

Infant mortality rate

Metadata on MDGs indicators
National Bureau of Statistics of the Republic of Moldova (NBS)

Definition	This demography indicator measures the number of deaths of children under 1 year scaled to 1000 live births of newborns in the year of reference.
National MDG	MDG 4. Reduce child mortality
Measure unit	Per thousand (‰)
Formula of calculation	<p>Infant mortality rate</p> $IMR = \frac{D_0}{N_0} * \frac{D_1}{N_1} * 1000$ <p>where:</p> <p><i>D₀</i> – deaths under 1 year out of all newborns during the year of calculation;</p> <p><i>D₁</i> – deaths under 1 year out of all newborns during the precedent year of calculation;</p> <p><i>N₀</i> – live births of newborns during the year of calculation;</p> <p><i>N₁</i> – live births of newborns during the precedent year of calculation</p> <p>Note: The data are based on registration of newborns weighing more than 500 grams and over 22 weeks gestation.</p>
Disaggregation	By sex, by area, by districts
Dissemination periodicity	Quarterly, Annually
Timeliness	In 60 days after the reference period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quarterly: May, August, November - Annually: in February after the reference year and on April 10 after the reference year
Revision	Data disseminated in April are final
Data source	Data elaboration is based on administrative data sources obtained from Ministry of Justice (Population Registering Office), Ministry of Health (National Centre of Health Management), Ministry of Information Technologies and Communications (State Enterprise “State Informational Resources Center REGISTER”).
Comparability at international level	The data is developed according to international recommendations, specifically – Principles and Recommendations for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems (ST/ESA/STAT/SER.M/19/Rev.2 New York, 2003) Starting with January 1, 2008, together with implementation process of the European standards the shift was made to record in the official statistics of births the newborns weighing more than 500gr and after 22 weeks of gestation, (whereas until 01.01.2008 there were registered only the newborns weighing more than 1000gr and over 30 weeks of gestation).
Comparability over time	Data availability: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nationally (rural, urban): 1940, 1946, 1950-till present - Nationally (sex and average): starting with 1980 - Raion Level: starting with 1989, except for year 1999-2002 – county level

	<p>- Municipalities, cities: starting with 1989</p> <p>Indicators from national level are comparable starting with 2008, due to new methodology of measuring the indicators.</p> <p>Indicators by territorial level (especially by raion level) aren't comparable over time due to the border shifts of the administrative units. During 1992-2002 the data is not available at the raion level, due to the fact that in that period the territorial administrative units were different (counties).</p>
Coherence with other indicators (co-related indicators)	<p>Mortality rate on death causes</p> <p>Under-5 mortality rate</p>
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