6	
		2015	10 880	44	67	8	21	3	0.46	60	12	24	5	0.61	77	4	18	1	0.06
Burkina Faso	BFA	2000	11 608	18	47	22	26	6		41	23	29	8		75	15	10	0	
		2015	18 106	30	54	22	22	2	0.48	43	24	30	3	0.17	79	16	4	1	0.29
Cabo Verde	CPV	2000	439	53	78	11	11	0		70	17	12	1		85	6	9	0	
		2015	521	66	86	10	3	0	0.57	74	16	10	0	0.26	93	7	0	0	0.55
Cameroon	CMR	2000	15 928	46	55	9	26	9		35	8	40	17		80	10	10	1	
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Equatorial Guinea	GNQ	2000	531	39	49	2	13	36		40	2	6	53		63	3	25	8	
		2015	845	40	50	2	35	13	0.05	31	1	46	22	-0.62	78	4	18	0	1.01
Gabon	GAB	2000	1 232	80	79	5	5	11		35	5	17	42		89	5	2	3	
		2015	1 725	87	88	6	3	4	0.59	59	9	7	25	1.57	92	5	2	1	0.15
Gambia	GMB	2000	1 229	48	74	10	16	0		65	14	21	0		84	6	10	0	
		2015	1 991	60	80	10	10	0	0.41	68	15	17	0	0.24	88	6	6	0	0.28
Ghana	GHA	2000	18 825	44	64	9	8	18		51	10	9	29		81	8	7	4	
		2015	27 410	54	78	11	5	6	0.90	66	13	8	13	0.98	88	9	3	0	0.45
Guinea	GIN	2000	8 799	31	54	9	20	16		44	10	24	23		79	8	13	1	
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Mali	MLI	2000	11 047	28	49	4	43	4		39	4	51	5		74	4	20	1	
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Mauritania	MRT	2000	2 711	49	54	12	29	6		27	12	52	10		81	11	6	1	
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Niger	NER	2000	11 225	16	38	8	51	3		28	8	60	3		88	8	4	0	
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Sao Tome and Principe	STP	2000	137	53	67	13	5	15		60	12	7	21		83	14	4	9	
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Senegal	SEN	2000	9 861	40	62	4	33	2		42	5	50	3		91	2	6	1	
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Sierra Leone	SLE	2000	4 061	36	39	6	16	39		24	3	17	56		66	12	14	9	
		2015	6 453	40	58	9	17	16	1.29	47	6	23	24	1.55	75	14	7	4	0.59
Togo	TGO	2000	4 875	33	45	4	28	23		30	5	32	33		78	3	18	1	
		2015	7 305	40	63	6	18	14	1.16	45	8	25	22	1.02	90	4	6	0	0.81
UNICEF West & Central Africa Region		2000	316 285	35	48	8	26	17		33	8	35	24		76	9	11	4	
		2015	480 150	45	62	10	20	7	0.92	46	11	31	12	0.89	82	10	8	1	0.36

"-" = no estimate; NA = data not applicable; for unrounded estimates see www.washdata.org

Drinking water estimates

COUNTRY, AREA OR TERRITORY	Year	NATIONAL Proportion of population using improved water supplies					RURAL Proportion of population using improved water supplies					URBAN Proportion of population using improved water supplies							
		Safely managed	Accessible on premises	Available when needed	Free from contamination	Piped	Non-piped	Safely managed	Accessible on premises	Available when needed	Free from contamination	Piped	Non-piped	Safely managed	Accessible on premises	Available when needed	Free from contamination	Piped	Non-piped
Benin	2000	-	41	-	-	41	27	-	23	-	-	25	35	-	68	-	-	66	14
	2015	-	27	-	-	42	34	-	13	-	-	30	41	-	44	-	-	57	24
Burkina Faso	2000	-	3	52	-	22	46	-	0	51	-	9	54	-	13	54	-	82	8
	2015	-	15	55	-	26	50	-	1	54	-	4	63	-	47	58	-	76	19
Cabo Verde	2000	-	60	-	-	68	21	-	51	-	-	60	26	-	68	-	-	75	16
	2015	-	81	-	-	90	7	-	74	-	-	76	14	-	84	-	-	97	3
Cameroon	2000	-	8	-	-	39	25	-	4	-	-	12	31	-	14	-	-	71	18
	2015	-	29	-	-	39	36	-	6	-	-	13	41	-	48	-	-	61	32
Central African Republic	2000	-	8	38	-	21	44	-	3	22	-	4	48	-	16	66	-	49	38
	2015	-	8	40	-	18	50	-	3	23	-	1	54	-	15	66	-	43	44
Chad	2000	-	15	-	-	17	33	-	3	-	-	7	36	-	59	-	-	55	23
	2015	-	10	-	-	19	36	-	2	-	-	9	37	-	38	-	-	53	33
Congo	2000	30	31	-	35	52	15	-	6	-	-	10	17	-	48	-	-	81	14
	2015	37	37	-	42	57	24	-	21	-	-	9	43	-	45	-	-	83	14
Côte d'Ivoire	2000	36	39	-	44	43	37	14	14	-	27	23	47	66	71	-	66	69	24
	2015	46	54	-	47	50	30	23	23	-	26	26	40	65	79	-	65	70	22
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2000	-	14	-	-	23	21	-	1	-	-	3	21	-	38	-	-	60	21
	2015	-	9	-	-	31	23	-	1	-	-	8	24	-	20	-	-	63	21
Equatorial Guinea	2000	-	9	-	-	9	42	-	3	-	-	3	39	-	18	-	-	20	46
	2015	-	10	-	-	33	19	-	2	-	-	22	10	-	23	-	-	48	34
Gabon	2000	-	42	-	-	79	5	-	8	-	-	23	18	-	50	-	-	93	1
	2015	-	69	-	-	85	8	-	23	-	-	24	44	-	76	-	-	94	2
Gambia	2000	-	21	-	-	54	30	-	4	-	-	27	52	41	41	-	79	84	6
	2015	-	45	-	-	75	15	-	8	-	-	53	29	70	70	-	83	89	5
Ghana	2000	16	16	63	44	44	29	2	2	54	34	16	46	34	34	74	58	81	8
	2015	27	27	76	54	32	57	7	7	70	44	20	60	44	44	81	62	42	54
Guinea	2000	-	7	-	-	22	42	-	0	-	-	0	54	-	23	-	-	69	17
	2015	-	35	-	-	28	50	-	17	-	-	7	61	-	67	-	-	65	31
Guinea-Bissau	2000	-	15	-	-	26	31	-	4	-	-	14	31	-	35	-	-	46	32
	2015	-	32	-	-	19	56	-	12	-	-	3	56	-	53	-	-	36	55
Liberia	2000	-	11	-	-	14	53	-	7	-	-	4	48	-	16	-	-	27	60
	2015	-	6	-	-	4	73	-	4	-	-	0	64	-	9	-	-	7	82
Mali	2000	-	20	45	-	22	31	-	10	40	-	8	35	-	45	58	-	58	21
	2015	-	32	67	-	41	39	-	16	63	-	16	53	-	56	72	-	79	17
Mauritania	2000	-	46	-	-	29	36	-	13	-	-	15	24	-	80	-	-	44	48
	2015	-	63	-	-	52	33	-	33	-	-	35	30	-	83	-	-	63	35
Niger	2000	-	10	33	-	22	24	-	4	25	-	11	26	-	42	72	-	81	15
	2015	-	13	39	-	31	24	-	3	38	-	18	28	-	53	44	-	90	6
Nigeria	2000	17	17	-	40	18	34	-	11	-	-	6	29	-	28	-	-	40	43
	2015	19	20	-	59	10	66	-	13	-	-	7	55	-	27	-	-	14	78
Sao Tome and Principe	2000	-	27	-	-	74	6	-	19	-	-	64	8	-	33	-	-	83	4
	2015	-	36	-	-	91	5	-	24	-	-	81	7	-	42	-	-	96	3
Senegal	2000	-	37	-	-	53	13	-	11	-	-	30	17	-	76	93	-	86	7
	2015	-	60	-	-	70	10	-	45	-	-	59	12	-	79	93	-	86	7
Sierra Leone	2000	-	13	-	-	21	24	-	2	-	-	6	20	-	32	-	-	48	30
	2015	-	11	-	-	28	40	-	5	-	-	17	36	-	20	-	-	43	45
Togo	2000	-	11	-	-	38	12	-	5	-	-	20	15	-	23	-	-	75	6
	2015	-	15	-	-	24	44	-	5	-	-	9	44	-	31	-	-	48	45
UNICEF West & Central Africa Region	2000	17	17	-	40	26	30	-	7	-	-	9	32	-	36	-	-	57	28
	2015	23	23	-	52	26	46	-	10	-	-	12	45	-	38	-	-	43	48



DRINKING WATER



In 2015,

- 71 per cent of the global population (5.2 billion people) used a **safely managed** drinking water service; that is, one located on premises, available when needed and free from contamination.
- Eight out of ten people (5.8 billion) used improved sources with **water available when needed**.
- Three out of four people (5.4 billion) used improved sources **located on premises**.
- Three out of four people (5.4 billion) used improved sources **free from contamination**.
- 844 million people still lacked even a **basic** drinking water service.
- 263 million people spent over 30 minutes per round trip to collect water from an improved source (a **limited** drinking water service).
- 159 million people still collected drinking water directly from **surface water** sources, 58% lived in sub-Saharan Africa.

SANITATION



In 2015,

- 39 per cent of the global population (2.9 billion people) used a **safely managed** sanitation service; that is, excreta safely disposed of in situ or treated off-site.
- 27 per cent of the global population (1.9 billion people) used private sanitation facilities connected to sewers from which **wastewater was treated**.
- 13 per cent of the global population (0.9 billion people) used toilets or latrines where excreta were **disposed of in situ**.
- Available data were insufficient to make a global estimate of the proportion of population using septic tanks and latrines from which excreta are **emptied and treated off-site**.
- 2.3 billion people still lacked even a **basic** sanitation service.
- 600 million people used a **limited** sanitation service.
- 892 million people worldwide still practised **open defecation**.

HYGIENE



In 2015,

- 70 countries had comparable data available on handwashing with soap and water, representing 30 per cent of the global population.
- Coverage of **basic handwashing** facilities with soap and water varied from 15 per cent in sub-Saharan Africa to 76 per cent in Western Asia and Northern Africa, but data are currently insufficient to produce a global estimate, or estimates for other SDG regions.
- In Least Developed Countries, 27 per cent of the population had basic handwashing facilities with soap and water, while 26 per cent had handwashing facilities lacking soap or water. The remaining 47 per cent had no facility.
- In sub-Saharan Africa, three out of five people with basic handwashing facilities (89 million people) lived in urban areas.
- Many high-income countries lacked sufficient data to estimate the population with basic handwashing facilities.

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