

Somalia humanitarian and development statistics

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Statistic	Source
Area 637,657 square kilometres Somalia is slightly smaller than the state of Texas in the US and about the size of France	CIA World Fact Book
Population	
Population estimated to be 7.5 million people	UNDP 2005
Over 70% of Somalis are under the age of 30	UNDP Somalia Human Development Report 2012
Unemployment is 54% for people aged 15 to 64 Unemployment is 67% for youth aged 14 to 29 - one of the highest rates in the world	UNDP Somalia Human Development Report 2012
Average household size 6	UNDP/ World Bank Socio-Economic Survey 2002 – Report No. 1, Somalia Watching Brief 2003
Somalia would probably rank among the lowest in the world in terms of development, at 165 out of the 170 countries, if internationally comparable data were available	UNDP Somalia Human Development Report 2012
Economy	
GDP is estimated at \$5.8 billion An estimated 35% of GDP is made up of remittances and 3% is made up of Government revenue	African Development Bank UNDP Somalia's Missing Million 2009, UNDP Somalia Human Development Report 2012
GDP per capita is \$284, fourth lowest in the world	UNDP Somalia Human Development Report 2012
An estimated 82% of Somali's live in poverty In southern and central Somalia, 89% live below the poverty level, compared to 75% in Puntland and 72% in Somaliland	UNDP Somalia Human Development Report 2012
Somalia is ranked at the bottom of the list of the world's failed states, where it has remained since 2005	Fund for Peace (http://www.foreignpolicy.com/failedstates2013)
14% of the population live outside the country, creating one of the world's largest diaspora groups	UNDP Somalia Human Development Report 2012
An estimated \$1.2 billion in remittances is transferred into Somalia each year, making Somalis one of the world's largest recipients of remittances. This is more than the entire humanitarian appeal for 2014	Somalia Humanitarian Needs Overview Report 2014
Mortality	
Life expectancy is 50 years	UNDP Somalia Human Development Report 2012
Maternal mortality is 3,900 per 100,000 births, joint highest in world with Chad One of every 18 women dies due to pregnancy related causes	World Health Organization (http://www.who.int/gho/maternal_health/countries/som.pdf?ua=1) World Health Organization
Adolescent birth rate is 123 births per 1,000 females aged 15-19 years	UNICEF (http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/somalia_statistics.html)
1 in 10 children die before their first birthday Under-five mortality rate is 0.50 per 10,000 births Leading causes of infant and child mortality are pneumonia (24%), diarrhea (19%), neonatal disorders (17%) and measles (12%)	FSNAU February 2014 FSNAU February 2014 UNICEF (http://www.unicef.org/somalia/health_53.html)
Less than 15% of women use contraception; and access to reproductive health services is extremely limited	UNICEF (http://www.unicef.org/somalia/health_53.html)
Health and nutrition	
Over 200,000 children under 5 years are acutely malnourished, of which 66% live in southern and central Somalia	FSNAU February 2014
0.5% adult HIV prevalence rate	UNAIDS Report on the Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic 2002
Under-5 global acute malnutrition rate 14.2%	FSNAU March 2014
Water and sanitation	
Less than 1 in 3 people (29%) have access to safe drinking water	A Snapshot of Drinking Water and Sanitation in Africa, UNICEF / WHO 2012

1 in 4 people (24%) have access to adequate sanitation facilities	A Snapshot of Drinking Water and Sanitation in Africa, UNICEF / WHO 2012
Agriculture and food security	
Approximately 4.7% of arable land under cultivation	Cultivable Areas Analysis for Somalia, FAO SWALIM 2014
Education	
Only 42% of school-age children are in school, one of the world's lowest enrolment rates. Of those, only 36% are girls	Somali Federal Republic, Go-to-School Initiative 2013-2016
Gender	
Somalia is the fourth lowest country globally for gender equality, if internationally comparable data was available	UNDP Somalia Human Development Report 2012
Female genital mutilation (FGM) afflicts an estimated 98% of women	UNDP Somalia Human Development Report 2012
Infrastructure	
21,830 kilometers (12%) of the existing road network is paved	Istanbul Conference on Somalia – discussion paper on transport infrastructure 2010