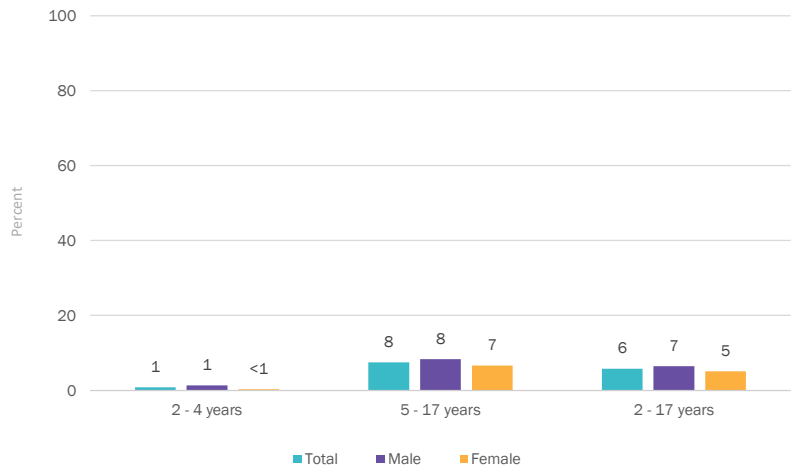
Montenegro 2018

Child Functioning

Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys

Child Functioning: Levels & Domains

Child Functioning Levels by Age-Group



Percentage of children aged 2–17 years with functional difficulty in at least one domain, by age group and sex of child

Children with disabilities are among the most marginalized groups in society. Facing daily discrimination in the form of negative attitudes, and lack of adequate policies and legislation, children with disabilities are effectively barred from realizing their rights to health, education, and even survival. Children with disabilities are often likely to be among the poorest members of the population and are less likely to attend school, access medical services, or have their voices heard in society. Discrimination against and exclusion of children with disabilities also puts them at a higher risk of physical and emotional abuse or other forms of neglect, violence and exploitation.

The Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNICEF, 1989) and the more recent Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN, 2006) explicitly state the rights of children with disabilities on an equal basis with other children.

These Conventions focus on the disparities faced by children with disabilities and call for improvements in their access to services, and in their participation in all aspects of life. In order to achieve these goals, there is a need for cross-nationally comparable, reliable data.

Child Functioning Domains

	Seeing	Hearing	Walking	Fine Motor	Communication	Learning	Playing	Controlling Behaviour	Self care	Remembering	Concentrating	Accepting Change	Making Friends	Anxiety	Depression
2-4 years	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
5-17 years	0.0	0.0	0.3	N/A	0.5	1.3	N/A	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.6	5.7	2.5

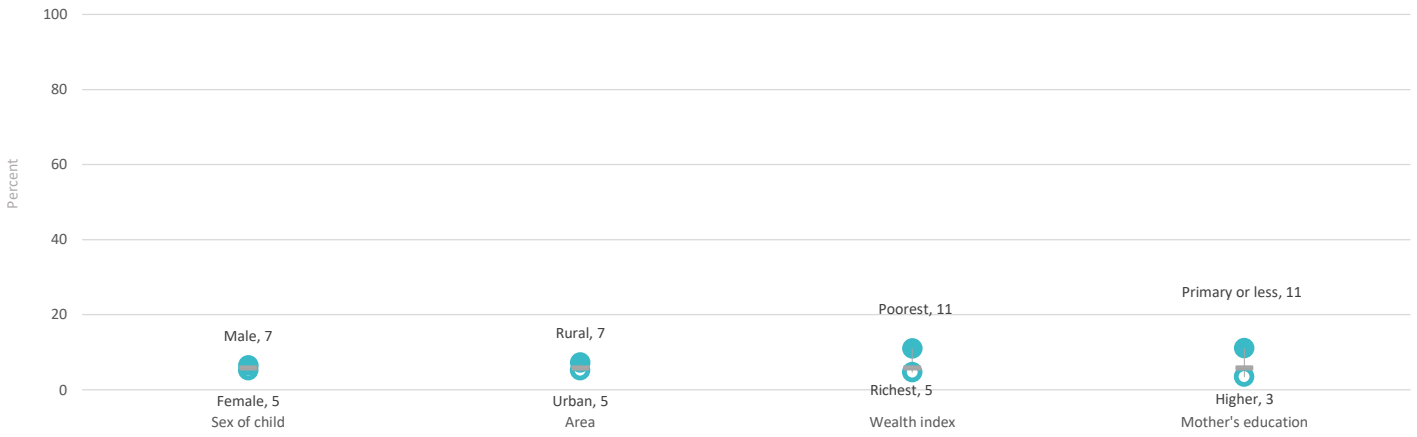
Percentage of children aged 2–17 years with functional difficulty in at least one domain, by domain of difficulty

N/A – Not Applicable

Key Messages

- In Montenegro 6 percent of children aged 2-17 years have functional difficulty in at least one domain.
- 8 percent of children aged 5-17 years have functional difficulty in at least one domain.
- 1 percent of children aged 2-4 years have functional difficulty in at least one domain.
- Anxiety is the domain with the highest percentage (6) of children with functional difficulty, among children aged 5-17 years.
- 3 percent of children aged 5-17 years have functional difficulty in the domain of depression.
- The percentage of children aged 5-17 years with functional difficulty in at least one domain is highest in the Southern region (14) and the lowest in the Central region (3).

Child Functioning: Inequalities



Percentage of children age 2–17 years with functional difficulty in at least one domain, by background characteristics

Regional Data on Child Functioning

Region	2-4 years	5-17 years	2-17 years
North	0.3	11.4	8.8
Centre	1.3	3.4	2.8
South	0.0	14.1	10.4

Percentage of children age 2–17 years with functional difficulty in at least one domain, by region and age group

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The objective of this snapshot is to disseminate selected findings from the 2018 Montenegro MICS related to Child Functioning. Data from this snapshot can be found in tables EQ.1.1, EQ.1.2, and EQ.1.4 in the Survey Findings Report.

Further statistical snapshots and the Survey Findings Report for this and other MICS surveys are available on mics.unicef.org/surveys.