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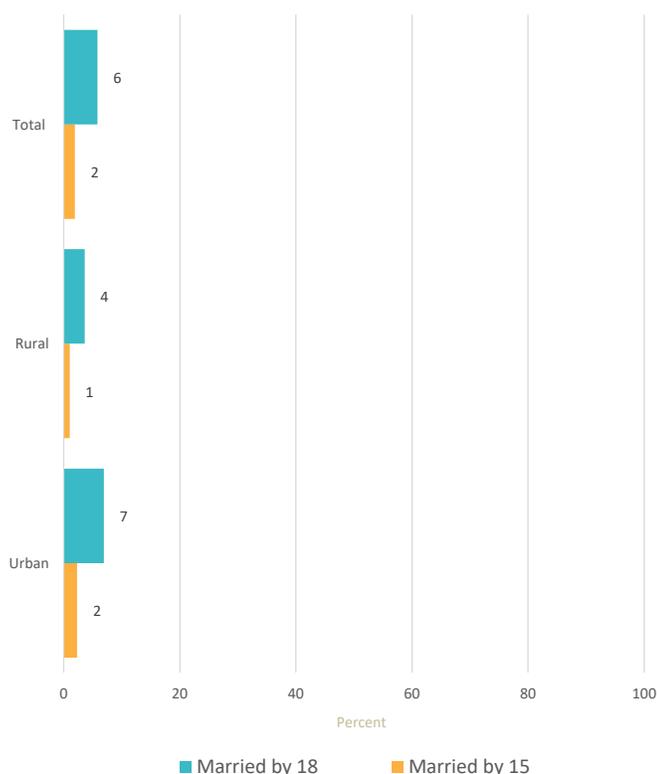
Multiple Indicator
Cluster Surveys

Child Marriage



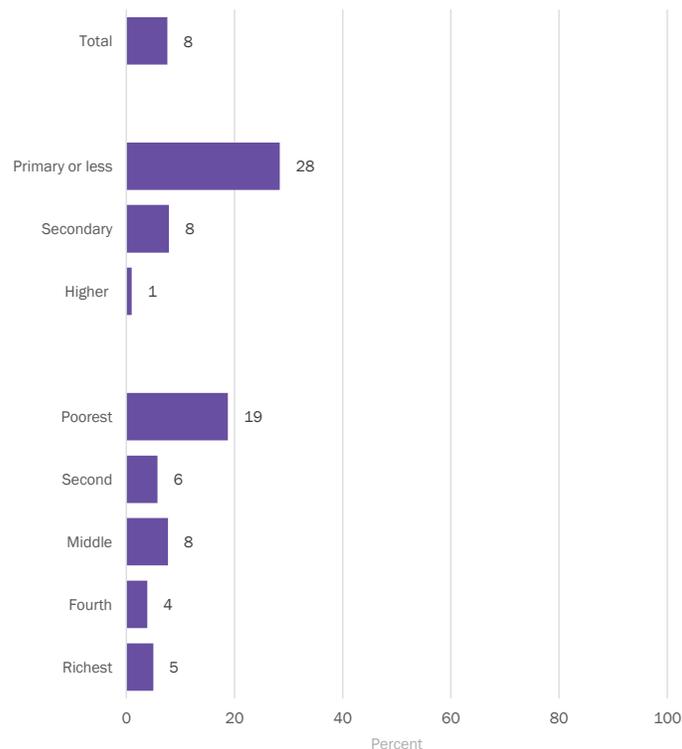
Child Marriage: Levels & Disaggregates

Marriage before Age 15 & Age 18: SDG 5.3.1



Percentage of women aged 20-24 years who were first married or in union before age 15 and before age 18, by residence

Disaggregates in Marriage before Age 18



Percentage of women aged 20-49 years who were first married or in union before age 18, by wealth quintile and education

Key Messages

- The proportion of women aged 20-24 years who got married before the age of 15 is very low (2 percent). There are no men aged 20-24 years who got married before age 15.
- 8 percent of women and 1 percent of men aged 20-49 years got married before age 18.
- There is a negative correlation between education level and marriage before age 18 among women age 20-49 years, being 28 percent among women with primary education or less and decreasing to 1 percent among those with higher education.
- Women age 20-49 years from the poorest wealth index quintile are more likely to have gotten married before 18 years of age (19 percent), than women from the richest wealth index quintile (5 percent)

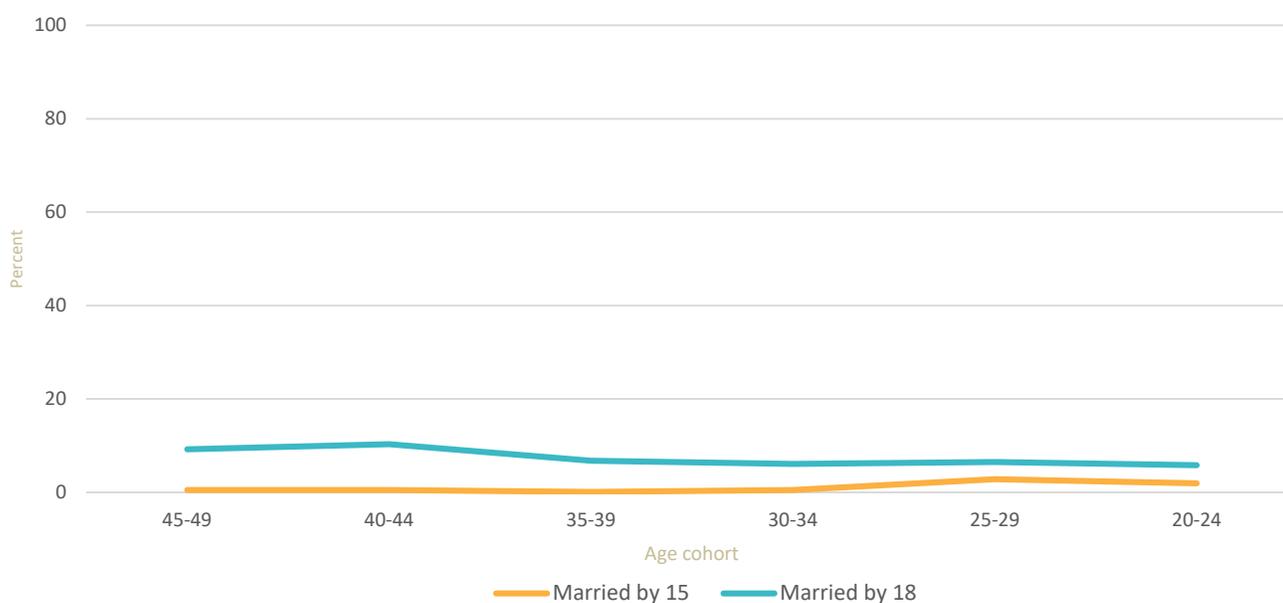
Regional Data on Child Marriage

| Region | Women - marriage by age 18 | Men - marriage by age 18 |
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| North | 11.9 | 0.2 |
| Centre | 6.5 | 1.1 |
| South | 6.3 | 2.6 |

Percentage of women and men aged 20-49 years who were first married or in union before age 18, by region

Marriage before the age of 18 is a reality for many young girls. In many parts of the world parents encourage the marriage of their daughters while they are still children in hopes that the marriage will benefit them both financially and socially, while also relieving financial burdens on the family. In actual fact, child marriage is a violation of human rights, compromising the development of girls and often resulting in early pregnancy and social isolation, with little education and poor vocational training reinforcing the gendered nature of poverty. The right to 'free and full' consent to a marriage is recognized in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights - with the recognition that consent cannot be 'free and full' when one of the parties involved is not sufficiently mature to make an informed decision about a life partner.

Trends in Child Marriage



Percentage of women aged 20-49 years who were first married or in union before age 15 and before age 18, by age cohort

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The objective of this snapshot is to disseminate selected findings from the 2018 Montenegro MICS related to Early Marriage. The data from this snapshot can be found in tables PR.4.1W, PR.4.1M, PR.4.2W and PR.4.3 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.