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## ACRONYMS

| CBN | Central Bank of Nigeria |
| :---: | :---: |
| CDC | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention |
| DFID | UK Department for International Development |
| DHS | Demographic and Health Survey |
| EFA | Education for All |
| FCT | Federal Capital Territory |
| FMOE | Federal Ministry of Education |
| GAR | Gross Attendance Ratio |
| GDP | Gross Domestic Product |
| GER | Gross Enrollment Ratio |
| GPI | Gender Parity Index |
| HGSF | Home Grown School Feeding program |
| JSS | Junior Secondary School |
| LGA | Local Government Area |
| NAR | Net Attendance Ratio |
| NBTE | National Board for Technical Education |
| NCHS | US National Center for Health Statistics |
| NDES | Nigeria DHS EdData Survey |
| NDHS | Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey |
| NEDS | Nigeria Education Data Survey |
| NEMIS | Nigerian Education Management Information System |
| NPC | National Population Commission |
| PTA | Parent-Teacher Association |
| QC | Quality Control |
| SD | Standard Deviation |


| SSS | Senior Secondary School |
| :--- | :--- |
| UBE | Universal Basic Education |
| UBEC | Universal Basic Education Commission |
| UK | United Kingdom |
| US | United States |
| USAID | United States Agency for International Development |
| WHO | World Health Organization |

## Foreword

In virtually all nations, education plays a key role in poverty reduction and other development programs. In recognition of this, Nigeria has for long accorded the education sector priority in its development objectives. The Nigerian government, in 1999, launched the Universal Basic Education Program to pay particular attention to schooling at the primary and junior secondary school levels.

Over the years, a major challenge faced by policy makers in Nigeria is obtaining reliable information to enhance the decision-making process. This report, which provides new information and analysis on education in Nigeria, comes at a critical time when the government is enhancing its commitment to education. It will serve as a major reference point to policy makers and others who are potential implementers of education policy in the near future. This is especially critical as we gear up for greater momentum, expansion, and reform of educational programs in Nigeria to make the system more responsive to the needs of the wider society.

I encourage the full utilization of the information provided in this report by all tiers of government to ensure success in the education sector. I commend USAID and DFID for the generous support provided for the study. I also urge the National Population Commission to continue in its efforts to generate additional socio-economic data required for meaningful planning and development.


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## PREFACE

It is generally acknowledged that meaningful national development can be achieved only when detailed information needed for articulating and evaluating policy implementation is readily available and properly documented. The National Population Commission (NPC), as the agency charged with the responsibility of gathering and analyzing demographic data, has been unrelenting in its efforts to provide reliable, accurate, and up-to-date data for the country. As the NPC continues with its efforts to ensure the availability and dissemination of reliable data, it is hoped that users will make use of the available information for program evaluation and planning.

The 2010 Nigeria Education Data Survey (2010 NEDS) is important in several respects. The survey, which was conducted in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Education (FMOE) and the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC), is the second of its kind conducted with the aim of obtaining household information on children's education. The survey covers topics such as the age of children at first school attendance and dropout, reasons for over-age first-time enrollment in school, reasons for never enrolling in school, and the frequency of and reasons for pupil and student absenteeism. Additionally, the survey obtained information on household expenditures on schooling and other contributions to schooling; distances and travel times to schools; and parent's/guardians' perceptions of school quality and the benefits and disadvantages of schooling.

The 2010 NEDS was linked to the 2008 Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey (Nigeria DHS).
The text and tables in this report have been presented in a user-friendly manner and I hope readers will avail themselves of the information.

I wish to thank NPC Federal Commissioners for their support during the implementation period by providing the required leadership and advocacy support. The support provided by Dr. W.D.C. Wokoma (Director-General), Dr. Emmanuel Enu Attah (Director, Planning and Research), and others are hereby acknowledged.

NPC gratefully acknowledges the dedication of the core 2010 NEDS technical team for their outstanding and enthusiastic management of the technical, administrative, and logistical phases of the survey. The survey could not have been a success without the able leadership of Mr. Sani Ali Gar (Project Director) and Mr. Inuwa Bakari Jalingo (Project Coordinator). Similarly, I wish to express appreciation to RTI International for their technical assistance during all stages of the survey.

Special gratitude goes to the supervisors, editors, interviewers, quality control interviewers, drivers, and the data processing team for their tireless efforts. The survey could not have been conducted successfully without the commitment of the entire field staff of the 2010 NEDS. The data processing staff is also commended for their important role in the timely processing of the data.

The success of the 2010 NEDS was also made possible by the support and collaboration of many organizations and individuals. To this end, I wish to acknowledge the financial support provided by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Department for International Development (DFID) for the survey, and to Akintola Williams Deloitte for providing accounting and disbursement services that allowed for the timely and efficient transfer of project funds throughout all components of the survey. The support of the FMOE and UBEC officials is also greatly appreciated.

Our appreciation goes to all the households and respondents selected for the survey, without whose participation and support, this project would not have been a success.

Finally, we appreciate and thank the respondents and the general public for their understanding and for making possible an enabling environment for the conduct of this important survey.


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## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The 2010 Nigeria Education Data Survey (NEDS) was a nationally representative sample survey implemented primarily by the National Population Commission (NPC) in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Education (FMOE) and the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC). To ensure that local were reflected and ensure international comparability of information, the survey instruments were modified by NPC in consultation with a number of technical institutions and agencies, including the FMOE and UBEC during a stakeholders meeting. RTI International (RTI) provided technical advisory services. Funding for the overall NEDS activity, including the development of the core survey instruments, was provided by US Agency for International Development (USAID) and UK Department for International Development (DFID).

The 2010 NEDS is similar to the 2004 Nigeria DHS EdData Survey (NDES) in that it was designed to provide information on education for children age 4-16, focusing on factors influencing household decisions about children's schooling. This report presents information on adult educational attainment, children's characteristics and rates of school attendance, absenteeism among primary school pupils and secondary school students, household expenditures on schooling and other contributions to schooling, and parents'/guardians' perceptions of schooling, among other topics.

The 2010 NEDS was linked to the 2008 Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS) in order to collect additional education data on a subset of the households (those with children age 2-14) surveyed in the 2008 Nigeria DHS survey. The 2008 NDHS, for which data collection was carried out from June to October 2008, was the fourth DHS conducted in Nigeria (previous surveys were implemented in 1990, 1999, and 2003).

The goal of the 2010 NEDS was to follow up with a subset of approximately 30,000 households from the 2008 NDHS survey. However, the 2008 NDHS sample shows that of the 34,070 households interviewed, only 20,823 had eligible children age $2-14$. To make statistically significant observations at the State level, 1,700 children per State and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) were needed. It was estimated that an additional 7,300 households would be required to meet the total number of eligible children needed. To bring the sample size up to the required target, additional households were screened and added to the overall sample. However, these households did not have the NDHS questionnaire administered. Thus, the two surveys were statistically linked to create some data used to produce the results presented in this report, but for some households, data were imputed or not included.

A very high overall response rate of 97.9 percent was achieved with interviews completed in 26,934 households out of a total of 27,512 occupied households from the original sample of 28,624 households. The response rates did not vary significantly by urban-rural ( 98.5 percent versus 97.6 percent, respectively). The response rates for parent/guardians and children were even higher, and the rate for independent children was slightly lower than the overall sample rate, 97.4 percent. In all these cases, the urban/rural differences were negligible.

## Characteristics of Households and Household Members

Educational Attainment. Educational attainment among adults is defined here as achievement in education for persons age 15 or older. Thirty-eight percent of the adult population has no formal schooling. There is an increase in adult education participation from 57 percent in 2003 to 62 percent in 2008 Nigeria DHS, although there are substantial differences in educational attainment by gender, residence, and age group. On average, men have completed 1.5 more years of schooling than women in urban areas and 1.8 more years of schooling than women in rural areas. Rural dwellers are about twice as
likely to have no schooling than urban dwellers, 46 versus 20 percent, respectively. Compared with the survey results of 2003, there has been more improvement in the urban than the rural ( 48 percent in 2003 for rural population and 30 percent for the urban). Substantial regional variations exist in the data. In the North West and North East about two thirds of the population have no schooling ( 64 percent) in each zone. The lowest rate of the population with no schooling is observed in the South South (11 percent). Fourteen percent and 17 percent of the population were observed to have no schooling in the South East and South West, respectively. Eighteen percent of young adults age 15-19 have no schooling, compared with 74 percent of those age 65 and older. This follows similar trend as in the 2003 DHS.

Children's Living Arrangements. There is a slight increase of children among the age groups that live with biological parents from 2004 to 2010 ( 71 percent and 77 percent, respectively). However, this change may be due to difference in the age distribution of children. Younger children are more likely than older children to live with both parents. Fifteen percent of children live with either their mother or their father (but not both), and 8 percent of children live with neither parent. Of these, most ( 5 percent) have both parents still living, 2 percent have one parent still living, and 1 percent have lost both parents. The 2008 NDHS also reported less than 1 percent children that lost both parents.

Children in rural areas are slightly more likely than those in urban areas to live with both parents ( 78 percent and 75 percent, respectively). In the regional coverage, there is a general increase from 2004 to 2010 in the proportion of children living with both parents, with a recorded high in the North West (80 versus 86 percent) to the South West ( 62 and 70 percent), except for South East with a slight drop ( 70 versus 72 percent).

Children's Eating Patterns. The survey collected information about the meals eaten by children on the day before the household was interviewed. Figures for 2004 and 2010 show similar trends, with children slightly more likely to have eaten breakfast and lunch in 2010 ( 99 percent, compared with 95 percent for 2004). Overall, children ate about 4 times during the day.

Children's Nutritional Status. The survey also collected and analyzed height and weight measurements for children age 4-9. Twenty-two percent of children age 4-10 are moderately and severely stunted (less than -2 SD), whereas only 11 percent are severely stunted (less than -3 SD). Male children and female have about the same likelihood for being stunted ( 23 percent and 21 percent). Children in rural areas are far more likely to be classified as stunted ( 26 percent) than children in urban areas ( 14 percent), and are more likely to be severely stunted as those in urban areas ( 13 percent versus 7 percent).

The highest rates of stunting are in the North West and North Central (both 30 percent), whereas the lowest rate of stunting is in the South West ( 10 percent). Similarly, severe stunting is highest in the North Central (19 percent). The less economically advantaged the household, the more likely the child is to be stunted: 33 percent of the least advantaged children are stunted, compared with 9 percent of the most advantaged children. This trend is similar to the 2004 NDES, but with higher proportions ( 37 and 13 percent, respectively). Only 6 percent of children age $4-10$ were found to be wasted, and almost 3 percent were found to be severely wasted. There are slight increases over the rates of wasting in 2004. These findings are comparable with those of the NCHS reference population of well-nourished children, and falls within the normal population range of variability for weight-for-height.

Literacy and Numeracy among Children. Literacy and numeracy are complex constructs, not easily captured by one indicator. The NEDS provides only one measure each for literacy and numeracy and, therefore, should be interpreted with some caution. Each child was given a simple test for literacy and numeracy. Basic literacy was assessed by asking the child to read a single short sentence in English first and then his or her preferred language (Hausa, Igbo, or Yoruba,). Information was collected on whether they could not read the sentence at all, whether they could read part of the sentence, or whether they could
read the entire sentence. Children who could read either part of or an entire sentence correctly are considered to have basic literacy skills. Basic numeracy was tested by asking a child to add two singledigit numbers that sum to less than 10 (e.g., the sum of $3+2$ ). Information was collected on whether children correctly summed the numbers or not. Children who calculated the correct sum are considered to have basic numeracy skills.

The 2010 NEDS collected information for age 5-16 compared with the 4-12 age group covered in the 2004 NDES. There is a significant increase in children's literacy from 28 percent in 2004 to 46 percent in 2010. This change is reflected more in urban areas (from 45 percent to 70 percent) than in rural areas ( 19 percent to 36 percent). Encouragingly, literacy among children has increased more for females (from 26 percent to 45 percent) than for males (from 30 percent to 48 percent). Compared with the 2004 NDES, regional literacy improvements are more remarkable in the South West with an increased proportion from 55 percent to 79 percent than in the North East with an increased proportion from 13 percent to 14 percent.

A higher percentage of children aged 5-16 exhibit rudimentary numeracy skills than literacy skills: 58 percent can perform simple addition, compared with 46 percent who are literate. Twenty-three percent of children age 5 have numeracy skills, whereas that of the $12-16$ age group is 77 percent. As expected, numeracy skills improve by schooling level: 14 percent for children with no schooling, 48 percent with pre-primary, 71 percent with primary, and 97 percent with secondary.

## Children's School Attendance

Primary School Attendance and Pupil Flow Rates. Sixty-one percent of children age 6-11 (64 percent of males and 58 percent of females) attend primary school. School-age children in urban areas are more likely than those in rural areas to attend primary school ( 74 percent versus 55 percent). In addition, notable regional differences exist in the percentage of school-age children attending primary school; in the North West, 42 percent of children attend, compared with 83 percent in the South West and 82 percent in the South South.

At the primary level, pupil repetition and drop-out rates are low. The highest repetition rate is in primary 1, with 7 percent ( 4 percent in 2002-2003 survey) of the pupils attending school in 2008-2009 repeating the same class in 2008-2009. Comparing data for the 2004 NDES with 2010 NEDS, it is observed that while repetition rates have decreased in primary $2-5$, they have increased in primary one and six.

The drop-out rate is generally low, less than 1 percent in primary 1 through 5 , except in primary 6 . During the 2008-2009 school year, 11 percent of the pupils attending primary 6 dropped out of the school before the 2009-2010 school year. It should be noted, however, that "drop out" is perhaps not the most accurate term for leaving school at the end of the primary school cycle, as some pupils leaving school would likely stay in school if offered a place at secondary school Drop out that occurs because of a shortage in the supply of schooling is often referred to as "push out." With secondary schooling being far more accessible in urban than in rural areas, these data lend support to the push-out theory, suggesting that one of the factors in pupils not making the transition to secondary school is related to access. Comparing 2004 and 2010 data, drop-out rates in 2010 have declined slightly from the 2004 levels.

The 2010 NEDS also collected information on religious education among Muslim youth. Among Muslim youth age 4-16, a vast majority attend either a formal academic school (at any level, from pre-primary through higher), a Qur'anic school, or both types of schools, with just 24 percent attending neither type of school. More Muslim youth tend to attend a Qur'anic school (51 percent) than a formal academic school (49 percent). Twenty-four percent of Muslim youth combine both the formal academic school and the Qur'anic school. There are notable gender differences in participation in formal academic schooling.

Whereas 54 percent of male Muslim youth age 4-16 participate in formal academic schooling, 45 percent of female Muslim youth do so. Urban-rural disparities in participation in formal academic schooling are also evident. More than twice as many rural Muslim youth age 4-16 as their urban counterparts do not attend either type of school (28 and 13 percent, respectively). Although 75 percent of youth in urban areas attend formal academic school, only 40 percent do in rural areas. Among the zones, there are substantial differences in school participation. In the North East, 35 percent of Muslim youth aged 4-16 do not attend either type of school, compared with 17 percent in the North Central, 24 percent in the North West, and 8 percent in the South West.

Variations in school participation by economic status are striking: whereas only 7 percent of Muslim youth in the highest quintile do not attend either type of school, 36 percent in the lowest quintile do not attend either type of school. The vast majority of the most advantaged youth attend formal academic schools compared with the least advantaged youth ( 90 percent and 22 percent, respectively). This trend is similar when compared with the 2004 NDES findings: 2 percent for those in the highest quintile, 23 percent for those in the lowest and 94 percent of the most advantaged youth.

Secondary School Attendance Ratios. At the secondary level, a far lower proportion of school-age children attend school than is the case at the primary level. Forty-four percent of children age 12-17 attend secondary school in Nigeria (whereas 35 percent did in 2004). There is no difference by gender (a net attendance ration [NAR] of 44 percent). However, the percentage of children attending secondary school in urban areas is about twice as much as that for children in rural areas: 60 percent of children in urban areas attend secondary school, compared with 36 percent of those in rural areas. Regional differences in both net and gross attendance ratios are substantial. The secondary school NAR in the South West ( 65 percent) is about three times higher than the NAR in the North East ( 22 percent). About half ( 1 in 2 ) of the children age $12-17$ in the southern zones attend secondary school, whereas about 1 in 4 children of the same age group in the North East and North West zones attend secondary school'. Attendance of secondary school is also directly related to socio-economic status of households. Children age 12-17 in households in the highest quintile are five times more likely to attend secondary school than their counterparts in the lowest quintile.

Factors Affecting Children's School Attendance. Parent/guardians whose 6-16-year-old children had never attended school were asked why their children did not go to school. Among primary school-aged children who had never attended primary school, the three most commonly cited factors in not attending in 2009-2010 are distance to school, child labor needs at home, and monetary costs. Other common factors were the perception that the child was too young or immature to attend school and the poor quality of schools. As was the case with factors in never having attended school, the monetary and nonmonetary costs of schooling are common factors in primary school dropout. Among the child-related factors, the most common reason given for dropout was that the child was no longer interested in attending school (27 percent)

Household Proximity to Schools. Sixty-nine percent of children in Nigeria live within 15 minutes of the nearest primary school, and 6 percent of children live over 60 minutes away. Children in urban areas live closer to school than children in rural areas: 85 percent of children in urban areas and 62 percent of those in rural areas live within 15 minutes of the nearest school. Comparatively, the proportion of pupils that walk from their households to the nearest primary school within 15 minutes has changed over the years: from 76 percent in 2004 NDES to 69 percent in 2010 NEDS. This may be as a result of the availability of more government schools closer to home than private schools. Although slight regional differences in the mean walking time were recorded in 2004, the variation between the northern and the southern zones are considerable in 2010: 23-37 minutes in the northern zones and 14-19 minutes in the southern zones.

Urban-rural differentials are more pronounced for access to secondary schools than for primary schools: 62 percent of children in urban areas are located within 15 minutes of a secondary school, compared with 22 percent of children in rural areas. The mean walking time to the nearest secondary school is 20 minutes for children in urban areas and 76 minutes for children in rural areas. Across the zones, mean walking time to the nearest secondary school is shortest in the South East ( 33 minutes) and longest in North Central ( 90 minutes). Comparatively, the proportion of pupils that walk from their households to the nearest primary school within 15 minutes has changed over the years: from 76 percent in 2004 NDES to 69 percent in 2010 NEDS.

As expected, children in rural areas face longer distances and walking times to the nearest primary and secondary schools than children in urban areas. Children living far from school may be likely to start attending school over-age or not to attend school at all. Among over-age children, those in rural areas are more likely than those in urban areas to have started school over age because of the distance to the nearest school. In addition, the distance to school in part explains why young school-age children do not attend school, since it may be difficult or unsafe for children to walk long distances to school at the age of 6 .

## Primary School Pupil Absenteeism

Incidence of Absenteeism. The 2010 NEDS did not capture information on student absenteeism during the preceding year. During the review of the questionnaire, it was decided that it would be better to combine the two questions on student absenteeism. Thus, information from the preceding year and information from the preceding week was replaced with information from the preceding month. The justification was that reported absenteeism from the previous year was considered to be unreliable, because of recall lapse.

Seventeen percent of pupils were absent one or more days during the four weeks preceding the interview. There is slight variation by sex: 18 percent for males versus 16 percent for females. By residence, 20 percent of pupils in rural areas and 12 percent of their urban counterparts were absent one or more days during the month of school preceding the interview. Among the zones, 5 percent of pupils in South West were absent one or more days during the reference period, whereas 31 percent were absent in the North East. Ten percent of pupils whose parents/guardians are in the highest economic status quintile were absent one or more days, compared with 25 percent in the lowest quintile. Among pupils who missed school during the reference period, the mean number of days missed is 5.5 .

For secondary school students, 15 percent of students were absent one or more days the month preceding the interview. Among students who missed one or more days during the month of school before the interview, the mean number of days missed is about 5 . There is very little difference by gender of secondary school students missing school in the previous month. More students in rural areas were absent ( 18 percent) than in the urban areas ( 12 percent). Students in the North East and South South ( 21 and 22 percent, respectively) were absent one or more days, compared with 7 percent of students in the South West. The higher the economic status of the family, the fewer student absences occurred in the previous month for secondary school students.

Reasons for Absenteeism. Illness was the most commonly cited reason for missing school ( 36 percent). Whereas 22 percent of pupils missed school because they did not want to go to school, 11 percent missed school because of domestic work. Ten percent missed school to work on the family farm/business and 9 percent because school fees were due and no money was available. Five percent missed school to attend a family function such as a funeral, naming ceremony, or wedding. Only one percent missed school to work for an employer.

## Household Expenditures on Schooling and Other Contributions to Schooling

Household Expenditures on Primary Schooling. The 2010 NEDS collected information about whether households spent money on each pupil's schooling during the 2009-2010 school year; and if so, how much was spent on each item. Questions were asked specifically about possible costs, including tuition, PTA fees, exam fees, boarding fees, uniforms and clothing, books and supplies, transportation, food, extra lessons, and other types of expenditures. It must be emphasized that the parent/guardian respondent was asked about expenditures made by members of the household, rather than all expenditures made on the pupil's behalf. If, for example, the household did not spend money on the school development levy, but an uncle living in another household paid this levy, the expenditure was not recorded for that pupil because it was not made from within the pupil's household.

Nearly all pupils' households spent money on books and supplies, and nine in ten ( 92 percent) spent money on handworks, and school uniforms and clothing. Six in ten pupils' households spent money on PTA fees, and one in two pupils household spent money on food. About one-quarter of pupils' households spent money on extra lessons, a third on the school development levy, and on tuition. Less common were expenditures on furniture, transport, and boarding fees. On average, pupils' households spent $\mathbb{N} 7,691$ per pupil during the 2009-2010 school year. Among pupils in urban areas, the mean expenditure on schooling ( $\mathrm{F} 13,832$ ) was three times higher than the mean expenditure among pupils in rural areas ( $\ddagger 4,632$ ). In 2004, the per-pupil expenditure was slightly higher (on average $\mathbb{N} 7.918$ ) even without taking into account inflation, and the urban-rural disparity was considerably less difference (expenditure in urban areas was twice as much).

The mean annual expenditure for pupils attending private schools far exceeds that for pupils attending government schools. Per pupil household expenditure for pupils in government schools has declined by half since 2004.

As might be expected, the more economically advantaged the household, the greater the mean total expenditure per pupil. Mean total expenditure on a pupil from the highest quintile ( $\mathrm{\#} 20,215$ ) was more than ten times as high as the mean total expenditure on a pupil from the lowest quintile ( $\mathbb{N} 1,944$ ). In comparison with 2004, the 2010 data indicate a higher correlation between socio-economic status and per pupil household expenditures on education. As a corollary, lower socio-economic groups are spending less on education in 2010 than in 2004.

Household Expenditures on Secondary Schooling. Nearly all secondary school students' households paid for schooling during the 2009-2010 school year. The average per-student secondary school expenditure was more than twice as high as the per-pupil primary school expenditure ( $\# 18,448$ at the secondary level compared with $\AA 7,691$ at the primary level). Overall per-pupil expenditure on secondary education has declined from $\mathrm{N} 20,628$ in 2004. Patterns seen here are similar to those of primary spending. One interesting change is a shift from equal per student expenditures by residence in 2004 ( $\mathrm{N} 20,947$ in urban compared with $\mathrm{A} 20,283$ in rural) to marked urban-rural disparity in 2010 ( $\mathrm{N} 23,244$ and $\mathrm{A} 14,511$, respectively).

On average, comparable amounts were spent by households on male and female students in 2010; however, in 2004, more money was spent on female students than on male students. Among the regions, the highest sum was spent on students in the South West, and the least on those from the North East. As expected, students' households in the highest (or most advantaged) quintile spent more per student than households in the other quintiles.

Other Household Contributions to Schooling. In addition to monetary contributions for children's schooling, children and other household members may contribute time, labor, and materials to schools. Overall, primary school pupils in Nigeria spend about 6.5 hours per day on school-related activities, more

## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 History, Geography, and Economy

## History

Nigeria came into existence as a nation-state in 1914 through the amalgamation of the Northern and Southern protectorates. Before 1914, independent kingdoms and emirates with traditional but sophisticated systems of government operated based on various cultural, ethnic, and linguistic groups such as the Oyo, Benin, Nupe, Jukun, Kanem-Bornu, and Hausa-Fulani. There were also other relatively small but strong-and indeed resistant-ethnic groups (e.g., Igbo, Ibibio, and Tiv).

The British established a crown colony system of government after the amalgamation and ruled until 1942, when a few Nigerians participated in the administration of the country. In the early 1950s, Nigeria achieved partial self-government with a legislature in which the majority of the members were elected into an executive council of whom most were Nigerians. Nigeria became fully independent in October 1960 as a federation of three regions (Northern, Western, and Eastern) under a constitution that provided for a parliamentary system of governance. The Lagos area became the Federal Capital Territory (FCT). ${ }^{1}$

On October 1, 1963, Nigeria became a republic with different administrative structures, social groups, and distinct cultural traits reflecting the diversity of its people. There are about 374 identifiable ethnic groups, with the Igbo, Hausa, and Yoruba as major groups.

Presently, Nigeria comprises an FCT and 36 States grouped into six zones: North Central, North East, North West, South East, South South, and South West. There are also 774 constitutionally recognized local government areas (LGAs) in the country.

## Geography

Nigeria is in the West African sub-region, lying between latitudes $4^{\circ} 16^{\prime}$ and $13^{\circ} 53^{\prime}$ north and longitudes $2^{\circ} 40^{\prime}$ and $14^{\circ} 41^{\prime}$ east. It is bordered by Niger in the north, Chad in the northeast, Cameroon in the east, and Benin in the west. To the south, Nigeria is bordered by approximately 850 kilometers ( 528.2 miles) of the Atlantic Ocean, stretching from Badagry in the west to the Rio del Rey in the east. With a total land area of 923,768 square kilometers ( $356,668.8$ square miles), Nigeria is the fourteenth largest country in Africa.

Nigeria is diverse in climate and topography, encompassing uplands of 600 to 1,300 meters ( 372.8 to 807.8 miles) in the North Central and the east highlands, and lowlands of less than 20 meters ( 12.4 miles) in the coastal areas. Additional lowlands extend from the Sokoto plains to the Borno plains in the north, the coastal lowlands of western Nigeria, and the Cross River basin in the east. The highland areas include the Jos Plateau and the Adamawa highlands in the north, extending to the Obudu Plateau and Oban Hills in the southeast. Other topographic features include the Niger-Benue Trough and Chad Basin.

Nigeria has a tropical climate with wet and dry seasons associated with the movement of the two dominant winds-the rain-bearing south westerly winds and the cold, dry, and dusty north easterly winds commonly referred to as the Harmattan. The dry season occurs from October to March with a spell of coolness and dry, dusty Harmattan wind felt mostly in the north in December and January. The wet season occurs from April to September. The temperature in Nigeria oscillates between $25^{\circ}$ and $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(77^{\circ}\right.$ and $104^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ), and rainfall ranges from 2,650 millimeters in the southeast to less than 600 millimeters in

[^1]some parts of the north, mainly on the fringes of the Sahara Desert. The vegetation that results from these climatic differences consists of a mangrove swamp forest in the Niger Delta and the Sahel grassland in the north. Within a wide range of climatic, vegetation, and soil conditions, Nigeria possesses potential for a wide range of agricultural production.

## Economy

Agriculture has traditionally been the mainstay of Nigeria's economy. At the time of the country's independence in 1963, more than 75 percent of the country's formal labor force was engaged in agriculture, which also provided a satisfactory livelihood to more than 90 percent of the population. With the discovery of oil, the dominant role of agriculture in the economy, especially in terms of the country's foreign exchange earnings, gave way to petroleum. By 2006, the contribution of agriculture to gross domestic product (GDP) was 32.5 percent, compared with 38.8 percent for oil and gas contributed. Oil and gas now dominate the economy, contributing 99 percent of export revenues and 78 percent of government revenues. Within the non-oil sector, agriculture still plays a substantial role, followed by (in descending order) industry, services, and wholesale/retail trade. However, substantial exports of liquefied natural gas commenced in late 1999, and are currently slated to expand as Nigeria seeks to eliminate gas flaring.

The Nigerian financial system, which is critical to the domestic economy, has remained relatively stable and overall macroeconomic performance was satisfactory in $2008 .{ }^{2}$ Reforms in the banking sector particularly in 2010 have weeded out weak institutions and restored eroding consumer confidence. Since the onset of the democratic administration in 1999, economic policies have become more favorable to investment. Moreover, progress has been made toward establishing a market-based economy. Consequently, there has been an improvement in the performance of the domestic economy. Nigeria's GDP growth rate was estimated at 2.7 percent in 1999. This increased to 6.6 in 2004, dropped slightly to 6.5 in 2005, 6.0 in 2006, and rose again to 6.5 in 2007. By 2008, the real GDP growth rate was estimated at 6.4 percent. ${ }^{3}$

Before the advent of the civilian administration in 1999, Nigeria had a large public sector, comprising more than 550 public enterprises in most sectors of the economy. The democratically elected civilian administration recognized the importance of privatization in restructuring the economy. Several policies were enacted to liberalize, deregulate, and privatize key sectors of the economy such as electricity, telecommunications, and downstream petroleum sectors. In recent years, Nigeria privatized the only government-owned petrochemical company and sold its interest in eight oil service companies. Although it may be too early to determine the impact of privatization and liberalization on the Nigerian economy, these economic policy reforms, combined with investments in human resources and physical infrastructure, as well as the establishment of macroeconomic stability and good governance, are essential to achieving a high rate of self-sustaining, long-term economic growth.

### 1.2 Education System and Programs

## Structure of the Education System

Education in Nigeria is on the concurrent legislative list, which makes it a shared responsibility of the federal, state, and local governments. As a result, many stakeholders, including regulators, policy makers, and examination bodies work together to give direction to the sector. The FMOE regulates the education sector and is mandated to engage in policy formulation and ensure quality control. It also plays a

[^2]dominant role in the provision of post-secondary education, while the state and local governments are responsible for the provision of basic and post-basic education.

The education sector in Nigeria is divided into three sub-sectors-Basic, Post-Basic, and Tertiary-which are provided by both public and private bodies. The formal academic school system includes a network of religious schools (primarily Muslim and Christian) that offers a range of religious and secular subjects such as English and mathematics. In addition to the formal academic Islamic schools, there are purely religious schools that teach Qur'anic studies.

According to the National Policy on Education (2004), Basic Education is the education given to children age $0-15$. It covers Early Childhood Care and Education (0-5), and nine (9) years of formal schooling consisting of six (6) years of primary and three (3) years of Junior Secondary Education. Equally included in this component of the education system are special interventions directed at nomadic and migrant children as well as mass literacy, adult, and non-formal education.

Pre-primary education as stated in the National Policy on Education covers the period $0-5$ years. The education at this level is provided by both government and private providers. Pre-primary education aims to promote a smooth transition from home to school, prepare children for primary education, and provide adequate care and supervision for children while their parents work.

Primary education is provided in institutions for children age 6-11 years. The curriculum aims to inculcate permanent literacy, laying a sound basis for scientific, critical, and reflective thinking; and also equipping the child with core life skills for effective functioning in the society. Primary education is free and compulsory.

Junior secondary education is given to children between the age of 12 and 14. It completes the basic education segment of the education structure. The curriculum at this level is both academic and prevocational. Its major thrust is to provide the child with diverse knowledge and skills for entrepreneurship and educational advancement. As part of the Universal Basic Education Program (UBE), it is free and compulsory.

Mass literacy, adult, and non-formal education is described as the equivalent of basic education given to adults, children, and youth of formal school age outside the formal school system. The aims, as specified in the National Policy on Education (2004) are to provide functional basic education for adults and youths who have never had the advantage of formal education or who left school prematurely.

Post-basic education has the following three categories: a three-year senior secondary education, a threeyear science and technical education; and continuing education provided in vocational enterprise institutions.

The senior secondary education is provided to children age $15-17$ years. It is a concurrent responsibility of federal and State governments, but private providers are fast emerging as active partners in this subsector. Senior secondary education is designed to foster the development of Nigerian languages and culture, promote critical thinking, respect for the dignity of labor, as well as the appreciation of national values and goals.

Tertiary education occurs after the post-basic (senior secondary) education at universities, polytechnics and monotechnics, colleges of education, innovative enterprise institutions and other institutions offering distance and correspondence education. The National Universities Commission, the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) and the National Commission for Colleges of Education are the supervisory bodies that coordinate the activities of the institutions within this sub-sector.

It is important to note, however, that the 2010 NEDS focuses primarily on basic education. Thus it is necessary to produce indicators and highlight core issues in basic education with the aim of effecting evidence-based planning, monitoring and evaluation for improved delivery of this critical sub-sector of the education system.

## Education Statistics

Before 1987, education statistics in Nigeria was merely a collection of information and data of a limited scope. The 1987 Civil Service Reforms required more comprehensive record keeping. As a result, the scope and quality of education statistics have improved. The scope of statistical indicators covered by the 1999-2005 Statistics of Education in Nigeria published by the FMOE was a watershed. Virtually all key descriptive indicators of the performance of the Basic and other levels of Education in Nigeria have been adopted.

The FMOE/NEMIS (Nigerian Education Management Information System) annual statistical abstract confirms a gender gap in favor of boys enrollment, a low repetition rate at primary level, (due to the nationwide application of automatic promotion), low drop-out at primary level and more than half of the pupils completing primary school now making the transition to junior secondary school.

Contrary to expectation, gross enrollment dropped sharply in 2007 despite the consistently increasing resource input and mobilization/awareness campaigns. This apparent reduction in gross enrollment could be attributed to two reasons:

- a prolonged mass teachers strike in 2007, which led many parents to withdraw their children from public schools and send them to private schools
- Home Grown School Feeding (HGSF) program that was discontinued in a majority of States discouraged additional enrollment.

In 2010, the gross enrollment exceeded 2.5 million.
The completion rate for junior secondary school was 33 percent in 2006. When computed from the FMOE Report for 2007, however, the completion rate was 78 percent, with slightly more females ( 78.4 percent) completing the cycle than their male counterparts ( 78.0 percent). The completion rate in this record is in line with the expectation from the increasing annual resource input.

In 2010, the completion rate for primary school (from FMOE national school census data) is 74 percent. This was a slight drop with more males ( 74 percent) completing the cycle than their female counterparts (69 percent). The completion rate for junior secondary school in 2010 from the FMOE national school census data is 48 percent, with more females ( 55 percent) completing the cycle than their male counterparts ( 50 percent).

The apparent drop may be related to the low returns of school census forms from private school administrators. The gross enrollment rate (GER) for boys ( 35.4 percent) was higher than the GER for girls ( 29.5 percent) with children in the South West ( 45.4 percent) and North Central States ( 39 percent). When disaggregated by gender and geo-political zone, girls in the South West zone ( 46.6 percent) were the most advantaged while the North West zone ( 16.4 percent) offered the least opportunity.

### 1.3 Objectives of the 2010 Nigeria Education Data Survey

Although strides have been made in recent years to improve levels of student enrollment and attendance, more work is needed to ensure that all children in Nigeria have equitable access to quality schooling. Policy makers must have accurate and timely data to formulate courses of action designed to increase enrollment, attendance, and learning and to achieve Nigeria's UBE and Education for All (EFA) goals.

The 2010 NEDS has the following specific objectives:

- Provide data on the schooling status of Nigerian children of basic education age, including factors influencing whether children ever enroll in school and why students drop out of school
- Quantify household expenditures on children's schooling by examining differential patterns of expenditure by various background characteristics
- Measure parent attitudes to schooling, including the quality of schooling and provide an understanding of attitudes that shape their willingness to send their children to school
- Measure the frequency of student absenteeism and reasons for missing school in order to suggest possible approaches to maximizing attendance
- Measure parent attitudes to reproductive health and AIDS education and to understand how the introduction of these topics into primary school will likely be received
- Provide data that allows for trend analysis and State comparisons


### 1.4 Organization of the Survey

The 2010 Nigeria Education Data Survey (NEDS) was a nationally representative sample survey implemented primarily by the National Population Commission (NPC) in collaboration with the FMOE and the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC). To ensure that local conditions were reflected and ensure international comparability of information, the survey instruments were modified by NPC in consultation with a number of technical institutions and agencies, including the FMOE and UBEC during a stakeholders meeting. RTI International (RTI) provided technical advisory services. Funding for the overall NEDS activity, including the development of the core survey instruments, was provided by US Agency for International Development (USAID) and UK Department for International Development (DFID).

### 1.5 Link between the 2010 NEDS and the 2008 Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey

The 2010 NEDS was linked to the 2008 Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS). The 2008 NDHS, for which data collection was carried out from June to October 2008, was the fourth DHS conducted in Nigeria (previous surveys were implemented in 1990, 1999, and 2003). The 2008 NDHS was designed to provide current and reliable information on key indicators of social development, including fertility levels and trends, family planning knowledge and use, maternal and child health, maternal mortality, awareness and behavior regarding AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections, and domestic violence. The 2008 NDHS also included questions on educational attainment among household members and literacy among men age 15-59 and women age 15-49.

The 2010 NEDS was linked to the 2008 NDHS to collect additional education data on a subset of the households (those with children age 2-14) surveyed in the 2008 NDHS. The goal of the 2010 NEDS was to follow up with a subset of approximately 30,000 households from the 2008 NDHS survey. However, the 2008 NDHS sample shows that of the 34,070 households interviewed, only 20,823 had eligible children age $2-14$. To make statistically significant observations at the State level, 1,700 children per State and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) were needed. It was estimated that an additional 7,300 households would be required to meet the total number of eligible children needed. To bring the sample size up to the required target, additional households were screened and added to the overall sample. However, these households did not have the NDHS questionnaire administered. Thus, the two surveys were statistically linked to create some data used to produce the results presented in this report, but for some households, data were imputed or not included.

### 1.6 Sample Design

The eligible households for the 2010 NEDS are the same as those households in the 2008 NDHS sample for which interviews were completed and in which there is at least one child age $2-14$, inclusive. In the 2008 NDHS, 34,070 households were successfully interviewed, and the goal here was to perform a follow-up NEDS on a subset of approximately 30,000 households. However, records from the 2008 NDHS sample showed that only 20,823 had children age $4-16$. Therefore, to bring the sample size up to the required number of children, additional households were screened from the NDHS clusters.

The first step was to use the NDHS data to determine eligibility based on the presence of a child age $2-$ 14. Second, based on a series of precision and power calculations, RTI determined that the final sample size should yield approximately 790 households per State to allow statistical significance for reporting at the State level, resulting in a total completed sample size of $790 \times 37=29,230$. This calculation was driven by desired estimates of precision, analytic goals, and available resources. To achieve the target number of households with completed interviews, we increased the final number of desired interviews to accommodate expected attrition factors such as unlocatable addresses, eligibility issues, and non-response or refusal. Third, to reach the target sample size, we selected additional samples from households that had been listed by NDHS but had not been sampled and visited for interviews. The final number of households with completed interviews was 26,934 slightly lower than the original target, but sufficient to yield interview data for 71,567 children, well above the targeted number of 1,700 children per State.

### 1.7 Questionnaires

The four questionnaires used in the 2004 Nigeria DHS EdData Survey (NDES)—Household Questionnaire, Parent/Guardian Questionnaire, Eligible Child Questionnaire, and the Independent Child Questionnaire-formed the basis for the 2010 NEDS questionnaires. More than 90 percent of the questionnaires remained the same; for cases where there was a clear justification or a need for a change in item formulation or a specific requirement for additional items, these were updated accordingly. A oneday workshop was convened with the NEDS Implementation Team and the NEDS Advisory Committee to review the instruments and identify any needed revisions, additions, or deletions. Efforts were made to collect data to ease integration of the 2010 NEDS data into the FMOE's national education management information system. Instrument issues that were identified as being problematic in the 2004 NDES as well as items identified as potentially confusing or difficult were proposed for revision. Issues that USAID, DFID, FMOE, and other stakeholders identified as being essential but not included in the 2004 NDES questionnaires were proposed for incorporation into the 2010 NEDS instruments, with USAID serving as the final arbiter regarding questionnaire revisions and content.

General revisions accepted into the questionnaires included the following: (1) a separation of all questions related to secondary education into junior secondary and senior secondary to reflect the UBE policy;
(2) administration of school-based questions for children identified as attending pre-school; (3) inclusion of questions on disabilities of children and parents; (4) additional questions on Islamic schooling; (5) revision to the literacy question administration to assess English literacy for children attending school; and (6) some additional questions on delivery of UBE under the financial questions section. Upon completion of revisions to the English-language questionnaires, the instruments were translated and adapted by local translators into three languages-Hausa, Igbo, and Yoruba-and then back-translated into English to ensure accuracy of the translation.

After the questionnaires were finalized, training materials used in the 2004 NDES and developed by Macro International, which included training guides, data collection manuals, and field observation materials, were reviewed. The materials were updated to reflect changes in the questionnaires. In addition, the procedures as described in the manuals and guides were carefully reviewed. Adjustments were made, where needed, based on experience on large-scale survey and lessons learned from the 2004 NDES and the 2008 NDHS, to ensure the highest quality data capture.

### 1.8 Pre-Test Activities

Pre-test classroom training, held in September 2010, included introduction and study overview, general interviewing techniques, reviewing the four questionnaire types, anthropometry measurements and literacy test, questionnaire certifications exams, and administrative procedures.

The pre-test training served as a train-the-trainers session for the coordinators who would conduct the larger full-scale training session. Data collection manuals were distributed to field staff about two weeks before training for review. Constructive feedback regarding interviewing techniques was provided to training participants throughout these exercises, which allowed the interviewers ample opportunity to address identified issues and learn proper interviewing, questionnaire marking, and storage techniques. After classroom training, practice interviews were conducted in surrounding areas over a seven-day period, after which revisions of the instruments, procedures, and training were done in accordance with lessons learned from the pre-test.

### 1.9 Training

For the full-scale training, held in March 2010, approximately 300 staff that included interviewers, field supervisors, field editors, and quality control interviewers were trained. The 2010 NEDS interviewers composed a subset of 2008 NDHS interviewers. NPC coordinators conducted the two-week classroom training for the full-scale survey with RTI staff on site to provide technical assistance as needed. The training also included practice interviews in neighborhoods in and around Keffi, using the questionnaire in English and the three local languages. Certification exercises were used to assess interviewers and ensure that they acquired the skills needed to correctly carry out their field duties.

After classroom training, teams were grouped into the three major Nigerian languages and English to conduct practice interviews using the language questionnaires. In addition, field supervisors, editors, and quality control ( QC ) interviewers received additional training to review proper auditing and field supervision techniques.

### 1.10 Data Collection

Through its previous experience with field surveys such as NDHS, NDES, and the Nigerian National Census, NPC has developed a field team structure that maximizes data quality. This same data collection team structure was used for the 2010 NEDS. Specifically, field interviewers were organized into survey teams, one for each of the 36 States, plus one for Abuja. NPC coordinated and supervised field operations
for all 37 teams, each comprising 3 field interviewers, 1 field supervisor, 1 field editor, and 1 driver. In addition to the survey team, each State was assigned 1 QC interviewer. The QC interviewers, however, did not travel with the survey teams. Instead, they trailed the State teams to revisit and re-administer the full questionnaire during the first 2 weeks of data collection and for two weeks of every month of data collection thereafter. This was done in approximately 10 percent of all completed households.

Field editors (1 per team) traveled with the survey team and edited all questionnaires in the field to ensure they were correct and complete. Field editors also observed field interviews where possible to ensure that the proper study protocols were followed. Field supervisors made team arrangements and sample assignments. Supervisors were responsible for the quality of the work carried out by the team, ensuring that interviewers followed administration protocols and controlling sample implementation. Coordinators/trainers who conducted the training for the full-scale survey also oversaw field operations of the field activities in their two assigned States. They also monitored field activities in their States and were responsible for providing NPC's NEDS Project Director with feedback and updates on field team activities.

After the data were keyed, coordinators reviewed data frequencies and tables to identify any data inconsistencies and errors. Coordinators periodically visited teams in the field to provide feedback and retraining as needed. To ensure a high level of quality and compliance with study protocols, RTI staff also conducted field observation visits. During these visits, RTI staff handled field operational problems and proposed solutions, providing feedback and encouragement to the interviewers.

### 1.11 Data Processing

Data processing for the 2010 NEDS occurred concurrently with data collection. Completed questionnaires were retrieved by the field coordinators/trainers and delivered to NPC in standard envelops, labeled with the sample identification, team, and State name. The shipment also contained a written summary of any issues detected during the data collection process. The questionnaire administrators logged the receipt of the questionnaires, acknowledged the list of issues, and acted upon them if required. The editors performed an initial check on the questionnaires, performed any coding of open-ended questions (with possible assistance from the data entry operators), and left them available to be assigned to the data entry operators. The data entry operators entered the data into the system, with the support of the editors for erroneous or unclear data.

Experienced data entry personnel were recruited from those who have performed data entry activities for NPC on previous studies. The data entry teams composed a data entry coordinator, supervisor and operators. Data entry coordinators oversaw the entire data entry process from programming and training to final data cleaning, made assignments, tracked progress, and ensured the quality and timeliness of the data entry process. Data entry supervisors were on hand at all times to ensure that proper procedures were followed and to help editors resolve any uncovered inconsistencies. The supervisors controlled incoming questionnaires, assigned batches of questionnaires to the data entry operators, and managed their progress. Approximately 30 clerks were recruited and trained as data entry operators to enter all completed questionnaires and to perform the secondary entry for data verification. Editors worked with the data entry operators to review information flagged as "erroneous" or "dubious" in the data entry process and provided follow up and resolution for those anomalies.

The data entry program developed for the 2004 NDES was revised to reflect the revisions in the 2010 NEDS questionnaire. The electronic data entry and reporting system ensured internal consistency and inconsistency checks.

### 1.12 Response Rates

A very high overall response rate of 97.9 percent (Table 1) was achieved with interviews completed in 26,934 households out of a total of 27,512 occupied households from the original sample of 28,624 households. The response rates did not vary significantly by urban-rural ( 98.5 percent versus 97.6 percent, respectively). The response rates for parent/guardians and children were even higher, and the rate for independent children ( 97.4 percent) was slightly lower than the overall sample rate. In all these cases, the urban-rural differences were negligible.

The response rates for the anthropometry measures part of the survey were somewhat lower, although still above the 90 percent level: 93.2 percent for urban and 90.9 percent for rural. Similarly, the overall sample item response rate for literacy and numeracy sections of the questionnaire was 90.6 percent. In general, the response rates for the survey were extremely high leaving little room for non-response bias and reflecting the efforts expended on training and field supervision.

Table 1 Results of the 2010 NEDS household and individual interviews

| Number of households, number of interviews, and response rates of de jure individuals and children, according to residence, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Result | Urban | Rural | Total |
| Household Interviews |  |  |  |
| Households sampled | 9,000 | 19,624 | 28,624 |
| Households occupied | 8,480 | 19,032 | 27,512 |
| Interviews completed | 8,351 | 18,583 | 26,934 |
| No household member at home | 2 | 29 | 31 |
| Entire household absent | 28 | 49 | 77 |
| Refused | 13 | 20 | 33 |
| Dwelling vacant | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| Dwelling destroyed | 9 | 5 | 14 |
| Dwelling not found | 12 | 46 | 58 |
| Household moved | 467 | 487 | 954 |
| Others | 114 | 401 | 515 |
| Household response rate (percent) | 98.48 | 97.64 | 97.90 |
| Parent/guardian Interviews |  |  |  |
| Eligible parent/guardians | 8,447 | 18,776 | 27,223 |
| Interviews completed | 8,434 | 18,755 | 27,189 |
| Parent/guardian response rate (percent) | 99.85 | 99.89 | 99.88 |
| Independent Children Interviews |  |  |  |
| Independent children identified | 8 | 30 | 38 |
| Interviews completed | 8 | 29 | 37 |
| Independent child response rate (percent) | 100 | 96.67 | 97.37 |
| Children's Questionnaires |  |  |  |
| Eligible children age 4-16 identified | 21,092 | 50,978 | 72,070 |
| Child questionnaires completed | 21,017 | 50,550 | 71,567 |
| Children response rate (percent) | 99.64 | 99.16 | 99.30 |
| Children Age 4-10 Anthropometry Measures |  |  |  |
| Age 4-10 identified | 12,732 | 31,268 | 44,000 |
| Age 4-10 measured | 11,869 | 28,431 | 40,300 |
| Age 4-10 response rate (percent) | 93.22 | 90.93 | 91.59 |
| Children Age 4-12 Literacy and Numeracy Measures |  |  |  |
| Children age 4-12 identified | 18,865 | 45,351 | 64,216 |
| Children age 4-12 tested | 17,505 | 40,654 | 58,159 |
| Age 4-12 response rate (percent) | 92.79 | 89.64 | 90.57 |
| Note: All values in this table are unweighted. Eligible children are age 4-16, de jure, and wards of de jure parent/guardian. |  |  |  |

## 2. ADULT EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND LITERACY (2008 NDHS)

This chapter presents data on educational attainment and literacy among adults found in the 2008 NDHS households surveyed. The household members are women age 15-49 and men age 15-59.

### 2.1 Educational Attainment

Educational attainment among adults is defined here as achievement in education for persons age 15 or older. It indicates the exposure to education of Nigeria's adult population and shows the corresponding potential human resource base. In the 2008 NDHS, data was collected on highest level of school attended by all persons age 15 or older, that is, primary, secondary or higher and highest class completed, at time of survey. The data presented in this chapter are based on information obtained among the Nigerian de jure household population.

The percent distribution of male, female, and adult household population age 15 and older by highest level of schooling attended and mean number of years of schooling according to background characteristics, 2008 NDHS is provided in Tables 2.1.1-2.1.3. Thirty eight percent of adult population has no schooling (Table 2.1.3). There is an increase in adult education participation from 57 percent in 2003 to 62 percent in 2008 NDHS. About 6 percent of adults attended primary school but did not complete it while one in every six (about 16 percent) completed secondary school. The mean number of years of schooling is 6 years. Compared with 2003 NDHS, there is an improvement of over one year in the fiveyear period between the two surveys.

Table 2.1.1 Educational attainment of male adult household population

| Percent distribution of the male household population age 15 and over by highest level of schooling attended, according to background characteristics, 2008 NDHS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Educational attainment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Mean <br> number <br> of years <br> of <br> schooling |
| Background Characteristics | No schooling | Some primary | $\begin{gathered} \text { Completed } \\ \text { primary } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Some secondary | Completed secondary | More than secondary | Total | Number |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 16.3 | 10.6 | 8.0 | 55.2 | 9.1 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 4,514 | 6.9 |
| 20-24 | 15.6 | 3.6 | 7.9 | 28.7 | 33.4 | 10.7 | 100.0 | 2,566 | 8.8 |
| 25-29 | 22.6 | 3.9 | 14.5 | 13.4 | 29.9 | 15.8 | 100.0 | 2,188 | 8.1 |
| 30-34 | 27.7 | 4.7 | 19.7 | 10.2 | 25.8 | 12.0 | 100.0 | 2,353 | 7.2 |
| 35-39 | 25.6 | 4.6 | 21.4 | 10.4 | 25.3 | 12.7 | 100.0 | 2,593 | 7.4 |
| 40-44 | 28.9 | 4.6 | 20.4 | 7.7 | 22.5 | 15.9 | 100.0 | 2,364 | 7.3 |
| 45-49 | 32.4 | 4.0 | 21.6 | 7.2 | 18.0 | 16.7 | 100.0 | 2,079 | 6.9 |
| 50-54 | 44.4 | 6.1 | 22.5 | 3.8 | 10.9 | 12.3 | 100.0 | 1,575 | 5.2 |
| 55-59 | 50.4 | 6.4 | 22.4 | 3.6 | 7.7 | 9.5 | 100.0 | 1,086 | 4.3 |
| 60-64 | 57.2 | 6.9 | 19.5 | 2.9 | 7.3 | 6.2 | 100.0 | 1,129 | 3.5 |
| $65+$ | 66.5 | 7.2 | 15.9 | 1.8 | 5.3 | 3.2 | 100.0 | 1,703 | 2.5 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 14.8 | 4.1 | 15.0 | 20.5 | 28.4 | 17.3 | 100.0 | 7,878 | 9.0 |
| Rural | 37.9 | 6.9 | 16.9 | 17.8 | 14.0 | 6.5 | 100.0 | 16,272 | 5.5 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 26.6 | 7.0 | 15.5 | 22.5 | 17.0 | 11.4 | 100.0 | 3,774 | 6.9 |
| North East | 55.3 | 7.2 | 9.7 | 13.5 | 9.1 | 5.2 | 100.0 | 3,427 | 3.9 |
| North West | 51.7 | 4.5 | 13.4 | 12.4 | 10.1 | 7.9 | 100.0 | 6,755 | 4.4 |
| South East | 8.8 | 9.3 | 28.9 | 23.4 | 20.3 | 9.3 | 100.0 | 2,226 | 8.1 |
| South South | 6.0 | 6.4 | 19.8 | 27.2 | 27.9 | 12.8 | 100.0 | 3,510 | 9.2 |
| South West | 11.9 | 4.5 | 17.0 | 20.1 | 32.7 | 13.8 | 100.0 | 4,457 | 9.0 |
| Total | 30.3 | 6.0 | 16.2 | 18.7 | 18.7 | 10.0 | 100.0 | 24,150 | 6.6 |

Table 2.1.2 Educational attainment of female adult household population
Percent distribution of the female household population age 15 and over by highest level of schooling attended, according to background characteristics, 2008 NDHS

| Background Characteristics | Highest level of schooling attended |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Number | Mean number of years of schooling |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | No schooling | Some primary | Completed primary | Some secondary | Completed secondary | More than secondary |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 20.1 | 8.4 | 9.1 | 50.3 | 10.8 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 4,156 | 6.8 |
| 20-24 | 36.6 | 4.4 | 13.1 | 16.7 | 22.5 | 6.7 | 100.0 | 3,865 | 6.1 |
| 25-29 | 40.4 | 5.6 | 17.4 | 11.1 | 18.7 | 7.0 | 100.0 | 4,587 | 5.5 |
| 30-34 | 43.2 | 5.9 | 17.7 | 9.1 | 15.5 | 8.6 | 100.0 | 3,693 | 5.2 |
| 35-39 | 40.8 | 6.6 | 21.2 | 7.7 | 14.6 | 9.2 | 100.0 | 3,169 | 5.3 |
| 40-44 | 49.8 | 5.8 | 17.3 | 7.3 | 11.1 | 8.7 | 100.0 | 2,434 | 4.6 |
| 45-49 | 59.6 | 6.9 | 15.7 | 4.6 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 100.0 | 1,837 | 3.4 |
| 50-54 | 69.5 | 6.9 | 14.2 | 2.6 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 1,552 | 2.2 |
| 55-59 | 69.3 | 10.4 | 14.0 | 1.1 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 929 | 1.9 |
| 60-64 | 75.0 | 7.7 | 10.0 | 2.0 | 3.4 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 686 | 1.7 |
| 65+ | 85.0 | 5.8 | 6.7 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,165 | 0.9 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 25.0 | 4.9 | 14.9 | 19.1 | 23.5 | 12.5 | 100.0 | 8,809 | 7.5 |
| Rural | 53.6 | 7.1 | 15.0 | 12.9 | 8.5 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 19,265 | 3.7 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 45.5 | 8.6 | 15.6 | 15.4 | 9.7 | 5.2 | 100.0 | 4,394 | 4.5 |
| North East | 71.2 | 6.1 | 8.7 | 8.4 | 4.2 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 3,866 | 2.2 |
| North West | 75.0 | 2.4 | 10.1 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 7,259 | 2.1 |
| South East | 18.5 | 11.1 | 19.1 | 20.7 | 21.5 | 9.1 | 100.0 | 3,006 | 7.4 |
| South South | 14.7 | 8.9 | 21.3 | 26.3 | 20.3 | 8.6 | 100.0 | 4,231 | 7.6 |
| South West | 21.6 | 5.5 | 18.5 | 19.5 | 24.0 | 10.9 | 100.0 | 5,317 | 7.6 |
| Total | 44.6 | 6.4 | 15.0 | 14.8 | 13.2 | 5.9 | 100.0 | 28,074 | 4.9 |

Table 2.1.3 Educational attainment of adult household population

| Percent distribution of the male and female household population age 15 and over by highest level of schooling attended, according to background characteristics, 2008 NDHS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Highest level of schooling attended |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number | Mean number of years of schooling |
| Background Characteristics | No schooling | Some primary | Completed primary | Some secondary | Completed secondary | More than secondary | Total |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 18.1 | 9.6 | 8.6 | 52.8 | 9.9 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 8,669 | 6.9 |
| 20-24 | 28.2 | 4.1 | 11.0 | 21.5 | 26.8 | 8.3 | 100.0 | 6,431 | 7.2 |
| 25-29 | 34.6 | 5.0 | 16.4 | 11.8 | 22.3 | 9.8 | 100.0 | 6,775 | 6.4 |
| 30-34 | 37.2 | 5.5 | 18.5 | 9.5 | 19.5 | 9.9 | 100.0 | 6,045 | 6.0 |
| 35-39 | 33.9 | 5.7 | 21.3 | 8.9 | 19.4 | 10.8 | 100.0 | 5,762 | 6.2 |
| 40-44 | 39.5 | 5.2 | 18.8 | 7.5 | 16.7 | 12.3 | 100.0 | 4,798 | 5.9 |
| 45-49 | 45.2 | 5.4 | 18.8 | 6.0 | 12.6 | 12.0 | 100.0 | 3,915 | 5.2 |
| 50-54 | 56.9 | 6.5 | 18.4 | 3.2 | 7.3 | 7.7 | 100.0 | 3,128 | 3.7 |
| 55-59 | 59.1 | 8.2 | 18.5 | 2.4 | 5.4 | 6.3 | 100.0 | 2,017 | 3.2 |
| 60-64 | 63.9 | 7.2 | 15.9 | 2.6 | 5.8 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 1,815 | 2.8 |
| $65+$ | 74.0 | 6.6 | 12.2 | 1.5 | 3.6 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 2,868 | 1.8 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 20.2 | 4.5 | 15.0 | 19.8 | 25.8 | 14.8 | 100.0 | 16,686 | 8.2 |
| Rural | 46.4 | 7.0 | 15.9 | 15.2 | 11.1 | 4.5 | 100.0 | 35,538 | 4.5 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 36.8 | 7.9 | 15.6 | 18.7 | 13.0 | 8.1 | 100.0 | 8,168 | 5.6 |
| North East | 63.7 | 6.6 | 9.2 | 10.8 | 6.5 | 3.2 | 100.0 | 7,295 | 3.0 |
| North West | 63.8 | 3.4 | 11.7 | 8.8 | 7.4 | 5.0 | 100.0 | 14,015 | 3.2 |
| South East | 14.4 | 10.3 | 23.3 | 21.8 | 21.0 | 9.2 | 100.0 | 5,232 | 7.7 |
| South South | 10.7 | 7.8 | 20.6 | 26.7 | 23.7 | 10.5 | 100.0 | 7,741 | 8.3 |
| South West | 17.2 | 5.0 | 17.8 | 19.8 | 28.0 | 12.2 | 100.0 | 9,774 | 8.2 |
| Total | 38.0 | 6.2 | 15.6 | 16.6 | 15.8 | 7.8 | 100.0 | 52,225 | 5.7 |

The results by age group in Table 2.1.3 indicate that the percentages of adults who have no schooling have increased with age. Eighteen percent of young adults age 15-19 have no schooling, compared with 74 percent of those aged 65 and older. This is similar to the 2003 DHS results. Primary school is the most common level of schooling that older adult Nigerians ( 45 or older) have attended. As expected, the younger population, 15-44 has participated in higher levels of schooling, with results showing more than two times higher secondary school completion than the older population. Consequently, the mean number of years of schooling declines with age.

The absolute gender gap (the difference between the percentage of men and women) who have no schooling decreases among younger cohorts, with a gap of 4 percentage points between men and women age 15-19 ( 20 percent of women and 16 percent of men), compared with a gap of 18 percentage points between men and women age 65 or older ( 67 percent of men and 85 percent of women). The absolute gender gap narrowed considerably in 2008 from the 2003 rates by 11 percentage points between males and females age 15-19 and 19 percentage points for those 65 or older. Overall, rates of schooling among males are higher than females, because males attend schools longer years than their female counterparts (Table 2.1.1 and 2.1.2). Thirty percent of males and 45 percent of females have no schooling. This is a reduction from the 2003 rates of 31 versus 51 percent for males and females, respectively. The rates of secondary school completion for both males and females have improved: up from 11 percent for males and 8 percent for females in 2003 to 19 percent for males and 13 percent for females in 2008. Although modest improvements are noticeable compared with the 2003 rates, the North West, North East, and rural women have particularly high rates of no schooling: 75, 71, and 54 percent, respectively (Tables 2.1.1 and 2.1.2).

Urban and rural variations are seen in adult educational attainment. Rural dwellers are about twice as likely to have no schooling as urban dwellers, 46 versus 20 percent, respectively. Compared with the survey results of 2003, there has been more improvement in the urban than the rural ( 48 percent in 2003 for rural population and 30 percent for the urban). Whereas 26 percent of the urban adult population has completed secondary school, only 11 percent of the rural adult population surveyed has (Table 2.1.3). The mean number of years of schooling is about 8 years in the urban areas and 5 years in the rural areas as compared with the 2003 NDHS of 7 years and 4 years for urban and rural areas, respectively. The mean number of years of schooling also differs between males and females in the urban and rural areas as shown in Figure 2.1, with a wider gap seen in the rural areas.

Figure 2.1 Mean Years of Schooling


Table 2.1.3 also shows substantial regional variations: in the North West and North East about two thirds of the population has no schooling ( 64 percent) in each zone. The lowest rate of the population with no schooling is observed in the South South ( 11 percent). Fourteen percent and 17 percent of the population were observed to have no schooling in the South East and South West, respectively. While slight increases are noticeable over the 2003 rates in the proportion of those with no schooling in the North

Central and North East (i.e., from 36 to 37 percent in North Central and 62 percent to 64 percent in the North East), in the other zones modest improvements were made over the 2003 rates.

Educational attainment and mean number of years of schooling are higher in the regions of the South with the following percentages of the population who have completed secondary school in the South West, South South, and South East: 28, 24, and 21, respectively. However, in the North East and North West regions, this stands at 7 percent for each region. There are increases across all the regions compared with the 2003 NDHS ranging from a 2 percent increase in the North East and North West to a 15 percent increase in the South West. The South South region has a 10 percent increase.

## Literacy

Literacy is a complex construct, not easily captured by one indicator. The 2008 NDHS provided one measure of literacy, namely, whether a man or woman can read a simple sentence, or part of it, about everyday life. However, this definition does not provide information about functional literacy such as whether the respondent can read and understand the instructions on a medicine bottle or read and make use of a bus timetable. Nevertheless, this indicator of the ability to read some or all of a sentence suggests whether respondents have the basic ability to read common words.

The 2008 NDHS assessed literacy among women age 15-59 and men age 15-59. The DHS survey approach is to assume that respondents who have attended school beyond the primary level are literate. Therefore, the survey measures literacy among adult respondents who have never attended school or who only attended primary school. Among respondents with primary or no schooling, the level of literacy is based on the respondent's ability to read none, part, or all of a sentence in a language in which he/she is likely to be literate. Respondents were asked to demonstrate literacy by reading from a card with a simple sentence in one of four languages (Hausa, Igbo, Yoruba, and English). The percent literate (Table 2.2) includes respondents who could read part or all of a sentence and those who attended secondary school or higher.

Table 2.2 Literacy among adults

| Percent distribution of women and men by level of schooling attended and by level of literacy, and percent literate, according to background characteristics, 2008 NDHS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Primary school or no schooling |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of Respondents | Percent Literate |
| Background characteristics | Secondary school or higher | Can read whole sentence | Can read part of sentence | Can not read at all | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No Card } \\ & \text { with } \\ & \text { required } \\ & \text { language } \end{aligned}$ | Blind |  |  |  |
| Women |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 60.9 | 2.2 | 4.6 | 32.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 100 | 6,577 | 67.7 |
| 20-24 | 55.0 | 1.6 | 4.2 | 39.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 100 | 6,100 | 60.8 |
| 25-29 | 45.6 | 2.4 | 6.4 | 45.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 100 | 6,262 | 54.4 |
| 30-34 | 39.2 | 2.9 | 7.2 | 50.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 100 | 4,543 | 49.3 |
| 35-39 | 35.6 | 3.9 | 8.9 | 51.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 100 | 3,860 | 48.4 |
| 40-44 | 30.2 | 4.4 | 8.4 | 56.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 100 | 3,027 | 43.0 |
| 45-49 | 20.3 | 5.3 | 9.1 | 64.3 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 100 | 2,827 | 34.7 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 67.1 | 3.5 | 6.5 | 22.4 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 100 | 11,916 | 77.1 |
| Rural | 32.3 | 2.5 | 6.4 | 58.4 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 100 | 21,280 | 41.2 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 38.7 | 2.1 | 6.2 | 52.3 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 100 | 4,577 | 47.0 |
| North East | 16.6 | 1.7 | 4.7 | 76.9 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100 | 4,330 | 23.0 |
| North West | 14.4 | 2.5 | 4.7 | 78.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 100 | 7,775 | 21.6 |
| South East | 70.7 | 3.3 | 7.8 | 18.1 |  | 0.1 | 100 | 4,293 | 81.8 |
| South South | 67.5 | 2.2 | 7.4 | 22.6 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 100 | 5,065 | 77.1 |
| South West | 67.1 | 4.7 | 8.0 | 19.3 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 100 | 7,156 | 79.8 |
| Total | 40.8 | 2.5 | 6.3 | 50.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 100 | 33,196 | 49.5 |
| Men |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 70.4 | 4.6 | 6.9 | 17.8 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 100 | 2,607 | 81.9 |
| 20-24 | 74.7 | 2.7 | 5.9 | 16.0 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 100 | 2,396 | 83.3 |
| 25-29 | 64.5 | 5.0 | 8.7 | 21.1 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 100 | 2,472 | 78.2 |
| 30-34 | 57.4 | 6.2 | 11.6 | 23.8 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 100 | 2,028 | 75.2 |
| 35-39 | 52.5 | 7.9 | 12.0 | 26.9 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 100 | 1,790 | 72.4 |
| 40-44 | 48.1 | 9.7 | 13.4 | 27.7 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 100 | 1,419 | 71.2 |
| 45-49 | 46.2 | 11.0 | 14.7 | 27.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 100 | 1,184 | 71.9 |
| 50-54 | 30.4 | 13.9 | 12.4 | 42.8 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 100 | 965 | 56.7 |
| 55-59 | 26.0 | 16.1 | 14.8 | 40.8 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 100 | 722 | 56.9 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 75.5 | 6.4 | 8.1 | 9.6 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 100 | 5,900 | 90.0 |
| Rural | 47.3 | 7.4 | 11.4 | 32.9 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 100 | 9,683 | 66.1 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 60.8 | 5.1 | 7.1 | 26.1 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 100 | 2,143 | 73.0 |
| North East | 33.1 | 7.3 | 10.8 | 48.5 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 100 | 1,923 | 51.2 |
| North West | 35.9 | 8.5 | 14.0 | 39.7 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 100 | 3,603 | 58.4 |
| South East | 65.1 | 13.0 | 14.1 | 7.6 | 0.1 |  | 100 | 1,686 | 92.2 |
| South South | 75.8 | 4.8 | 7.3 | 11.8 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 100 | 2,574 | 87.9 |
| South West | 75.4 | 5.3 | 7.8 | 11.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 100 | 3,655 | 88.5 |
| Total | 55.6 | 6.4 | 10.1 | 27.2 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 100 | 15,584 | 72.1 |

Differences in literacy by gender, residence, and zone are similar to those observed in educational attainment. Women are less likely than men to be able to read: 50 percent of women and 72 percent of men are literate (Table 2.2 and Figure 2.2). Among females who are literate, only 3 percent could read a whole sentence, but 6 percent could only read part of a sentence. No major change occurred in literacy rates between 2003 and 2008 surveys, with only a slight increase of about 1 percent observed among males and females.

Younger cohorts are more likely to be literate than older cohorts. The gender gap in literacy is similar to decreases seen in educational attainment from older to younger cohorts, with literacy rates among young adults age $15-19$ at 68 percent for women and 82 percent for men ( 14 percentage point gap), compared with literacy rates among older adults age 45-49 at 35 percent for women and 57 percent for men ( 22 percentage point gap). These gaps have narrowed from 18 and 38 percentage points for adults age 15-19 and 45-49, respectively, in 2003 NDHS.

Figure 2.2 Literacy among Men Age 15-59 and Women Age 15-49


Adults in urban areas are more likely than those in rural areas to be able to read. In rural areas, 41 percent of women age 15-49 and 66 percent of men age 15-59 can read, compared with 77 percent of women and 90 percent of men in urban areas. Among the zones, differences in women's literacy rates are substantial, ranging from 22 percent in the North West to 82 percent in the South East. The range of difference in men's literacy rates by zone is somewhat narrower, from 51 percent in the North East to 92 percent in the South East. The level of adult literacy generally was steady or had small decreases in most regions between 2003 and 2008 DHS.

Percent distribution of women age 15-49 who have not attended primary school by level of literacy, according to highest primary school class completed and percent literate, according to background characteristics, NDHS 2008 is shown in Table 2.3. In international comparisons, where data on literacy are unavailable, completion of four years of primary school (hereafter primary four) is often used as proxy for level of literacy. Data from the 2008 NDHS suggest that literacy cannot be assumed among women completing primary four. About one third of those who have completed primary four, that is, 30 percent, are literate. However, about 52 percent of women ages 15-49 who have completed primary school (6 years) are literate. Therefore, primary school completion cannot be assumed to ensure basic literacy.

Data from the 2008 NDHS also suggest that the more years of schooling a woman has completed, the more likely she is to be literate except for those who have had one year of formal schooling. This is maybe due to literacy programs available and used by women in this category. A range from 2 percent for women with no schooling to 52 percent for those who have completed primary six is shown compared with 2003 DHS rates of 2 percent to 60 percent.

Table 2.3 Literacy among women who have not attended secondary school
Percent distribution of when age 15-49 who have not attended secondary school by level of literacy, according to highest primary school class, 2008 NDHS

|  | Educa | tional attai | ment |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Schooling in Single years | Can read a whole sentence | Can read part of a sentence only | Cannot read at all | No card with required language | Blind | Total | Number | Percent Literate |
| 0 | 0.4 | 1.7 | 97.5 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 11,824 | 2.1 |
| 1 | 3.9 | 20.1 | 75.6 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 217 | 24.0 |
| 2 | 1.3 | 7.9 | 89.3 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 260 | 9.2 |
| 3 | 3.9 | 14.0 | 80.8 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 467 | 17.9 |
| 4 | 9.0 | 20.5 | 69.0 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 531 | 29.5 |
| 5 | 8.4 | 26.0 | 63.6 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 559 | 34.4 |
| 6 | 17.4 | 34.8 | 46.3 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 4,550 | 52.2 |

## 3. NEDS PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONDENTS' BACKGROUND CHARACTERISTICS

This chapter presents information on the background characteristics, educational attainment, and literacy of the parents or guardians who responded to the 2010 NEDS Parent/Guardian Questionnaire and the Eligible Child Questionnaire.

### 3.1 Background Characteristics

The survey collected information from a total of 26,634 parent or guardians in Nigeria. The distribution of respondents by sex, age group, place of residence, and geo-political zones is present in Table 3.1. Fifty one percent of the respondents are female. More than half ( 55 percent) of the parent or guardians are age $30-49$, with only 19 percent younger than age 30 and 7 percent over age 65 . Two thirds of the respondents ( 68 percent) live in rural areas.

The 2004 NDES shows a similar pattern of proportion of parent/guardian interviewed in age group 30-49 ( 55 percent) and age 65 and older ( 7 percent) and residence ( 67 percent in rural areas). It is pertinent to note that the sample size for 2010 NDES was determined for State analysis against the regional analysis for the 2004 survey.

Table 3.1 Background characteristics of parent/guardian respondents

| Percent distribution of parent/guardians by background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background characteristic | Weighted percent | Weighted number | Unweighted number |
| Age |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 1.2 | 314 | 319 |
| 20-24 | 6.2 | 1,665 | 1,637 |
| 25-29 | 11.5 | 3,064 | 3,107 |
| 30-34 | 15.9 | 4,223 | 4,249 |
| 35-39 | 15.1 | 4,010 | 4,085 |
| 40-44 | 13.9 | 3,705 | 3,710 |
| 45-49 | 10.2 | 2,727 | 2,835 |
| 50-54 | 9.0 | 2,406 | 2,416 |
| 55-59 | 5.5 | 1,457 | 1,488 |
| 60-64 | 4.8 | 1,288 | 1,335 |
| 65+ | 6.7 | 1,774 | 1,888 |
| Sex |  |  |  |
| Male | 49.0 | 13,037 | 13,271 |
| Female | 51.0 | 13,595 | 13,798 |
| Residence |  |  |  |
| Urban | 31.7 | 8,449 | 8,401 |
| Rural | 68.3 | 18,184 | 18,668 |
| Region |  |  |  |
| North Central | 14.4 | 3,831 | 4,679 |
| North East | 13.5 | 3,606 | 3,733 |
| North West | 25.4 | 6,757 | 4,764 |
| South East | 12.1 | 3,226 | 4,135 |
| South South | 14.4 | 3,843 | 4,706 |
| South West | 20.2 | 5,369 | 5,052 |
| Total | 100.0 | 26,633 | 27,069 |

### 3.2 Educational Attainment

For each parent or guardian respondent, data were collected on the highest level of schooling attended and the highest class, form, or year completed at that level. Table 3.2 - present the distribution of parent/guardians according to educational attainment by gender and by other background characteristics.

Sixty-two percent of the parent/guardians have attended primary school or a higher level of schooling (Table 3.2.3). There are gender differences in educational attainment among parent/guardian respondents with females under the age of 40 consistently demonstrating higher participation in education than males and females over the age of 40 consistently demonstrating lower levels of participation in education than males. Forty one percent of the male and 35 percent of the female parent/guardians have never attended school (see Tables 3.2.1 and 3.2.2). This compares with forty-two percent of both male and female parent/guardian respondents in 2004)

Table 3.2.1 Educational attainment of male parent/guardian respondents

| Percent distribution of male parent/guardians by highest level of schooling attended, and mean number of years of schooling according to background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Highest level of schooling attended |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background Characteristics | No schooling | Some primary | Completed primary | Some secondary | Completed secondary | More than secondary | Don't <br> Know/ Missing | Total | Number | Mean <br> number <br> of years of schooling |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 24.0 | 1.8 | 13.7 | 28.0 | 24.7 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 100.0 | 69 | 7.5 |
| 20-24 | 22.6 | 4.3 | 12.1 | 15.0 | 37.2 | 8.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 313 | 8.2 |
| 25-29 | 35.8 | 5.7 | 16.6 | 8.8 | 22.5 | 9.9 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 786 | 6.3 |
| 30-34 | 35.7 | 5.6 | 18.2 | 9.1 | 22.2 | 8.5 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 1,533 | 6.2 |
| 35-39 | 31.1 | 5.3 | 19.3 | 8.5 | 23.0 | 11.6 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 1,747 | 6.8 |
| 40-44 | 31.4 | 5.3 | 18.9 | 8.9 | 21.7 | 13.3 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,924 | 6.9 |
| 45-49 | 35.4 | 5.1 | 18.6 | 6.6 | 19.0 | 14.3 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 1,590 | 6.5 |
| 50-54 | 47.3 | 5.6 | 18.6 | 4.0 | 12.3 | 11.7 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,511 | 5.1 |
| 55-59 | 49.2 | 7.2 | 22.3 | 3.2 | 8.8 | 8.5 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 999 | 4.4 |
| 60-64 | 55.5 | 7.6 | 21.0 | 2.0 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 1,043 | 3.6 |
| 65+ | 63.1 | 7.7 | 16.7 | 1.8 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 1,523 | 2.7 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 20.4 | 5.4 | 18.9 | 7.2 | 26.7 | 20.7 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 3,000 | 8.6 |
| Rural | 47.4 | 6.1 | 18.6 | 6.2 | 13.8 | 7.0 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 10,038 | 4.7 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 39.4 | 5.4 | 15.9 | 7.5 | 17.8 | 13.0 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 2,140 | 6.1 |
| North East | 61.2 | 6.4 | 10.9 | 6.0 | 8.2 | 6.6 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 2,166 | 3.5 |
| North West | 62.7 | 4.7 | 12.9 | 3.9 | 8.0 | 6.5 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 3,719 | 3.4 |
| South East | 15.8 | 10.8 | 34.4 | 6.4 | 19.4 | 12.4 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 1,350 | 7.4 |
| South South | 9.3 | 7.5 | 26.1 | 9.8 | 32.3 | 14.6 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,639 | 9.0 |
| South West | 25.0 | 3.8 | 23.7 | 7.9 | 26.8 | 12.7 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2,023 | 7.6 |
| Total | 41.2 | 5.9 | 18.6 | 6.4 | 16.8 | 10.2 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 13,037 | 5.6 |

The mean years of schooling attained reflects the gender difference in secondary or higher educational attainment: the mean number of years of schooling is 5.6 years among male and 6.3 years among female parent/guardians (Tables 3.2.1 and 3.2.2). Younger parent/guardians have completed more years of schooling than older parent/guardians (Table 3.2.3). For example, among respondents age 20-24, the average years of schooling is 7.3 , compared with an average of 2.7 years among those age 65 and older.

[^3]Table 3.2.2 Educational attainment of female parent/guardian respondents

| Percent distribution of female parent/guardians by highest level of schooling attended, and mean number of years of schooling according to background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Highest level of schooling attended |  |  |  |  |  |  | Don't <br> know/ Missing | Total | Number | Mean number of years of schooling |
| Background Characteristics | No schooling | Some primary | Completed primary | Some secondary | Completed secondary | More than secondary |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 21.0 | 4.0 | 6.9 | 34.2 | 30.3 | 3.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 245 | 8.1 |
| 20-24 | 32.1 | 5.0 | 10.0 | 13.8 | 30.7 | 8.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,351 | 7.1 |
| 25-29 | 30.4 | 5.5 | 15.9 | 12.7 | 26.6 | 8.5 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 2,278 | 6.9 |
| 30-34 | 31.4 | 6.5 | 19.3 | 10.1 | 22.9 | 9.4 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 2,691 | 6.6 |
| 35-39 | 25.9 | 6.0 | 22.1 | 10.0 | 24.0 | 11.3 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 2,263 | 7.2 |
| 40-44 | 32.9 | 6.4 | 19.9 | 9.0 | 21.3 | 10.2 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,781 | 6.5 |
| 45-49 | 36.7 | 7.0 | 21.7 | 7.1 | 15.0 | 11.8 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 1,137 | 5.9 |
| 50-54 | 55.0 | 7.5 | 17.6 | 3.2 | 9.7 | 6.7 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 895 | 3.9 |
| 55-59 | 60.9 | 6.8 | 19.3 | 2.6 | 6.4 | 3.3 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 458 | 2.9 |
| 60-64 | 63.1 | 8.4 | 19.1 | 2.2 | 5.7 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 245 | 2.6 |
| 65+ | 68.2 | 8.6 | 15.3 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 251 | 2.3 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 19.8 | 4.3 | 17.3 | 11.2 | 32.1 | 15.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 5,449 | 8.6 |
| Rural | 44.6 | 7.5 | 18.7 | 9.1 | 14.7 | 5.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 8,146 | 4.8 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 35.7 | 4.9 | 18.6 | 9.5 | 19.5 | 11.2 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,691 | 6.3 |
| North East | 66.5 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 5.7 | 7.9 | 3.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,441 | 2.8 |
| North West | 70.1 | 3.7 | 7.0 | 4.4 | 9.2 | 5.1 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 3,038 | 2.9 |
| South East | 13.2 | 9.7 | 22.2 | 12.3 | 30.3 | 12.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,876 | 8.4 |
| South South | 9.0 | 9.0 | 27.0 | 17.3 | 26.9 | 10.3 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 2,204 | 8.5 |
| South West | 17.2 | 4.6 | 24.1 | 10.9 | 31.6 | 11.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 3,346 | 8.3 |
| Total | 34.7 | 6.2 | 18.1 | 9.9 | 21.6 | 9.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 13,595 | 6.3 |

There are also sizeable urban-rural differences in educational attainment among parent/guardians (see Table 3.2.3). Whereas 80 percent of parent/guardian respondents in urban areas reported ever attended school, 54 percent of parent/guardians in rural areas have had a form of schooling. This shows an improvement over the 69 percent for urban areas but essentially no change from 53 percent recorded for rural areas in 2004 NDES.

Table 3.2.3 Educational attainment of parent/guardian respondents

| Percent distribution of parent/guardians by highest level of schooling attended and mean number of years of schooling according to background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Highest level of schooling attended |  |  |  |  |  |  | Don't <br> know/ <br> Missing | Total | Number | Mean number of years of schooling |
| Background Characteristics | No schooling | Some primary | Completed primary | Some secondary | Completed secondary | More than secondary |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 21.7 | 3.5 | 8.4 | 32.9 | 29.1 | 3.2 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 314 | 8.0 |
| 20-24 | 30.3 | 4.9 | 10.4 | 14.0 | 32.0 | 8.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,665 | 7.3 |
| 25-29 | 31.8 | 5.5 | 16.1 | 11.7 | 25.6 | 8.9 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 3,064 | 6.8 |
| 30-34 | 33.0 | 6.1 | 18.9 | 9.7 | 22.6 | 9.1 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 4,223 | 6.5 |
| 35-39 | 28.2 | 5.7 | 20.9 | 9.4 | 23.6 | 11.4 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 4,010 | 7.0 |
| 40-44 | 32.1 | 5.8 | 19.4 | 9.0 | 21.5 | 11.8 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 3,705 | 6.7 |
| 45-49 | 35.9 | 5.9 | 19.9 | 6.8 | 17.3 | 13.3 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 2,727 | 6.3 |
| 50-54 | 50.2 | 6.3 | 18.2 | 3.7 | 11.3 | 9.9 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 2,406 | 4.6 |
| 55-59 | 52.9 | 7.1 | 21.3 | 3.0 | 8.0 | 6.9 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 1,457 | 3.9 |
| 60-64 | 56.9 | 7.8 | 20.6 | 2.1 | 6.2 | 5.6 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 1,288 | 3.4 |
| 65+ | 63.9 | 7.8 | 16.5 | 1.8 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 1,774 | 2.7 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 20.0 | 4.7 | 17.9 | 9.8 | 30.1 | 17.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 8,449 | 8.6 |
| Rural | 46.1 | 6.7 | 18.6 | 7.5 | 14.2 | 6.1 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 18,184 | 4.8 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 37.8 | 5.2 | 17.1 | 8.4 | 18.6 | 12.2 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 3,831 | 6.2 |
| North East | 63.3 | 7.1 | 9.8 | 5.9 | 8.0 | 5.1 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 3,606 | 3.2 |
| North West | 66.1 | 4.2 | 10.3 | 4.1 | 8.5 | 5.9 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 6,757 | 3.2 |
| South East | 14.3 | 10.2 | 27.3 | 9.8 | 25.7 | 12.2 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 3,226 | 8.0 |
| South South | 9.1 | 8.3 | 26.6 | 14.1 | 29.2 | 12.1 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 3,843 | 8.7 |
| South West | 20.1 | 4.3 | 24.0 | 9.8 | 29.8 | 11.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 5,369 | 8.0 |
| Total | 37.9 | 6.1 | 18.4 | 8.2 | 19.3 | 9.6 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 26,633 | 6.0 |

### 3.3 Literacy

Parent/guardians who have never attended school or who attended school up to the primary level were asked to demonstrate literacy by reading from a card with a simple sentence in one of four languages (Hausa, Igbo, Yoruba, and English). ${ }^{4}$ The percent literate (as presented in Tables 3.3.1 through 3.3.3) includes respondents who could read part or all of a sentence and those who attended secondary school or higher.

[^4][^5]Table 3.3.1 Literacy among male parent/guardian respondents

| Background Characteristics | Secondary or higher | Primary school or no schooling |  |  | No card with required language /visually impaired/ Missing | Total | Number | Percent literate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Can read a whole sentence | Can read part of a sentence | Cannot read at all |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 60.0 | 2.6 | 5.8 | 30.3 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 69 | 68.4 |
| 20-24 | 60.9 | 6.7 | 5.0 | 26.2 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 313 | 72.6 |
| 25-29 | 41.2 | 8.7 | 8.4 | 39.1 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 786 | 58.6 |
| 30-34 | 39.8 | 10.8 | 8.5 | 38.4 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 1,533 | 59.3 |
| 35-39 | 43.1 | 12.0 | 7.1 | 34.8 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 1,747 | 62.7 |
| 40-44 | 44.0 | 13.3 | 7.5 | 33.3 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 1,924 | 64.9 |
| 45-49 | 40.0 | 14.9 | 6.7 | 35.3 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 1,590 | 61.7 |
| 50-54 | 28.1 | 15.5 | 6.0 | 46.7 | 3.6 | 100.0 | 1,511 | 49.7 |
| 55-59 | 20.5 | 19.0 | 7.6 | 49.4 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 999 | 47.3 |
| 60-64 | 15.0 | 19.2 | 5.7 | 56.2 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 1,043 | 39.9 |
| $65+$ | 11.4 | 15.0 | 6.1 | 59.9 | 7.6 | 100.0 | 1,523 | 32.7 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 54.8 | 15.3 | 6.1 | 22.2 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 3,000 | 76.3 |
| Rural | 27.1 | 13.5 | 7.3 | 48.2 | 4.0 | 100.0 | 10,038 | 48.0 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 38.4 | 11.2 | 5.1 | 42.0 | 3.2 | 100.0 | 2,140 | 55.0 |
| North East | 20.9 | 10.6 | 7.1 | 58.9 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 2,166 | 38.7 |
| North West | 18.4 | 11.0 | 9.1 | 56.2 | 5.4 | 100.0 | 3,719 | 38.7 |
| South East | 38.2 | 26.2 | 8.6 | 24.8 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 1,350 | 73.1 |
| South South | 56.8 | 12.9 | 5.6 | 21.7 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 1,639 | 75.3 |
| South West | 47.3 | 18.3 | 5.0 | 27.3 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 2,023 | 70.8 |
| Total | 33.5 | 13.9 | 7.0 | 42.2 | 3.4 | 100.0 | 13,037 | 54.5 |

Table 3.3.2 Literacy among female parent/guardian respondents

| Percent distribution of female parent/guardians by highest level of schooling attended and level of literacy, according to background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Primary school or noschooling |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background Characteristics | Secondary or higher | Can read a whole sentence | Can read part of a sentence | Cannot read at all | No card with required language /visually impaired | Total | Number | Percent literate |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 67.8 | 2.9 | 4.6 | 23.8 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 245 | 75.5 |
| 20-24 | 52.8 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 37.3 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 1,351 | 61.6 |
| 25-29 | 47.9 | 6.9 | 4.8 | 39.2 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 2,278 | 59.6 |
| 30-34 | 42.5 | 10.2 | 5.6 | 40.1 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 2,691 | 58.4 |
| 35-39 | 45.4 | 10.4 | 7.1 | 36.1 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 2,263 | 63.0 |
| 40-44 | 40.6 | 10.9 | 6.0 | 40.5 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 1,781 | 57.5 |
| 45-49 | 34.0 | 12.2 | 5.6 | 45.8 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 1,137 | 51.8 |
| 50-54 | 19.7 | 11.6 | 5.5 | 59.9 | 3.2 | 100.0 | 895 | 36.9 |
| 55-59 | 12.2 | 14.2 | 6.8 | 63.8 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 458 | 33.3 |
| 60-64 | 9.4 | 13.7 | 7.2 | 66.1 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 245 | 30.3 |
| $65+$ | 7.9 | 13.8 | 1.9 | 69.6 | 6.7 | 100.0 | 251 | 23.6 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 58.4 | 10.6 | 5.4 | 24.5 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 5,449 | 74.4 |
| Rural | 28.8 | 8.9 | 5.8 | 54.3 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 8,146 | 43.5 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 40.3 | 7.9 | 6.5 | 42.0 | 3.4 | 100.0 | 1,691 | 54.7 |
| North East | 16.5 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 71.3 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 1,441 | 26.5 |
| North West | 18.6 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 71.1 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 3,038 | 27.7 |
| South East | 54.8 | 12.5 | 7.5 | 24.5 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1,876 | 74.9 |
| South South | 54.5 | 8.8 | 6.0 | 27.5 | 3.2 | 100.0 | 2,204 | 69.3 |
| South West | 54.1 | 16.0 | 5.2 | 23.8 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 3,346 | 75.2 |
| Total | 40.6 | 9.6 | 5.6 | 42.4 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 13,595 | 55.9 |

The literacy rate among parent/guardian respondents is 55 percent for males and 56 percent for females (see Tables 3.3.1 and 3.3.2, respectively). This is consistent with the proportion of males and females that have ever attended school as contained in Tables 3.2.1 and 3.2.2. When disaggregated by gender, the literacy gap between the urban and rural areas remains. Whereas 76 percent of male parent/guardians in urban areas are literate, 448 percent of male parent/guardians in rural areas are literate. Similar proportion is obtained among female respondents where 74 percent of parent/guardians in urban areas and 44 percent of those in rural areas are literate. Table 2.2 in chapter 2 shows a higher literacy rate among male and female adult household population when compared with the 2010 parent/guardian respondents. Against what is obtained from the 2008 parent/guardian respondents, there is higher literacy rate among the male adult household population ( 72 percent) than the female adult household population ( 50 percent). The literacy rate decreases with age among the male and the female adult household population.

[^6]In terms of literacy rate among the zones (Table 3.3.3), parent/guardians in the South East and South East have the highest literacy rates ( 74 percent). Differences in literacy by region are more pronounced among female parent/guardian respondents (Table 3.3.2): 75 percent of female parent/guardians are literate in the South West, but only 27 percent are literate in the North East. Among male parent/guardians, literacy rates range from 74 percent in the South South to 39 percent in the North East and North West.

Whereas there is no noticeable difference in literacy rates between female parent/guardian respondents in 2004 and 2010, the percent literate among male parent/guardian respondents has dropped from 59 percent in 2004 to 55 percent in 2010 (Table 3.3.1).

Table 3.3.3 Literacy among parent/guardian respondents

| Percent distribution of parent/guardians by highest level of schooling attended and level of literacy, according to background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Primary sch | hool or no s | chooling |  |  |  |  |
| Background Characteristics | Secondary or higher | Can read a whole sentence | Can read part of a sentence | Cannot read at all | No card with required language /visually impaired | Total | Number | Percent literate |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 66.1 | 2.8 | 4.8 | 25.2 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 314 | 73.9 |
| 20-24 | 54.3 | 4.7 | 4.6 | 35.3 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 1,665 | 63.7 |
| 25-29 | 46.2 | 7.4 | 5.7 | 39.2 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 3,064 | 59.3 |
| 30-34 | 41.5 | 10.4 | 6.7 | 39.5 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 4,223 | 58.7 |
| 35-39 | 44.4 | 11.1 | 7.1 | 35.5 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 4,010 | 62.9 |
| 40-44 | 42.3 | 12.1 | 6.8 | 36.7 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 3,705 | 61.3 |
| 45-49 | 37.5 | 13.8 | 6.2 | 39.7 | 2.8 | 100.0 | 2,727 | 57.6 |
| 50-54 | 25.0 | 14.1 | 5.8 | 51.6 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 2,406 | 45.0 |
| 55-59 | 17.9 | 17.5 | 7.4 | 53.9 | 3.3 | 100.0 | 1,457 | 42.9 |
| 60-64 | 13.9 | 18.2 | 6.0 | 58.1 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 1,288 | 38.1 |
| $65+$ | 10.9 | 14.8 | 5.5 | 61.3 | 7.5 | 100.0 | 1,774 | 31.4 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 57.1 | 12.3 | 5.6 | 23.7 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 8,449 | 75.1 |
| Rural | 27.9 | 11.4 | 6.6 | 51.0 | 3.2 | 100.0 | 18,184 | 46.0 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 39.2 | 9.8 | 5.7 | 42.0 | 3.3 | 100.0 | 3,831 | 54.9 |
| North East | 19.2 | 8.3 | 6.3 | 63.8 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 3,606 | 33.8 |
| North West | 18.5 | 8.1 | 7.0 | 62.9 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 6,757 | 33.8 |
| South East | 47.9 | 18.2 | 8.0 | 24.6 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 3,226 | 74.1 |
| South South | 55.5 | 10.5 | 5.8 | 25.0 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 3,843 | 71.9 |
| South West | 51.6 | 16.9 | 5.1 | 25.1 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 5,369 | 73.6 |
| Total | 37.1 | 11.7 | 6.3 | 42.3 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 26,633 | 55.2 |

### 3.4 Exposure to Mass Media

Parent/guardian respondents were asked whether they usually read a newspaper at least once a week and how often they watch television and listen to the radio. For purposes of planning education and other social initiatives, it is important to have information about which groups of people are more or less likely to be reached by different types of media.

As shown in Tables 3.4.1 through 3.4.3, access to media is widespread: only 2 percent of the parent/guardian respondents do not read a newspaper, listen to radio, or watch television at least once a week. However, the preferred medium of media differs by residence, with rural populations using radio more than television and newspaper. Given poverty distribution and literacy rates among the rural residence, this is reasonable. There is effectively no gender difference in exposure to mass media among parent/guardians. One percent of the male and 2 percent of the female parent/guardians do not have access to one or more of these media. The radio is the most widely accessed form of media: 82 percent of male and 74 percent of female parent/guardians reported listening to the radio at least once a week. Less common is watching television, with 40 percent of male and 54 percent of female parent/guardians watching television. Twenty one percent of male and 15 percent of female parent/guardians read a newspaper at least once a week.

[^7]Background Characteristics

Table 3.4.1 Exposure to mass media among male parent/guardians
Percentage of male parent/guardians who usually read a newspaper at least once
a week, watch television at least once a week, and listen to the radio at least
once a week, by background characteristics, 2010 NEDS

|  | Reads a <br> newspaper <br> at least | Watches <br> television at | Listens <br> to radio <br> at least | All |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | once a <br> Background | least once <br> once a | onee <br> three | No |  |  |
| Characteristics | week | a week | week | media | media | Number |


| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $15-19$ | 30.0 | 55.3 | 68.8 | 55.3 | 1.3 | 69 |
| $20-24$ | 27.9 | 46.5 | 77.7 | 45.1 | 4.9 | 313 |
| $25-29$ | 18.8 | 41.0 | 82.6 | 39.3 | 1.7 | 786 |
| $30-34$ | 21.6 | 42.0 | 85.7 | 41.6 | 1.2 | 1,533 |
| $35-39$ | 25.7 | 43.6 | 85.2 | 44.5 | 1.5 | 1,747 |
| $40-44$ | 26.8 | 44.3 | 86.3 | 45.0 | 1.2 | 1,924 |
| $45-49$ | 26.1 | 41.2 | 86.2 | 42.3 | 1.6 | 1,590 |
| $50-54$ | 20.2 | 37.4 | 82.1 | 36.4 | 0.9 | 1,511 |
| 55-59 | 18.3 | 37.0 | 82.7 | 35.1 | 1.0 | 999 |
| 60-64 | 14.5 | 34.7 | 76.5 | 32.3 | 1.2 | 1,043 |
| 65+ | 11.6 | 30.0 | 70.7 | 26.8 | 1.8 | 1,523 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Residence | 41.1 | 73.3 | 86.8 | 71.3 | 0.8 | 3,000 |
| Urban | 15.5 | 29.6 | 80.8 | 29.4 | 1.6 | 10,038 |
| Rural |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Region | 21.6 | 43.5 | 80.3 | 43.0 | 2.2 | 2,140 |
| North Central | 11.0 | 17.4 | 69.4 | 18.5 | 2.1 | 2,166 |
| North East | 12.3 | 16.9 | 86.6 | 20.6 | 1.0 | 3,719 |
| North West | 31.3 | 52.4 | 79.1 | 47.5 | 2.3 | 1,350 |
| South East | 39.2 | 72.6 | 83.7 | 64.4 | 1.1 | 1,639 |
| South South | 27.7 | 66.0 | 90.6 | 64.3 | 0.4 | 2,023 |
| South West |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 21.3 | 39.7 | 82.2 | 39.0 | 1.4 | 13,037 |
| Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 3.4.2 Exposure to mass media among female parent/guardians

| Percentage of female parent/guardians who usually read a newspaper at least once a week, watch television at least once a week, and listen to the radio at least once a week, by background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background Characteristics | Reads a newspaper a least once a week | Watches television at least once a week | Listens to radio at least once a week | All three media | No media | Number |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 22.9 | 59.9 | 77.8 | 54.4 | 3.3 | 245 |
| 20-24 | 17.8 | 52.4 | 75.2 | 47.0 | 2.1 | 1,351 |
| 25-29 | 15.3 | 55.1 | 73.9 | 48.3 | 1.8 | 2,278 |
| 30-34 | 15.5 | 56.3 | 75.4 | 49.9 | 2.0 | 2,691 |
| 35-39 | 17.2 | 59.4 | 77.3 | 53.5 | 1.6 | 2,263 |
| 40-44 | 16.8 | 54.9 | 76.3 | 48.4 | 1.7 | 1,781 |
| 45-49 | 15.4 | 52.7 | 73.3 | 46.1 | 1.8 | 1,137 |
| 50-54 | 8.4 | 43.0 | 70.3 | 35.1 | 1.6 | 895 |
| 55-59 | 7.6 | 38.5 | 68.1 | 32.3 | 1.5 | 458 |
| 60-64 | 8.4 | 39.5 | 61.9 | 31.4 | 1.0 | 245 |
| 65+ | 8.9 | 37.3 | 65.7 | 32.0 | 1.1 | 251 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 24.3 | 78.6 | 82.8 | 72.2 | 1.3 | 5,449 |
| Rural | 9.2 | 37.0 | 68.8 | 30.6 | 2.1 | 8,146 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 16.5 | 56.3 | 66.9 | 49.7 | 3.5 | 1,691 |
| North East | 5.5 | 21.8 | 49.7 | 19.1 | 3.0 | 1,441 |
| North West | 6.8 | 26.2 | 76.9 | 25.2 | 0.5 | 3,038 |
| South East | 23.8 | 52.4 | 70.4 | 43.8 | 3.9 | 1,876 |
| South South | 23.6 | 76.9 | 76.5 | 61.6 | 1.2 | 2,204 |
| South West | 16.3 | 76.5 | 87.5 | 70.7 | 0.8 | 3,346 |
| Total | 15.3 | 53.7 | 74.4 | 47.3 | 1.8 | 13,595 |

Listening to the radio at least once a week is common among the urban and rural respondents (Table 3.4.3). Eighty four percent of parent/guardians in urban areas and 75 percent of those in rural areas have access to radio. As expected, similar proportion applies to television, which is watched more in the urban areas than the rural areas ( 77 percent and 33 percent, respectively). Thirty percent of the parent/guardian respondents in the urban areas read a newspaper at least once a week contrasted with 13 percent in the rural areas. Across the six geo-political zones, radio is the most accessed form of mass media among the parent/guardian respondents. Access is highest (89 percent) in the South West and the lowest (62 percent) in the North East.

The percentage of parent/guardians who have access to all three media in 2010 is more than twice that of 2004, in both urban and rural areas ( 72 and 30 percent, and 31 and 13 percent, respectively).

[^8]Table 3.4.3 Exposure to mass media among parent/guardians

| Percentage of parent/guardians who usually read a newspaper at least once a week, watch television at least once a week, and listen to the radio at least once a week, by background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background Characteristics | Reads a newspaper at least once a week | Watches television at least once a week | Listens to radio at least once a week | All three media | No media | Number |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15-19 | 24.4 | 58.9 | 75.8 | 54.6 | 2.9 | 314 |
| 20-24 | 19.7 | 51.2 | 75.7 | 46.7 | 2.6 | 1,665 |
| 25-29 | 16.2 | 51.5 | 76.2 | 46.0 | 1.7 | 3,064 |
| 30-34 | 17.7 | 51.1 | 79.2 | 46.9 | 1.7 | 4,223 |
| 35-39 | 20.9 | 52.5 | 80.8 | 49.6 | 1.5 | 4,010 |
| 40-44 | 22.0 | 49.4 | 81.5 | 46.7 | 1.5 | 3,705 |
| 45-49 | 21.7 | 46.0 | 80.8 | 43.9 | 1.7 | 2,727 |
| 50-54 | 15.8 | 39.5 | 77.7 | 35.9 | 1.2 | 2,406 |
| 55-59 | 15.0 | 37.5 | 78.1 | 34.3 | 1.2 | 1,457 |
| 60-64 | 13.4 | 35.6 | 73.8 | 32.1 | 1.2 | 1,288 |
| 65+ | 11.2 | 31.0 | 70.0 | 27.5 | 1.7 | 1,774 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 30.3 | 76.7 | 84.3 | 71.9 | 1.1 | 8,449 |
| Rural | 12.7 | 32.9 | 75.4 | 29.9 | 1.9 | 18,184 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 19.3 | 49.2 | 74.4 | 46.0 | 2.8 | 3,831 |
| North East | 8.8 | 19.2 | 61.5 | 18.8 | 2.5 | 3,606 |
| North West | 9.8 | 21.1 | 82.2 | 22.7 | 0.8 | 6,757 |
| South East | 27.0 | 52.4 | 74.1 | 45.3 | 3.2 | 3,226 |
| South South | 30.3 | 75.1 | 79.6 | 62.8 | 1.2 | 3,843 |
| South West | 20.6 | 72.5 | 88.7 | 68.3 | 0.6 | 5,369 |
| Total | 18.3 | 46.8 | 78.2 | 43.2 | 1.6 | 26,633 |

There has also been a marginal increase in the proportion of parent/guardians that watch television at least once a week from 42 percent in 2004 to 47 percent in 2010 NEDS. Watching television has been more common in urban areas than rural over time. The gap between the urban parent/guardian respondents that watch television at least once a week ( 77 percent) compared with rural areas ( 33 percent) in 2010 is higher than what was obtained in 2004 NDES, which recorded 67 percent for urban and 30 percent for rural areas.

## 4. CHILDREN'S BACKGROUND CHARACTERISTICS

This chapter presents information on the characteristics of the children age $5-16$ for whom data were collected by the 2010 NEDS. The chapter also presents information on the nutritional status of children age 5-9 and rates of literacy and numeracy among children age 5-12. ${ }^{5}$ It also presents the disability status of the children.

In line with the UBE age range specifications for the different levels of basic education in NigeriaEarly Child Care Education/Pre-primary (3-5 years), Primary Education (6-11 years) and Junior Secondary Education (12-14 years) ages inclusive-the chapter also presents the underlying information to reflect the background characteristics.

### 4.1 Children's Background Characteristics

Table 4.1.1 provides information about the age, sex, and residence of the children age 5-16. Fifty two percent of the children are male and 49 percent are female. In 2010, 19 percent of the children are age 5, 17 percent ages $6-7,32$ percent are ages $8-11$, and 32 percent are ages $12-16$. Ninety-nine percent of children have no disability.

[^9]Table 4.1.1 Background characteristics of children in the 2010 NEDS

| Percent distribution of de jure children age 5-16 by background characteristics and disability, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Number of Children |  |
| Background Characteristic | Weighted Percent | Weighted Number | Unweighted Number |
| Age |  |  |  |
| 4-5 | 18.9 | 13,292 | 13,242 |
| 6-7 | 17.1 | 12,039 | 11,940 |
| 8-11 | 32.0 | 22,491 | 22,390 |
| 12-16 | 31.9 | 22,447 | 22,698 |
| Sex |  |  |  |
| Male | 51.5 | 36,192 | 36,231 |
| Female | 48.5 | 34,076 | 34,039 |
| Disability |  |  |  |
| Visual | 0.1 | 77 | 67 |
| Hearing | 0.1 | 71 | 60 |
| Speaking | 0.1 | 65 | 74 |
| Mobility | 0.2 | 109 | 106 |
| Mental | 0.1 | 56 | 49 |
| Other | 0.3 | 202 | 211 |
| None | 98.9 | 69,472 | 69,505 |
| Missing | 0.3 | 216 | 198 |
| information |  |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |
| Urban | 29.8 | 20,930 | 20,653 |
| Rural | 70.2 | 49,339 | 49,617 |
| Region |  |  |  |
| North Central | 15.3 | 10,762 | 12,980 |
| North East | 16.1 | 11,341 | 11,772 |
| North West | 28.8 | 20,261 | 14,242 |
| South East | 10.0 | 7,033 | 9,096 |
| South South | 13.0 | 9,159 | 11,181 |
| South West | 16.7 | 11,713 | 10,999 |
| Total | 100.0 | 70,269 | 70,270 |

Table 4.1.2 Background characteristics of children according to UBE age range

| Percent distribution of de jure children age 5-16 by UBE schooling age specification by background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Number of Children |  |
| Background Characteristic | Weighted Percent | Weighted Number | Unweighted Number |
| Age |  |  |  |
| 5 | 18.9 | 13,292 | 13,242 |
| 6-11 | 49.1 | 34,530 | 34,330 |
| 12-14 | 20.6 | 14,499 | 14,538 |
| 15-16 | 11.3 | 7,948 | 8,160 |
| Sex |  |  |  |
| Male | 51.5 | 36,192 | 36,231 |
| Female | 48.5 | 34,076 | 34,039 |
| Residence |  |  |  |
| Urban | 29.8 | 20,930 | 20,653 |
| Rural | 70.2 | 49,339 | 49,617 |
| Region |  |  |  |
| North Central | 15.3 | 10,762 | 12,980 |
| North East | 16.1 | 11,341 | 11,772 |
| North West | 28.8 | 20,261 | 14,242 |
| South East | 10.0 | 7,033 | 9,096 |
| South South | 13.0 | 9,159 | 11,181 |
| South West | 16.7 | 11,713 | 10,999 |
| Total | 100.0 | 70,269 | 70,270 |

### 4.2 Children's Living Arrangements

Table 4.2 provides information on the living arrangements of children age $5-16$. This table groups children into four categories: those living with parents, those living with their mother (but not their father), those living with their father (but not their mother), and those not living with either parent.

Table 4.2 Children's living arrangements

| Percent distribution of male children aged 5-16 by survival status of parents and children's living arrangements according to background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Living with mother but not father |  | Living with Father but not mother |  | Not living with either parent |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background Characteristic | Living <br> with both parents | Father alive | Father dead | Mother alive | Mother dead | Both alive | Mother dead | Father dead | Both dead | Missing information on father/ mother | Total | Number |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | 82.9 | 5.1 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 1.1 | 3.9 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 13,292 |
| 6-7 | 81.0 | 4.9 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 1.3 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 12,039 |
| 8-11 | 77.5 | 4.6 | 4.2 | 3.8 | 1.8 | 5.3 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 22,491 |
| 12-16 | 70.2 | 4.8 | 6.5 | 4.2 | 2.7 | 6.9 | 0.9 | 2.0 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 22,447 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 76.7 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 2.1 | 4.9 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 36,192 |
| Female | 76.9 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 3.1 | 1.7 | 5.9 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 34,076 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 74.8 | 5.8 | 4.8 | 3.5 | 1.7 | 6.4 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 20,930 |
| Rural | 77.7 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 2.0 | 5.0 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 49,339 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 73.2 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 3.7 | 2.1 | 7.5 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 10,762 |
| North East | 85.7 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 3.5 | 1.7 | 3.3 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 11,341 |
| North West | 85.9 | 1.8 | 2.6 | 3.5 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 20,261 |
| South East | 70.0 | 6.1 | 9.2 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 6.7 | 0.8 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 7,033 |
| South South | 65.0 | 9.8 | 7.5 | 4.1 | 2.0 | 7.4 | 1.1 | 1.8 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 9,159 |
| South West | 69.1 | 8.2 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 1.6 | 9.6 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 11,713 |
| Total | 76.8 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 3.6 | 1.9 | 5.4 | 0.6 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 70,269 |

Seventy-seven percent of children age 5-16 live with both of their biological parents. Younger children are more likely than older children to live with both parents. For instance, 81 percent of children age 6-7 live with both parents, compared with 70 percent of children age 12-16. There are no notable differences in living arrangement by sex of the child. Children in rural areas are slightly more likely than those in urban areas to live with both parents ( 78 percent and 75 percent, respectively). Among the regions, the percentages of children living with both biological parents range from a low of 65 percent in the South South to a high of 86 percent in both the North East and North West.

Fifteen percent of children live with either their mother or their father (but not both), and 8 percent of children live with neither parent. Of those in the latter category, most ( 5 percent) have both parents still living, 2 percent have one parent still living, and 1 percent have lost both parents. The 2008 NDHS also reported less than 1 percent children who lost both parents.

The data explore the extent of orphanhood in the country, defined here as the proportion of children who have lost one or both parents. Of children age 5-16, 6 percent have lost their father and 3 percent have lost their mother. ${ }^{6}$ Only one percent of children have lost both natural parents.

There is a slight increase of children among the age groups that live with biological parents from 2004 to 2010 ( 71 percent and 77 percent, respectively); however, this change may be due to differences in the age distribution of children. In the regional coverage, there is a general increase from 2004 to 2010 in the proportion of children living with both parents with a recorded high in the North West ( 80 versus 86 percent) to the South West ( 62 versus 70 percent), except for South East with a slight drop ( 72 versus 70 percent).

### 4.3 Children's Eating Patterns

Children's nutrition is an important education issue. Children who are malnourished may be less likely to attend school; and those who do attend school, may be absent frequently, have difficulty concentrating on learning activities, or have other health problems. The 2010 NEDS collected information about the meals eaten by school-age children on the day before the parent/guardian was interviewed. The results are presented in Tables 4.3.1 through 4.3.3, according to children's schooling status (day pupils or nonpupils) and their background characteristics. Tables 4.3.1 through 4.3.3 also show data on children's eating patterns by economic status quintile.

[^10]Table 4.3.1 Children's food consumption on the day before the interview: day pupils
Percent distribution of day pupils aged 5-16 by consumption of breakfast and lunch on the day before the
interview and the mean number of meals and snacks eaten that day, according to background characteristics,
2010 NEDS. 2010 NEDS

| Background Characteristic | Ate breakfast |  |  |  | Ate lunch |  |  |  | Number of children | Mean number of meals and snacks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Yes | No | Don't <br> Know/ Missing | Total | Yes | No | Don't Know / Missing | Total |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | 99.4 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 99.0 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 6,243 | 3.6 |
| 6-7 | 99.1 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 99.0 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 7,678 | 3.6 |
| 8-11 | 98.4 | 1.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 98.7 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 15,705 | 3.4 |
| 12-16 | 97.1 | 2.6 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 98.1 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 14,240 | 3.3 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 98.1 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 98.6 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 23,450 | 3.5 |
| Female | 98.4 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 98.5 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 20,416 | 3.5 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 98.7 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 98.8 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 16,677 | 3.6 |
| Rural | 97.9 | 1.9 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 98.4 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 27,189 | 3.4 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 96.6 | 3.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 97.1 | 2.4 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 7,042 | 3.1 |
| North East | 96.9 | 3.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 97.6 | 2.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 4,446 | 3.3 |
| North West | 99.3 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 99.5 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 8,275 | 3.9 |
| South East | 98.8 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 98.6 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 6,240 | 3.1 |
| South South | 97.9 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 98.9 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 7,859 | 3.1 |
| South West | 99.1 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 99.0 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 10,004 | 3.8 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 96.6 | 3.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 96.8 | 3.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 4,813 | 3.3 |
| Second | 98.3 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 98.6 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 7,884 | 3.5 |
| Middle | 98.1 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 98.7 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 10,249 | 3.4 |
| Fourth | 98.4 | 1.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 98.9 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 10,368 | 3.5 |
| Highest | 98.9 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 98.9 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 10,548 | 3.5 |
| Total | 98.2 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 98.6 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 43,866 | 3.5 |

Table 4.3.2 Children's food consumption on the day before the interview: non-pupils

| Percent distribution of non-pupils age 4-16 by consumption of breakfast and lunch on the day before the interview and the mean number of meals and snacks eaten that day, according to background characteristics, 2010 NEDS. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background Characteristic | Ate breakfast |  |  |  | Ate lunch |  |  |  |  Mean <br>  number <br> Number of meals <br> of and <br> children snacks |  |
|  | Yes | No | Don't Know / Missing | Total | Yes | No | Don't Know / Missing | Total |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4-5 | 99.3 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 99.2 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 6,445 | 3.7 |
| 6-7 | 99.3 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 99.3 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 3,699 | 3.6 |
| 8-11 | 99.0 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 98.9 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 5,166 | 3.4 |
| 12-16 | 98.3 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 97.9 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 4,864 | 3.4 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 98.9 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 98.5 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 9,529 | 3.5 |
| Female | 99.1 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 99.1 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 10,645 | 3.5 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 98.6 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 98.5 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 2,756 | 3.7 |
| Rural | 99.1 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 98.9 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 17,417 | 3.5 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 98.5 | 1.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 98.2 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 2,698 | 3.1 |
| North East | 98.5 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 98.9 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 5,825 | 3.3 |
| North West | 99.6 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 99.1 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 9,740 | 3.8 |
| South East | 98.6 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 97.2 | 2.6 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 388 | 3.0 |
| South South | 97.4 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 98.7 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 631 | 3.1 |
| South West | 98.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 98.4 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 892 | 3.8 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 99.1 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 98.7 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 9,211 | 3.4 |
| Second | 99.3 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 99.0 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 5,877 | 3.6 |
| Middle | 98.2 | 1.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 99.1 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2,962 | 3.6 |
| Fourth | 99.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 98.6 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1,493 | 3.6 |
| Highest | 97.9 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 97.6 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 603 | 3.6 |
| Total | 99.0 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 98.8 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 20,174 | 3.5 |

Pupils and non-pupils are equally likely to eat breakfast and lunch ( 98 percent and 99 percent, respectively). There were virtually no differences by schooling status in the percentage of children eating meals. There are no notable differences in eating patterns by the background characteristics. On average, the combination of pupils and non-pupils eat four times per day (see Table 4.3.3). Figures for 2004 and 2010 show similar trends, with children slightly more likely to have eaten in 2010 ( 99 versus 95 percent for 2004).

Table 4.3.3 Children's food consumption on the day before the interview: day pupils and non-pupils

| Percent distribution of day pupils and non-pupils age 5-16 by consumption of breakfast and lunch on the day before the interview, and mean number of meals and snacks eaten that day, according to background characteristics, 2010 NEDS. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Ate breakfast |  |  |  | Ate lunch |  |  |  |  Mean <br>  number <br> Number of meals <br> of and <br> children snacks |  |
| Background Characteristic | Yes | No | Don't <br> Know/ Missing | Total | Yes | No | Don't <br> Know/ Missing | Total |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | 99.4 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 99.1 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 12,679 | 3.7 |
| 6-7 | 99.1 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 99.1 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 11,367 | 3.6 |
| 8-11 | 98.5 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 98.7 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 20,857 | 3.4 |
| 12-16 | 97.4 | 2.3 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 98.0 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 19,089 | 3.3 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 98.3 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 98.6 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 32,952 | 3.5 |
| Female | 98.6 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 98.7 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 31,041 | 3.5 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 98.7 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 98.8 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 19,407 | 3.6 |
| Rural | 98.4 | 1.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 98.6 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 44,585 | 3.4 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 97.1 | 2.6 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 97.4 | 2.1 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 9,735 | 3.1 |
| North East | 97.8 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 98.3 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 10,268 | 3.3 |
| North West | 99.5 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 99.3 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 17,989 | 3.9 |
| South East | 98.8 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 98.5 | 1.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 6,627 | 3.1 |
| South South | 97.9 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 98.9 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 8,486 | 3.1 |
| South West | 99.1 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 99.0 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 10,888 | 3.8 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 98.3 | 1.6 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 98.1 | 1.7 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 14,015 | 3.4 |
| Second | 98.7 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 98.8 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 13,757 | 3.5 |
| Middle | 98.1 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 98.8 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 13,201 | 3.4 |
| Fourth | 98.5 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 98.9 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 11,847 | 3.5 |
| Highest | 98.8 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 98.8 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 11,141 | 3.5 |
| Total | 98.5 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 98.7 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 63,992 | 3.5 |

### 4.4 Nutritional Status of Children Age 5-9

The DHS, including the 2008 NDHS, routinely assesses the nutritional status of children age five and under, but few large-scale surveys have collected these data for school-age children. The 2010 NEDS included indirect measuring of the nutritional status of children age $5-10$ by taking body measurements to derive three indices: height-for-age, weight-for-height, and weight-for-age. It is important that an awareness and understanding of the incidence and impact of malnutrition among school-age children be developed to address the factors that cause malnutrition. School-age children suffer from nutritional
problems that may affect their physical and cognitive development, as well as their capacity to attend school, stay in school, and learn while attending school. Previous research has found correlations between nutrition and school enrollment/attendance, performance in school, age-of-entry, absenteeism, repetition, and dropout.

## Measures of Nutritional Status in Childhood

As recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO), the nutritional status of children included in the NEDS is compared with an international reference population defined by the US National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) and accepted by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Each of the three status indicators described below is expressed in standard deviation units (z-scores) from the median for the reference population. The use of this reference population is based on the finding that well-nourished young children of all population groups (for which data exist) follow very similar growth patterns, up to the onset of puberty. ${ }^{7}$ These reference populations serve as a point of comparison, facilitating the examination of differences in the anthropometric status of subgroups in a population and changes in nutritional status over time. In any large population, there is variation in height and weight; this variation approximates a normal distribution.

Each of these indices-height-for-age, weight-for-height, and weight-for-age-give different information about growth and body composition used to assess nutritional status. The height-for-age index is an indicator of linear growth retardation. Children whose height-for-age $z$-score is below minus two standard deviations ( -2 SD ) from the median of the reference population are considered short for their age (stunted) and have been or are chronically malnourished. Children who are below minus three standard deviations ( -3 SD ) from the median of the reference population are considered severely stunted.

Stunting reflects failure to receive adequate nutrition over a long period of time and is also affected by recurrent or chronic illness. ${ }^{8}$ Height-for-age, therefore, represents a long-term effect of malnutrition in a population. Research has found that short stature-a result of stunting-is an important factor in parental decisions to enroll a child in school. Delays in enrollment can have negative, long-term consequences for educational attainment and performance.

The weight-for-height index measures body mass in relation to body length and describes current nutritional status. Children whose $z$-scores are below minus two standard deviations ( $-2 \mathrm{SD} \mathrm{)} \mathrm{from} \mathrm{the}$ median of the reference population are considered thin (wasted) and are acutely malnourished. Wasting represents the failure to receive adequate nutrition in the period immediately preceding the survey and may be the result of inadequate food intake or recent episodes of illness, causing weight loss and the onset of malnutrition. Children whose weight-for-height is below minus three standard deviations ( $-3 \mathrm{SD} \mathrm{)} \mathrm{from}$ the median of the reference population are considered to be severely wasted. Wasted children are more susceptible to disease and are burdened by more health problems.

Weight-for-age (underweight) is a composite index of height-for-age and weight-for-height. It takes into account both acute and chronic malnutrition, but does not distinguish between chronic malnutrition (stunting) and acute malnutrition (wasting). A child can be underweight for age because he is stunted, because he is wasted, or because he is stunted and wasted. It is a good overall indicator of a population's nutritional health and a useful tool in clinical settings for continuous assessment of nutritional progress and growth. Children whose weight-for-age is below minus two standard deviations ( -2 SD ) from the median of the reference population are classified as underweight.

[^11]
## Levels of Child Nutrition in Nigeria

Table 4.4 presents the percentage of children age 4-10 classified as malnourished according to height-forage, weight-for-height, and weight-for-age indices by background characteristics. With this age range, the NEDS, taken together with the 2008 NDHS, provides data on nutritional status for children age $0-9$. The upper age limit for the 2010 NEDS was set at 9 because variations in the maturation and growth rates of adolescent children age 10 and older make growth comparisons problematic. ${ }^{9}$

Table 4.4 Nutritional status of children by demographic characteristics

| Percentage of children age 4-10 classified as malnourished according to three anthropometric indices of nutritional status: height-forage, weight-for-height and weight-for-age, by background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Height-for-age |  | Weight-for-height |  | Weight-for-age |  |  |
|  | Percentage below - 3 SD | Percentage below-2 SD | Percentage below-3 SD | Percentage below-2 SD | Percentage below-3 SD | Percentage below-2 SD | Number |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | 12.5 | 23.1 | 4.3 | 8.9 | 3 | 10.9 | 5,709 |
| 5 | 12.4 | 24.0 | 4.3 | 9.5 | 3.6 | 12.5 | 5,998 |
| 6 | 11.8 | 22.5 | 3.3 | 8.0 | 5.6 | 14.2 | 5,739 |
| 7 | 10.9 | 21.5 | 2.4 | 7.0 | 5.5 | 14.6 | 5,063 |
| 8 | 11 | 20.9 | 1.7 | 4.6 | 7.2 | 17.5 | 5,837 |
| 9 | 9.4 | 19.6 | 1.1 | 2.3 | 6.9 | 16.8 | 5,144 |
| 10 | 10.9 | 23.4 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 7.6 | 19 | 5,834 |
| Gender |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 12 | 23.1 | 2.4 | 5.5 | 6.2 | 16.2 | 20,087 |
| Female | 10.6 | 21.3 | 2.7 | 6.4 | 5 | 13.8 | 19,235 |
| Child's schooling attainment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Has only been to preschool | 8.1 | 15.1 | 3.1 | 7.6 | 3.2 | 8.7 | 13,797 |
| Has been to primary | 7.9 | 16.4 | 1.5 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 11.7 | 6,090 |
| Child's age for class attended in |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Over-age | 11 | 22.2 | 1.2 | 3.5 | 6 | 16.4 | 9,737 |
| On time | 6.4 | 13.3 | 1.7 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 8.8 | 5,759 |
| Under-age | 4.3 | 8.4 | 1.5 | 3.5 | 2.4 | 5.8 | 2,818 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 6.9 | 13.8 | 2.2 | 5.5 | 3.4 | 9.6 | 11,532 |
| Rural | 13.1 | 25.7 | 2.7 | 6.2 | 6.5 | 17.3 | 27,784 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 18.6 | 29.5 | 1.2 | 3.0 | 4.2 | 11.4 | 5,804 |
| North East | 12.4 | 27.9 | 4.0 | 8.7 | 8.9 | 22.8 | 6,326 |
| North West | 14.9 | 29.9 | 3.0 | 7.5 | 8 | 21.8 | 11,970 |
| South East | 5.7 | 10.6 | 0.8 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 5.5 | 3,759 |
| South South | 6.1 | 12.6 | 2.5 | 5.1 | 3.8 | 9.7 | 5,072 |
| South West | 4.2 | 10.1 | 2.4 | 5.9 | 2.7 | 8 | 6,393 |

[^12]Table 4.4 Nutritional status of children by demographic characteristics (continued)

| Percentage of children age 4-10 classified as malnourished according to three anthropometric indices of nutritional status: height-forage, weight-for-height and weight-for-age, by background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Height-for-age |  | Weight-for-height |  | Weight-for-age |  |  |
|  | Percentage below - 3 SD | Percentage below-2 SD | Percentage below-3 SD | Percentage below -2 SD | Percentage below-3 SD | Percentage below-2 SD | Number |
| Mother's education No schooling | 14.9 | 28.9 | 3.1 | 7.1 | 7.9 | 20.6 | 185 |
| Some or completed primary | 9.3 | 19.7 | 2.0 | 5.0 | 4.2 | 12.8 | 19,085 |
| Some or completed secondary or higher | 6.5 | 12.2 | 2.0 | 4.8 | 2.6 | 6.8 | 9,726 |
| Father's education No schooling | 14.8 | 29.2 | 3.4 | 7.4 | 8.1 | 21 | 278 |
| Some or completed primary | 10.7 | 21.8 | 2.1 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 14.2 | 14,620 |
| Some or completed secondary or higher | 8.3 | 15.6 | 2.0 | 5.2 | 3.5 | 9.8 | 9,454 |
| Economic Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 16.5 | 33.3 | 3.7 | 8.6 | 9.2 | 23.9 | 8,807 |
| Second | 13.9 | 27.4 | 2.4 | 5.8 | 6.8 | 18.5 | 8,824 |
| Middle | 11.4 | 21.2 | 2.0 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 13.1 | 8,032 |
| Fourth | 7.6 | 14.9 | 2.3 | 5.0 | 3.8 | 10.1 | 7,091 |
| Highest | 4.7 | 9.4 | 2.1 | 5.4 | 2.2 | 6.2 | 6,570 |
| Disabilities |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Seeing | 18.1 | 52.0 | 2.8 | 7.1 | 7.5 | 33.5 | 50 |
| Hearing | 14.5 | 23.4 | 3.4 | 11.3 | 12.3 | 14.2 | 45 |
| Speaking | 16.8 | 32.1 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 9.8 | 19.1 | 110 |
| Mobility | 28.7 | 45.2 | 5.8 | 7.5 | 20.2 | 41 | 50 |
| Mental | 13.5 | 23.3 | 3.2 | 7.0 | 5.2 | 23.9 | 16 |
| Other | 12.4 | 22.7 | 1.3 | 2.7 | 7.6 | 16.1 | 101 |
| None | 11.3 | 22.2 | 2.5 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 15 | 38,952 |
| Total | 11.3 | 22.2 | 2.5 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 15.1 | 39,324 |

## Stunting (Height-for-Age)

Twenty-two percent of children age 4-10 are moderately and severely stunted (less than -2 SD), whereas only 11 percent are severely stunted (less than -3 SD). Male children and female have about the same likelihood for being stunted ( 23 percent and 21 percent). Children in rural areas are far more likely to be classified as stunted ( 26 percent) than children in urban areas ( 14 percent), and are more likely to be severely stunted as those in urban areas (13 percent versus 7 percent).

As shown in Figure 4.1, the highest rates of stunting are in the North West and North Central (both 30 percent), whereas the lowest rate of stunting is in the South West (10 percent). Similarly, severe stunting is highest in the North Central (Table 4.4, 19 percent). The less economically advantaged the household, the more likely the child is to be stunted: 33 percent of the least advantaged children are stunted,
compared with 9 percent of the most advantaged children. This trend is similar to the 2004 NDES, but with higher proportions ( 37 and 13 percent, respectively).

Figure 4.1 Nutritional Status of Children Age 4-10, by Region


Among children whose parents attended school, there are lower rates of stunting. Twenty nine percent of children age $4-10$ whose mothers have no schooling are stunted, whereas 20 percent of children whose mothers attended primary school are stunted and 12 percent of children whose mothers have some secondary schooling or higher are stunted. A similar pattern is observed with fathers.

Figure 4.2 Nutritional Status of Children Age 4-10, by Economic Status Quintile


## Wasting (Weight-for-Height)

Only 6 percent of children age $4-10$ were found to be wasted, and almost 3 percent were found to be severely wasted. There are slight increases over the rates of wasting in 2004. These findings are comparable to those of the NCHS reference population of well-nourished children, and falls with the normal population range of variability for weight-for-height.

Wasting Is Least Common In Children Age 4-10 In The South East And North Central (Both 3 Percent), And Most Common In Children In The North East And North West (9 Percent And 8 Percent, Respectively). There Are No Substantial Differences By Gender, Parents' Educational Attainment, Or Economic Status. This Is Consistent With The Trends In The 2004 Ed Data.

## Underweight (Weight-for-Age)

Fifteen percent of children age 4-10 are under-weight, whereas 6 percent are severely underweight. As seen with stunting, male children are slightly more likely than female children to be underweight (16 versus 14 percent, respectively). ${ }^{10}$ Children in rural areas are more likely to be underweight ( 17 percent) than children in urban areas ( 10 percent). The North East and North West have the highest prevalence of underweight children ( 23 and 22 percent, respectively), and the South West ( 8 percent) and the South East ( 6 percent) have the lowest prevalence of underweight children (Figure 4.1). Children from less economically advantaged households are more likely to be underweight than are those children in the most economically advantaged households. For example, whereas 24 percent of the least economically advantaged children are underweight, only 6 percent of the most economically advantaged children are underweight.

Similar to results in stunting and wasting, there is a strong relationship between increased parental education and reduced prevalence of underweight children. This trend is stronger in 2010 than it was in 2004, where it did not apply to wasting.

## Child Nutrition and Schooling in Nigeria

Table 4.4 also presents the percentage of children age 4-10 classified as malnourished according to height-for-age, weight-for-height, and weight-for-age indices by the level of schooling they have attained (no schooling, pre-primary only, and some primary education), regardless of their attendance status during the 2009-2010 school year. In addition, data are presented on the nutritional status of pupils aged 4-10 who attended primary school during the 2009-2010 school year by whether they are under age, on time, or over-age for the class attended.

As shown in Figure 4.3, children who attend or have attended pre-primary or primary school are less likely to be stunted (height-for-age) and underweight (weight-for-age) than children who have never attended school. Whereas 32 percent of children with primary or pre-primary schooling are stunted, 34 percent of children with no schooling are stunted. Moreover, children with no schooling are more likely to be severely stunted (Table 4.4, 18 percent) than children with some primary or pre-primary schooling (both 8 percent). Similarly, 23 percent of children with no schooling are underweight, compared with 9 percent of children with pre-primary schooling and 12 percent of children with some primary schooling.

[^13]Figure 4.3 Nutritional Status of Children Age 4-10, by Schooling Attainment


Overall, rates of wasting among children age 4-10 are low; and although children with primary schooling or higher are least likely to be wasted, the differences by schooling attainment are minimal. These findings suggest that all children are unlikely to have suffered from recent inadequate food intake or episodes of illness.

Figure 4.4 Nutritional Status of Children Age 4-10, by Age and Class


### 4.5 Literacy and Numeracy among Children Age 5-16

The 2010 NEDS tested literacy and numeracy among young school-age children regardless of whether they had ever attended school. Although primary schools test pupils' achievement, literacy and numeracy skills are not solely or necessarily acquired through formal schooling. To provide a general estimate of the level of basic literacy and numeracy among children in this age group, the NEDS collected literacy and numeracy data on children age $5-16$ who have never attended school, who are currently attending school, or who have dropped out of school. It is important to note that the 2010 NEDS collected information for age 5-16, ${ }^{11}$ against 4-12 age group covered in 2004.

Literacy and numeracy are complex constructs, not easily captured by one indicator. The NEDS provides only one measure each for literacy and numeracy, and therefore should be interpreted with some caution. Each child was given a simple test for literacy and numeracy. Basic literacy was assessed by asking the child to read a single short sentence in English first and then his or her preferred language (Hausa, Igbo, or Yoruba,). Information was collected on whether they could not read the sentence at all, whether they could read part of the sentence, or whether they could read the entire sentence. Children who could read either part of or an entire sentence correctly are considered to have basic literacy skills. ${ }^{12}$ Basic numeracy was tested by asking a child to add two single-digit numbers that sum to less than 10 (e.g., the sum of $3+$ 2). Information was collected on whether children correctly summed the numbers or not. Children who calculated the correct sum are considered to have basic numeracy skills.

## Literacy

Literacy levels are collected for children in the 5-16 age group both in school and not in school. It shows 46 percent of children are able to read some or all of a sentence (see Table 4.5.3). Older children are more likely than younger children to be literate: 14 percent of children age 5 have basic literacy skills, compared with 58 percent of those ages 12-16. Six percent of children ages 5-16 who have never attended school have acquired basic literacy skills, whereas 28 percent of children who have attended preprimary and 49 percent who have attended primary school are literate. Expectedly, 84 percent of those children who have attended some secondary school are literate, suggesting that for this age group, literacy acquisition is primarily through formal schooling.

[^14]Table 4.5.1 Literacy among male children

| Percent distribution of male children age 5-16 by level of literacy and percent literate, according to the background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background Characteristic | Cannot read at all | Can read part of sentence | Can read whole sentence | No card with required language | Total | Number of children | Percent literate |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | 83.7 | 10.8 | 5.2 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 2,990 | 16.0 |
| 6-7 | 74.2 | 14.1 | 11.5 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 5,499 | 25.6 |
| 8-11 | 53.3 | 18.1 | 28.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 10,228 | 46.5 |
| 12-16 | 29.9 | 14.6 | 55.3 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 10,027 | 69.9 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No Schooling | 91.4 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 7,191 | 8.0 |
| Pre-primary | 68.4 | 21.3 | 10.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,951 | 31.6 |
| Primary | 46.9 | 22.1 | 31.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 14,475 | 53.1 |
| Secondary and Higher | 6.3 | 10.0 | 83.6 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 5,095 | 93.7 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 29.6 | 17.9 | 52.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 8,709 | 70.4 |
| Rural | 62.2 | 14.3 | 23.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 20,035 | 37.6 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 56.9 | 17.1 | 25.7 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 4,395 | 42.8 |
| North East | 81.9 | 9.4 | 8.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 4,580 | 18.1 |
| North West | 67.8 | 15.5 | 16.4 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 8,108 | 31.9 |
| South East | 33.8 | 16.4 | 49.7 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2,893 | 66.1 |
| South South | 31.6 | 17.9 | 50.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 3,869 | 68.4 |
| South West | 22.3 | 16.5 | 61.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 4,899 | 77.7 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 81.5 | 10.0 | 8.1 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 6,272 | 18.1 |
| Second | 67.1 | 15.3 | 17.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 6,145 | 32.7 |
| Middle | 51.5 | 17.0 | 31.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 5,998 | 48.5 |
| Fourth | 34.6 | 19.2 | 46.1 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 5,414 | 65.3 |
| Highest | 17.1 | 15.9 | 66.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 4,906 | 82.8 |
| Total | 52.3 | 15.4 | 32.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 28,744 | 47.5 |

Table 4.5.2 Literacy among female children

| Percent distribution of female children age 5-16 by level of literacy and percent literate, according to the background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background Characteristic | Cannot read at all | Can read part of sentence | Can read whole sentence | No card with required language | Total | Number of children | Percent literate |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | 83.8 | 10.6 | 5.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2,755 | 16.0 |
| 6-7 | 73.3 | 14.8 | 11.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 5,308 | 26.6 |
| 8-11 | 54.9 | 16.6 | 28.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 9,935 | 44.9 |
| 12-16 | 33.8 | 11.7 | 54.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 8,991 | 66.0 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No Schooling | 92.4 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 8,281 | 7.1 |
| Pre-primary | 67.5 | 21.6 | 10.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,741 | 32.4 |
| Primary | 45.6 | 22.2 | 32.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 12,367 | 54.3 |
| Secondary and Higher | 4.7 | 8.1 | 87.2 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 4,583 | 95.3 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 30.5 | 16.8 | 52.6 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 8,390 | 69.4 |
| Rural | 65.3 | 12.7 | 21.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 18,600 | 34.5 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 59.6 | 15.8 | 24.3 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 3,880 | 40.0 |
| North East | 84.5 | 8.5 | 7.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 4,226 | 15.4 |
| North West | 75.7 | 12.4 | 11.6 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 7,940 | 24.0 |
| South East | 30.3 | 16.4 | 53.2 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2,757 | 69.6 |
| South South | 29.5 | 18.5 | 52.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 3,467 | 70.4 |
| South West | 20.0 | 15.6 | 64.4 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 4,720 | 79.9 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 86.6 | 7.0 | 5.9 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 5,717 | 13.0 |
| Second | 72.8 | 12.8 | 14.1 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 5,834 | 26.9 |
| Middle | 53.5 | 16.4 | 30.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 5,435 | 46.4 |
| Fourth | 34.9 | 18.3 | 46.7 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 5,069 | 65.0 |
| Highest | 16.4 | 16.4 | 67.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 4,921 | 83.5 |
| Total | 54.5 | 14.0 | 31.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 26,989 | 45.4 |

Children in urban areas are twice as likely as children in rural areas to be literate ( 63 percent versus 31 percent). The highest basic literacy rates for children age $5-16$ is found in the South West ( 72 percent) while the lowest level of literacy is in the North East (14 percent). The higher the economic status of the child's household, the higher the literacy rate: 76 percent of the most economically advantaged children can read some or all of a sentence, compared with only 13 percent of the least economically advantaged children (Table 4.5.3).

Male children are somewhat more likely than female children to be literate (Tables 4.5.1 and 4.5.2, 48 percent versus 45 percent). As shown in Figure 4.5, the highest rate of literacy for male and female children is found in the South West ( 71 percent and 73 percent, respectively), whereas the male and female lowest rate of literacy is found in the North East ( 15 percent and 13 percent, respectively).

Table 4.5.3 Literacy among children by background characteristic

| Percent distribution of all children age 5-16 by level of literacy and percent literate, according to the background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background Characteristic | Cannot read at all | Can read part of sentence | Can read whole sentence | No card with required language | Total | Number of children | Percent literate |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | 83.7 | 10.7 | 5.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 5,745 | 16.0 |
| 6-7 | 73.7 | 14.4 | 11.6 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 10,806 | 26.1 |
| 8-11 | 54.1 | 17.3 | 28.4 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 20,163 | 45.7 |
| 12-16 | 31.8 | 13.3 | 54.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 19,019 | 68.0 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No Schooling | 91.9 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 15,472 | 7.5 |
| Pre-primary | 68.0 | 21.4 | 10.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 3,692 | 32.0 |
| Primary | 46.3 | 22.1 | 31.5 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 26,841 | 53.6 |
| Secondary and Higher | 5.5 | 9.1 | 85.3 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 9,678 | 94.4 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 30.0 | 17.4 | 52.5 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 17,099 | 69.9 |
| Rural | 63.7 | 13.5 | 22.6 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 38,635 | 36.1 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 58.2 | 16.5 | 25.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 8,274 | 41.5 |
| North East | 83.1 | 9.0 | 7.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 8,806 | 16.8 |
| North West | 71.7 | 13.9 | 14.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 16,049 | 28.0 |
| South East | 32.1 | 16.4 | 51.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 5,651 | 67.8 |
| South South | 30.6 | 18.2 | 51.2 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 7,336 | 69.3 |
| South West | 21.2 | 16.1 | 62.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 9,618 | 78.8 |
| Economic status quintile* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 83.9 | 8.6 | 7.1 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 11,989 | 15.6 |
| Second | 69.9 | 14.1 | 15.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 11,979 | 29.9 |
| Middle | 52.4 | 16.7 | 30.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 11,433 | 47.5 |
| Fourth | 34.7 | 18.8 | 46.4 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 10,483 | 65.2 |
| Highest | 16.8 | 16.2 | 67.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 9,827 | 83.2 |
| Total | 53.3 | 14.7 | 31.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 55,734 | 46.5 |
| *Values for this variable arrived at through imputation. The number of units (children) may not add up to the total value. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 4.5.4 Literacy among children by UBE specifications ${ }^{13}$
Percent distribution of children age 5-16 by level of literacy and percent literate by UBE schooling age specification, 2010 NEDS

| Background Characteristic | Cannot read at all | Can read part of sentence | Can read whole sentence | No card with required language | Total | Number of children | Percent literate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | 83.7 | 10.7 | 5.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 5,745 | 16.0 |
| 6-11 | 61.0 | 16.3 | 22.5 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 30,970 | 38.8 |
| 12-14 | 35.1 | 14.5 | 50.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 12,556 | 64.7 |
| 15-16 | 25.3 | 10.8 | 63.7 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 6,462 | 74.5 |

There is a substantial increase in children's literacy from 28 percent in 2004 to 46 percent in 2010. This change is reflected more in urban areas (from 45 percent to 63 percent) than in rural areas (from 19 percent to 31 percent). The increase for females was from 26 percent to 45 percent and for males from 30 percent to 48 percent. Compared with the 2004 NDES, regional literacy improvements are more remarkable in the South West, with an increased proportion from 55 percent to 72 percent, than in the North East, with an increased proportion from13 percent to 14 percent.

Figure 4.5 Literacy among Children Age 5-16, by Sex and Region


## Numeracy

A higher percentage of children age 5-16 exhibit rudimentary numeracy skills than literacy skills: 58 percent can perform simple addition, compared with 41 percent who are literate (see Tables 4.6.3 and 4.5.3, respectively). Twenty-three percent of children age 5 have numeracy skills, whereas that of $12-16$ age group is 77 percent. As expected, numeracy skills improve by schooling level: 14 percent for children with no schooling, 48 percent with pre-primary, 71 percent with primary, and 97 percent with secondary.

[^15]
## Table 4.6.1 Numeracy among male children

Percent distribution of male children age 5-16 by numeracy, according to background characteristics, 2010 NEDS

| Background Characteristic | Did not correctly sum numbers/ no answer given | Correctly summed number | Total | Number of children |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | 77.5 | 22.5 | 100.0 | 3,397 |
| 6-7 | 61.6 | 38.4 | 100.0 | 6,122 |
| 8-11 | 36.9 | 63.1 | 100.0 | 11,473 |
| 12-16 | 20.6 | 79.4 | 100.0 | 11,752 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No Schooling | 84.9 | 15.1 | 100.0 | 8,988 |
| Pre-primary | 53.4 | 46.6 | 100.0 | 2,193 |
| Primary | 28.8 | 71.2 | 100.0 | 15,779 |
| Secondary and Higher | 3.0 | 97.0 | 100.0 | 5,724 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 22.1 | 77.9 | 100.0 | 9,604 |
| Rural | 48.0 | 52.0 | 100.0 | 23,140 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 40.6 | 59.4 | 100.0 | 5,114 |
| North East | 70.8 | 29.2 | 100.0 | 5,382 |
| North West | 56.3 | 43.7 | 100.0 | 9,276 |
| South East | 21.6 | 78.4 | 100.0 | 3,245 |
| South South | 18.6 | 81.4 | 100.0 | 4,328 |
| South West | 12.1 | 87.9 | 100.0 | 5,398 |
| Economic status quintile* |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 71.0 | 29.0 | 100.0 | 7,456 |
| Second | 52.1 | 47.9 | 100.0 | 7,107 |
| Middle | 34.4 | 65.6 | 100.0 | 6,852 |
| Fourth | 22.5 | 77.5 | 100.0 | 5,955 |
| Highest | 11.9 | 88.1 | 100.0 | 5,362 |
| Total | 40.2 | 59.8 | 100.0 | 32,744 |
| *Values for this variable arrived at through imputation. The number of units (children) may not add up to the total value. |  |  |  |  |

Table 4.6.2 Numeracy among female children

| Percent distribution of female children aged 5-16 by numeracy, according to background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background Characteristic | Did not correctly sum numbers/ no answer given | Correctly summed number | Total | Number of children |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | 75.9 | 24.1 | 100.0 | 3,199 |
| 6-7 | 60.5 | 39.5 | 100.0 | 5,917 |
| 8-11 | 41.8 | 58.2 | 100.0 | 11,018 |
| 12-16 | 25.8 | 74.2 | 100.0 | 10,695 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No Schooling | 86.2 | 13.8 | 100.0 | 10,133 |
| Pre-primary | 49.7 | 50.3 | 100.0 | 1,987 |
| Primary | 28.9 | 71.1 | 100.0 | 13,491 |
| Secondary and Higher | 2.7 | 97.3 | 100.0 | 5,174 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 22.7 | 77.3 | 100.0 | 9,280 |
| Rural | 53.1 | 46.9 | 100.0 | 21,549 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 43.5 | 56.5 | 100.0 | 4,669 |
| North East | 75.4 | 24.6 | 100.0 | 4,915 |
| North West | 65.1 | 34.9 | 100.0 | 9,070 |
| South East | 20.7 | 79.3 | 100.0 | 3,084 |
| South South | 19.0 | 81.0 | 100.0 | 3,902 |
| South West | 10.4 | 89.6 | 100.0 | 5,188 |
| Economic status quintile* |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 77.9 | 22.1 | 100.0 | 6,763 |
| Second | 59.0 | 41.0 | 100.0 | 6,746 |
| Middle | 38.1 | 61.9 | 100.0 | 6,276 |
| Fourth | 23.9 | 76.1 | 100.0 | 5,615 |
| Highest | 11.8 | 88.2 | 100.0 | 5,402 |
| Total | 43.7 | 56.3 | 100.0 | 30,829 |
| *Values for this variable arrived at through imputation. The number of units (children) may not add up to the total value. |  |  |  |  |

Children in urban areas are far more likely than children in rural areas to have basic numeracy skills (Table 4.6.3, 78 percent versus 50 percent), as is the case with literacy (Table 4.5.3, 63 percent versus 31 percent). The highest percentages of children able to calculate the correct sum are found in the South West ( 89 percent). The lowest rates of numeracy are found in the North East ( 27 percent). The percentage of children able to calculate sums correctly increases with household economic status: 26 percent of the
least advantaged children answered correctly, compared with 88 percent of the most advantaged children and the same trend occurs with literacy.

Table 4.6.3 Numeracy among children

| Percent distribution of male and female children age 5-16 by numeracy, according to background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background Characteristic | Did not correctly sum numbers/ no answer given | Correctly summed number | Total | Number of children |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | 76.7 | 23.3 | 100.0 | 6,596 |
| 6-7 | 61.0 | 39.0 | 100.0 | 12,039 |
| 8-11 | 39.3 | 60.7 | 100.0 | 22,491 |
| 12-16 | 23.1 | 76.9 | 100.0 | 22,447 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No Schooling | 85.6 | 14.4 | 100.0 | 19,121 |
| Pre-primary | 51.6 | 48.4 | 100.0 | 4,181 |
| Primary | 28.9 | 71.1 | 100.0 | 29,271 |
| Secondary and | 2.9 | 97.1 | 100.0 | 10,898 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 22.4 | 77.6 | 100.0 | 18,884 |
| Rural | 50.5 | 49.5 | 100.0 | 44,689 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 42.0 | 58.0 | 100.0 | 9,784 |
| North East | 73.0 | 27.0 | 100.0 | 10,297 |
| North West | 60.6 | 39.4 | 100.0 | 18,346 |
| South East | 21.2 | 78.8 | 100.0 | 6,330 |
| South South | 18.8 | 81.2 | 100.0 | 8,230 |
| South West | 11.3 | 88.7 | 100.0 | 10,587 |
| Economic status quintile* |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 74.3 | 25.7 | 100.0 | 14,219 |
| Second | 55.4 | 44.6 | 100.0 | 13,854 |
| Middle | 36.2 | 63.8 | 100.0 | 13,128 |
| Fourth | 23.1 | 76.9 | 100.0 | 11,570 |
| Highest | 11.8 | 88.2 | 100.0 | 10,763 |
| Total | 41.9 | 58.1 | 100.0 | 63,573 |
| *Values for this variable arrived at through imputation. The number of units (children) may not add up to the total value. |  |  |  |  |

## Table 4.6.4 Numeracy among children by UBE age range

| Percent distribution of male and female children age 5-16 by numeracy by UBE schooling age specification, according to background characteristics, NEDS,2010 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background Characteristic | correctly sum numbers/ no answer | Correctly summed number | Total | Number of children |
| Age |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | 76.7 | 23.3 | 100.0 | 6,596 |
| 6-11 | 46.9 | 53.1 | 100.0 | 34,530 |
| 12-14 | 25.5 | 74.5 | 100.0 | 14,499 |
| 15-16 | 18.4 | 81.6 | 100.0 | 7,948 |
| Education |  |  |  |  |
| No Schooling | 85.6 | 14.4 | 100.0 | 19,121 |
| Pre-primary | 51.6 | 48.4 | 100.0 | 4,181 |
| Primary | 28.9 | 71.1 | 100.0 | 29,271 |
| Secondary and | 2.9 | 97.1 | 100.0 | 10,898 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 22.4 | 77.6 | 100.0 | 18,884 |
| Rural | 50.5 | 49.5 | 100.0 | 44,689 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 42.0 | 58.0 | 100.0 | 9,784 |
| North East | 73.0 | 27.0 | 100.0 | 10,297 |
| North West | 60.6 | 39.4 | 100.0 | 18,346 |
| South East | 21.2 | 78.8 | 100.0 | 6,330 |
| South South | 18.8 | 81.2 | 100.0 | 8,230 |
| South West | 11.3 | 88.7 | 100.0 | 10,587 |
| Economic status quintile* |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 74.3 | 25.7 | 100.0 | 14,219 |
| Second | 55.4 | 44.6 | 100.0 | 13,854 |
| Middle | 36.2 | 63.8 | 100.0 | 13,128 |
| Fourth | 23.1 | 76.9 | 100.0 | 11,570 |
| Highest | 11.8 | 88.2 | 100.0 | 10,763 |
| Total | 41.9 | 58.1 | 100.0 | 63,573 |
| * Values for this variable arrived at through imputation. The number of units (children) may not add up to the total value. |  |  |  |  |

Male children are slightly more likely than female children to be numerate ( 60 percent [Table 4.6.1] versus 56 percent [Table 4.6.2], respectively). As shown in Figure 4.6, female and male children are most likely to be numerate in the South West ( 90 and 88 percent, respectively) and least likely to be numerate in the North East (25 and 29 percent, respectively).

Also as with literacy, there are substantial variations across geo-political zones, gender, and residence (urban-rural). Comparisons with 2004 show improvements in numeracy overall ( 58 percent in 2010 compared with 45 percent in 2004), by residence with rural areas ( 50 percent in 2010 compared with 37 percent in 2004), and by urban areas ( 78 percent in 2010 compared with 63 percent in 2004). By gender distribution, there is an increase in both males and females 60 percent and 56 percent in 2010, compared with ( 8 percent and 43 percent in 2004, respectively.

Table 4.6.4 is included to show numeracy rates by levels of schooling and age categories that conform to UBE standards. These results are not discussed in the text.

Figure 4.6 Numeracy among Children Age 4-16, by Sex and Region


## 5. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RATES

This chapter presents information on school attendance ratios for primary and secondary school pupils. The chapter also presents drop-out and repetition rates in the primary school class.

The 2010 NEDS survey collected information about school attendance in the 2009-2010 school year among children age $4-16$. This information is used below to calculate the net and gross attendance ratios (NAR and GAR, respectively), and the repetition and drop-out rates (see Section 5.5). The 2008 NDHS survey and the 2010 NEDS approach to measuring children's participation in schooling differs both methodologically and substantively from those generally used by ministries of education and internationally in education statistics. The FMOE in Nigeria collects data from school enrollment records and uses population estimates to produce figures on children's school enrollment rates. The 2008 NDHS survey and the 2010 NEDS, on the other hand, measure children's participation in schooling using data on school attendance collected from a representative sample of households. Attendance ratios indicate the percentage of children who attend school, based on responses to questions about whether children attended formal academic school at any time during the given school year. The formula for NAR and GAR is often represented for primary school as:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { NAR }=\frac{\text { all children age } 6-11 \text { in primary school }}{\text { all children age } 6-11 \text { in the population }} \\
& \text { GAR }=\frac{\text { all children age } 5-16 \text { in primary school }}{\text { all children age } 5-16 \text { in the population }}
\end{aligned}
$$

The NAR indicates participation in schooling among those of official school age, which is age 3-5 for nursery or kindergarten (early childhood education or pre-primary school), age 6-11 for primary, 12-14 for junior secondary, and 6-14 for universal basic education. GAR indicates school attendance among children of any age, from age 5 to 16 , and is expressed as a percentage of the school-age population for that level of schooling, although technically, the GAR is not a percentage. The GAR is nearly always higher than the NAR for the same level, because the GAR includes participation by children who are older or younger than the official age range for that level. An NAR of 100 percent would indicate that all of the children in the official age range for the level attend the respective school. The GAR can exceed 100 if there is sizeable over-age or under-age participation at that level of schooling.

The gender parity index (GPI) measures sex-related differences in school attendance rates: it is calculated by dividing the gross attendance ratio for females by the gross attendance ratio for males. If the primary school GAR for females and males were the same, say 86 , then the GPI would be $86 / 86$, or 1 , showing parity or equality between the rates of participation among female and male children. However, if males participate at a higher rate than do females, the GPI would be below 1 . The closer the GPI is to 0 , the greater the gender disparity in favor of males. A GPI greater than 1 indicates a gender disparity in favor of females, meaning that a higher proportion of females than males attend that level of schooling.

In this chapter, it was decided to base all the attendance ratios on the 2008 NDHS to facilitate comparisons with the approach in the 2004 NDES final report. Also, readers should note that Table 5.3 is not included in this report because the relevant data are not available from the 2008 NDHS.

### 5.1 Primary School Attendance Ratios

The primary school NAR and GAR for 2009-2010 school year and the GPI by household background characteristics such as residence, zones, parent's educational attainment, and economic status quintile is
presented in Table 5.1. Sixty-one percent of primary school-age children (age 6-11) attend primary school. Males are more likely than females to attend primary school ( 64 percent versus 58 percent, respectively). In addition, there is a sizeable urban-rural difference in the net attendance ratio: 74 percent of children in urban areas attend primary school, compared with 55 percent in rural areas.

Table 5.1 Primary school net and gross attendance ratios

| Primary net attendance ratios (NAR), gross attendance ratios (GAR), and the gender parity index (GPI) for the de jure household population age 5-24, by sex, according to background characteristics, 2008 NDHS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background Characteristics | Net Attendance Ratio (NAR) |  |  | Gross Attendance Ratio |  |  | Gender Parity Index |
|  |  |  |  |  | (GAR) |  |  |
|  | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 75.7 | 73.0 | 74.4 | 101.4 | 96.7 | 99.0 | 0.95 |
| Rural | 58.5 | 52.2 | 55.4 | 85.0 | 73.6 | 79.3 | 0.87 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 67.7 | 65.2 | 66.4 | 99.5 | 92.8 | 96.1 | 0.93 |
| North East | 43.5 | 38.0 | 40.8 | 64.7 | 53.3 | 59.0 | 0.82 |
| North West | 46.7 | 35.5 | 41.0 | 68.2 | 48.9 | 58.5 | 0.72 |
| South East | 80.3 | 80.0 | 80.1 | 112.5 | 112.1 | 112.3 | 1.00 |
| South South | 79.3 | 79.9 | 79.6 | 110.7 | 111.7 | 111.2 | 1.01 |
| South West | 80.2 | 78.0 | 79.1 | 105.4 | 101.9 | 103.6 | 0.97 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 34.0 | 26.7 | 30.5 | 52.7 | 40.1 | 46.4 | 0.76 |
| Second | 55.4 | 47.5 | 51.4 | 83.8 | 68.6 | 76.2 | 0.82 |
| Middle | 73.9 | 68.1 | 71.1 | 106.6 | 97.1 | 101.8 | 0.91 |
| Fourth | 79.9 | 76.3 | 78.1 | 109.2 | 103.1 | 106.1 | 0.94 |
| Highest | 82.1 | 81.0 | 81.6 | 103.5 | 101.9 | 102.7 | 0.98 |
| Total | 63.5 | 58.4 | 61.0 | 89.8 | 80.5 | 85.1 | 0.90 |

In Nigeria, a sizeable proportion of primary school pupils falls outside the official age range for primary schooling: although the primary school NAR is 61 percent, the GAR is 85 , indicating that for every 61 pupils age 6-11, there are 24 pupils who are either younger than age 6 or older than age 11 . As is the case with the NAR, the male GAR (90) exceeds the female GAR (81), yielding a gender parity index of 0.90 . The GPI of 0.90 indicates school attendance favors males.

Zonal differences in both net and gross attendance ratios are substantial. The primary schools' NAR in the southern zones are much higher than those in the northern zones of North West and North East (41 percent) and the NAR in the North Central zone ( 66 percent). A similar pattern exists for primary school attendance among children, with the highest GARs in the southern zones and in the North Central zone (Table 5.1 and Figure 5.1).

Figure 5.1 Primary Net Attendance Ratio, by Region and Sex


2008 NDHS

Within the zones, there are also differences in GAR by sex (Figure 5.2). The GPI favors males in all the zones except South East and South South, which have nearly equal parity. The GPI for the northern zones are lower (North West 0.72 , North East 0.82 , and North Central 0.93 ) than those for the southern zones (South West 0.97, South East 1.00, and South South, 1.01). In essence, school attendance in the northern zones tilts more in favor of males over females, but favors females in the southern zones.

Figure 5.2 Primary Gross Attendance Ratio, by Region and Sex


2008 NDHS
At the primary level, there are similarities in NAR and GAR by economic status. Among children age 524 in the highest quintile, 82 percent attend primary school, compared with 31 percent in the lowest quintile (Table 5.1 and Figure 5.4). This means children from the most advantaged households are more than twice as likely as those from the least advantaged households to attend primary school. The GAR follows a similar pattern: with a GAR of 106 in the fourth quintile, indicating sizeable over-age or under-
age participation at that level, and a GAR of 46 in the poorest quintile. Gender disparities in favor of boys in the GAR tend to decrease with higher quintiles. For instance, the GPI in the lowest quintile is 0.76 , while it is 0.98 in the highest quintile.

Figure 5.4 Primary Net Attendance Ratio, by Economic Status Quintile


Economic Status Quintile, 2008 NDHS

Comparing 2004 with 2010 data, there are no notable differences in overall NARs and GARs and for both males and females. However, for both survey years, the NAR is always higher in urban than rural areas. The North East and North West have lower NARs in both surveys.

### 5.2 Secondary School Attendance Ratios

At the secondary level, a far lower proportion of school-age children attend school than at the primary level. Forty-four percent of children age 12-17 attend secondary school in Nigeria (Table 5.2). There is no difference by gender (NAR of 44 percent). However, the percentage of children attending secondary school in urban areas is about twice as much as that for children in rural areas: 60 percent of children in urban areas attend secondary school, compared with 36 percent of those in rural areas.

A sizeable proportion of students falls outside the official age range for secondary schooling: the secondary NAR is 44 percent and the GAR is 65 , indicating that for every 44 students age $12-17$, there are 21 students who are either younger than age 12 or older than age 17. Among children up to the age of 24 , there is a no notable gender gap in junior secondary school attendance, with a male GAR of 68 and a female GAR of 63 , producing a GPI of 0.93 .

Regional differences in both net and gross attendance ratios are substantial. The secondary school NAR in the South West ( 65 percent) is about three times higher than the NAR in the North East ( 22 percent). About half ( 1 in 2) of the children age $12-17$ in the southern zones attend secondary school, whereas about 1 in 4 children of the same age group in the North East and North West zones attend secondary school.

Gender differences for NAR and GAR are noteworthy and are presented in Figures 5.5 and 5.6, respectively.

Figure 5.5 Secondary Net Attendance Ratio, by Region and Sex


Nigeria DHS 2008

Figure 5.6 Secondary Gross Attendance Ratio, by Region and Sex


Nigeria DHS 2008
Attendance of secondary school is also directly related to socio-economic status of households (Figure 5.7). Children age $12-17$ in households in the highest quintile are five times more likely to attend secondary school than their counterparts in the lowest quintile. The GAR follows the same pattern as the NAR.

Figure 5.7 Junior Secondary Net Attendance Ratio, by Economic Status Quintile


Economic Status Quintile, 2008 NDHS

Table 5.2 Secondary school attendance ratios

| Secondary net attendance ratios (NAR), gross attendance ratios (GAR), and the gender parity index (GPI) for the de jure household population age 5_24, by sex, according to background characteristics, 2008 NDHS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Net Attendance Ratio (NAR) |  |  | Gross Attendance Ratio |  |  | Gender Parity |
| Background Characteristics | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Index |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 60.5 | 60.1 | 60.3 | 87.8 | 82.0 | 84.9 | 0.93 |
| Rural | 36.2 | 35.8 | 36.0 | 58.0 | 52.4 | 55.2 | 0.90 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 38.8 | 36.0 | 37.4 | 67.6 | 57.0 | 62.3 | 0.84 |
| North East | 21.8 | 21.7 | 21.8 | 37.3 | 31.1 | 34.2 | 0.83 |
| North West | 27.4 | 20.9 | 24.4 | 47.7 | 29.4 | 38.5 | 0.62 |
| South East | 57.8 | 60.2 | 59.0 | 81.0 | 80.5 | 80.8 | 0.99 |
| South South | 58.5 | 58.4 | 58.4 | 87.0 | 84.7 | 85.9 | 0.97 |
| South West | 63.8 | 66.1 | 65.0 | 89.4 | 91.4 | 90.4 | 1.02 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 14.0 | 10.0 | 12.2 | 25.1 | 16.1 | 20.6 | 0.64 |
| Second | 29.0 | 25.0 | 27.2 | 48.6 | 36.7 | 42.6 | 0.76 |
| Middle | 43.4 | 43.7 | 43.6 | 72.3 | 63.4 | 67.9 | 0.88 |
| Fourth | 58.9 | 59.0 | 58.9 | 91.6 | 83.2 | 87.4 | 0.91 |
| Highest | 73.4 | 72.3 | 72.8 | 97.4 | 99.1 | 98.2 | 1.02 |
| Total | 44.0 | 44.2 | 44.1 | 67.6 | 62.6 | 65.1 | 0.93 |

### 5.3 Over-age, Under-age, and On-time Pupils

Pupils are considered to be over-age if they are two or more years older, and under-age if they are one or more years younger, than the official age for their class. Pupils are considered to be on-time if they are the official age or one year older than the official age for their class. As the official age of entry into primary 1 is age 6 , a primary 1 pupil who is age 6 or 7 years is considered to be on-time; a pupil age 8 or older is over-age, and a pupil age 5 or younger is under-age. These indicators-under-age, on-time, or over-age for class-differ from the percentage of primary school pupils outside the primary school age range (see discussion in Sections 5.1 and 5.2) in that the proportion of pupils over-age, on-time, and under-age is calculated for each primary school class, rather than for primary school overall.

Having under-age and over-age pupils in class may affect pupil learning, as well as on persistence in school. For example, in a class with pupils ranging in age from 5 to 15 , teachers may have difficulty managing the learning environment, as younger and older pupils are at different stages of physical, social, and intellectual development. In addition, some research suggests that over-age children-especially girls-may be more susceptible to drop out before completing primary school. Finally, in systems where school structures are limited, the presence of under-age children may displace over-age children, who are likely to have a smaller window of opportunity for schooling, before assuming adult productive and reproductive roles.

Some children start school late; others may repeat primary school classes or temporarily drop out of school, falling behind their peers. Over-age learners among primary school pupils is a rampant issue in Nigeria, with 37 percent of primary school pupils (Table 5.3) being over-age for the class they attend. Forty-three percent are on-time or are at the appropriate age for the class, and smaller proportions ( 20 percent) are under-age. The prevalence of over-age pupils increases through the classes, rising from 29 percent in primary one to 43 percent in primary six. This represents a decline when compared with the 2004 NDES result, where 49 percent of primary school pupils were reported as being-over age for the class they attend, 34 percent in primary one, and 58 percent in primary six.

Table 5.3 Over-age, under-age, and on-time pupils

| Percentage distribution of over-age, under-age, and on-time de jure pupils in primary school, by primary class and sex, NEDS, 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Primary class | Overage | On- <br> time | Underage | Total | Number of children |
| MALE |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 30.5 | 51.8 | 17.7 | 100.0 | 1,998 |
| 2 | 32.6 | 46.7 | 20.7 | 100.0 | 2,516 |
| 3 | 41.6 | 40.2 | 18.2 | 100.0 | 2,227 |
| 4 | 41.7 | 38.1 | 20.2 | 100.0 | 1,769 |
| 5 | 47.2 | 36.4 | 16.3 | 100.0 | 1,487 |
| 6 | 44.8 | 36.3 | 18.9 | 100.0 | 1,553 |
| Total | 38.9 | 42.3 | 18.8 | 100.0 | 11,550 |
| FEMALE |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 26.9 | 52.4 | 20.7 | 100.0 | 1,690 |
| 2 | 27.9 | 49.8 | 22.3 | 100.0 | 2,152 |
| 3 | 38.2 | 43.5 | 18.3 | 100.0 | 1,961 |
| 4 | 34.8 | 44.0 | 21.2 | 100.0 | 1,574 |
| 5 | 44.8 | 33.8 | 21.4 | 100.0 | 1,370 |
| 6 | 40.3 | 38.0 | 21.6 | 100.0 | 1,253 |
| Total | 34.7 | 44.4 | 20.9 | 100.0 | 10,000 |
| TOTAL |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 28.9 | 52.1 | 19.1 | 100.0 | 3,689 |
| 2 | 30.5 | 48.1 | 21.4 | 100.0 | 4,670 |
| 3 | 40.0 | 41.8 | 18.2 | 100.0 | 4,187 |
| 4 | 38.4 | 40.9 | 20.7 | 100.0 | 3,343 |
| 5 | 46.1 | 35.2 | 18.8 | 100.0 | 2,857 |
| 6 | 42.8 | 37.1 | 20.1 | 100.0 | 2,807 |
| Total | 37.0 | 43.3 | 19.8 | 100.0 | 29,966 |

### 5.4 Age-specific Schooling Status

Many male children of secondary school age still attend primary school; for example, 30 percent of 14-year-old male children attend primary school, whereas only 48 percent attend secondary school (Table 5.4.1). Three times the percentage of male children age 5-16 in urban areas never attended school in rural areas ( 9 percent versus 29 percent). There is no marked difference between the percentages of urban and rural residents that are in primary school, 43 percent and 41 percent, respectively. Among the regions (zones), the South East, South South, and South West have the lowest percentages of male children age $5-16$ who have never attended school ( 3 percent to 6 percent), whereas the North East and North West have the highest ( 49 percent and 41 percent), respectively.

There is a striking difference in the age-specific schooling status by socio-economic status of households. More than half of the males age $5-16$ in the lowest economic quintile have never attended school, compared with 2 percent of those in the highest quintile.

Table 5.4.1 Age-specific schooling among male children age 5-24

| Percent distribution of de jure male children aged 5-24 by schooling status, according to background characteristics, 2008 NDHS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Schooling Status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background Characteristics | Never attended | Dropped out/Left school 2+ years ago | Preprimary | Primary | Secondary or higher | Missing | Total | Number of children |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | 46.1 | 0.8 | 23.0 | 24.9 | 0.0 | 5.2 | 100.0 | 2,151 |
| 6 | 36.9 | 1.1 | 12.3 | 45.7 | 0.2 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 2,549 |
| 7 | 30.7 | 1.2 | 6.7 | 58.9 | 0.4 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 2,368 |
| 8 | 25.0 | 0.8 | 3.2 | 68.3 | 0.8 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 2,518 |
| 9 | 18.8 | 0.8 | 2.2 | 75.1 | 1.9 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 1,773 |
| 10 | 22.7 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 69.1 | 5.0 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 2,384 |
| 11 | 13.4 | 2.1 | 0.8 | 71.5 | 11.1 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 1,342 |
| 12 | 17.0 | 2.8 | 0.1 | 55.5 | 23.4 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 2,056 |
| 13 | 16.6 | 3.4 | 0.1 | 44.1 | 34.7 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 1,562 |
| 14 | 14.7 | 5.6 | 0.1 | 29.9 | 48.2 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 1,640 |
| 15 | 20.4 | 6.5 | 0.0 | 15.2 | 56.2 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 1,326 |
| 16 | 14.8 | 8.5 | 0.0 | 11.5 | 64.5 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 970 |
| 17 | 16.9 | 11.1 | 0.0 | 8.7 | 61.5 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 866 |
| 18 | 15.7 | 18.8 | 0.0 | 7.0 | 56.0 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 1,080 |
| 19 | 7.9 | 28.6 | 0.0 | 3.2 | 56.6 | 3.6 | 100.0 | 595 |
| 20 | 19.4 | 32.9 | 0.0 | 3.6 | 38.3 | 5.8 | 100.0 | 1,094 |
| 21 | 7.6 | 43.9 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 39.1 | 7.5 | 100.0 | 435 |
| 22 | 12.6 | 45.5 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 34.4 | 7.3 | 100.0 | 527 |
| 23 | 9.9 | 47.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 29.9 | 12.3 | 100.0 | 407 |
| 24 | 9.2 | 51.1 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 26.2 | 12.3 | 100.0 | 338 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 9.0 | 9.8 | 5.9 | 43.4 | 28.9 | 3.0 | 100.0 | 8,836 |
| Rural | 29.0 | 6.7 | 3.1 | 40.6 | 17.9 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 19,145 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 20.0 | 6.6 | 2.9 | 47.9 | 20.6 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 4,159 |
| North East | 48.5 | 5.2 | 0.9 | 31.4 | 11.5 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 4,002 |
| North West | 41.2 | 5.4 | 1.3 | 33.1 | 14.3 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 7,201 |
| South East | 3.2 | 11.7 | 8.2 | 47.7 | 28.2 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 3,120 |
| South South | 4.7 | 9.5 | 7.0 | 48.4 | 28.8 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 4,281 |
| South West | 5.9 | 9.9 | 6.0 | 46.4 | 29.2 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 5,216 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 56.9 | 5.1 | 1.1 | 26.8 | 7.2 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 5,651 |
| Second | 32.9 | 6.2 | 2.1 | 41.3 | 14.6 | 2.8 | 100.0 | 5,606 |
| Middle | 14.1 | 7.3 | 3.6 | 50.4 | 22.2 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 5,848 |
| Fourth | 5.9 | 9.1 | 6.4 | 46.5 | 29.3 | 2.8 | 100.0 | 5,795 |
| Highest | 2.4 | 11.1 | 7.0 | 42.3 | 34.6 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 5,062 |
| Total | 22.7 | 7.7 | 4.0 | 41.5 | 21.4 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 27,981 |

Age-specific schooling status among female children (Table 5.4.2) is consistent with those for male children. Many female children of secondary school age still attend primary; for example 24 percent of 14 -year-old female children attend primary school, but only 50 percent attend secondary. The percentage of female children age 5-16 that never attended school is higher in rural areas than in urban areas (36 percent versus 12 percent, respectively). Among the regions, the South East, South South and South West have the lowest percentages of female age $5-16$ who have never attended school ( 4 to 6 percent), whereas the North East and North West have the highest (57 percent). Sixty-six percent of female aged 5-16 in the lowest economic quintile have never attended school, compared with 2 percent of those in the highest quintile.

Table 5.4.2 Age-specific schooling among female children age 5-24

| Percent distribution of de jure female children aged 5-24 by schooling status, according to background characteristics, 2008 NDHS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Schooling Status |  |  |  |  | Missing | Total | Number of children |
| Background Characteristics | Never attended | Dropped out/Left school 2+ <br> years ago | Preprimary | Primary | Secondary or higher |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | 46.4 | 0.5 | 21.0 | 25.1 | 0.1 | 6.8 | 100.0 | 2,028 |
| 6 | 39.7 | 0.9 | 12.5 | 42.5 | 0.2 | 4.3 | 100.0 | 2,552 |
| 7 | 35.8 | 0.4 | 6.5 | 54.5 | 0.3 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 2,200 |
| 8 | 30.2 | 0.7 | 3.0 | 63.9 | 0.7 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 2,536 |
| 9 | 22.4 | 0.8 | 2.0 | 71.6 | 2.1 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 1,717 |
| 10 | 30.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 61.9 | 4.8 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 2,260 |
| 11 | 19.0 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 62.0 | 16.1 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 1,236 |
| 12 | 22.9 | 3.2 | 0.3 | 49.7 | 22.8 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 1,966 |
| 13 | 21.9 | 3.4 | 0.0 | 38.9 | 35.0 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 1,540 |
| 14 | 19.7 | 5.1 | 0.1 | 24.0 | 49.7 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 1,459 |
| 15 | 15.7 | 8.1 | 0.0 | 13.3 | 61.2 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 1,131 |
| 16 | 14.5 | 9.6 | 0.0 | 8.4 | 65.3 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 867 |
| 17 | 18.7 | 16.0 | 0.1 | 4.3 | 59.7 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 786 |
| 18 | 26.5 | 23.2 | 0.0 | 3.6 | 41.3 | 5.4 | 100.0 | 1,110 |
| 19 | 20.6 | 34.7 | 0.0 | 1.9 | 38.3 | 4.4 | 100.0 | 627 |
| 20 | 41.0 | 37.2 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 16.4 | 4.9 | 100.0 | 1,402 |
| 21 | 25.2 | 48.4 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 19.3 | 6.8 | 100.0 | 533 |
| 22 | 31.0 | 44.8 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 15.9 | 7.7 | 100.0 | 874 |
| 23 | 23.5 | 49.4 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 15.1 | 12.0 | 100.0 | 705 |
| 24 | 23.8 | 53.3 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 11.6 | 10.8 | 100.0 | 651 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 11.9 | 13.2 | 5.0 | 40.0 | 26.6 | 3.3 | 100.0 | 8,998 |
| Rural | 36.4 | 9.2 | 3.0 | 33.7 | 14.5 | 3.3 | 100.0 | 19,182 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 25.4 | 9.6 | 3.0 | 43.5 | 15.9 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 4,144 |
| North East | 56.8 | 6.3 | 1.1 | 24.8 | 8.0 | 3.0 | 100.0 | 3,885 |
| North West | 56.8 | 5.4 | 1.0 | 24.1 | 7.3 | 5.3 | 100.0 | 7,346 |
| South East | 3.7 | 14.9 | 7.4 | 44.0 | 27.9 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 3,407 |
| South South | 4.1 | 15.5 | 6.5 | 43.9 | 27.6 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 4,124 |
| South West | 6.0 | 14.4 | 5.2 | 41.9 | 29.7 | 2.8 | 100.0 | 5,273 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 66.1 | 5.7 | 0.8 | 19.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 100.0 | 5,463 |
| Second | 44.3 | 8.4 | 1.9 | 32.5 | 9.4 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 5,837 |
| Middle | 20.9 | 10.3 | 4.0 | 43.2 | 18.2 | 3.3 | 100.0 | 5,722 |
| Fourth | 9.1 | 13.5 | 5.7 | 42.6 | 26.0 | 3.0 | 100.0 | 5,696 |
| Highest | 2.4 | 14.4 | 5.9 | 39.9 | 34.6 | 2.8 | 100.0 | 5,460 |
| Total | 28.6 | 10.5 | 3.7 | 35.7 | 18.3 | 3.3 | 100.0 | 28,180 |

A majority of the children age 5-16 (74 percent) attended school either in 2009-2010 or the previous school year (Table 5.4.3). Twenty-six percent of children age never attended school. The percentage of school-age children who have never attended school is highest from aged 5 to 10 years (ranging from 21 percent to 46 percent). Among children age 11-16, the percentage of children who have never attended school ranges from 15 percent to 20 percent.

Children are classified into two broad groups by schooling status: never attended school or dropped out of school. Many children of secondary school age still attend primary school; for example, 27 percent of 14-year-old children attend primary school, whereas 49 percent attend secondary school. The percentage of children that never attended school is higher in rural areas than in urban areas ( 33 percent versus 11 percent, respectively). Among the regions, the South East, South South, and South West have the lowest percent of children who have never attended school (from 4 percent to 6 percent), whereas the North East and North West have the highest ( 53 percent and 49 percent, respectively). More than half of children aged $5-16$ in the lowest economic quintile never attended school ( 61 percent), compared with 2 percent of those in the highest economic quintile.

Comparing 2004 with 2010 data, the percentage of urban residents that never attended school has dropped from 17 percent to 11 percent, respectively. A slight decrease can be noticed in the percentages of children aged 14 who are still in primary school, from 33 percent in 2004 to 27 percent in 2010. Additionally, the percentage of children in secondary school has increased slightly from 45 percent in 2004 to 49 percent in 2010.

Table 5.4.3 Age-specific schooling among children age 5-16

| Background Characteristics | Schooling Status |  |  |  |  | Missing | Total | Number <br> of children |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Never attended | Dropped out/Left school 2+ years ago | Preprimary | Primary | Secondary or higher |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | 46.2 | 0.7 | 22.0 | 25.0 | 0.1 | 6.0 | 100.0 | 4,179 |
| 6 | 38.3 | 1.0 | 12.4 | 44.1 | 0.2 | 4.0 | 100.0 | 5,102 |
| 7 | 33.2 | 0.8 | 6.6 | 56.8 | 0.4 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 4,568 |
| 8 | 27.6 | 0.7 | 3.1 | 66.1 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 5,053 |
| 9 | 20.5 | 0.8 | 2.1 | 73.4 | 2.0 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 3,490 |
| 10 | 26.2 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 65.6 | 4.9 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 4,645 |
| 11 | 16.1 | 2.0 | 0.6 | 66.9 | 13.5 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 2,578 |
| 12 | 19.9 | 3.0 | 0.2 | 52.7 | 23.1 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 4,022 |
| 13 | 19.2 | 3.4 | 0.0 | 41.5 | 34.9 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 3,103 |
| 14 | 17.1 | 5.3 | 0.1 | 27.1 | 48.9 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 3,098 |
| 15 | 18.2 | 7.2 | 0.0 | 14.3 | 58.5 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 2,457 |
| 16 | 14.6 | 9.0 | 0.0 | 10.0 | 64.9 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 1,837 |
| 17 | 17.8 | 13.4 | 0.0 | 6.6 | 60.6 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 1,652 |
| 18 | 21.2 | 21.0 | 0.0 | 5.3 | 48.6 | 4.0 | 100.0 | 2,190 |
| 19 | 14.4 | 31.7 | 0.0 | 2.6 | 47.2 | 4.0 | 100.0 | 1,221 |
| 20 | 31.5 | 35.3 | 0.1 | 1.8 | 26.0 | 5.3 | 100.0 | 2,496 |
| 21 | 17.3 | 46.4 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 28.2 | 7.2 | 100.0 | 968 |
| 22 | 24.1 | 45.1 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 22.9 | 7.6 | 100.0 | 1,401 |
| 23 | 18.5 | 48.5 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 20.5 | 12.1 | 100.0 | 1,112 |
| 24 | 18.8 | 52.6 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 16.6 | 11.3 | 100.0 | 990 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 10.5 | 11.6 | 5.4 | 41.7 | 27.7 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 17,834 |
| Rural | 32.7 | 8.0 | 3.1 | 37.1 | 16.2 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 38,329 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 22.7 | 8.1 | 3.0 | 45.7 | 18.3 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 8,305 |
| North East | 52.6 | 5.7 | 1.0 | 28.2 | 9.8 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 7,888 |
| North West | 49.1 | 5.4 | 1.2 | 28.6 | 10.8 | 5.0 | 100.0 | 14,547 |
| South East | 3.5 | 13.4 | 7.7 | 45.8 | 28.0 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 6,528 |
| South South | 4.4 | 12.4 | 6.8 | 46.2 | 28.2 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 8,405 |
| South West | 5.9 | 12.2 | 5.6 | 44.1 | 29.4 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 10,490 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 61.4 | 5.4 | 1.0 | 23.3 | 5.5 | 3.3 | 100.0 | 11,114 |
| Second | 38.7 | 7.3 | 2.0 | 36.9 | 12.0 | 3.2 | 100.0 | 11,445 |
| Middle | 17.5 | 8.8 | 3.8 | 46.8 | 20.2 | 2.8 | 100.0 | 11,571 |
| Fourth | 7.5 | 11.3 | 6.0 | 44.6 | 27.6 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 11,491 |
| Highest | 2.4 | 12.8 | 6.5 | 41.0 | 34.6 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 10,522 |
| Total | 25.6 | 9.1 | 3.8 | 38.6 | 19.8 | 3.0 | 100.0 | 56,163 |

### 5.5 Primary School Pupil Flow Rates

Repetition and drop-out rates describe the flow of pupils through the system at the primary level. The repetition rates were computed in the 2010 NEDS for pupils who attended a particular class during the 2008-2009, who again attended that same class in the 2009-2010 school year. The drop-out rates show the percentage of pupils in a class in 2008-2009 who no longer attended school in the 2009-2010 school year. Repetition and drop-out rates by primary school class, according to pupils' background characteristics are presented in Tables 5.5 and 5.6.

## Repetition Rates

The numbers of primary school pupils that repeat classes are few in Nigeria. The highest repetition rate is in primary 6 , with 2.8 percent of pupils repeating (Table 5.5). Repetition rates in the remaining classes are all low, ranging from 1 to 2 percent. Although the rates are higher among male than female pupils, the gender difference is not notable (Figure 5.8). Repetition rates are higher for rural than for urban areas (Figure 5.9) in primary one, two, four, and five while the reverse is true for primary three and six.

Figure 5.8 Primary Repetition Rate, by Class and Sex


2008 NDHS

Figure 5.9 Primary Repetition Rate, by Class and Residence


2008 NDHS

Within the zones, repetition rates in primary one range from 1 percent in the North East to 3 percent in the North Central.

Comparing data for the 2004 NDES and 2010 NEDS, it is observed that repetition rates have decreased in all primary levels except for primary six.

Table 5.5 Repetition rates by primary school class

|  | Primary school class |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Characteristics | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 2.3 | 2.1 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 3.3 |
| Female | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 1.3 | 2.3 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 1.7 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.6 | . 9 | 3.0 |
| Rural | 2.4 | 2.1 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 2.8 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North | 2.9 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 5.7 |
| Central |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North East | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 1.0 | . 8 | 1.4 |
| North West | 2.7 | 3.0 | 2.1 | 2.6 | 1.2 | 1.3 |
| South East | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 2.2 | . 6 | 2.6 |
| South South | 2.4 | 2.0 | . 4 | . 7 | 1.6 | 1.3 |
| South West | 1.9 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | . 9 | 3.9 |
| Total | 2.2 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 2.8 |

## Drop-out Rates by Primary School Class

Drop-out rate is generally low, less than 1 percent in primary 1 through 5 , except in primary 6 (Table 5.6). During the 2008-2009 school year, 11 percent of the pupils attending primary 6 dropped out of the school before the 2009-2010 school year. It should be noted, however, that "drop out" is perhaps not the most accurate term for leaving school at the end of the primary school cycle, as some pupils leaving school would likely stay in school if offered a place at secondary school.

Drop out that occurs because of a shortage in the supply of schooling is often referred to as "push out." There are no differences in drop-out rates by gender (Figure 5.10) and rural-urban residence (Figure 5.11) except in primary 6 ( 10 versus 12 percent for male and female, respectively; and 8 and 13 percent for urban and rural, respectively).

With secondary schooling being far more accessible in urban than in rural areas, these data lend support to the push-out theory, suggesting that one of the factors in pupils not making the transition to secondary school is related to access.

Figure 5.10 Comparing 2004 and 2010 data, drop-out rates in 2010 have declined slightly from the 2004 levels.


2008 NDHS

Figure 5.11 Primary Drop-out Rate, by Class and Residence


2008 NDHS

Table 5.6 Drop-out rates by primary school class
Drop-out rates for the de jure household population age 5-24 years by primary school class, according to background characteristics, 2008 NDHS

| Background Characteristics | Primary school class |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 10.2 |
| Female | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 11.9 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 7.9 |
| Rural | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 13.0 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 13.0 |
| North East | 1.3 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 18.7 |
| North West | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 16.9 |
| South East | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 9.8 |
| South South | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 11.4 |
| South West | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 5.7 |
| Total | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 11.0 |

## Formal Academic Schooling and Religious Education among Muslim Youth

The 2010 NEDS collected information about both formal academic schooling among youths aged 4-16 and religious education among Muslim youth age 4-16. Parent/guardians of Muslim youth were asked whether their children were attending "a school that teaches the Qur'an, but does not teach academic subjects like mathematics or English." Hereafter, this type of religious education is referred to as Qur'anic schooling. Table 5.7 presents information on participation in formal academic schooling, in Qur'anic schooling, in both, and in neither type of school among Muslim youth age 4-16.

Among Muslim youth age 4-16, a vast majority attend either a formal academic school (at any level, from pre-primary through higher), a Qur'anic school, or both types of schools, with just 24 percent attending neither type of school. More Muslim youth tend to attend a Qur'anic school (51 percent) than a formal academic school (49 percent). Twenty-four percent of Muslim youth combine both the formal academic school and the Qur'anic school.

There are notable gender differences in participation in formal academic schooling. Whereas 54 percent of male Muslim youth age 4-16 participate in formal academic schooling, 45 percent of female Muslim youth do so. Male and female youth are equally likely to attend a Qur'anic school, but male youth are more likely than females to attend both types of school ( 27 percent versus 21 percent).

Urban-rural disparities in participation in formal academic schooling are also evident. More than twice as many rural Muslim youth age 4-16 as their urban counterparts do not attend either type of school (28 and 13 percent, respectively). Although 75 percent of youth in urban areas attend formal academic school, only 40 percent do in rural areas. As is the case with gender, in urban and rural areas, the percentages of youth attending a Qur'anic school are comparable.

Among the zones, there are substantial differences in school participation. In the North East, 35 percent of Muslim youth aged 4-16 do not attend either type of school, compared with 17 percent in the North Central, 24 percent in the North West, and 8 percent in the South West. Whereas 96 percent of Muslim youth in the South South attend a formal academic school, just 36 percent in the North East attend one. The rates of participation in Qur'anic schooling are higher in the northern zones than in the southern zones, except the South West which has the second highest among all zones.

Variations in school participation by economic status are striking: whereas only 7 percent of Muslim youth in the highest quintile do not attend either type of school, 36 percent in the lowest quintile do not attend either type of school. The vast majority of the most advantaged youth attend formal academic schools compared with the least advantaged youth ( 90 percent and 22 percent, respectively). This trend is similar when compared with the 2004 NDES findings: 2 percent for those in the highest quintile, 23 percent for those in the lowest and 94 percent of the most advantaged youth.

Table 5.7 Formal academic schooling and religious education among Muslim youth

| Percentage of Muslim youth age 4-16 who attend formal academic schools, Qur'anic schools, both or neither type of school, by background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Type of schools currently attending |  |  |  |  |
| Background Characteristics | Formal academic schools | Qur'anic schools | Both academic and Qur'anic schools | Neither type of school | Number of children |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |
| Males | 53.5 | 51.6 | 27.3 | 22.2 | 19,342 |
| Females | 45.0 | 50.5 | 21.1 | 25.6 | 18,255 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 74.9 | 49.7 | 37.9 | 13.3 | 10,012 |
| Rural | 40.1 | 51.6 | 19.4 | 27.7 | 27,585 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 61.7 | 57.3 | 36.0 | 17.0 | 4,605 |
| North East | 36.0 | 45.0 | 15.8 | 34.8 | 9,352 |
| North West | 42.7 | 52.4 | 19.4 | 24.3 | 18,600 |
| South East | 87.7 | 9.6 | 9.6 | 12.3 | 7 |
| South South | 96.0 | 28.6 | 27.2 | 2.6 | 241 |
| South West | 87.4 | 53.2 | 48.9 | 8.2 | 4,793 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 22.0 | 55.1 | 12.1 | 34.9 | 11,520 |
| Second | 41.8 | 52.1 | 19.9 | 25.9 | 9,875 |
| Middle | 61.2 | 45.8 | 27.5 | 20.4 | 6,691 |
| Fourth | 76.2 | 47.8 | 37.4 | 13.4 | 5,395 |
| Highest | 90.2 | 50.4 | 47.2 | 6.6 | 4,085 |
| Total | 49.4 | 51.1 | 24.3 | 23.8 | 37,597 |

## 6. HOUSEHOLD PROXIMITY TO SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL SELECTION

This chapter presents information about the distance and walking time from children's households to the nearest primary, junior secondary and senior secondary schools and about the types of schools children attend (government and private).

### 6.1 Household Proximity to Schools

## Primary School

Information about the walking time and distance to the nearest primary school is a useful indicator of children's access to schooling. The distance to school partly explains why some children have not yet attended school, and why many others start school older than the official entry age (see Chapter 7). For instance, children from households that are far from schools in terms of distance and/or walking time are less likely than other children to enroll in school at the target age of 6 years. Distance from school and available transport opportunities may also influence enrollment in secondary schools and affect the transition expected under Universal Basic Education from primary cycle to junior secondary cycle.

The percent distribution of children age $4-16$ by walking time, in minutes, to the nearest primary school, by children's background characteristics is discussed in this section. These data, as well as those presented for walking time to the nearest secondary school, are based on the question asked of children's parent/guardians, about how long it would take the parent/guardian to walk to the nearest government school. It is important to note that the school closest to the household is not necessarily a school attended by one or more children in the household. The intent of the question is to measure access to and distance from the closest school, rather than the variation in walking time for each child within the household. Interviewers asked parent/guardians for the best estimate of time required for an adult to walk the distance to the primary school.

## Walking Time to Primary Schools

The percent distribution of children age $4-16$ by walking time to the nearest primary school by background characteristics is presented in Table 6.1. Sixty-nine percent of children in Nigeria live within 15 minutes of the nearest primary school, and 6 percent of children live over 60 minutes away. Children in urban areas live closer to school than children in rural areas: 85 percent of children in urban areas and 62 percent of those in rural areas live within 15 minutes of the nearest school. The mean walking time from the household to the closest primary school is 12 minutes among children in urban areas and 29 minutes among children in rural areas.

Comparatively, the proportion of pupils that walk from their households to the nearest primary school within 15 minutes has changed over the years: from 76 percent in 2004 NDES to 69 percent in 2010 NEDS. This may be as a result of the availability of more government schools closer to home than private schools. Although slight regional differences in the mean walking time were recorded in 2004, the variation between the northern and the southern zones are considerable in 2010: 23-37 minutes in the northern zones and 14-19 minutes in the southern zones.

Table 6.1 Walking time to the nearest primary school

| Percent distribution of de jure children age 4-16 by walking time (in minutes) to the nearest primary school, according to background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Minutes to the nearest primary school |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of children | Mean walking time in minutes | Percentage of children living closer to the private schools |
| Background Characteristics | 0-15 | 16-30 | 31-45 | 46-60 | Over 60 minutes | Don't <br> Know/ missing |  |  |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 85.2 | 11.0 | 1.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 20,925 | 11.7 | 62.2 |
| Rural | 62.3 | 20.0 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 8.1 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 49,305 | 29.3 | 17.9 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 67.0 | 17.5 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 8.5 | 1.4 | 38.3 | 10,761 | 36.5 | 31.9 |
| North East | 53.9 | 22.4 | 5.4 | 4.3 | 13.3 | 0.7 | 36.5 | 11,334 | 36.2 | 11.3 |
| North West | 70.5 | 16.3 | 3.1 | 4.4 | 4.8 | 0.9 | 23.1 | 20,234 | 22.5 | 14.8 |
| South East | 60.2 | 27.6 | 6.5 | 3.8 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 23.2 | 7,033 | 18.6 | 33.9 |
| South South | 74.0 | 18.8 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 0.4 | 22.5 | 9,158 | 15.6 | 50.3 |
| South West | 85.1 | 6.6 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 3.8 | 0.6 | 22.8 | 11,710 | 13.7 | 61.1 |
| Total | 69.1 | 17.3 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 5.9 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 70,230 | 24.1 | 31.1 |

## Distance to the Nearest Primary School

This section discusses distances traveled (in kilometers) to the nearest primary school by children's background characteristics (Table 6.2).

Sixty-eight percent of children in Nigeria live within 1 kilometer of the nearest primary school, and just 3 percent live more than 6 kilometers from the nearest school. Eighty-four percent of children in urban areas live within 1 kilometer of the closest primary school, compared with 62 percent of those in rural areas. Whereas 80 percent of children live within 1 kilometer of the nearest school in the South West zone, 46 percent live within 1 kilometer of the closest school in the South East. These findings are largely consistent with those for walking time, which was presented in Table 6.1.

Table 6.2 Distance to the nearest primary school


## Walking Time to Government Primary Schools

This section specifically considers walking time to the nearest government primary schools. Sixty-one percent of children in Nigeria live within a 15 -minute walk to the nearest government primary school, but about 7 percent of children live at distances of more than 60 minutes walking time (Table 6.2.1). In terms of walking time to the nearest government primary school, children in urban areas live closer to school than children in rural areas: 67 percent of children in urban areas and 58 percent of those in rural areas live within a 15 -minute walk to the nearest government primary school. Overall, the mean walking time from the household to the closest government primary school is 28 minutes. Among children in urban areas, the mean walking time is 18 minutes, and is 31 minutes among children in rural areas. The proportion of children who live within 15 minutes' walking time to government primary schools varies by zone with the highest ( 71 percent) in the North West geo-political zone and the lowest (47 percent) in the South East.

Table 6.2.1 Walking time to the nearest government primary school
Percent distribution of de jure children age 4-16 by walking time (in minutes) to the nearest primary school, according to background characteristics, 2010 NEDS

| Background Characteristics | Minutes to nearest government primary school |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number $\square$ <br> children | Mean walking time in minutes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0-15 | 16-30 | 31-45 | 46-60 | Over 60 minutes | Know/ missing | Total |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 67.4 | 24.8 | 4.3 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 20,930 | 18.3 |
| Rural | 58.1 | 22.4 | 5.1 | 5.0 | 8.7 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 49,339 | 31.4 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 59.7 | 23.6 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 8.5 | 1.2 | 38.3 | 10,762 | 38.3 |
| North East | 52.9 | 23.5 | 5.6 | 4.2 | 13.4 | 0.5 | 36.5 | 11,341 | 36.5 |
| North West | 70.9 | 16.0 | 3.3 | 4.4 | 4.6 | 0.7 | 23.1 | 20,261 | 23.1 |
| South East | 46.5 | 35.9 | 9.6 | 5.3 | 2.3 | 0.4 | 23.2 | 7,033 | 23.2 |
| South South | 55.9 | 31.1 | 5.6 | 4.0 | 3.1 | 0.3 | 22.5 | 9,159 | 22.5 |
| South West | 64.8 | 20.8 | 4.4 | 3.2 | 6.2 | 0.5 | 22.8 | 11,713 | 22.8 |
| Total | 60.9 | 23.1 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 6.5 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 70,269 | 27.5 |

## Distance to the Nearest Government Primary School

The findings are largely consistent with walking time to the nearest Government primary schools (Table 6.2.2) as 62 percent of children in Nigeria live within 1 kilometer of the nearest government primary school, and just 3 percent live more than 6 kilometers from the nearest government primary school. Seventy-one percent of children in urban areas live less than 1 kilometer from the closest government primary school, compared with 58 percent of those in rural areas.

Table 6.2.2 Distance to the nearest government primary school

| Percent distribution of de jure children age 4-16 by distance (in kilometers) to the nearest Government primary school, according to background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kilometers to nearest government primary school |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background Characteristics | <1 | 1-2 | 3-4 | 5-6 | Don'tKnow/$>6$ missing |  | Total | Number Mean of distance children (km) |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 70.5 | 25.7 | 2.6 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 20,930 | 0.5 |
| Rural | 57.7 | 26.9 | 7.4 | 3.1 | 4.1 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 49,339 | 1.2 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 67.4 | 20.3 | 4.9 | 2.3 | 4.0 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 10,762 | 1.2 |
| North East | 53.2 | 28.5 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 6.4 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 11,341 | 1.5 |
| North West | 71.4 | 20.0 | 3.8 | 1.4 | 2.6 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 20,261 | 0.7 |
| South East | 32.7 | 48.5 | 15.4 | 1.9 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 7,033 | 1.4 |
| South South | 55.9 | 34.3 | 7.2 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 9,159 | 0.8 |
| South West | 68.9 | 22.4 | 4.5 | 1.2 | 2.4 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 11,713 | 0.8 |
| Total | 61.6 | 26.5 | 6.0 | 2.2 | 3.0 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 70,269 | 1.0 |

### 6.2 Secondary Schools

The 2010 NEDS also collected information about walking time and distance to the nearest secondary school. As was the case with primary schools, the walking time and distance to the nearest secondary school are used to indicate children's access to and remoteness from secondary school.

Comparatively, the proportion of pupils that walk from their households to the nearest secondary school within 15 minutes has not changed much over the years: from 32 percent in 2004 NDES to 34 percent in 2010 NEDS.

Results for the estimated time (in minutes) needed to walk to the nearest secondary school are presented in Table 6.3. Urban-rural differentials are more pronounced for access to secondary schools than for primary schools: 62 percent of children in urban areas are located within 15 minutes of a secondary school, compared with 22 percent of children in rural areas. The mean walking time to the nearest secondary school is 20 minutes for children in urban areas and 76 minutes for children in rural areas (see Figure 6.2). Across the zones, mean walking time to the nearest secondary school is shortest in the South East ( 33 minutes) and longest in North Central ( 90 minutes).

Table 6.3 Walking time to the nearest secondary school

| Percent distribution of de jure children age 4-16 by walking time (in minutes) to the nearest seconday school, according to background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Minutes to the nearest secondary school |  |  |  |  |  | Number of children | Mean walking time in minutes | Percentage of children living closer to the private schools |
| Background Characteristics | 0-15 | 16-30 | 31-45 | 46-60 | Don't <br> know/ <br> $>60$ missing | Total |  |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 61.5 | 25.5 | 5.5 | 4.5 | $2.6 \quad 0.4$ | 100.0 | 20,925 | 19.8 | 46.8 |
| Rural | 22.3 | 19.9 | 8.1 | 14.1 | $32.8 \quad 2.9$ | 100.0 | 49,305 | 75.8 | 13.5 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 30.3 | 19.3 | 6.7 | 11.1 | 31.1 | 100.0 | 10,761 | 89.9 | 19.5 |
| North East | 23.8 | 17.4 | 9.7 | 11.7 | 31.26 .2 | 100.0 | 11,334 | 79.3 | 8.0 |
| North West | 29.5 | 20.2 | 5.0 | 14.1 | $28.7 \quad 2.6$ | 100.0 | 20,234 | 60.6 | 7.5 |
| South East | 36.6 | 29.0 | 12.9 | 11.7 | 9.30 .5 | 100.0 | 7,033 | 32.5 | 44.1 |
| South South | 38.6 | 25.5 | 9.5 | 10.0 | 16.3 0.1 | 100.0 | 9,158 | 40.9 | 39.8 |
| South West | 49.6 | 22.7 | 4.6 | 6.7 | 16.10 .4 | 100.0 | 11,710 | 38.8 | 44.3 |
| Total | 33.9 | 21.6 | 7.3 | 11.2 | $23.8 \quad 2.1$ | 100.0 | 70,230 | 58.8 | 23.4 |

Table 6.4 Distance to the nearest secondary school

| Percent distribution of de jure children age $4-16$ by distance (in kilometers) to the nearest secondary school, according to background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Kilometers to the nearest secondary school |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of children | Mean distance (km) | Percentage of children living closer to the private schools |
| Background Characteristics | <1 | 1-2 | 3-4 | 5-6 |  | Don't know/ missing | Total |  |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 65.7 | 27.4 | 4.6 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 20,925 | 0.7 | 46.8 |
| Rural | 24.8 | 26.0 | 15.8 | 11.8 | 18.7 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 49,305 | 3.9 | 13.5 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 41.7 | 16.9 | 13.8 | 8.4 | 17.6 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 10,761 | 3.6 | 19.5 |
| North East | 26.8 | 22.2 | 15.2 | 11.5 | 18.1 | 6.2 | 100.0 | 11,334 | 4.5 | 8.0 |
| North West | 32.0 | 25.2 | 10.6 | 12.8 | 16.7 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 20,234 | 3.1 | 7.5 |
| South East | 28.9 | 40.1 | 20.0 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 7,033 | 2.0 | 44.1 |
| South South | 41.6 | 37.5 | 9.2 | 4.5 | 7.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 9,158 | 2.0 | 39.8 |
| South West | 52.2 | 24.7 | 9.6 | 3.5 | 9.6 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 11,710 | 1.8 | 44.3 |
| Total | 37.0 | 26.5 | 12.5 | 8.5 | 13.4 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 70,230 | 2.9 | 23.4 |

### 6.3 School Type

The 2010 NEDS collected information on the type of school primary school pupils attend and whether they are boarding at school or are day pupils. In this report, schools are classified as government or
private. ${ }^{14}$ Although the government is the statutory provider of education at the primary level, the survey results reveals that nearly a quarter of all children attend private school (Table 6.5). In contrast, the 2004 NDES shows that nearly one fifth of children attended private schools. This indicates a 5 -percentage point increase in private school enrollment. At the primary level, the role of the private sector is more pronounced in urban areas than in rural areas, with 44 percent of primary school pupils in urban areas attending private schools, compared with 17 percent in rural areas.

Table 6.5 Type of primary school

| Percent distribution of de jure primary school pupils by type of school attended, according to background characteristics, NEDS 2010 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Type of school attended |  | Number of Total children |  |
| Background Characteristics | Government schools | Private schools |  |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 75.6 | 24.4 | 100.0 | 16,033 |
| Female | 72.7 | 27.3 | 100.0 | 13,723 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 56.4 | 43.6 | 100.0 | 9,866 |
| Rural | 83.1 | 16.9 | 100.0 | 19,889 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 73.2 | 26.8 | 100.0 | 5,076 |
| North East | 91.3 | 8.7 | 100.0 | 3,760 |
| North West | 90.8 | 9.2 | 100.0 | 6,960 |
| South East | 61.5 | 38.5 | 100.0 | 3,555 |
| South South | 69.6 | 30.4 | 100.0 | 4,775 |
| South West | 55.6 | 44.4 | 100.0 | 5,629 |
| Total | 74.3 | 25.7 | 100.0 | 29,755 |

## Day or Boarding School at Primary Level

Ninety-nine percent of primary school children are day pupils (Table 6.6). There is no notable difference in the pupils' day or boarding status by gender and across the zones.

[^16]Table 6.6 Day pupils and boarders at primary school

| Percent distribution of de jure primary school pupils by status as day pupils or boarders, according to background characteristics and type of school attended, NEDS 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Pupil Status |  |  | Number of Total children |  |
| Background Characteristics | Day pupil | Boarder | Missing |  |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 98.8 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 16,033 |
| Female | 99.2 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 13,723 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 99.2 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 9,866 |
| Rural | 98.9 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 19,889 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 99.2 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 5,076 |
| North East | 98.7 | 0.2 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 3,760 |
| North West | 98.2 | 0.2 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 6,960 |
| South East | 99.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 3,555 |
| South South | 99.5 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 4,775 |
| South West | 99.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 5,629 |
| School type* |  |  |  |  |  |
| Government | 99.0 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 21,893 |
| Private | 99.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 7,588 |
| Total | 99.0 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 29,755 |
| *Data on school for 274 pupils missing |  |  |  |  |  |

### 6.4 School Selection

This section provides information about school attendance based on proximity of schools. Section 6.5 will focus on the reasons for choosing a type of school.

Primary School Selection
Seventy-two percent of pupils in Nigeria attend the primary school that is closest to their household (Table 6.7) as compared with 58 percent recorded in the 2004 NDES. Fifty-seven percent of children in urban areas attend the closest primary school, compared with 80 percent of children in rural areas. In 2004, these numbers were 41 percent and 68 percent, respectively. There is considerable variation by zone: the North East and North West have 87 and 88 percent, respectively, of pupils who attend the closest primary school, compared with 54 percent of pupils in the South West. The differences by urbanrural residence and zone may be attributed to the fact that, in urban areas, households have access to a wider choice of schools as evidenced by the percentage of children with a closer private primary school than a government-run one (Table 6.3).

Pupils from less economically advantaged households are more likely than those from more advantaged households to attend the primary school closest to them (Table 6.7). Eighty-eight percent of pupils from
the lowest quintile attend the closest school, compared with 48 percent of pupils from the highest quintile. In 2004, 79 percent of children from households in the lowest quintile attended the closest primary school and 24 percent of the highest quintile. In general, there has been a shift toward attending the closest primary school.

Table 6.7 Children attending closest primary school

| Table 6.7: Children attending closest primary school |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| Percent of de jure primary school pupils who attend closest primary school, by background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |
| Background Characteristics | Attending <br> closest <br> primary Number of school children |  |
| Age |  |  |
| 4-5 | 77.1 | 2,037 |
| 6-7 | 71.6 | 6,427 |
| 8-10 | 70.5 | 12,676 |
| 11-16 | 74.4 | 8,614 |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 57.2 | 9,866 |
| Rural | 79.8 | 19,889 |
| Region |  |  |
| North Central | 74.2 | 5,076 |
| North East | 87.1 | 3,760 |
| North West | 87.5 | 6,960 |
| South East | 64.1 | 3,555 |
| South South | 65.0 | 4,775 |
| South West | 53.6 | 5,629 |
| Economic status quintile* |  |  |
| Lowest | 88.3 | 4,310 |
| Second | 85.4 | 6,288 |
| Middle | 77.2 | 7,188 |
| Fourth | 64.9 | 6,319 |
| Highest | 47.6 | 5,645 |
| Total | 72.3 | 29,755 |

## Secondary School Selection

As shown in Table 6.8, about half ( 51 percent) of secondary school students in Nigeria attend the secondary school that is closest to their household. The data show that students in rural areas have more tendency than those in urban areas to attend the closest secondary school ( 57 percent versus 39 percent). In comparison, in 2004, 35 percent of youth attended the closest secondary school again with rural youth more likely than urban to attend the closest school ( 46 percent as compared with 22 percent). As with
primary schools, this suggests greater opportunity and choice. Among the zones, students in the South West are the least likely to attend the closest secondary school ( 37 percent), whereas those in the North East are the most likely to do so ( 74 percent). Students from the most advantaged households are less likely than those from the remaining households' economic quintiles to attend the closest secondary school, a pattern that holds over from 2004.

Table 6.8 Children attending closest secondary school

| Percent of de jure secondary school students <br> who attend closest secondary school, by <br> background characteristics, NEDS 2010 |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Attending <br> closest <br> primary <br> school |  |  |
| Background Number of <br> children  |  |  |
| Characteristics |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 38.6 | 4,912 |
| Rural | 57.1 | 5,988 |
|  |  |  |
| Region | 51.1 | 1,538 |
| North Central | 74.2 | 838 |
| North East | 62.3 | 1,567 |
| North West | 47.3 | 1,713 |
| South East | 46.3 | 2,246 |
| South South | 36.8 | 2,999 |
| South West |  |  |
| Economic status |  |  |
| quintile* | 61.7 | 668 |
| Lowest | 63.1 | 1,476 |
| Second | 58.1 | 2,388 |
| Middle | 48.8 | 2,905 |
| Fourth | 33.7 | 3,459 |
| Highest |  |  |
| Total | 48.7 | 10,900 |

### 6.5 Reasons for School Selection

One would expect that geographic proximity would be a determining factor in school choice. However, this opportunity for access may be displaced by other factors such as school costs. This section discusses the factors parents consider when selecting schools.

## Reasons for Choice of Primary School

The data in Table 6.9 show that school proximity to households is the most frequently given reason ( 53 percent), followed by school quality ( 30 percent), and cost ( 13 percent). Other reasons, including religious
affiliation and school safety, are infrequently cited (about 1 percent each). These reasons and relative position have not changed from 2004. ${ }^{15}$

A higher percentage of pupils in rural areas ( 64 percent) than urban areas ( 31 percent) attend a school because of its proximity, possibly reflecting greater opportunity for choice of primary schools in urban areas. Pupils in urban areas are more likely than those in rural areas to attend a school because it is considered to be better than other schools ( 47 percent versus 22 percent). These trends were similar in 2004.

The results also reveal that the less advantaged the pupils' household, the more likely they are to attend schools because of proximity. For example, 78 percent of the pupils in the lowest quintile attend the closest school, but only 20 percent of the pupils in the highest quintile do. Conversely, school quality (as defined by "better schools") is more commonly cited in primary school selection for the pupils in the highest quintile ( 61 percent) than for those in the lowest quintile ( 12 percent).

Table 6.9 Reasons for choice of primary school


[^17]
## Reasons for Choice of Secondary School

As in 2004, the most frequently cited reasons for the choice of school in 2010 are as follows: better school, class needed or availability of place, and school being less expensive. Whereas 43 percent of students in 2004 attend their current school because it was the closest with form needed or place available, 32 percent of students were sent to similar schools for this reason in 2010.

Information on the main reasons for choice of particular secondary schools (both junior secondary and senior secondary) that students attend is presented in this section. School quality is the most frequently reported ( 44 percent), followed by the proximity of the school ( 32 percent), and cost ( 21 percent). Other reasons, including religious affiliation and school safety, are infrequently reported (less than 1 percent). There has been a shift in perceptions since 2004: proximity ( 43 percent) was considered more important, cost ( 15 percent) less important, and quality ( 47 percent) has retained its status as the most important selection factor.

Similar to the report on primary school, students in urban areas are more likely than those in rural areas to attend a school because it is perceived to be of higher quality than other schools ( 50 percent versus 38 percent). This trend has not changed from 2004. Also, students from more advantaged households are more likely than those from less advantaged households to attend a particular secondary school because of its perceived quality ( 54 percent versus 33 percent).

Table 6.10 Reasons for choice of secondary school

| Reasons given for sending students to their current secondary school, by background characteristics, NEDS 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Reasons for choice of secondary school |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background Characteristics | needed or place | Better <br> school | Less <br> Expensive | Religion | Safer school | Other | Missing | Number of students |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 34.4 | 42.1 | 20.4 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 3.1 | 3.9 | 5,723 |
| Female | 30.1 | 45.1 | 21.8 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 2.9 | 3.9 | 5,177 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 21.5 | 49.9 | 25.7 | 2.1 | 1.3 | 2.6 | 3.6 | 4,912 |
| Rural | 41.3 | 38.3 | 17.3 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 3.3 | 4.1 | 5,988 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 35.6 | 45.7 | 16.5 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 1.9 | 3.7 | 1,538 |
| North East | 59.7 | 29.5 | 8.9 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 5.0 | 838 |
| North West | 44.4 | 40.3 | 9.4 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 6.9 | 1,567 |
| South East | 28.9 | 52.9 | 11.5 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 7.0 | 3.0 | 1,713 |
| South South | 29.3 | 38.9 | 30.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 2,246 |
| South West | 21.1 | 46.1 | 31.3 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2,999 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 47.4 | 33.2 | 15.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 2.1 | 5.0 | 668 |
| Second | 48.7 | 34.3 | 14.3 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 1.7 | 4.9 | 1,476 |
| Middle | 40.5 | 37.2 | 17.6 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 2,388 |
| Fourth | 32.2 | 43.3 | 21.6 | 1.9 | 0.8 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 2,905 |
| Highest | 17.0 | 54.1 | 27.0 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3,459 |
| Total | 32.4 | 43.5 | 21.1 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 3.0 | 3.9 | 10,900 |

## 7. FACTORS AFFECTING CHILDREN'S SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

This chapter presents data on the circumstances surrounding decisions about children's school attendance. Information is also presented on which household member decides whether children attend school. The chapter then addresses children's pre-primary school participation rates, the age at which children first attend primary school and for those who have never attended school the reasons for non-participation. Finally, for children who attended school at some point but were not attending at the time of the survey, data are presented on reasons for dropping out of school.

The costs of schooling and their influence on schooling decisions are also discussed throughout this chapter. The costs of schooling to households include both money spent on school-related expenses and nonmonetary contributions. These nonmonetary costs include the value of children's time, which could be used differently if the child did not attend school. If a child provides support to the household by taking care of younger children, tending animals, going fishing, or doing other work, then the time the child spends in school is time that could otherwise be spent supporting the household. In other words, the child's time is part of the nonmonetary cost of schooling borne by the household. It may be that, in some households, these monetary and nonmonetary costs are high enough to delay children's school entry, or keep some children from attending school at all, or contribute to pupils dropping out of school.

### 7.1 Starting School

## Household Decision-Making

Parents and guardians were asked which household member decides whether children attend school (Table 7.1). Although it is recognized that decision-making is a complex process and that more than one household member may have input on the decision, the question asks parents or guardians who makes the final decision in the household on whether children attend school. Overall, fathers are far more likely than mothers to make the decision about whether children attend school: 62 percent of parents and guardians said that the child's father makes the final decision, whereas 6 percent said that the child's mother makes the decision. Twenty-nine percent said that both parents make the decision together. This tendency has not changed from 2004 when 64 percent of fathers, 6 percent of mothers, and 22 percent of both parents made schooling attendance decisions.

Table 7.1 Household decision-making about education

| Percentage distribution of parent/guardians whose children currently attend school by which household member decides whether children attend school, according to background characteristics, NEDS 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Household member(s) who make decision about education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background Characteristics | Mother | Father | Both parents | Guardians | Child | Parent/ guardian with child | Someone else | Decision not made | Don't Know/ missing | Total | Number of parents |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 7.0 | 58.0 | 32.6 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 5,764 |
| Rural | 6.1 | 64.2 | 26.5 | 1.5 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 10,658 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 5.6 | 74.6 | 17.9 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,642 |
| North East | 5.4 | 73.3 | 19.6 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 1,763 |
| North West | 3.3 | 67.2 | 27.3 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 3,467 |
| South East | 9.9 | 50.4 | 35.4 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 2.5 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,222 |
| South South | 9.2 | 70.5 | 15.6 | 2.8 | 0.1 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 2,756 |
| South West | 6.1 | 42.7 | 48.3 | 1.2 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 3,571 |
| Total | 6.4 | 62.0 | 28.7 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 16,421 |

Parents and guardians in urban areas were more likely than those in rural areas to say that both parents together make the decision ( 33 percent versus 27 percent). In 2004, the trend was the same ( 27 percent of urban parent/guardians and 18 percent of rural). Among the zones, parent and guardians in the South South were least likely to say that both parents together make the decision ( 16 percent), whereas those in the South West were most likely to say the decision was shared (48 percent). In every region, the father is the primary decision maker on whether the child goes to school.

## Pre-Primary School Attendance

Considerable evidence exists that attending pre-primary school helps provide a foundation for learning and that children who attend pre-primary school are better prepared for primary school. The percentage of children age 4-16 who have ever attended school, who also attended pre-primary school, and on the mean number of years attended (Table 7.2) indicates that 40 percent of children attended pre-primary school before starting primary school, an improvement of 10 percentage points over pre-primary participation in 2004 and evidence of the impact of UBE emphasis on early childhood education. There is minimal difference in pre-primary school participation between male and female children. As might be expected, children in rural areas are far less likely than those in urban areas to have attended pre-primary school (28 percent versus 62 percent). Encouragingly, the increase in pre-primary participation has been felt in both rural and urban areas (an improvement of 8 percentage points in rural areas and 15 percentage points in urban areas in comparison with 2004 data). Children age 6-7 at the time of the survey are somewhat more likely to have attended pre-primary school than children age $12-16$ ( 43 percent versus 39 percent), reinforcing the observations that participation in pre-primary schooling continues to improve over time. Encouragingly, more girls attended pre-primary than boys ( 42 percent versus 38 percent).

Substantial regional differences are apparent in pre-primary school participation. Children in the South East are the most likely to have attended pre-primary before attending primary school ( 82 percent), followed by the South West ( 69 percent). The lowest rates of participation in pre-primary are in the North East and the North West (10 percent and 11 percent, respectively).

Only children from the most economically advantaged households have substantial access to pre-primary schooling (Figure 7.1). Whereas 79 percent of the children in the highest quintile attended pre-primary, only 7 percent of in the lowest quintile attended pre-primary.

Table 7.2 Pre-primary school participation

| Among de jure children age 4-16 who have ever attended school, percentage who attended pre-primary school, mean number of years attended, by background characteristics, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background Characteristics | Percentage who attended pre-primary | Number of children who have ever attended school | Mean number of years attended preprimary |
| Age |  |  |  |
| 4-5 | 27.4 | 2,062 | 2.3 |
| 6-7 | 43.0 | 6,521 | 2.5 |
| 8-11 | 41.6 | 16,616 | 2.6 |
| 12-16 | 39.2 | 17,954 | 2.7 |
| Sex |  |  |  |
| Male | 38.3 | 22,994 | 2.6 |
| Female | 42.2 | 20,158 | 2.6 |
| Residence |  |  |  |
| Urban | 62.1 | 15,356 | 2.6 |
| Rural | 28.0 | 27,797 | 2.6 |
| Region |  |  |  |
| North Central | 26.4 | 7,035 | 2.4 |
| North East | 10.0 | 4,950 | 2.5 |
| North West | 10.5 | 9,419 | 2.5 |
| South East | 82.1 | 5,401 | 2.9 |
| South South | 45.3 | 7,280 | 2.7 |
| South West | 68.9 | 9,067 | 2.5 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 7.3 | 5,605 | 2.3 |
| Second | 14.6 | 8,479 | 2.4 |
| Middle | 32.1 | 10,088 | 2.6 |
| Fourth | 52.4 | 9,593 | 2.6 |
| Highest | 79.0 | 9,369 | 2.7 |
| Total | 40.1 | 43,153 | 2.6 |

Figure 7.1 Pre-primary School Attendance among Children Age 4-16 Who Have Ever Attended School, by Economic Status Quintile


2004 NDES and 2010 NEDS

Overall, the mean number of years a child attends pre-primary school is 2.6 , compared with 2.4 years in 2004. There is little difference in the time spent in pre-primary school by various background characteristics. This also spreads across regions with the South East having the highest average of 2.9 years, just a little above the national average.

## Age at Primary School Entry

The age at which children age 4-16 first attended primary 1, as presented on Table 7.3, indicates that among those who have ever attended the first class of primary school, over half ( 57 percent) of children started school on time, at the intended age for entry into primary 1 (age 6 ), this compares with 55 percent in 2004. More than one quarter ( 30 percent) of children first attended primary school at an age below the official or target entry age for primary 1 (28 percent in 2004), and 12 percent started school over-age (at age 8 or older). The mean age of starting primary 1 is 7 years, compared with 6.3 in 2004. This is well above the official starting age of age 6 .

Gender differences in the starting age were minimal. There were, however, differences by residence, region, and economic status. Children in urban areas are more likely than those in rural areas to start school under-age ( 34 percent versus 28 percent), whereas children in rural areas are more likely than those in urban areas to have started school over-age ( 14 percent versus 6 percent). However, since 2004, this difference has decreased considerably ( 19 percent versus 6 percent, respectively for over-age enrollment). Zonal differences are substantial, with children in the north more likely than those in the south to start primary 1 over-age. Nevertheless, these same zones have also demonstrated improvements reducing over-age enrollment over time (Figure 7.2).

In addition, children from lower socio-economic status households start school later than those from higher socio-economic status households. In the lowest quintile, the mean age of entry was 8 years, compared with 6 years among the highest quintile. Twenty-two percent of the children in the lowest quintile started school over-age ( 27 percent in 2004), compared with just four percent in the highest quintile ( 5 percent in 2004). Overall, there has not been limited but positive improvement in age at first attendance since 2004.

Table 7.3 Age at first primary school attendance
Among de jure children age 4-16 who have ever attended school primary school, by timeliness of first primary 1 attendance and mean age at school entry, according to background characteristics, NEDS 2010

| Characteristics | Age at first primary 1 attendance |  |  |  |  |  | Number of children |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | age (<6) | (6-7) | age | Don't | Total | Mean age |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 28.8 | 57.8 | 11.9 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 7.3 | 22,994 |
| Female | 31.7 | 56.0 | 10.7 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 7.2 | 20,158 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 34.3 | 58.3 | 6.2 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 6.7 | 15,356 |
| Rural | 27.9 | 56.2 | 14.2 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 7.5 | 27,797 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 28.0 | 51.0 | 18.8 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 7.9 | 7,035 |
| North East | 29.7 | 53.3 | 15.3 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 7.4 | 4,950 |
| North West | 25.7 | 60.5 | 11.3 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 8.2 | 9,419 |
| South East | 25.5 | 63.5 | 9.6 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 7.1 | 5,401 |
| South South | 34.6 | 55.1 | 9.2 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 6.6 | 7,280 |
| South West | 35.8 | 57.4 | 6.0 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 6.2 | 9,067 |
| Economic status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 24.4 | 51.3 | 22.0 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 8.4 | 5,605 |
| Second | 26.9 | 55.3 | 15.7 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 7.8 | 8,479 |
| Middle | 28.0 | 58.3 | 12.2 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 7.2 | 10,088 |
| Fourth | 31.5 | 60.0 | 7.1 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 7.0 | 9,593 |
| Highest | 37.5 | 57.3 | 4.3 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 6.3 | 9,369 |
| Total | 30.1 | 56.9 | 11.3 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 7.2 | 43,153 |

Figure 7.2 Among Children Who Ever Attended School, Percentage Who Started Primary 1 Over-age, by Region, 2004 and 2010


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Parents or guardians of children who first attended primary school at age 8 or older were asked about reasons the children started school over-age (Table 7.4). For 25 percent of children, the parents and guardians' perception was that the child was too young, or not mature enough, to start school. Males were slightly more likely than females to have started over-age for this reason ( 27 percent versus 23 percent). Among the regions, children in the South East were least likely to start school over-age for this reason while those in the North West were the most likely ( 16 percent versus 35 percent). North Central and Northwest regions have reduce the percentage of children who start school over-age (Fig 7.2).

For 32 percent of children, the monetary cost of schooling explains why they started school over-age. A further 25 percent of children were considered too young to start school, a slight improvement, compared with 2004 ( 30 percent). The third most frequently cited reason for starting school over-age was that the household needed the child's labor (16 percent). Children from less economically advantaged households are more likely than those from more advantaged households to have started school over-age because of the need for their labor ( 21 percent in the lowest quintile, compared with 7 percent in the highest quintile).

Thirteen percent of children started school over-age at least partly because the nearest school was too far for the child to walk at a young age. Distance to school was given as a reason for children in rural areas somewhat more frequently than for those in urban areas ( 14 percent versus 8 percent). Distance was not a common factor among the more advantaged children, but was considerably more common among less advantaged children. In general, the relative importance of the reasons for a late enrollment remains the same: high costs, children too young, need for child labor, and distance to school.

Table 7.4 Factors in over-age first-time school attendance

| Percentage of de jure children age 8-16 who started primary school over-age, by reasons of starting primary 1 at an age greater than 7, according to background characteristics, NEDS 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\underline{\text { Reasons for starting school at an age greater than } 7}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background Characteristics | School too expensive | No school/ school far | Labor need | Considered too young | Priority by gender | Priority to another child | Safety concerns | Other factors | Number of children |
| Sex | 32.0 | 12.9 | 14.2 | 26.6 | 1.1 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 18.9 | 3,000 |
| Male | 31.1 | 12.4 | 17.2 | 23.2 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 3.0 | 17.9 | 2,399 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 30.5 | 7.5 | 9.2 | 26.1 | 2.3 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 21.9 | 1,094 |
| Rural | 31.9 | 14.0 | 17.1 | 24.9 | 2.1 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 17.6 | 4,305 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 42.8 | 10.5 | 22.5 | 20.5 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 1.7 | 10.5 | 1,443 |
| North East | 29.7 | 19.3 | 14.0 | 23.3 | 2.9 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 18.5 | 818 |
| North West | 15.4 | 11.0 | 11.1 | 34.9 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 2.7 | 17.9 | 1,255 |
| South East | 31.5 | 6.1 | 30.0 | 16.2 | 0.6 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 14.2 | 579 |
| South South | 38.5 | 8.3 | 9.2 | 19.2 | 0.2 | 2.0 | 5.7 | 29.3 | 724 |
| South West | 32.8 | 24.3 | 2.9 | 34.1 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 3.4 | 30.2 | 580 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 30.9 | 19.6 | 19.8 | 24.8 | 2.1 | 3.1 | 4.2 | 13.9 | 1,187 |
| Second | 31.0 | 12.2 | 17.3 | 23.6 | 2.6 | 4.2 | 3.4 | 18.8 | 1,283 |
| Middle | 32.7 | 10.6 | 16.5 | 24.2 | 3.1 | 4.4 | 2.8 | 18.4 | 1,074 |
| Fourth | 30.1 | 6.7 | 8.9 | 28.5 | 2.7 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 16.4 | 591 |
| Highest | 23.3 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 29.6 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 23.4 | 301 |
| Total | 31.6 | 12.7 | 15.5 | 25.1 | 2.2 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 18.5 | 5,399 |

### 7.2 Never Having Attended School

Of all children age 6-16 surveyed, 31 percent were reported as never attending school. Of these who never attended, 90 percent were from rural areas, 51 percent from the lowest socio-economic quintile and 84 percent from the North East and North West regions (Table 7.5). Slightly more females ( 54 percent) than males ( 46 percent) were reported as having never attended school.

## Reasons for Never Having Attended School

Various reasons are given why children aged 6-16 years who have never attended primary school did not attend primary school during the 2009-2010 school years ${ }^{16}$ (Table 7.5 and Figure 7.3). The survey defined primary school as formal schooling with academic content, which might be provided by a government school or a private religious or private non-religious school. Religious education without academic content in subjects such as mathematics or English was not considered to be formal academic schooling.

Parents and guardians were asked about a series of factors that might partly explain why a child, who had never attended a formal academic school, did not attend during the 2009-2010 school year. As a result, more than one factor might have been listed, so the percentages in Table 7.5 do not add to 100. This table shows the percentages, by sex, residence, and region for which each factor partly explains why the child did not attend primary school during the 2009-2010 school year. Factors are grouped under four headings: cost-related factors, child factors, school factors, and other factors.

Among primary school-aged children who had never attended primary school, the three most commonly cited factors in not attending in 2009-2010 are distance to school, child labor, and monetary costs. One in three children ( 32 percent) in this subset did not attend during the 2009-2010 school year in part because the school is too far from their home. Distance was cited as a factor six times as often for children in rural areas as than for those in urban areas ( 35 percent versus 6 percent). In contrast, in 2004 distance was the third most important factor ( 20 percent of children), but the relative importance in rural areas remained the same ( 24 percent rural and 6 percent urban).

A similar proportion of children ( 32 percent) did not attend in part because of the household's need for their help with domestic work, work on the farm or in the family business, or work for an employer. The need for the child's labor was given as a reason more often for older than younger children ( 20 percent of children age 6-7, compared with 39 percent of children age 12-16), equally among female and male children ( 32 percent versus 31 percent), and more often for children in rural than in urban areas ( 33 percent versus 22 percent). In 2004, labor was the most important factor contributing to non-attendance ( 34 percent), with similar response rates by age and residence categories.

In addition, 25 percent of the children who had never attended school did not attend in part because there is not enough money to pay for the costs of schooling. The costs might include school fees and related costs such as uniforms or clothing, books and supplies, transportation, private tutoring, etc. Whereas no significant gender differences in the percentage of children for whom monetary cost was a factor in not attending school, the urban-rural differences indicate 25 percent for rural and 34 percent for urban. In 2004, a similar percentage ( 24 percent) of responses was linked to monetary factors with 29 percent for urban and 25 percent for rural, suggesting a slight decrease in affordability in urban areas.

[^18]Seventeen percent of children did not attend because of poor school quality. ${ }^{17}$ As expected, among children age 6-7, being too young to attend was cited by parent/guardians in 37 percent of cases.

[^19]Table 7.5 Factors in children never having attended school

| Percentage of de jure children age 6-16 who never attended school, by reasons for not attending school during the 2009-2010 school year and background characteristics, NEDS 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cost related factors |  | Child factors |  |  | School factors |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of Children | Percentage of children who never attended school by background characteristics |
| Background characteristic | Monetary cost | Labor needed | No interest | Too young | Very sick | Disabled | Travel to school unsafe | School too far | Poor school quality | No good jobs for graduates | School not important | Other factors |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6-7 | 24.9 | 19.7 | 7.0 | 37.4 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 15.7 | 31.0 | 17.3 | 3.7 | 6.3 | 19.6 | 3,860 | 28 |
| 8-11 | 26.9 | 34.1 | 10.1 | 8.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 17.4 | 34.3 | 17.5 | 4.5 | 8.6 | 26.5 | 5,350 | 39 |
| 12-16 | 23.9 | 38.8 | 12.7 | 2.2 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 15.3 | 30.6 | 15.4 | 5.4 | 10.7 | 34.0 | 4,403 | 32 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 25.8 | 31.3 | 10.2 | 15.6 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 17.4 | 34.6 | 17.8 | 5.1 | 7.7 | 25.0 | 6,225 | 46 |
| Female | 24.9 | 31.7 | 9.9 | 14.2 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 15.3 | 30.1 | 15.9 | 4.1 | 9.5 | 28.7 | 7,388 | 54 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 33.5 | 21.9 | 14.2 | 21.1 | 1.3 | 2.6 | 4.4 | 6.1 | 16.3 | 4.3 | 12.8 | 26.2 | 1,360 | 10 |
| Rural | 24.4 | 32.6 | 9.6 | 14.1 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 17.6 | 35.0 | 16.8 | 4.6 | 8.2 | 27.1 | 12,253 | 90 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 35.2 | 43.2 | 7.3 | 15.9 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 9.6 | 26.4 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 2.9 | 16.3 | 1,601 | 12 |
| North East | 35.5 | 30.8 | 7.0 | 12.8 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 21.5 | 42.3 | 28.6 | 4.6 | 12.0 | 32.8 | 4,393 | 32 |
| North West | 16.8 | 30.1 | 12.5 | 15.4 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 14.6 | 27.6 | 14.1 | 5.8 | 8.5 | 26.9 | 7,074 | 52 |
| South East | 19.7 | 29.2 | 8.1 | 29.3 | 4.2 | 6.6 | 7.4 | 6.4 | 2.2 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 9.5 | 127 | 1 |
| South South | 39.5 | 4.9 | 11.8 | 15.6 | 3.0 | 18.9 | 3.2 | 7.8 | 2.6 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 20.2 | 106 | 1 |
| South West | 22.8 | 24.2 | 12.9 | 18.4 | 1.1 | 4.1 | 21.5 | 42.0 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 2.1 | 13.1 | 312 | 2 |
| Economic status quintile* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 25.7 | 35.9 | 8.4 | 12.5 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 22.3 | 44.0 | 20.5 | 4.8 | 8.1 | 27.1 | 6,935 | 51 |
| Second | 22.7 | 30.1 | 11.1 | 15.7 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 12.9 | 24.8 | 13.1 | 5.2 | 9.6 | 27.6 | 3,771 | 28 |
| Middle | 27.6 | 25.8 | 13.5 | 17.1 | 0.9 | 1.9 | 5.3 | 8.6 | 12.3 | 1.9 | 10.2 | 27.4 | 1,556 | 11 |
| Fourth | 35.6 | 16.0 | 11.8 | 25.7 | 1.9 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 8.5 | 17.6 | 4.0 | 12.2 | 23.1 | 596 | 4 |
| Highest | 26.3 | 20.2 | 3.2 | 22.3 | 2.7 | 5.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 16.3 | 7.2 | 3.2 | 34.7 | 105 | 1 |
| Total | 25.3 | 31.5 | 10.1 | 14.8 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 16.3 | 32.1 | 16.8 | 4.6 | 8.7 | 27.0 | 13,613 | 100 |

Figure 7.3 Selected Factors in Not Attending School during the 2009-2010 School Year, among Children Who Have Never Attended School


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### 7.3 Pupil Dropout

The 2010 NEDS defines pupil dropouts as those who attended primary school or higher at some point in time and no longer attend school. This group of pupils includes those who attended a class without completing the year as well as pupils who completed a class of schooling before leaving school.

The percentage distribution of school dropouts by class completed at the time of dropout (Table 7.6) shows that 9 percent of pupils who dropped out during primary school left without completing primary 1 or just after completing primary 1 . This compares favorably with 2004 where $20 \%$ of dropouts were reported in primary 1. Almost half (49 percent) of those who have left school dropped out during or after primary 6 , with no difference between gender or residence. In 2004 , primary 6 represented 39 percent of all dropouts, so we can see a shift over time to the majority of the drop outs taking place after primary 6. The mean drop out age in 2010 is 11 years, whereas the mean age of drop out in 2004 was 10 years, reflecting a trend of drop out occurring later in the primary cycle.

Table 7.6 Primary school dropouts by educational attainment and age at drop out


Information on why children age 4-16 dropped out of primary school, either during the cycle or at the end of primary school (Table 7.7 and Figure 7.4). As shown in Chapter 5 and confirmed above, drop out in the primary cycle is uncommon. Parents and guardians were asked about many factors that might partly explain why a child dropped out of school. More than one factor might have been listed, so the percentages in Table 7.7 do not add to 100 .

As was the case with factors in never having attended school, the monetary and nonmonetary costs of schooling are common factors in primary school dropout. For almost one in three ( 33 percent) of the children who had dropped out of school, the monetary cost of schooling was cited as a factor for dropping out. One in six children (17 percent) left school at least in part because of labor needs at home.

Among the child-related factors, the most common reason given for dropping out was that the child was no longer interested in attending school ( 27 percent). This reason was cited more often for male than for female pupils ( 30 percent versus 24 percent). Of the school-related factors, the unavailability of junior secondary school places ( 10 percent) was the most important factor, with distance to school representing 8 percent of cited reasons (with a large urban-rural disparity).

In comparison with 2004, school-related factors (quality, distance, and access to further education) are considerably less important reasons for dropping out. Cost and child-related factors (money, labor, and interest) remain important factors (Figure 7.4).

Table 7.7 Factors in school pupil dropouts

| Among de jure children age 4-16 who dropped out of primary school , the percentage who dropped out for specific reasons and the mean age of dropouts,by background characteristics, NEDS 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cost related factors |  | Child factors |  |  | School factors |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number Mean age of at dropouts dropout |  |
| Background characteristic | Monetary cost | Labor needed | No interest | Failed exams | Had enough schooling | Very sick | Disabled | Travel to school unsafe | School too far | Poor school quality | Unlikely/ Unable to join JSS | Unlikely/ Unable to join SSS | Other factors |  |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 35.7 | 16.6 | 29.8 | 5.7 | 7.9 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 7.7 | 6.7 | 9.2 | 0.0 | 30.5 | 934 | 10.9 |
| Female | 29.7 | 17.6 | 23.6 | 4.5 | 6.5 | 3.9 | 1.4 | 2.9 | 7.2 | 5.6 | 10.2 | 0.0 | 38.2 | 955 | 10.9 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 40.4 | 12.9 | 23.8 | 4.2 | 6.5 | 3.8 | 2.3 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 5.8 | 0.0 | 33.4 | 337 | 11.1 |
| Rural | 30.9 | 18.0 | 27.3 | 5.3 | 7.3 | 3.0 | 1.4 | 2.9 | 8.7 | 7.0 | 10.5 | 0.0 | 34.6 | 1,552 | 10.8 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 48.3 | 22.0 | 18.9 | 0.6 | 3.5 | 4.6 | 0.5 | 3.1 | 4.8 | 3.2 | 7.7 | 0.0 | 22.9 | 323 | 11.2 |
| North East | 30.9 | 20.4 | 19.9 | 2.6 | 8.2 | 4.0 | 1.4 | 3.7 | 8.1 | 10.9 | 7.3 | 0.0 | 37.6 | 302 | 10.7 |
| North West | 17.9 | 18.8 | 28.3 | 6.5 | 6.2 | 2.2 | 0.8 | 2.7 | 10.0 | 8.8 | 16.9 | 0.0 | 39.2 | 781 | 10.6 |
| South East | 51.2 | 11.0 | 18.3 | 2.9 | 7.0 | 5.3 | 8.2 | 3.1 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 36.2 | 67 | 12.4 |
| South South | 58.0 | 11.6 | 23.2 | 3.0 | 5.8 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 1.4 | 8.6 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 25.7 | 149 | 10.6 |
| South West | 40.1 | 6.8 | 42.8 | 11.0 | 14.2 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 1.0 | 3.4 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 35.1 | 267 | 11.1 |
| Economic status quintile* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 29.0 | 22.7 | 25.2 | 4.6 | 8.7 | 3.0 | 0.9 | 3.4 | 11.3 | 10.6 | 14.0 | 0.0 | 31.5 | 534 | 10.8 |
| Second | 28.9 | 20.7 | 30.6 | 5.7 | 7.9 | 3.3 | 1.2 | 2.7 | 6.9 | 7.7 | 10.3 | 0.0 | 34.4 | 545 | 10.6 |
| Middle | 32.6 | 16.0 | 24.4 | 5.0 | 5.5 | 1.6 | 0.7 | 3.5 | 6.3 | 3.3 | 9.0 | 0.0 | 38.2 | 273 | 11.0 |
| Fourth | 31.8 | 7.8 | 23.0 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 1.4 | 4.8 | 3.6 | 10.2 | 0.0 | 38.3 | 168 | 11.5 |
| Highest | 32.7 | 3.2 | 17.2 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.9 | 0.0 | 43.2 | 74 | 11.1 |
| Total | 32.6 | 17.1 | 26.6 | 5.1 | 7.2 | 3.1 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 7.5 | 6.2 | 9.7 | 0.0 | 34.4 | 1,889 | 10.9 |
| * Values based on imputation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Figure 7.4 Selected Factors in Dropping Out of School, among Pupils Who Have Dropped Out of School


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## 8. HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE ON SCHOOLING

The cost of schooling to households includes the monetary costs associated with schooling, other nonmonetary contributions such as the time spent by children in school and travelling to and from school, and other household members' time and labor in support of children's schooling. These costs of schooling, both monetary and non-monetary, may be difficult for some households to bear and may in some cases be so burdensome as to keep children from ever attending school or result in children leaving school. This chapter focuses on household expenditures on children's schooling at the primary and secondary levels. The following chapter, Chapter 9, presents information on other costs of schooling borne by households, such as time devoted to school by children and other household members.

### 8.1 Overview of Expenditures on Primary Schooling

The 2010 NEDS collected information about whether households spent money on each pupil's schooling during the 2009-2010 school year, and if so, how much was spent on which items. Questions were asked specifically about possible costs, including tuition, parent-teacher association (PTA) fees, exam fees, boarding fees, uniforms and clothing, books and supplies, transportation, food, extra lessons, and other types of expenditures. It must be emphasized that the parent/guardian respondent was asked about expenditures made by members of the household, rather than all expenditures made on the pupil's behalf. If, for example, the household did not spend money on the school development levy, but an uncle living in another household paid this levy, the expenditure was not recorded for that pupil because it was not made from within the pupil's household.

The tables in this section of the chapter present data on per-pupil household expenditures on schooling. The discussion includes the type of school pupils attend because both the incidence and magnitude of expenditures are expected to differ according to the type of school attended. Table 8.1 presents information on the incidence of expenditure, or the percentage of pupils whose households spent money on each item, according to the background variables of sex, residence, region, school type, and household economic status.

The mean total sum spent on each pupil during the 2009-2010 school year and expenditure data for pupils with non-zero expenditures on various items such as tuition, school supplies, etc. are presented in Table 8.2 and Table 8.3. Table 8.3 illustrates how much money was spent on each item, on average, among pupils whose households spent any money on that item.

### 8.2 Cost Incidence and Total Expenditures

Virtually all (99 percent) of primary school pupils' households spent money on primary schooling during the 2009-2010 school year, regardless of the pupil's sex, urban-rural residence, region, economic status, or the type of school attended (Table 8.1). Overall, the most frequently incurred expenditures are on school supplies (including textbooks, exercise books, pens, pencils, etc.), handworks (or arts and crafts supplies) and on uniforms and clothing needed for school (including shoes). Ninety-seven percent of pupils' households spent money on books and school supplies, 92 percent on school clothing or uniforms. In addition, 63 percent contributed to PTA fees and half of pupils' households spent money on food, and paid exam fees. The same categories were predominant in 2004, with 99 percent of households making expenditures on books and supplies, 89 percent contributing to uniforms and clothing, 72 percent on PTA fees, 64 percent contributed to food and 48 percent for exam fees. In contrast only, in 2010, 92 percent of households contributed to handworks, a noticeable increase in the 16 percent of households that contributed to handworks in 2004.

Table 8.1 Household expenditures on primary schooling for school pupils

| Percentage of primary school pupils whose households spent money on various costs of schooling in the 2009-2010 school year, by expenditure and background characteristics, NEDS 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Expenditures on primary schooling |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Tuition | School <br> Develop- <br> ment <br> Levy | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PTA } \\ & \text { fees } \end{aligned}$ | Exam fees | Boarding fees | Furni- <br> ture <br> tools <br> and <br> utensils | Uniforms and clothing | Books and supplies | Handworks | Transport | Food | Extra <br> Lessons | Other fees | One or more types of expenditures | Number of Children |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 29.4 | 29.5 | 62.9 | 48.5 | 0.2 | 6.8 | 92.2 | 96.7 | 92.3 | 4.6 | 57.4 | 23.0 | 29.8 | 99.3 | 16,033 |
| Female | 32.1 | 31.3 | 63.1 | 50.6 | 0.0 | 7.1 | 92.0 | 96.4 | 91.8 | 5.2 | 57.2 | 25.2 | 31.0 | 99.1 | 13,723 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 47.6 | 36.9 | 71.3 | 58.7 | 0.1 | 7.2 | 94.6 | 98.4 | 94.5 | 8.3 | 66.6 | 40.9 | 31.7 | 99.5 | 9,866 |
| Rural | 22.2 | 27.1 | 58.9 | 44.9 | 0.1 | 6.8 | 90.9 | 95.6 | 90.9 | 3.2 | 52.7 | 15.7 | 29.6 | 99.1 | 19,889 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 41.2 | 47.5 | 89.6 | 49.6 | 0.1 | 11.4 | 93.7 | 97.8 | 95.5 | 3.4 | 44.6 | 14.6 | 23.3 | 99.2 | 5,076 |
| North East | 11.5 | 15.0 | 59.0 | 14.7 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 79.2 | 90.4 | 87.1 | 2.0 | 54.6 | 3.5 | 14.2 | 97.8 | 3,760 |
| North West | 12.2 | 10.9 | 42.0 | 15.0 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 88.6 | 93.2 | 81.9 | 1.6 | 69.0 | 4.3 | 15.8 | 99.2 | 6,960 |
| South East | 48.6 | 27.9 | 79.5 | 74.3 | 0.1 | 25.2 | 98.3 | 99.4 | 98.0 | 4.2 | 30.9 | 43.1 | 59.0 | 99.7 | 3,555 |
| South South | 31.5 | 21.1 | 43.1 | 73.3 | 0.1 | 3.4 | 94.8 | 99.1 | 94.9 | 7.9 | 43.6 | 29.3 | 47.1 | 99.3 | 4,775 |
| South West | 44.5 | 58.4 | 74.0 | 79.5 | 0.3 | 3.6 | 97.6 | 99.6 | 98.6 | 10.1 | 84.3 | 54.2 | 33.1 | 99.8 | 5,629 |
| School type |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Government | 10.3 | 22.2 | 57.4 | 39.8 | 0.0 | 5.4 | 90.8 | 95.7 | 90.5 | 2.2 | 55.1 | 11.4 | 28.4 | 99.2 | 21,893 |
| Non Government | 89.4 | 53.9 | 79.5 | 77.8 | 0.3 | 11.4 | 96.4 | 99.4 | 97.0 | 12.6 | 63.5 | 61.0 | 36.1 | 99.7 | 7,588 |
| Economic status quintile* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 12.4 | 19.5 | 51.1 | 21.7 | 0.0 | 4.9 | 81.8 | 91.7 | 85.9 | 1.0 | 49.2 | 2.5 | 16.0 | 98.0 | 3,781 |
| Second | 11.2 | 21.1 | 53.4 | 30.7 | 0.0 | 5.3 | 88.6 | 93.1 | 86.1 | 1.3 | 55.6 | 6.6 | 20.7 | 99.2 | 5,329 |
| Middle | 20.0 | 26.2 | 62.5 | 42.1 | 0.1 | 6.7 | 92.8 | 96.6 | 92.1 | 2.8 | 54.5 | 12.6 | 29.5 | 99.2 | 5,378 |
| Fourth | 34.0 | 30.1 | 66.7 | 53.9 | 0.1 | 6.3 | 93.1 | 98.3 | 93.9 | 5.1 | 63.5 | 26.9 | 31.5 | 99.3 | 4,354 |
| Highest | 68.1 | 45.3 | 73.8 | 63.2 | 0.3 | 6.1 | 95.8 | 99.1 | 95.6 | 11.8 | 68.7 | 54.9 | 32.6 | 99.7 | 3,515 |
| Total | 30.6 | 30.3 | 63.0 | 49.5 | 0.1 | 7.0 | 92.1 | 96.5 | 92.1 | 4.9 | 57.3 | 24.1 | 30.3 | 99.2 | 29,755 |
| *Statistics based on imputed data |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The average annual household expenditure per pupil on primary schooling by type of expenditure and background characteristics are discussed more fully below, in conjunction with Table 8.3.

Although nearly all primary school pupils' households spent money on their schooling in the 2009-2010 school year (on average $\mathrm{N} 7,691$ ), the total amount of money spent per child differs according to various background characteristics (Table 8.2). Among pupils in urban areas, the mean expenditure on schooling
 2004, the per-pupil expenditure was slightly higher (on average 7.918 ) even without taking into account inflation, and the urban-rural disparity was considerably less difference (expenditure in urban areas was twice as much).

[^20]Table 8.2 Per-pupil household expenditure on primary schooling for pupils

| Average annual per-pupil household expenditure (in Nigerian Naira) on primary schooling in the 20092010 school year, by background characteristics, |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background Characteristics | Mean total expenditures (Nigerian Naira) | Number of primary school pupils |
| Sex |  |  |
| Males | 7,618.5 | 16,033 |
| Females | 7,776.4 | 13,723 |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 13,831.7 | 9,866 |
| Rural | 4,631.7 | 19,889 |
| Region |  |  |
| North Central | 5,559.6 | 5,076 |
| North East | 1,974.9 | 3,760 |
| North West | 2,961.5 | 6,960 |
| South East | 9,657.9 | 3,555 |
| South South | 12,036.1 | 4,775 |
| South West | 14,253.6 | 5,629 |
| School type* |  |  |
| Government | 3,660.1 | 21,893 |
| Non Government | 19,316.8 | 7,588 |
| Economic status quintile* |  |  |
| Lowest | 1,944.3 | 3,781 |
| Second | 2,634.4 | 5,329 |
| Middle | 3,887.7 | 5,378 |
| Fourth | 6,718.4 | 4,354 |
| Highest | 20,214.6 | 3,515 |
| Total | 7,691.2 | 29,755 |
| *Statistics based on imputed data |  |  |

Figure 8.1 Mean Annual Per-pupil Household Expenditure on Primary School, by Region (in Nigerian Naira)


2004 NDES and 2010 NEDS
Comparison of 2004 and 2010 per-pupil household expenditures shows a considerable drop in the North East and North West zones and a small increase for all other zones.

The mean annual expenditure for pupils attending private schools far exceeds that for pupils attending government schools (Figure 8.2). Per-pupil household expenditure for pupils in government schools has declined by half since 2004. (For 2004 data are available for two groups of private schools, whereas in 2010, expenditure data were collected for all non-government schools as a whole.)

Figure 8.2 Mean Annual Per-pupil Household Expenditure on Primary School By School Type (In Nigerian Naira)


2004 NDES and 2010 NEDS
As might be expected, the more economically advantaged the household, the greater the mean total expenditure per pupil (Table 8.2 and Figure 8.3). Mean total expenditure on a pupil from the highest quintile ( $\mathrm{N} 20,215$ ) was more than ten times as high as the mean total expenditure on a pupil from the lowest quintile ( $\mathrm{A} 1,944$ ). In comparison with 2004, the 2010 data indicate a higher correlation between socio-economic status and per-pupil household expenditures on education. As a corollary, lower socioeconomic groups are spending less on education in 2010 than in 2004.

Figure 8.3 Mean Annual Per-Pupil Household Expenditure on Primary School, By Economic Status Quintile (In Nigerian Naira)


2004 NDES and NEDS 2010

## Specific Non-zero Expenditures

This section of the chapter combines information on the incidence of expenditure (Table 8.1) with information on the mean non-zero expenditures on various items (Table 8.3). This approach allows for a more realistic comparison of prices paid by pupils' households for school costs. Non-zero expenditure is simply the average expenditure for all primary school pupils who spent money in a specific cost category. For example, since only 31 percent of pupils spent money on tuition, then the mean expenditure would be calculated using the actual number of pupils whose households spent money on this cost. In this section, we provide closer examination of trends for those items where the majority of households reported nonzero expenditures.

## Uniforms, Clothing, and Shoes Bought for Use at School

Nine in ten pupils' households spent money on uniforms, clothing, and shoes bought primarily for use at school, and the mean non-zero expenditure was $\mathbb{A 1}, 226$ for the 2009-2010 school year, slightly higher than the 828 in 2004. Households spent slightly more on female ( $\mathrm{N} 1,239$ ) than on male pupils ( $\AA 1,215$ ), and those in urban areas spent more than those in rural areas. Private school pupils spent more on uniforms and clothing than government school pupils, and those in the most advantaged quintile spent twice as much as did those in the lowest quintile ( $\mathbb{N 1}, 818$ versus N 817 ). These trends hold for both government and private schools.

## School Supplies

Nearly all pupils' households ( 97 percent as shown in Table 8.1) paid for school supplies, including textbooks, exercise books, pens and pencils, school bags, etc. On average, per-pupil household expenditure was $\# 1,086$ on school supplies, slightly less than in 2004 ( $\mathrm{N} 1,124$ ). Pupils' households in urban areas spent about twice as much on supplies as did those in rural areas ( $\AA 1,518$ versus 1867 ). In the south, pupils' households spent considerably more than did those in the north. Pupils in private schools spent over twice as much on school supplies as did pupils in government schools. Per-pupil household expenditure on supplies in the highest quintile averages $\# 1,856$, compared with N 458 in the lowest quintile. These trends hold whether a pupil was in a government or private school.

## Handworks

When asked about expenditures on other school items, nine out of ten parent/guardians listed expenditures on handworks (arts and crafts) for pupils. On average, pupils' household spending on handworks was H 209 for the school year, which was almost the same as 2004 ( N 211 ). Unit expenditure in government and private schools was similar.

## PTA Fees

Sixty-three percent of pupils' households paid the PTA fee, and on average, those who paid the fee spent A453, more than twice as much as the 2004 reported unit expenditure of A 218 . PTA fees were A 339 for government schools and 883 for private schools. More households in the economically advantaged quintiles than those in the less economically advantaged quintiles paid PTA fees.

## Examination Fees

About half of pupils' households spent money on examination fees during the 2009-2010 school year, and among pupils whose households spent money on examination fees, the mean per-pupil expenditure was $\begin{aligned} & \text { } 540 \text {, slightly higher than the } \\ & \$ 309 \\ & \text { paid in 2004. Expenditures were higher among pupils in urban }\end{aligned}$
than in rural areas. In government schools, per-pupil expenditure was approximately half that of private schools ( $\ddagger 423$ versus $\# 803$ )

## Food

More than half of pupils' households spent money on food or snacks for pupils to eat during the school day (Table 8.1). These expenditures may have been on lunch or snacks bought on the way to school or at school or on food bought by the household for the child to take to school. Among those pupils whose households spent money on food, expenditures were fairly small at 2262 , ranking only ahead of handworks. In 2004, the reported per-student expenditure on food was $\mathrm{A} 4,305$. Expenditure on food in government schools (स209) is not much different than in private schools (\#395).

## Tuition

Thirty-one percent of pupils' households paid tuition (Table 8.1). Among children with non-zero expenditures on tuition, the mean annual tuition expenditure was 88,988 , although this masks variation in expenditure by residence, region, school type, and economic status (Table 8.3). Households in urban areas were more likely to have paid tuition than those in rural areas ( 48 percent versus 22 percent, as shown in Table 8.1); furthermore, those in urban areas spent considerably more on a pupil's tuition ( $\mathrm{\#} 12,981$ ) than households in rural areas ( $\pm 5,325$ ). As expected, 89 percent of pupils in private schools paid tuition. More surprisingly, 10 percent of pupils in government schools were reported to have paid tuition.

In comparing private with government schools, tuition is $\mathbb{A} 10,943$ and $\AA 3,686$, respectively. Tuition payments for government schools are higher in the southern zones than the northern. Otherwise, all trends remain similar.

Table 8.3 Non-zero per-pupil household expenditures on primary schooling for school pupils

| Average annual per pupils household expenditure (in Nigeria Naira) on primary schooling in the 2009_2010 school year for primary school pupils with average non-zero expenditures by type of expenditure and background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mean per-pupil household expenditures on primary schooling (in Nigerian Naira) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Tuition | School development levy | PTA <br> fees | Exam fees | Boarding fees | Furniture tools and utensils | Uniforms and clothing | Books and supplies | Handworks | Transport | Food | Extra <br> Lessons | Other fees | Number |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 9,288.7 | 672.3 | 443.9 | 533.9 | ** | 1,095.2 | 1,214.8 | 1,064.7 | 207.8 | 1,725.3 | 273.6 | 3,616.8 | 761.9 | 16,033 |
| Female | 8,659.7 | 727.6 | 464.1 | 546.7 | ** | 1,078.7 | 1,238.5 | 1,110.9 | 211.0 | 1,749.0 | 248.8 | 3,617.8 | 707.7 | 13,723 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 12,980.5 | 976.5 | 600.0 | 653.6 | ** | 1,192.1 | 1,532.9 | 1,517.7 | 228.8 | 2,315.5 | 402.1 | 4,734.0 | 1,042.6 | 9,866 |
| Rural | 5,325.0 | 571.9 | 383.3 | 480.5 | ** | 1,052.2 | 1,069.8 | 866.7 | 198.8 | 1,012.9 | 174.5 | 2,284.4 | 575.2 | 19,889 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 3,478.2 | 383.7 | 347.1 | 289.9 | ** | 1,016.2 | 987.2 | 907.9 | 241.8 | 3,510.5 | 531.5 | 3,160.6 | 426.5 | 5,076 |
| North East | 3,307.4 | 225.0 | 145.5 | 194.6 | ** | 318.5 | 656.6 | 473.3 | 133.8 | 2,313.3 | 300.5 | 1,721.5 | 451.5 | 3,760 |
| North West | 6,804.4 | 691.7 | 160.0 | 148.5 | ** | 380.1 | 800.2 | 522.8 | 201.4 | 1,353.7 | 162.7 | 3,236.5 | 610.4 | 6,960 |
| South East | 6,327.0 | 676.2 | 648.3 | 437.1 | ** | 1,081.6 | 1,470.4 | 1,491.8 | 292.2 | 2,145.4 | 1,023.1 | 1,336.8 | 694.4 | 3,555 |
| South South | 12,511.0 | 1,261.2 | 898.7 | 797.0 | ** | 1,634.1 | 1,937.9 | 1,562.2 | 229.8 | 1,175.8 | 142.7 | 5,336.0 | 707.7 | 4,775 |
| South West | 14,303.8 | 733.0 | 660.7 | 571.9 | ** | 1,544.7 | 1,473.4 | 1,614.2 | 148.4 | 1,520.0 | 95.8 | 4,078.7 | 1,166.5 | 5,629 |
| School type |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Government | 3,685.7 | 503.2 | 339.3 | 423.3 | ** | 978.6 | 1,019.4 | 852.2 | 191.4 | 1,024.5 | 209.3 | 2,569.5 | 528.4 | 21,893 |
| Non-government | 10,943.8 | 1,198.9 | 882.6 | 802.6 | ** | 1,351.2 | 1,816.5 | 1,744.5 | 247.0 | 2,135.0 | 395.7 | 4,235.6 | 1,211.9 | 7,588 |
| Economic status quintile* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 2,285.1 | 317.4 | 252.2 | 392.3 | ** | 988.6 | 776.7 | 458.4 | 146.2 | 858.8 | 221.3 | 1,633.2 | 456.7 | 3,781 |
| Second | 2,881.7 | 527.0 | 286.4 | 376.6 | ** | 842.4 | 845.4 | 610.8 | 169.7 | 870.3 | 193.9 | 1,814.8 | 428.4 | 5,329 |
| Middle | 4,013.6 | 484.4 | 307.6 | 421.2 | ** | 931.8 | 978.5 | 817.3 | 199.3 | 1,035.9 | 134.3 | 2,259.6 | 478.2 | 5,378 |
| Fourth | 5,842.7 | 646.2 | 385.4 | 474.9 | ** | 1,115.5 | 1,217.1 | 1,087.8 | 195.5 | 1,798.2 | 344.4 | 2,609.7 | 694.1 | 4,354 |
| Highest | 14,613.9 | 1,246.3 | 787.5 | 767.0 | ** | 1,297.8 | 1,739.3 | 1,856.3 | 266.9 | 2,156.6 | 353.8 | 5,493.1 | 1,441.1 | 3,515 |
| Total | 8,987.5 | 698.1 | 453.0 | 539.9 | ** | 1,087.5 | 1,225.7 | 1,085.9 | 209.3 | 1,736.9 | 262.2 | 3,617.3 | 736.3 | 29,755 |
| * Statistics based on imputed data **Statistics based on only 12 cases |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Summary

After a detailed discussion of the expenditures on various school costs, a brief summary is useful to underscore the main findings. Perhaps most important to emphasize is that virtually all primary school pupils' households (nearly 100 percent) spent money on schooling. Nearly all pupils' households spent money on books and supplies, and nine in ten ( 92 percent) spent money on handworks, and school uniforms and clothing. Six in ten pupils' households spent money on PTA fees, and one in two pupils household spent money on food. About one-quarter of pupils' households spent money on extra lessons, a third on the school development levy, and on tuition. Less common were expenditures on furniture, transport, and boarding fees.

The findings suggest that there is some discretionary expenditure on primary schooling, including those on extra lessons that households may or may not spend money on for their children attending primary school. On the other hand, there are also items bought by a very high percentage of households such as school supplies, handworks, and uniforms and clothing, which suggests that some of the costs of schooling are borne by nearly all households with children in school. Although households are unlikely to avoid having to spend some money on schooling, they can minimize how much is spent on various costs-as indicated by the differential amounts spent by households of higher versus lower economic status, for instance.

### 8.3 Sources of Support for the Monetary Costs of Primary Schooling

Parent/guardians were asked about the various sources of monetary support for each child's primary schooling during the 2009-2010 school year. These sources include those within the pupil's household (from the child's parents and/or other household members or from the pupil himself or herself) and from outside the household (from extended family, a bursary or scholarship, borrowing, or a gift from a nonrelative).

Table 8.4 Sources of support for the monetary cost of primary schooling

| Percentage of primary school pupils who received support from various sources in the 2009-2010 school year, by background characteristics, NEDS 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sources of support |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { children } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| Background Characteristics | One or both parents/ household | Child himself/ herself | $\begin{gathered} \text { Extended } \\ \text { family } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Scholarship | Borrowing | Gift from nonrelative | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { One or } \\ & \text { more } \\ & \text { sources } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { support } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 96.9 | 1.4 | 8.0 | 1.3 | 6.5 | 1.5 | 98.2 | 16,033 |
| Female | 96.9 | 0.7 | 8.7 | 1.4 | 5.9 | 1.6 | 98.1 | 13,723 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 96.6 | 0.9 | 9.5 | 0.6 | 4.8 | 1.7 | 97.7 | 9,866 |
| Rural | 97.1 | 1.1 | 7.7 | 1.7 | 6.9 | 1.5 | 98.4 | 19,889 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 98.6 | 1.5 | 5.9 | 0.1 | 4.0 | 1.5 | 99.6 | 5,076 |
| North East | 87.9 | 2.9 | 9.2 | 0.3 | 5.2 | 1.8 | 91.5 | 3,760 |
| North West | 97.1 | 1.1 | 3.8 | 5.0 | 2.5 | 1.3 | 98.2 | 6,960 |
| South East | 97.4 | 0.5 | 18.8 | 0.4 | 9.9 | 1.5 | 98.3 | 3,555 |
| South South | 98.8 | 0.2 | 7.9 | 0.2 | 12.9 | 1.7 | 99.8 | 4,775 |
| South West | 99.3 | 0.5 | 9.4 | 0.1 | 5.6 | 1.7 | 99.8 | 5,629 |
| Economic status quintile* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 94.5 | 1.9 | 6.2 | 3.3 | 4.0 | 1.3 | 96.9 | 3,781 |
| Second | 96.5 | 1.5 | 5.5 | 2.5 | 6.1 | 1.2 | 97.8 | 5,329 |
| Middle | 96.2 | 1.5 | 9.3 | 1.1 | 5.3 | 1.4 | 97.6 | 5,378 |
| Fourth | 97.4 | 0.6 | 7.4 | 0.8 | 5.7 | 1.6 | 98.4 | 4,354 |
| Highest | 97.4 | 0.2 | 6.7 | 0.6 | 3.0 | 1.4 | 98.1 | 3,515 |
| Total | 96.9 | 1.1 | 8.3 | 1.3 | 6.2 | 1.6 | 98.2 | 29,755 |
| *Statistics based on imputed data |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Ninety-seven percent of pupils received support from one or both parents, or from the household (Table 8.4), which is identical to the results from 2004. Eight percent received support from extended family, 6 percent from borrowing, 2 percent as a gift from a non-relative, 1 percent from the youth himself/herself, and 1 percent from a bursary or scholarship.

### 8.4 Overview of Expenditures on Secondary Schooling

The 2010 NEDS also collected information about whether households spent money on each student's secondary schooling during the 2009-2010 school year, and if so, how much was spent on which items. The tables in this section of the chapter, like those in the earlier sections, present data on per-student household expenditures but specifically on secondary schooling. Table 8.5 presents information on the
incidence of expenditure, or the percentage of students whose households spent money on each item, according to the background variables of sex, residence, region, and household economic status. ${ }^{19}$

Table 8.6 presents the mean total sum spent on each student during the 2009-2010 school year. Table 8.7 presents expenditure data for students with non-zero expenditures on various items such as tuition, school supplies, etc. This table illustrates how much money was spent on each item, on average, among students whose households spent any money on that item. Expenditure on junior secondary school students in both government (Table 8.7.1) and private secondary schools (Table 8.7.2) are also presented.

## Cost Incidence and Total Expenditures

Virtually all ( 99 percent) secondary students' households spent money on secondary schooling during the 2009-2010 school year, as was the case in 2004. The most frequently incurred expenditures were on school supplies (including textbooks, exercise books, pens, pencils, etc.), uniforms and clothing needed for school (including shoes), and on handworks. Ninety-nine percent of students' households spent money on school supplies, 96 percent bought school clothing or uniforms, and 96 percent paid for handworks materials. Seventy-three percent of students' households paid PTA fees, 64 percent spent money on food, and 66 percent of students' households paid examination fee. In 2004, similar trends prevailed, except handworks were of less importance and more households spent money on tuition.

The incidence of expenditure, and differences by household and student characteristics, are discussed more fully later in conjunction with Table 8.7.

Table 8.5 Household expenditures on secondary schooling for school students

| Percentage of secondary school students whose households spent money on various costs of schooling in the 2009-2010 school year, by expenditure and background characteristics, NEDS 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Expenditures on secondary schooling |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Tuition | School development levy | PTA <br> fees | Exam fees | Boarding fees | Furniture tools and utensils | Uniforms <br> and clothing | Books and supplies | Hardworks | Transport | Food | Extra Lessons | Other fees | One or more types of expenditures | Number of students |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 51.5 | 43.4 | 71.7 | 63.9 | 3.7 | 24.2 | 95.9 | 98.8 | 96.3 | 18.3 | 63.6 | 38.8 | 30.2 | 99.3 | 5,723 |
| Female | 52.3 | 44.9 | 73.3 | 67.6 | 4.0 | 25.0 | 96.3 | 99.0 | 96.4 | 21.1 | 63.6 | 44.6 | 32.2 | 99.4 | 5,177 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 49.2 | 43.1 | 71.3 | 61.9 | 4.7 | 20.6 | 96.5 | 98.9 | 96.0 | 24.3 | 71.2 | 46.8 | 28.1 | 99.4 | 4,912 |
| Rural | 54.0 | 44.9 | 73.4 | 68.7 | 3.2 | 27.8 | 95.8 | 98.9 | 96.7 | 15.7 | 57.4 | 37.3 | 33.6 | 99.4 | 5,988 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 78.9 | 71.9 | 91.7 | 73.1 | 4.6 | 28.7 | 96.0 | 98.3 | 96.5 | 12.8 | 57.3 | 30.5 | 21.2 | 98.8 | 1,538 |
| North East | 47.9 | 56.4 | 80.0 | 53.6 | 7.1 | 9.4 | 89.7 | 96.9 | 92.9 | 12.4 | 63.2 | 7.8 | 29.3 | 98.6 | 838 |
| North West | 52.8 | 24.7 | 60.6 | 39.2 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 96.4 | 98.4 | 93.2 | 18.2 | 74.3 | 8.1 | 29.5 | 99.4 | 1,567 |
| South East | 77.3 | 37.9 | 87.5 | 81.4 | 5.5 | 71.4 | 98.5 | 99.7 | 98.5 | 12.8 | 37.0 | 63.4 | 30.1 | 99.9 | 1,713 |
| South South | 40.8 | 27.6 | 53.0 | 69.5 | 3.2 | 20.5 | 94.2 | 99.2 | 95.6 | 18.2 | 49.3 | 39.9 | 44.7 | 99.3 | 2,246 |
| South West | 32.4 | 52.5 | 72.6 | 67.1 | 2.4 | 14.4 | 97.8 | 99.3 | 98.2 | 30.8 | 87.4 | 62.8 | 28.0 | 99.6 | 2,999 |
| Economic status quintile* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 47.9 | 43.9 | 72.4 | 52.6 | 4.5 | 13.7 | 93.9 | 97.9 | 95.1 | 11.9 | 58.5 | 14.1 | 29.2 | 99.2 | 501 |
| Second | 51.2 | 45.0 | 71.9 | 60.8 | 2.1 | 20.3 | 94.3 | 97.7 | 94.1 | 12.7 | 59.4 | 19.0 | 27.6 | 98.3 | 1,117 |
| Middle | 53.7 | 46.7 | 73.8 | 65.3 | 2.3 | 20.9 | 95.7 | 99.1 | 96.5 | 11.1 | 58.0 | 27.6 | 30.4 | 99.7 | 1,514 |
| Fourth | 47.4 | 40.3 | 72.1 | 62.8 | 2.9 | 21.8 | 94.7 | 97.9 | 94.9 | 18.3 | 64.0 | 39.6 | 29.1 | 98.7 | 1,810 |
| Highest | 55.1 | 45.1 | 68.6 | 59.4 | 6.9 | 18.5 | 96.0 | 99.3 | 96.6 | 30.3 | 75.6 | 49.7 | 28.9 | 99.6 | 2,121 |
| Total | 51.9 | 44.1 | 72.5 | 65.6 | 3.8 | 24.6 | 96.1 | 98.9 | 96.4 | 19.6 | 63.6 | 41.5 | 31.1 | 99.4 | 10,900 |
| *Statistics based on imputed data |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

[^21]At the secondary level, students' households spent about twice as much per student than did primary school pupils' households ( $\AA 18,448$ at the secondary level, compared with $\$ 7,691$ at the primary level). Overall per-pupil expenditure on secondary education has declined from $\mathrm{N} 20,628$ in 2004. Patterns seen here are similar to those of primary spending. One interesting change is a shift from equal per student expenditures by residence in 2004 ( $\mathrm{N} 20,947$ in urban compared with $\mathrm{N} 20,283$ in rural) to marked urbanrural disparity in 2010 ( $\ddagger 23,244$ and $\# 14,511$, respectively).

Table 8.6 Per-student household expenditures on secondary schooling for students

| Average annual per-student household expenditure (in Nigerian Naira) on secondary schooling in the 2009-2010 school year, by background |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background Characteristics | Mean total expenditures (Nigerian Naira) | Number of primary school pupils |
| Sex |  |  |
| Males | 17,799.8 | 5,723 |
| Females | 19,162.9 | 5,177 |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 23,244.3 | 4,912 |
| Rural | 14,511.3 | 5,988 |
| Region |  |  |
| North Central | 14,466.2 | 1,538 |
| North East | 6,775.4 | 838 |
| North West | 10,655.5 | 1,567 |
| South East | 23,151.7 | 1,713 |
| South South | 22,900.8 | 2,246 |
| South West | 21,741.5 | 2,999 |
| Economic status quintile* |  |  |
| Lowest | 7,562.9 | 501 |
| Second | 8,044.5 | 1,117 |
| Middle | 10,430.4 | 1,514 |
| Fourth | 13,378.3 | 1,810 |
| Highest | 28,681.9 | 2,121 |
| Total | 18,447.5 | 10,900 |
| *Statistics based on imputed data |  |  |

Figure 8.4 Mean Annual Per-Student Household Expenditure on Secondary School, by Region (In Nigerian Naira)


2004 NDES and 2010 NEDS

### 8.5 Specific Non-zero Expenditures

This section of the chapter combines information on the incidence of expenditure (Table 8.5) with information on the mean non-zero expenditures on various items (Table 8.7). This approach allows for a more realistic comparison of prices paid by students' households, spending money on particular school costs. Non-zero expenditure is simply the average expenditure for all secondary school students who spent money in a specific cost category. For example, since 20 percent of students spent money on transportation, then the mean expenditure would be calculated using the actual number of students whose households spent money on this cost.

## Uniforms, Clothing, and Shoes Bought for Use at School

Nine in ten students' households spent money on uniforms, clothing, and shoes bought primarily for use at school, and the mean non-zero expenditure was $\mathrm{N} 2,093$ for the 2009-2010 school year, more than the \#1,464 spent in 2004. There is a slight difference in per-pupil expenditure for pupils attending junior secondary at $\# 1,786$

## School Supplies

Similar to the primary level, nearly all secondary school students households (99 percent) paid for school supplies, including textbooks, exercise books, pens and pencils, and school bags. On average, students' households spent $\mathrm{A} 2,168$ on school supplies, which is less than the $\mathrm{N}, 766$ spent in 2004.

## Handworks

When asked about expenditures on other school items, nine out of ten secondary school students' households listed expenditures on handworks (arts and crafts) for students. On average, students' households' spent $\AA 357$ for the school year on handworks. This item was barely reported by households in 2004, limiting the ability to compare data.

## Food

Sixty-four percent of students' households spent money on food or snacks for students to eat during the school day (Table 8.5). Among those students whose households spent money on food, on the average spent 1794 , which is considerably lower than the 6,442 spent per student in 2004.

Table 8.7 Non-zero per-student household expenditures on secondary schooling for school students

| Average annual per student household expenditure (in Nigeria Naira) on secondary schooling in the 2009-2010 school year for secondary school students with average non-zero expenditures by type of expenditure and background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mean per-pupil household expenditures on secondary schooling (in Nigerian Naira) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | Tuition | School development levy | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PTA } \\ & \text { fees } \end{aligned}$ | Exam fees | Boarding fees | Furniture tools and utensils | Uniforms and clothing | Books and supplies | Handworks | Transport | Food | Extra <br> Lessons | Other fees | Number |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 11,642.5 | 1,744.5 | 1,076.3 | 1,137.6 | 35,266.8 | 1,923.4 | 2,095.2 | 2,072.8 | 366.0 | 1,140.0 | 763.4 | 3,845.9 | 1,671.9 | 5,723 |
| Female | 13,603.1 | 1,320.4 | 1,106.4 | 1,206.5 | 19,313.8 | 2,023.5 | 2,090.5 | 2,272.2 | 346.9 | 901.1 | 827.1 | 3,988.7 | 1,574.4 | 5,177 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 20,391.6 | 2,183.6 | 1,266.3 | 1,241.0 | 37,472.0 | 2,022.3 | 2,313.6 | 2,477.3 | 400.0 | 1,144.8 | 904.5 | 5,048.3 | 1,948.5 | 4,912 |
| Rural | 7,845.3 | 1,151.5 | 965.3 | 1,126.9 | 18,461.1 | 1,942.8 | 1,915.5 | 1,914.0 | 327.1 | 855.8 | 680.7 | 2,847.3 | 1,404.4 | 5,988 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 4,358.0 | 845.8 | 756.1 | 909.9 | 5,664.4 | 1,450.0 | 1,661.8 | 1,789.4 | 360.2 | 2,436.0 | 1,006.9 | 2,825.2 | 930.9 | 1,538 |
| North East | 2,864.9 | 512.4 | 371.5 | 373.3 | 1,149.2 | 1,153.2 | 1,428.2 | 1,210.9 | 288.9 | 1,640.5 | 1,190.8 | 2,895.4 | 1,013.7 | 838 |
| North West | 6,315.9 | 621.2 | 518.2 | 357.9 | 9,392.3 | 925.9 | 1,442.0 | 1,349.9 | 377.0 | 1,124.8 | 1,103.4 | 3,132.2 | 1,559.0 | 1,567 |
| South East | 11,139.0 | 1,390.5 | 1,150.2 | 1,361.7 | 19,900.6 | 2,123.2 | 2,226.1 | 2,614.7 | 450.4 | 1,327.8 | 2,154.6 | 2,255.4 | 1,438.8 | 1,713 |
| South South | 16,076.6 | 2,009.9 | 1,574.3 | 1,662.6 | 35,065.6 | 2,210.5 | 2,897.5 | 2,515.0 | 350.8 | 609.8 | 517.6 | 5,248.1 | 1,862.6 | 2,246 |
| South West | 33,547.7 | 2,064.8 | 1,354.0 | 928.8 | 69,648.3 | 1,771.1 | 2,148.3 | 2,517.8 | 306.8 | 723.1 | 293.5 | 4,426.4 | 1,928.0 | 2,999 |
| Economic status quintile* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 2,901.5 | 659.2 | 596.1 | 756.1 | 1,394.3 | 1,441.5 | 1,468.1 | 1,263.5 | 290.9 | 1,060.1 | 853.9 | 4,162.4 | 1,467.1 | 501 |
| Second | 3,278.2 | 660.2 | 657.7 | 706.6 | 8,425.4 | 1,462.9 | 1,410.0 | 1,361.2 | 307.1 | 1,325.4 | 534.3 | 2,002.7 | 1,232.2 | 1,117 |
| Middle | 5,299.3 | 880.4 | 838.7 | 880.7 | 9,884.9 | 1,754.9 | 1,704.3 | 1,676.4 | 324.6 | 920.2 | 638.0 | 2,306.1 | 998.5 | 1,514 |
| Fourth | 8,056.3 | 1,099.9 | 900.9 | 832.3 | 9,266.3 | 1,947.9 | 1,885.4 | 1,896.6 | 329.1 | 1,153.9 | 914.0 | 2,801.3 | 1,248.5 | 1,810 |
| Highest | 24,867.1 | 1,741.3 | 1,450.5 | 1,264.2 | 25,706.8 | 2,021.4 | 2,422.7 | 2,697.1 | 465.3 | 936.8 | 1,030.7 | 5,977.2 | 2,098.7 | 2,121 |
| Total | 12,559.0 | 1,546.3 | 1,090.5 | 1,171.1 | 27,911.1 | 1,971.4 | 2,093.0 | 2,167.7 | 356.9 | 1,017.9 | 793.7 | 3,918.1 | 1,623.9 | 10,900 |
| *Statistics based on imputed data <br> **Noted outliers in the dataset |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 8.7.1 Non-zero per-student household expenditure on junior secondary schooling for school students attending government schools

| Mean per-pupil household expenditures on Junior secondary schooling (in Nigerian Naira) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background characteristic | Tuition | School development levy | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PTA } \\ & \text { fees } \end{aligned}$ | Exam fees | Boarding fees | Furniture tools and utensils | Uniforms and clothing | Books and supplies | Handworks | Transport | Food | Extra <br> Lessons | Other fees | Number |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 3,843.0 | 892.7 | 840.8 | 860.6 | 12,942.2 | 1,838.8 | 1,768.9 | 1,785.4 | 309.7 | 1,088.6 | 566.0 | 2,992.7 | 1,208.0 | 3,311 |
| Female | 4,816.5 | 1,001.3 | 892.3 | 813.0 | 7,981.5 | 1,923.1 | 1,805.8 | 1,937.6 | 315.7 | 611.9 | 578.1 | 3,110.2 | 1,084.6 | 2,780 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 5,189.8 | 1,012.4 | 964.6 | 789.5 | 9,065.8 | 1,953.8 | 1,904.9 | 2,117.8 | 324.0 | 940.3 | 669.1 | 3,617.2 | 1,324.5 | 2,490 |
| Rural | 3,896.5 | 908.4 | 802.4 | 865.9 | 12,457.5 | 1,834.2 | 1,704.3 | 1,673.8 | 305.3 | 750.4 | 491.4 | 2,575.5 | 1,060.0 | 3,600 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 3,420.7 | 635.5 | 722.1 | 475.0 | 7,355.0 | 1,413.9 | 1,501.7 | 1,714.9 | 343.8 | 2,288.3 | 641.5 | 2,593.4 | 699.3 | 908 |
| North East | 2,021.7 | 370.9 | 337.7 | 352.6 | 881.6 | 909.0 | 1,327.1 | 1,133.2 | 273.2 | 1,982.5 | 857.2 | 2,922.6 | 857.7 | 603 |
| North West | 1,782.3 | 478.3 | 492.0 | 260.6 | 3,770.6 | 877.6 | 1,313.9 | 1,184.8 | 332.9 | 1,294.7 | 965.1 | 1,330.5 | 1,314.1 | 1,145 |
| South East | 7,691.9 | 1,091.2 | 991.5 | 1,041.0 | 7,094.2 | 2,097.4 | 1,986.0 | 2,363.4 | 436.4 | 1,459.5 | 1,442.1 | 1,597.0 | 1,258.7 | 692 |
| South South | 6,060.2 | 1,558.8 | 1,272.1 | 1,262.3 | 34,794.0 | 2,043.5 | 2,483.5 | 2,245.1 | 332.2 | 418.0 | 299.8 | 4,374.0 | 1,195.4 | 1,172 |
| South West | 15,470.6 | 1,059.3 | 1,080.6 | 687.2 | 25,686.1 | 1,733.7 | 1,850.1 | 2,165.4 | 223.6 | 329.3 | 172.3 | 3,269.5 | 1,240.3 | 1,571 |
| Economic status quintile* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 2,202.3 | 483.8 | 560.4 | 778.9 | 1,085.2 | 1,530.8 | 1,424.9 | 1,210.4 | 291.9 | 785.8 | 803.3 | 5,441.9 | 1,544.9 | 362 |
| Second | 2,040.3 | 615.6 | 609.3 | 675.5 | 5,670.0 | 1,461.6 | 1,345.5 | 1,294.7 | 301.4 | 1,261.0 | 379.5 | 1,818.6 | 903.0 | 802 |
| Middle | 2,953.2 | 776.4 | 685.7 | 675.4 | 1,707.3 | 1,692.6 | 1,564.9 | 1,546.8 | 310.3 | 800.4 | 480.4 | 2,053.7 | 910.9 | 1,040 |
| Fourth | 3,401.2 | 884.7 | 838.9 | 747.6 | 6,490.5 | 1,864.1 | 1,715.5 | 1,696.4 | 308.6 | 1,016.5 | 681.3 | 2,590.0 | 922.5 | 1,113 |
| Highest | 10,076.9 | 1,153.4 | 1,089.0 | 761.6 | 14,703.6 | 1,914.8 | 2,026.3 | 2,323.3 | 319.7 | 697.6 | 809.5 | 4,674.2 | 1,548.3 | 913 |
| Total | 4,260.5 | 943.4 | 864.1 | 838.1 | 10,998.4 | 1,878.7 | 1,785.7 | 1,854.8 | 312.5 | 849.5 | 571.5 | 3,050.2 | 1,149.7 | 6,090 |

Table 8.7.2 Non-zero per-student household expenditure on junior secondary schooling for school students attending private schools


## PTA Fees

Seventy-three percent of students' households paid the PTA fee (Table 8.5) and, on average, those who paid the fee spent $\mathbb{N} 1,091$ double the N 565 in 2004 and double the 2010 expenditures in primary schools.

## Examination Fees

Two thirds of students' households spent money on examination fees during the 2009-2010 school year. Among students whose households spent money on examination fees, the mean per student expenditure was $\# 1,171$, which is somewhat more than the 739 paid in 2004.

## Summary

Expenditure patterns for all items are similar across gender, residence, region, and socio-economic status regardless of level of education. On average, comparable amounts were spent by households on male and female students. However, students' households in urban areas spent substantially more than those in rural areas. Among the regions, the highest sum was spent on students in the South West, and the least on those from the North East. As expected, students' households in the highest (or most advantaged) quintile spent more per student than households in the other quintiles. Expenditures on junior secondary schooling are not very different from the patterns and amount of secondary in general, perhaps because the majority of respondents were for junior secondary school students.

### 8.6 Sources of Support for the Monetary Costs of Secondary Schooling

Parent/guardians were asked about the various sources of monetary support for each youth's secondary schooling during the 2009-2010 school year (Table 8.8). These sources include those within the student's household (from the youth's parents and/or other household members, or from the youth himself or herself) and from outside the household (from extended family, a bursary or scholarship, borrowing, or a gift from a non-relative).

Ninety-seven percent of secondary school students received support from one or both parents, or from the household. Eleven percent received support from extended family; 9 percent from borrowing; 4 percent from the youth himself/herself, with male students were more likely than female students to provide some support themselves ( 6 percent versus 3 percent). Students from the most economically advantaged quintile were the least likely to have provided support themselves, to have received support from extended family, or to have borrowed funds. The only change in the pattern of support from 2004 was related to support from extended family, which declined from 18 percent to 11 percent.

Table 8.8 Sources of support for the monetary cost of secondary schooling

| Percentage of secondary school students who received support from various sources in the 2009-2010 school year, by background characteristics, NEDS 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sources of support |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background Characteristics | One or both parents/ househ old | Child himself/ herself | Extended family | Scholars hip | Borrowing | Gift <br> from nonrelative | One or more sources of support | Number of children |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 97.3 | 5.5 | 10.5 | 0.7 | 9.0 | 2.6 | 98.7 | 5,723 |
| Female | 97.2 | 2.6 | 11.7 | 0.6 | 8.6 | 2.3 | 98.6 | 5,177 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 97.3 | 3.0 | 11.0 | 0.5 | 6.0 | 2.3 | 98.4 | 4,912 |
| Rural | 97.2 | 5.1 | 11.2 | 0.7 | 11.1 | 2.6 | 98.9 | 5,988 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 98.0 | 4.4 | 7.9 | 0.2 | 5.5 | 2.3 | 99.6 | 1,538 |
| North East | 86.9 | 15.8 | 13.6 | 0.8 | 6.8 | 3.1 | 91.7 | 838 |
| North West | 95.3 | 6.8 | 7.0 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 2.2 | 96.9 | 1,567 |
| South East | 98.0 | 3.0 | 20.4 | 0.6 | 15.2 | 2.0 | 98.9 | 1,713 |
| South South | 98.6 | 1.2 | 11.6 | 0.3 | 14.1 | 3.3 | 99.8 | 2,246 |
| South West | 99.4 | 2.3 | 8.5 | 0.3 | 6.6 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 2,999 |
| Economic status quintile* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 92.9 | 10.7 | 10.1 | 1.4 | 8.3 | 3.3 | 96.2 | 501 |
| Second | 95.1 | 11.2 | 10.4 | 1.3 | 9.9 | 3.1 | 97.2 | 1,117 |
| Middle | 97.0 | 5.6 | 10.7 | 0.9 | 9.4 | 1.9 | 98.5 | 1,514 |
| Fourth | 96.4 | 2.8 | 10.7 | 0.4 | 7.7 | 1.8 | 98.4 | 1,810 |
| Highest | 97.7 | 1.6 | 8.6 | 0.5 | 4.2 | 1.7 | 98.6 | 2,121 |
| Total | 97.3 | 4.1 | 11.1 | 0.6 | 8.8 | 2.4 | 98.6 | 10,900 |
| *Stastics based on imputed data |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## 9. OTHER HOUSEHOLD CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCHOOLING

This chapter presents information mainly about non-monetary contributions made to schools and teachers by household members, including the time children spend in school, time spent on homework, parent or guardian visits to schools, and other household contributions. The time household members spend at school, visiting school, working at school to construct or maintain buildings, etc. has value to the household, and this time could alternatively be spent supporting the household in other ways. This chapter quantifies some of these additional household contributions to schooling and discusses patterns of difference across groups.

### 9.1 Time Children Spend on School-related Activities

The distribution of primary school pupils by the amount of time spent on school-related activities on the average school day is presented in Table 9.1.1. This time includes time spent in classes and after-school study sessions and time spent on extracurricular activities such as sports or drama. This time explicitly does not include time spent on homework done outside of school, which is discussed in Section 9.2. Because of the difficulty of quantifying how much time is spent on school activities and on homework by the few pupils staying at boarding school, these questions, as well as the questions used to produce Tables 9.2.1-9.2.3 and 9.3.1-9.3.3, were asked only about pupils who were day pupils at the time the household was interviewed for the 2010 NEDS.

Overall, primary school pupils in Nigeria spend about 6.5 hours per day on school-related activities, more than the 6 hours reported in 2004. Whereas two thirds of the primary school pupils ( 66 percent) spend between 5 and 8 hours per day in school-related activities, about one quarter spends less than 5 hours and about 12 percent spend more than 8 hours per day on school-related activities.

With the official school hours from 8 am to 1 pm representing 5 hours of class time, the fact that one quarter of children spend up to five hours on all school-related activities including getting to and leaving school, poses a concern for time on task for learning. This is more pronounced in government schools (29 percent), in lower grades ( 32 percent in primary 1) and by socio-economic status ( 43 percent in the lowest quintile). These trends are very similar to the results obtained in 2004.

Table 9.1.1 Time pupils spend at primary school
Percent distribution of de jure primary school day pupils by time spent at school per day, according to school class and background characteristics, NEDS,2010

| Background Characteristics up to 5 | More than 5, up to 8 | More than 8 | Total | Number of day pupils | Mean hours spent at school per day |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |


| Class |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 32.1 | 59.0 | 8.9 | 100.0 | 6,318 | 6.2 |
| 2 | 27.3 | 62.2 | 10.5 | 100.0 | 6,168 | 6.3 |
| 3 | 22.2 | 65.9 | 11.9 | 100.0 | 5,456 | 6.5 |
| 4 | 16.8 | 69.8 | 13.4 | 100.0 | 4,475 | 6.7 |
| 5 | 16.1 | 69.9 | 14.0 | 100.0 | 3,705 | 6.7 |
| 6 | 13.0 | 73.0 | 14.1 | 100.0 | 3,304 | 6.8 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Male | 22.6 | 66.0 | 11.4 | 100.0 | 15,835 | 6.5 |
| Female | 23.0 | 65.0 | 12.1 | 100.0 | 13,618 | 6.5 |


| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Urban | 15.8 | 62.3 | 21.9 | 100.0 | 9,786 | 7.0 |
| Rural | 26.2 | 67.1 | 6.6 | 100.0 | 19,667 | 6.2 |

## Region

| North Central | 17.9 | 76.9 | 5.2 | 100.0 | 5,033 | 6.5 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| North East | 59.1 | 39.2 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 3,710 | 5.3 |
| North West | 40.2 | 58.5 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 6,833 | 5.4 |
| South East | 2.1 | 82.6 | 15.3 | 100.0 | 3,527 | 7.2 |
| South South | 16.3 | 74.0 | 9.7 | 100.0 | 4,751 | 6.6 |
| South West | 0.4 | 63.3 | 36.3 | 100.0 | 5,599 | 8.0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| School type | 28.5 | 66.8 | 4.7 | 100.0 | 21,680 | 6.1 |
| $\quad$ Government Schools | 6.5 | 61.5 | 32.1 | 100.0 | 7,515 | 7.6 |

Economic status quintile*

| Lowest | 43.2 | 54.0 | 2.8 | 100.0 | 3,733 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Second | 37.5 | 59.2 | 3.4 | 100.0 | 5,276 |
| Middle | 27.6 | 67.1 | 5.3 | 100.0 | 5,310 |
| Fourth | 19.9 | 69.8 | 10.2 | 100.0 | 4,307 |
| Highest | 7.1 | 61.8 | 31.1 | 100.0 | 3,482 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 6.5 |
| Total | 22.8 | 65.5 | 11.7 | 100.0 | 29,453 |
| *Statistics generated on imputed data |  |  |  |  | 6.5 |

The distribution of secondary school students by the amount of time spent on school-related activities on the average school day is presented in Table 9.1.2. In general, secondary school students spend 6.5 hours per day on school-related activities-less than primary and considerably less than the 7.5 hours per day in
2004. Eighty-six percent of secondary students spend between 5 and 8 hours on school-related activities, although nearly 12 percent of secondary students spend less than five hours.

Table 9.1.2 Time students spend at secondary schools

| Percent distribution of de jure secondary school day students by time spent at school per day, according to school form and background characteristics, NEDS,2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background Characteristics | up to 5 | More than 5, up to 8 | More than 8 | Don't Know/ missing | Total | Number of day pupils | Mean hours spent at school per day |
| Class |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No class stated | 25.7 | 70.4 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 88 | 5.1 |
| 1 | 12.4 | 84.5 | 2.8 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 2,710 | 6.3 |
| 2 | 11.8 | 84.1 | 3.7 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 2,689 | 6.4 |
| 3 | 10.4 | 84.7 | 4.3 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 2,144 | 6.7 |
| 4 | 4.3 | 89.6 | 5.9 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 1,174 | 6.6 |
| 5 | 4.7 | 89.0 | 5.6 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 866 | 7.0 |
| 6 | 4.4 | 89.2 | 6.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 449 | 6.6 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 10.4 | 85.4 | 3.8 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 5,303 | 6.4 |
| Female | 9.6 | 85.6 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 4,817 | 6.6 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 9.0 | 84.5 | 6.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 4,518 | 6.6 |
| Rural | 10.8 | 86.4 | 2.3 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 5,602 | 6.4 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 13.5 | 79.2 | 6.9 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,421 | 6.4 |
| North East | 43.9 | 55.7 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 703 | 5.3 |
| North West | 32.4 | 66.2 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 1,350 | 4.9 |
| South East | 1.5 | 97.7 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,605 | 6.2 |
| South South | 2.1 | 95.1 | 1.9 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 2,154 | 7.1 |
| South West | 0.1 | 91.0 | 8.7 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2,887 | 7.2 |
| Economic status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 22.5 | 75.2 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 580 | 6.4 |
| Second | 18.3 | 79.7 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,386 | 6.0 |
| Middle | 11.7 | 85.0 | 3.0 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 2,268 | 6.2 |
| Fourth | 9.2 | 86.5 | 4.1 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2,726 | 6.4 |
| Highest | 3.6 | 89.5 | 6.6 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 3,158 | 7.0 |
| Total | 10.0 | 85.5 | 4.1 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 10,120 | 6.5 |
| * Statistics generated on imputed data |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Data based on less than 25 unweighted cases

### 9.2 Homework

Information about how much time primary school pupils spend doing homework outside school during the average school week is presented in Table 9.2.1. It should be noted that in addition to the homework done outside school, many pupils might also do homework during the school day. As might be expected children from the highest socio-economic status are more likely to spend time on homework than those from the lowest ( 86 percent in the highest quintile versus 31 percent in the lowest quintile).

Table 9.2.1 Time primary school pupils spend on homework

| Percent distribution of de jure primary school day pupils by whether pupils do homework outside school and time spent per week on homework, according to school and background characteristics, NEDS 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background Characteristics | No homework | up to 3 | 4 | more <br> than 4 | Total | Number of day pupils | Mean hours spent at on homework per week |
| Class |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 54.0 | 31.9 | 5.0 | 9.1 | 100.0 | 6,318 | 2.9 |
| 2 | 45.7 | 37.1 | 6.7 | 10.5 | 100.0 | 6,168 | 3.0 |
| 3 | 35.3 | 44.5 | 7.6 | 12.6 | 100.0 | 5,456 | 3.0 |
| 4 | 28.8 | 46.1 | 10.0 | 15.1 | 100.0 | 4,475 | 3.1 |
| 5 | 22.9 | 50.0 | 11.1 | 15.9 | 100.0 | 3,705 | 3.2 |
| 6 | 21.9 | 51.1 | 9.5 | 17.5 | 100.0 | 3,304 | 3.1 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 38.7 | 41.2 | 7.8 | 12.2 | 100.0 | 15,835 | 3.0 |
| Female | 36.0 | 42.8 | 7.9 | 13.3 | 100.0 | 13,618 | 3.1 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 22.4 | 45.7 | 12.5 | 19.4 | 100.0 | 9,786 | 3.4 |
| Rural | 45.0 | 40.0 | 5.5 | 9.4 | 100.0 | 19,667 | 2.8 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 35.9 | 52.8 | 3.8 | 7.5 | 100.0 | 5,033 | 2.4 |
| North East | 71.2 | 22.5 | 3.7 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 3,710 | 2.7 |
| North West | 71.3 | 20.9 | 2.8 | 4.9 | 100.0 | 6,833 | 2.9 |
| South East | 19.3 | 58.5 | 11.4 | 10.7 | 100.0 | 3,527 | 2.9 |
| South South | 14.2 | 49.8 | 12.3 | 23.7 | 100.0 | 4,751 | 3.5 |
| South West | 7.6 | 53.0 | 14.2 | 25.2 | 100.0 | 5,599 | 3.4 |
| School type |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Government Schools | 46.6 | 38.1 | 6.3 | 9.0 | 100.0 | 21,680 | 2.9 |
| Private schools | 11.1 | 53.1 | 12.4 | 23.4 | 100.0 | 7,515 | 3.4 |
| Economic status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 69.3 | 25.7 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 3,733 | 2.3 |
| Second | 61.1 | 31.1 | 3.4 | 4.5 | 100.0 | 5,276 | 2.5 |
| Middle | 44.0 | 41.7 | 5.7 | 8.7 | 100.0 | 5,310 | 2.7 |
| Fourth | 29.3 | 48.3 | 8.0 | 14.3 | 100.0 | 4,307 | 3.0 |
| Highest | 13.7 | 46.6 | 14.3 | 25.3 | 100.0 | 3,482 | 3.6 |
| Total | 37.5 | 41.9 | 7.9 | 12.7 | 100.0 | 29,453 | 3.1 |
| * Statistics generated on imputed data |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Sixty-three percent of the pupils in primary school do homework outside of school, which is similar to 2004 ( 60 percent), and among those who do homework, pupils spend an average of 3 hours per week on homework, slightly more than the 2.4 hours per week in 2004. As might be expected, pupils in the higher primary school classes are more likely than those in the lower classes to do homework: 46 percent of primary 1 pupils do homework, compared with 78 percent of primary 6 pupils.

The most notable difference in the percentage of pupils spending time on homework is by type of school with 53 percent of government school pupils and 90 percent of pupils on private schools. This pattern was similar in 2004 where 52 percent of government pupils and 78 percent of private pupils spending time on homework

The actual time secondary school students spend doing homework outside school during the average school week is presented in table 9.2 .2 . At the secondary school level, the vast majority ( 89 percent, which is exactly the same level as in 2004) of students do homework during the week, and these students who do homework spend an average of 4 hours per week on the task, up from 3.3 hours per week in 2004. Time spent on homework varies little by characteristic except for socio-economic status. The more advantaged the household, the more likely a student is to do homework: 94 percent of the students in the highest quintile do homework, compared with 76 percent of those in the lowest quintile.

Table 9.2.2 Time secondary students spend on homework

| Percent distribution of de jure secondary school day students by whether students do homework outside school and time spent per week on homework, according to school and background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background Characteristics | No homework | up to 3 | 4 | more than 4 | Total | Number of day pupils | Mean hours spent at on homework per week |
| Class |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Missing class Infor | 15.8 | 47.0 | 15.1 | 22.1 | 100.0 | 88 | 3.6 |
| 1 | 12.3 | 50.0 | 13.1 | 24.5 | 100.0 | 2,710 | 3.5 |
| 2 | 13.8 | 47.9 | 13.6 | 24.7 | 100.0 | 2,689 | 3.6 |
| 3 | 12.9 | 44.4 | 15.0 | 27.7 | 100.0 | 2,144 | 3.9 |
| 4 | 6.2 | 44.8 | 17.2 | 31.8 | 100.0 | 1,174 | 4.0 |
| 5 | 5.7 | 36.0 | 17.7 | 40.6 | 100.0 | 866 | 4.4 |
| 6 | 11.9 | 33.0 | 14.0 | 41.1 | 100.0 | 449 | 4.7 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 13.0 | 46.1 | 14.6 | 26.3 | 100.0 | 5,303 | 3.7 |
| Female | 10.0 | 45.2 | 14.6 | 30.2 | 100.0 | 4,817 | 3.9 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 9.3 | 36.4 | 17.6 | 36.7 | 100.0 | 4,518 | 4.3 |
| Rural | 13.4 | 53.2 | 12.1 | 21.3 | 100.0 | 5,602 | 3.4 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 9.5 | 64.3 | 9.8 | 16.4 | 100.0 | 1,421 | 3.1 |
| North East | 39.5 | 42.6 | 8.3 | 9.6 | 100.0 | 703 | 3.2 |
| North West | 37.7 | 41.7 | 10.6 | 10.0 | 100.0 | 1,350 | 3.1 |
| South East | 4.8 | 50.9 | 20.1 | 24.1 | 100.0 | 1,605 | 3.6 |
| South South | 2.7 | 48.6 | 11.2 | 37.4 | 100.0 | 2,154 | 4.2 |
| South West | 4.4 | 34.2 | 19.4 | 42.0 | 100.0 | 2,887 | 4.3 |
| Economic status |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 23.6 | 55.6 | 8.3 | 12.5 | 100.0 | 580 | 2.9 |
| Second | 22.1 | 51.9 | 10.7 | 15.3 | 100.0 | 1,386 | 3.1 |
| Middle | 13.0 | 54.2 | 13.4 | 19.5 | 100.0 | 2,268 | 3.4 |
| Fourth | 9.2 | 47.4 | 15.0 | 28.4 | 100.0 | 2,726 | 3.8 |
| Highest | 5.9 | 33.8 | 17.8 | 42.5 | 100.0 | 3,158 | 4.4 |
| Total | 11.6 | 45.7 | 14.6 | 28.2 | 100.0 | 10,120 | 3.8 |

Figures based on less than 25 unweighted cases

In addition to the time children spend doing homework, other household members may spend time helping children with homework (Table 9.3.1). Among primary school pupils doing homework outside school, 83 percent of primary pupils received assistance with homework from someone in the household, up from 78 percent in 2004 NDES.

Pupils in the North Central, North West, and South East are more likely than those in the remaining regions to receive assistance with homework. Pupils attending private schools are more likely than those attending government schools to receive assistance with homework. In addition, pupils in the highest economic quintile are more likely than those in the remaining quintiles to receive assistance.

Table 9.3.1 Household assistance with primary school homework

| Among pupils who have homework, percent distribution of de jure primary school day pupils by whether a household member assists the pupil with howework and the frequency of assistance, according to school class background characteristics, NEDS 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background Characteristics | No assistance provided | Sometimes | Frequently | Don't <br> Know/ missing | Total | Number of day pupils |
| Class |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 9.2 | 52.6 | 38.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2,858 |
| 2 | 12.5 | 63.2 | 23.9 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 3,265 |
| 3 | 15.2 | 69.0 | 15.4 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 3,441 |
| 4 | 18.3 | 69.5 | 11.9 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 3,121 |
| 5 | 21.8 | 67.0 | 10.7 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 2,807 |
| 6 | 25.7 | 64.6 | 9.0 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 2,528 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 17.9 | 63.7 | 18.0 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 9,425 |
| Female | 15.6 | 65.4 | 18.7 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 8,497 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 14.1 | 64.2 | 21.3 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 7,483 |
| Rural | 18.7 | 64.8 | 16.2 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 10,545 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 8.6 | 72.0 | 18.6 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 3,126 |
| North East | 20.6 | 67.3 | 11.1 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 1,045 |
| North West | 14.0 | 69.5 | 16.2 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,913 |
| South East | 17.3 | 69.6 | 12.9 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2,810 |
| South South | 26.4 | 56.4 | 16.9 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 4,017 |
| South West | 14.2 | 61.1 | 24.4 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 5,117 |
| School type |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Government schools | 19.0 | 64.5 | 16.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 11,353 |
| Private schools | 13.0 | 64.6 | 22.2 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 6,675 |
| Economic status quintile* |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 19.2 | 70.3 | 9.8 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 1,110 |
| Second | 20.8 | 65.5 | 12.7 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 2,001 |
| Middle | 18.5 | 64.3 | 16.6 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 2,909 |
| Fourth | 15.0 | 63.8 | 20.7 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 2,974 |
| Highest | 11.0 | 64.2 | 24.7 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 2,976 |
| Total | 16.8 | 64.5 | 18.3 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 18,028 |
| * Statistics generated on imputted data |  |  |  |  |  |  |

For secondary schools, 64 percent of students received assistance with homework (Table 9.3.2), as compared with 68 percent in 2004. The percent receiving support declined among students in the higher forms.

Table 9.3.2 Household assistance with secondary school homework
Among students who have homework, percent distribution of de jure secondary school day students by whether a household member assists the student with howework and the frequency of assistance, according to school class background characteristics, NEDS 2010

| Background Characteristics | No assistance provided | Sometimes | Frequently | Don't Know/ missing | Total | Number of day pupils |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Class |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Missing class info | 28.3 | 66.6 | 4.4 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 74 |
| 1 | 28.7 | 63.1 | 8.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2,300 |
| 2 | 32.9 | 61.4 | 5.2 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 2,267 |
| 3 | 37.5 | 56.2 | 5.7 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1,818 |
| 4 | 44.9 | 49.5 | 5.3 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 1,088 |
| 5 | 43.2 | 51.5 | 4.8 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 808 |
| 6 | 46.9 | 47.0 | 5.8 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 386 |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 36.3 | 56.7 | 6.6 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 4,497 |
| Female | 35.3 | 59.0 | 5.4 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 4,246 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 32.6 | 59.9 | 7.1 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 4,030 |
| Rural | 38.5 | 56.0 | 5.1 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 4,712 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 23.2 | 68.6 | 7.6 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1,235 |
| North East | 26.1 | 65.7 | 5.4 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 416 |
| North West | 30.4 | 60.1 | 9.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 810 |
| South East | 39.5 | 55.8 | 4.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 1,514 |
| South South | 50.2 | 45.6 | 4.0 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 2,046 |
| South West | 31.6 | 61.2 | 6.8 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 2,723 |
| Economic status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 34.2 | 60.4 | 4.6 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 422 |
| Second | 32.7 | 62.8 | 3.9 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 1,043 |
| Middle | 40.6 | 54.4 | 4.5 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 1,930 |
| Fourth | 37.1 | 55.8 | 6.9 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 2,416 |
| Highest | 32.9 | 59.6 | 7.3 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 2,930 |
| Total | 35.8 | 57.8 | 6.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 8,743 |

### 9.3 Parent or Guardian Involvement at Primary Schools

One measure of parent/guardian or household involvement in children's primary schooling is the frequency with which parents or guardians or other adult household members visit the school for various reasons. Information on visits made by parent or guardian households to primary schools within the 12 months preceding the interview for the purpose of attending PTA meetings; attending a celebration, performance or sports event; meeting with a head teacher or teacher; or collecting report cards is given in

Table 9.4. It is possible that during a single visit to the school, an adult from a parent or guardian household participated in more than one of the events asked about, perhaps attending a PTA meeting and meeting with the head teacher on that single visit.

In the 12 months preceding the survey interview, 50 percent of parents/guardians indicated that they or other adult members of their household went to a primary school for one or more of the aforementioned reasons. This is much lower than in 2004, when 85 percent of parent/guardians indicated a school visit. The most common reason reported for a visit to a primary school was to attend a PTA meeting ( 46 percent) or a meeting with the head teacher or teacher ( 44 percent). In 2004, these were also the most commonly cited reasons with 80 percent and 68 percent, respectively.

Table 9.4 Parent or guardian involvement at primary school

| Percentage of parent/guardians for a PTA meeting; a celebration, performance, or sports event; a meeting with a head teacher; or to collect forms by background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background Characteristics | Attended <br> PTA meeting | Attended a celebration / performance /sports event | Attended a meeting with head teacher / teacher | To collect forms | One or more visits | Number of parents / guardians |
| Sex of parent/guardian* |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Males | 44.9 | 31.1 | 43.1 | 18.5 | 48.9 | 12,052 |
| Females | 48.2 | 37.8 | 45.5 | 21.1 | 52.5 | 12,671 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 56.4 | 46.6 | 54.9 | 28.3 | 60.2 | 8,484 |
| Rural | 40.8 | 27.7 | 38.2 | 15.0 | 45.0 | 18,274 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 56.5 | 36.2 | 50.4 | 21.6 | 60.4 | 3,851 |
| North East | 28.7 | 15.3 | 27.2 | 10.9 | 32.3 | 3,620 |
| North West | 30.8 | 11.8 | 30.2 | 12.2 | 34.1 | 6,803 |
| South East | 59.8 | 52.1 | 54.6 | 11.4 | 62.5 | 3,231 |
| South South | 39.9 | 41.2 | 37.8 | 25.2 | 51.2 | 3,858 |
| South West | 64.1 | 55.6 | 63.8 | 32.3 | 65.1 | 5,395 |
| Economic status quintile* |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 22.3 | 10.9 | 20.8 | 8.1 | 25.1 | 5,172 |
| Second | 37.2 | 19.7 | 35.2 | 13.4 | 41.3 | 4,589 |
| Middle | 49.8 | 31.8 | 47.3 | 17.0 | 55.1 | 3,929 |
| Fourth | 56.2 | 42.1 | 53.3 | 24.0 | 61.0 | 3,342 |
| Highest | 61.2 | 53.8 | 59.5 | 36.1 | 64.2 | 3,169 |
| Total | 45.8 | 33.7 | 43.5 | 19.2 | 49.8 | 26,758 |
| * Statistics generated on imputed data |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Considerable regional variation exists with the percentage of adults from parent or guardian households who visited a primary school for any reason. This pattern repeats from 2004. However, overall
participation in 2010 is much lower than in 2004. Figures 9.1 and 9.2 compare parent/guardian attendance at PTA meetings and meetings with head teachers, respectively, by region and over time.

Figure 9.1 Attendance at PTA Meetings


Figure 9.2 Attendance at Head Teacher Meetings


### 9.4 Other Contributions to Schooling

There are other contributions parents or guardians make to teachers during the 12 months preceding the survey interview. This information is presented in Table 9.5. Households often contribute additional money to support the construction or maintenance of school buildings and teachers' houses, to pay for the digging and construction of a toilet block, or to support other school projects and activities. Households may provide materials to the school such as roofing, stone, sand, and other materials. Household members may also donate their labor to schools, working to mold bricks, construct or maintain school buildings, etc.

The 2010 NEDS only asked questions about the aforementioned contributions parent or guardian households make to primary school teachers, whereas in 2004, contributions to primary schools were also collected.

Overall, 20 percent of households make one or more contributions (of money, food, or labor) to primary school teachers in the 12 months prior to the survey interview, which is lower than the 27 percent of parent or guardians who reported such contributions in 2004. Figure 9.3 compares the percentage of parent or guardians who reported contributions to teachers in terms money, food or labor in 2004 and 2010. The proportion who contributed in 2010 was consistently lower than those in 2004.

Table 9.5 Other household contributions to primary schooling

| Percentage of parent/guardians whose households have contributed money, materials, or labor to teachers within the past 12 months, by background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background Characteristics | Money | Food | Labor | Gifts | One or more contributions | Number of parents / guardians |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 8.0 | 2.4 | 3.9 | 14.2 | 22.0 | 8,484 |
| Rural | 3.9 | 5.1 | 9.6 | 6.6 | 18.7 | 18,274 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 3.5 | 5.1 | 7.8 | 3.2 | 14.2 | 3,851 |
| North East | 4.1 | 3.5 | 6.3 | 4.1 | 12.7 | 3,620 |
| North West | 4.4 | 3.6 | 5.4 | 3.1 | 11.9 | 6,803 |
| South East | 4.7 | 5.6 | 23.4 | 17.4 | 38.4 | 3,231 |
| South South | 3.2 | 2.5 | 9.8 | 8.7 | 18.3 | 3,858 |
| South West | 9.7 | 5.5 | 1.0 | 19.0 | 28.0 | 5,395 |
| Economic status quintile* |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 2.3 | 3.1 | 6.4 | 2.0 | 10.6 | 5,172 |
| Second | 3.5 | 5.3 | 8.1 | 3.7 | 15.6 | 4,589 |
| Middle | 4.3 | 5.8 | 12.4 | 7.2 | 22.3 | 3,929 |
| Fourth | 5.8 | 3.5 | 5.3 | 10.2 | 18.6 | 3,342 |
| Highest | 11.4 | 2.8 | 2.0 | 18.6 | 26.1 | 3,169 |
| Total | 5.2 | 4.3 | 7.8 | 9.0 | 19.7 | 26,758 |
| * Statistics generated on imputed data |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Figure 9.3 Other Household Contributions to Teachers 2004 and 2010


## 10. PERCEIVED SCHOOL QUALITY

This chapter presents information on parents' or guardians' perceptions of the quality of the schools that their children attend, as well as on various education policies such as the requirement that all pupils wear uniform and disciplinary measures. Perceptions of school quality may well influence parents' or guardians' willingness to send children to school or to keep them in school through the end of primary school and beyond.

### 10.1 Presence of Parent-Teacher Associations (PTAs)

The percentage of parents or guardians whose children attended schools that have or do not have PTAs, by background characteristics are shown in Table 10.1. PTAs are not mandatory, but are encouraged by the FMOE.

Eighty-nine percent of respondents said there are PTAs at the schools their children attend (Table 10.1). Ninety-four percent of parents or guardians in urban areas and eighty-six percent in rural areas said there are PTAs at their children's schools. Among the zones, parents or guardians in the North West (77 percent) were the least likely to say there are PTAs at the schools their children attend, while parents or guardians in the South West zone ( 9 percent) were the most likely to say there are PTAs. Ninety-seven percent of people in the highest economic status quintile support the presence of PTA in primary school.

Table 10.1 Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)

| Percent distribution of parent/guardians by presence of PTA in the primary school attended by their children, according to background characteristics and type of school attended, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Presence of PTA in Primary School |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background Characteristics | PTA at school | No PTA at school | Don't know/ missing | Total | Number of parents/guardians |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 94.2 | 4.7 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 8,449 |
| Rural | 86.2 | 11.3 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 18,185 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 96.2 | 2.5 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 3,831 |
| North East | 78.1 | 18.7 | 3.2 | 100.0 | 3,606 |
| North West | 77.4 | 18.1 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 6,759 |
| South East | 96.8 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 3,226 |
| South South | 84.4 | 13.2 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 3,843 |
| South West | 99.0 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 5,369 |
| Economic status |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 77.7 | 18.2 | 4.1 | 100.0 | 5,614 |
| Second | 83.2 | 13.7 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 5,376 |
| Middle | 90.1 | 7.9 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 5,471 |
| Fourth | 92.9 | 5.8 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 5,077 |
| Highest | 96.5 | 3.1 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 5,095 |
| Total | 89.0 | 9.0 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 26,634 |

Although many parents or guardians agree that they should be actively involved in school administration, some parents or guardians cannot participate in PTA because no such organization exists ( 9 percent). This shows a slight improvement over the same situation in 2004 (8 percent).

### 10.2 School Facilities

Parents or guardians were asked whether they agreed or disagreed that in order for a primary school to be a good school, its buildings had to be permanent structures (Table 10.2). The overwhelming majority (96 percent) of parents or guardians agreed that a good school had to have permanent buildings, and differences by the parents or guardians' gender, urban-rural residence, zones, and economic status are minimal although about 6 percent and 7 percent of the persons interviewed in North East and North West, respectively, disagree.

Table 10.2 Importance of permanent school buildings
$\left.\begin{array}{|llllll|}\hline \text { Percent distribution of parent/guardians by whether they agree or disagree about school buildings, } \\ \text { according to background characteristics and type of school attended, NEDS } 2010\end{array}\right]$

Parents or guardians were also asked about their perceptions of whether the schools their children attend have big, small, or no problems with school buildings and facilities, classroom overcrowding, and pupil safety at school (Table 10.3). Overall, the majority of primary school pupils attend schools that their parents or guardians consider to have relatively few problems, although parents or guardians' perceptions vary with the type of problem. Forty percent of pupils attend schools that their parents or guardians think have problems (both big and small) with school buildings and facilities, and 41 percent of pupils attend
schools that their parents or guardians think have problems with classroom overcrowding. Twenty-two percent of pupils attend schools that their parents or guardians think have problems with pupil safety.

Parents' or guardians' perceptions of problems at the schools their children attend differ considerably by the type of school pupils attend. Forty-nine percent of pupils attending government schools attend schools with perceived problems with school buildings and facilities, compared with 20 percent of pupils attending private schools. Similarly, half of the pupils attending government schools attend schools with perceived problems with overcrowding, compared with 16 percent of pupils attending private schools. The same pattern holds with respect to safety at school, with 26 percent of pupils attending government schools perceived problems with pupil safety, compared with 10 percent of pupils attending private schools.

Table 10.3 Perceived problems with primary school buildings and facilities, classroom overcrowding, and pupil safety

| Distribution of public and private school pupils by parents/guardians' perceptions of problems with primary school buildings and facilities, classroom overcrowding, and pupil safety according to background characteristics, NEDS 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | School buildings and facilities |  |  |  | Classroom overcrowding |  |  |  |  | Pupil safety |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of pupils |
| Background Characteristics | Big Problem | Small Problem | No problem | Don't Know/ missing | Total | Big Problem | Small Problem | No problem | Don't Know/ missing | Total | Big Problem | Small Problem | No problem | Don't Know/ missing |  |  |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 8.4 | 19.6 | 70.8 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 14.2 | 17.0 | 67.6 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 4.2 | 11.3 | 83.7 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 18,088 |
| Rural | 27.2 | 20.2 | 51.2 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 27.9 | 18.2 | 52.2 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 11.1 | 14.1 | 73.6 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 30,015 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 25.8 | 20.5 | 52.3 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 23.2 | 16.3 | 59.0 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 9.4 | 12.1 | 77.2 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 7,794 |
| North East | 34.2 | 25.7 | 38.5 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 48.7 | 21.4 | 27.5 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 17.6 | 16.0 | 65.0 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 4,994 |
| North West | 36.5 | 26.0 | 36.0 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 42.3 | 25.4 | 30.6 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 16.8 | 21.6 | 60.2 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 9,254 |
| South East | 12.2 | 19.1 | 67.9 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 11.0 | 16.5 | 71.3 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 5.2 | 13.9 | 79.9 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 6,695 |
| South South | 13.0 | 14.6 | 70.5 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 12.0 | 15.8 | 69.9 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 3.4 | 9.3 | 86.5 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 8,601 |
| South West | 3.7 | 15.4 | 80.0 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 5.8 | 11.7 | 81.9 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 6.5 | 91.9 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 10,765 |
| School type |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Government | 26.0 | 22.6 | 49.8 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 29.7 | 20.6 | 47.9 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 11.2 | 15.0 | 72.6 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 32,816 |
| Private | 6.1 | 13.4 | 79.9 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 5.7 | 10.7 | 82.8 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 2.1 | 8.2 | 89.1 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 12,901 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 40.1 | 19.3 | 38.6 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 42.2 | 17.4 | 38.0 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 15.7 | 14.7 | 67.9 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 5,453 |
| Second | 33.6 | 20.0 | 44.6 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 35.4 | 18.6 | 43.9 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 13.0 | 14.9 | 70.8 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 8,686 |
| Middle | 21.9 | 21.3 | 55.8 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 23.6 | 19.4 | 55.5 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 10.2 | 13.9 | 75.1 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 11,202 |
| Fourth | 12.3 | 21.5 | 64.9 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 15.9 | 18.5 | 64.3 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 5.4 | 13.7 | 79.8 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 11,290 |
| Highest | 5.3 | 17.4 | 76.5 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 8.4 | 14.9 | 75.9 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 2.6 | 9.2 | 87.7 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 11,465 |
| Total | 20.4 | 20.0 | 58.3 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 22.9 | 17.8 | 57.8 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 8.6 | 13.1 | 77.3 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 48,103 |

Among all pupils, there are urban-rural differences in the percentage of pupils attending schools with perceived problems (Figure 10.1). In urban areas, 28 percent of pupils attend schools with perceived problems with buildings and facilities, compared with 47 percent of pupils in rural areas. Thirty-one percent of pupils in urban areas and 46 percent in rural areas attend schools with problems with classroom overcrowding. Among both groups, the percentage attending schools with perceived problems with pupil safety is considerably lower ( 16 percent of pupils in urban areas and 25 percent of pupils in rural areas) which shows a notable difference by urban-rural residence.

Figure 10.1 Percentage of Primary School Pupils Whose Parents or Guardians Perceive Problems (Big or Small) in Schools Attended, by Residence


There are substantial zonal variations in perceived problems. Pupils in the South West are less likely than pupils in any other zone to attend schools with perceived problems with buildings and facilities, classroom overcrowding, or pupils' safety. For example, in the South West, just 19 percent of pupils attend schools with perceived problems with buildings and facilities, whereas in the remaining zones, the percentage ranges from 28 percent (in the South South) to 63 percent (in the North West). In terms of problems with classroom overcrowding, pupils in the northern zones are generally more likely than those in the southern zones to attend schools with problems. Forty percent of pupils in the North Central zone, 68 percent in the North West, and 70 percent in the North East attend schools their parents or guardians consider to be overcrowded, compared with 18 percent in the South West, 28 percent in the South East, and 28 percent in the South South. With respect to pupil safety at school, the zones with the highest perceived problems are the North East and North West zones ( 34 percent and 38 percent, respectively).

On economic status quintile, pupils of highest economic status parents are less likely to attend schools with perceived problems with buildings and facilities, classroom overcrowding, and pupil safety.

There are no remarkable differences between the results obtained in 2004 NDES compared with the results in 2010: 96 percent of parents or guardians agree that all school buildings must be permanent structures to qualify as being a good school, compared with 97 percent in 2004.

On perceived problems with primary school buildings and facilities, classroom overcrowding, and pupil safety, almost the same pattern holds in 2010 as in 2004. Economic status plays a major role in the type of school children attend. Most of the children whose parents are in the lowest economic status experience problems with the school buildings and facilities, classroom overcrowding, and pupil safety in school
because of their exposure to the risks associated with going to and coming from school, in most cases, unaccompanied. Also of interest, it appears that children who attend government schools experience these problems more than their counterparts who attend private schools.

### 10.3 School Policies

Parents or guardians were asked their opinion about whether requiring pupils to wear uniforms improved primary school quality, had no effect, or worsened school quality (Table 10.4). Almost all parents or guardians ( 99 percent) agreed that having pupils wear uniforms improved the quality of a school. This view was held by most parents or guardians regardless of their background characteristics.

Table 10.4 Importance of required uniforms

| Percent distribution of parent/guardians by perceived effect of requiring pupils to wear |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| uniforms on school quality, according to background characteristics, NEDS 2010 |

Parents or guardians were also asked whether caning pupils to enforce discipline improves school quality (Table 10.5). The majority of parents or guardians ( 91 percent) believe that caning pupils to enforce discipline improves school quality. Two percent of parents or guardians said that caning students negatively affected school quality, whereas 7 percent said that caning had no effect on school quality. Male and female parents' or guardians' perceptions do not differ appreciably. Moreover, place of
residence does not affect parents' or guardians' perception. In the zones, almost 9 out of every 10 parents or guardians think that caning improves school quality. Just under 90 percent of parent/guardians in the highest quintile believe that caning improves school quality; for all other socioeconomic groups, the level is just over 90 percent.

Table 10.5 The importance of caning pupils to maintain discipline

| Percent distribution of parent/guardians by perceived effect of caning pupils to maintain discipline on school quality, according to background characteristics, NEDS 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Effect of caning pupils on school quality |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background Characteristics | Better | No effect | Worse | Don't <br> Know/ missing | Total | Number of parent/ guardians |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 92.0 | 6.0 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 13,037 |
| Female | 90.9 | 6.9 | 1.8 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 13,595 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 90.6 | 6.0 | 2.9 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 8,449 |
| Rural | 91.8 | 6.7 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 18,185 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 87.6 | 9.1 | 2.4 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 3,831 |
| North East | 96.0 | 3.0 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 3,606 |
| North West | 87.7 | 10.4 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 6,759 |
| South East | 97.4 | 2.4 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 3,226 |
| South South | 86.5 | 10.8 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 3,843 |
| South West | 95.5 | 1.7 | 2.8 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 5,369 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 91.7 | 6.8 | 1.3 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 5,614 |
| Second | 91.3 | 7.0 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 5,376 |
| Middle | 92.9 | 5.8 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 5,471 |
| Fourth | 91.8 | 6.6 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 5,077 |
| Highest | 89.3 | 6.5 | 3.9 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 5,095 |
| Total | 91.4 | 6.5 | 1.7 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 26,634 |

Parents or guardians were also asked about their perceptions of whether the schools their children attend have big, small, or no problems with head teacher performance and with teacher performance (Table 10.6). In general, about three in four pupils attend schools that their parents or guardians perceive have no problems with head teacher performance ( 76 percent) or with teacher performance ( 74 percent). Only twenty-two percent of pupils attend schools with perceived problems (big and small) with head teacher performance, and 24 percent attend schools with perceived problems with teacher performance. Pupils in private schools are less likely than those in public schools to attend schools their parents or guardians consider to have problems with head teacher performance or teacher performance.

There are also variations in parents or guardians perceptions of head teacher performance and of teacher performance by residence, zone and economic status. Twelve percent of parents or guardians in rural areas perceive big problems with head teacher performance, compared with 3 percent of parents or
guardians in urban areas. Pupils in the South West are least likely to attend schools with perceived problems with either head teacher ( 7 percent) or teacher ( 6 percent) performance. The more economically advantaged the household, the less likely a pupil is to attend a school with problems with either head teacher or teacher performance. Thirty-three percent of the pupils whose households are in the lowest quintile attend schools their parents or guardians consider to have head teacher performance problems, compared with just 11 percent of those in the highest quintile. The same pattern holds for problems with teacher performance, with 35 percent of the pupils in the lowest quintile and 11 percent of those in the highest quintile attending schools with perceived problems with teacher performance.

Table 10.6 Perceived problems with primary school head teacher and teacher performance

| Percent distribution of public and non-public school pupils by parent/guardians' perceptions of problems with performance of primary school head teacher and performance of teachers, according to background characteristics, NEDS 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Head Teacher performance |  |  |  | Teacher performance |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background Characteristics | Big Problem | Small Problem | $\begin{gathered} \text { No } \\ \text { problem } \end{gathered}$ | Don't <br> Know/ missing | Total | Big <br> Problem | Small Problem | $\begin{gathered} \text { No } \\ \text { problem } \end{gathered}$ | Don't Know/ missing | Total | Number of pupils |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 3.1 | 11.4 | 84.3 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 3.2 | 11.9 | 84.0 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 18,088 |
| Rural | 12.2 | 14.6 | 71.4 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 12.9 | 16.6 | 69.0 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 30,015 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 11.0 | 14.0 | 73.6 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 11.0 | 14.7 | 72.6 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 7,794 |
| North East | 19.7 | 20.3 | 58.7 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 21.1 | 20.5 | 57.1 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 4,994 |
| North West | 15.3 | 23.8 | 58.0 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 16.6 | 25.9 | 55.5 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 9,254 |
| South East | 3.9 | 10.7 | 83.6 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 5.1 | 14.6 | 78.9 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 6,695 |
| South South | 4.3 | 7.8 | 86.7 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 4.5 | 10.2 | 84.6 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 8,601 |
| South West | 1.8 | 5.3 | 92.3 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 1.4 | 4.9 | 93.1 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 10,765 |
| School type |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Government | 11.7 | 15.7 | 70.7 | 1.9 | 100.0 | 12.6 | 17.8 | 68.1 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 32,816 |
| Private | 1.7 | 7.7 | 89.9 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 7.5 | 90.6 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 12,901 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 17.0 | 15.6 | 64.5 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 17.5 | 17.6 | 62.9 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 5,453 |
| Second | 16.3 | 14.8 | 66.9 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 17.8 | 17.3 | 63.1 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 8,686 |
| Middle | 10.2 | 15.0 | 73.3 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 10.8 | 16.1 | 71.8 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 11,202 |
| Fourth | 4.2 | 13.9 | 80.5 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 4.3 | 15.6 | 78.9 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 11,290 |
| Highest | 1.7 | 8.9 | 88.7 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 1.7 | 9.1 | 88.6 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 11,465 |
| Total | 8.9 | 13.4 | 76.1 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 9.4 | 14.8 | 74.5 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 48,103 |

On the issue of school policies, the perception of parents or guardians on the importance of wearing school uniforms and caning of pupils to maintain discipline during the 2004 NDES is almost the same as found in 2010 NEDS. But, on the issue of problems with the performance of the primary school's head teacher and teacher, more parents or guardians believe that the performance of these classes of administrators is declining in 2010 compared with their performance in 2004 NDES.

### 10.4 Curriculum

Parent or guardian respondents were asked whether they agreed or disagreed that primary schools should teach more practical skills such as carpentry or sewing (Table 10.7). Most parents or guardians (78 percent) agreed that schools should teach more practical skills. Male and female parents or guardians agreed almost equally that primary schools should teach more practical skills (about 80 percent). Similarly, parents and guardians who live in the rural and urban areas ( 78 percent) also agreed. Parents or guardians in the South West were least likely to support primary schools teaching more practical skills (65 percent), whereas those in the North West were most likely to support practical skills ( 94 percent). Differences in responses by economic status were minor.

Table 10.7 Importance of learning practical skills in primary schools

| Percent distribution of parent/guardians by whether they agree or disagree that primary schools should teach more practical skills, according to background characteristics, NEDS 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background Characteristics | Primary schools will teach more practical skills |  |  | Total | Number of parents/ guardians |
|  | Agree | Disagree |  |  |  |
| Sex | 79.2 | 19.8 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 13,037 |
| Male | 77.3 | 21.6 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 13,595 |
| Female |  |  |  |  |  |
| Residence | 77.3 | 22.0 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 8,449 |
| Urban | 78.7 | 20.0 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 18,185 |
| Rural |  |  |  |  |  |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 76.4 | 22.3 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 3,831 |
| North East | 79.5 | 19.7 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 3,606 |
| North West | 93.7 | 4.6 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 6,759 |
| South East | 81.2 | 18.4 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 3,226 |
| South South | 74.0 | 24.8 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 3,843 |
| South West | 65.2 | 34.0 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 5,369 |
| Economic status quin |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 81.4 | 16.8 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 5,614 |
| Second | 81.3 | 17.5 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 5,376 |
| Middle | 78.6 | 20.5 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 5,471 |
| Fourth | 76.5 | 22.5 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 5,077 |
| Highest | 74.6 | 24.8 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 5,095 |
| Total | 78.2 | 20.7 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 26,634 |

In the 2010 NEDS, most parents or guardians' wish ( 78 percent on the average) to add vocational and practical skills training to the basic education curriculum is consistent with the 2004 NDES results (79 percent on average).

### 10.5 Parental Involvement

Parent or guardian respondents were asked whether having parents actively involved in the school improved school quality, had no effect, or made a school worse. Ninety-four percent of parents or guardians responded that parental involvement made a school better, but 5 percent responded it had no effect, and 1 percent responded it worsened school quality (Table 10.8).

Parents or guardians in the South West, South East, and North West, (99 percent, 97 percent, and 95 percent, respectively) strongly believed that parental involvement improved school quality, but those in the North Central ( 86 percent) were least likely to hold that belief. However, in no zone do more than 2 percent of parents or guardians think parental involvement worsens school quality.

Table 10.8 Importance of Parents Being Actively Involved in School

| Percent distribution of parent/guardians by perceived effect of parents active involvement in their children's school on school quality, according to background characteristics, NEDS 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Effect of parental involvement on school quality |  |  |  |  | Number of parent/ guardians |
| Background Characteristics | Better | No effect | Worse | Don't <br> Know/ missing | Total |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Males | 93.9 | 4.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 13,037 |
| Females | 94.2 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 13,595 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 94.7 | 3.8 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 8,449 |
| Rural | 93.7 | 5.0 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 18,185 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 86.2 | 11.5 | 0.7 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 3,831 |
| North East | 90.2 | 5.3 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 3,606 |
| North West | 95.4 | 3.7 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 6,759 |
| South East | 97.2 | 2.7 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 3,226 |
| South South | 92.8 | 5.4 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 3,843 |
| South West | 99.3 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 5,369 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 92.0 | 6.0 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 5,614 |
| Second | 92.2 | 6.0 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 100.0 | 5,376 |
| Middle | 94.1 | 4.6 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 5,471 |
| Fourth | 94.5 | 4.4 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 5,077 |
| Highest | 96.6 | 2.5 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 5,095 |
| Total | 94.0 | 4.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 26,634 |

## 11. PERCEIVED VALUE OF SCHOOLING

This chapter provides information on parents'/guardians' perceptions about the importance of postprimary schooling, the benefits of schooling, and the disadvantages of schooling. Parents'/guardians' attitudes about schooling may affect the likelihood of sending their children to school and keeping children in school through the end of the primary cycle, as well as the likelihood of children continuing to secondary school. The data presented below provide some insight into parents'/guardians' opinions on schooling.

### 11.1 Benefits of Schooling

Parent/guardians were asked to consider a 15-year-old boy who had completed primary school and who had left school thereafter and to consider a boy of the same age who had never attended school. Next, parent/guardians were asked what advantages, if any, the boy who finished primary school had over the boy who had never attended school. This question was followed by a similar question about girls. Because parent/guardians could list numerous benefits, the percentages in Tables 11.1 and 11.2 do not add to 100 percent. ${ }^{20}$

Overwhelmingly, parent/guardians consider primary schooling to be beneficial. Two percent of the parent/guardian respondents said that a boy who completed primary school has no advantage over a boy of the same age who had never attended school. Similarly, 1 percent of parent/guardians believe that schooling does not benefit girls. Comparing the result obtained with 2004 NDES data, parent/guardians see an increased benefit in sending girls to school but a reduced benefit in boys' education (Tables 11.1 and 11.2). The benefits, or lack thereof, vary greatly between regions. For example, 6 percent of parent/guardians in South East indicate there is no benefit of schooling for boys, but less than 1 percent of parent/guardians in South West and North West believe there are no benefits.

The parent/guardians who believed that boys and girls who completed primary school had an advantage over those who did not attend primary school listed one or more advantages for boys and for girls (Figure 11.1). In the discussion below, the benefits of schooling are addressed individually according to category, namely: economic benefits, academic skills, skills for life, and other skills.

Overall, economic benefits were not commonly cited among the benefits of schooling. Fourteen percent of parent/guardians listed the possibility of finding a job (or a better job than would otherwise be available) as a benefit of primary schooling for boys, and 13 percent of parent/guardians listed this benefit for girls. However, there is substantial regional variation, with parent/guardians in the North East having 9 percent as the lowest and the highest in the South East with 25 percent for boys. Parents/guardians also cited that another benefit of primary school education is that the attending child will help support the household and his or her parents ( 9 percent for both boys and girls), which shows an improvement over the 2004 NDES data that recorded 6 percent for boys and 7 percent for girls, respectively. There is regional variation in this category, as well, with parent/guardians in the South East region more likely than those in other regions to list this benefit for both boys and girls.

[^22]Table 11.1 Perceived benefits of primary school completion for boys

| Percentage of parents/guardians who perceive benefits to completing primary school for a 15-year-old boy according to background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Perceived benefits of primary school completion for boys |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | No benefits | Chance to go to secondary school | Find a better job | Provide support to household/ parents | Literacy | Learn other languages | Numeracy | Critical thinking | Vocational/ technical | Morals/ values | Make a better marriage | Be a better parent | Better hygiene | Social interaction skills | Others | Number of parents/ guardians |
| Sex* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 2.1 | 25.5 | 14.0 | 9.1 | 47.8 | 11.8 | 8.5 | 14.9 | 9.0 | 19.9 | 2.0 | 3.4 | 4.3 | 10.1 | 0.6 | 13,037 |
| Female | 2.1 | 27.8 | 14.6 | 9.5 | 50.8 | 11.0 | 6.1 | 16.1 | 8.7 | 19.4 | 1.7 | 2.6 | 3.5 | 9.8 | 0.4 | 13,595 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 2.3 | 32.9 | 16.0 | 12.4 | 53.8 | 11.7 | 7.3 | 19.8 | 10.1 | 23.7 | 2.2 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 12.9 | 0.4 | 8,449 |
| Rural | 2.0 | 23.8 | 13.5 | 7.8 | 47.3 | 11.3 | 7.3 | 13.5 | 8.3 | 17.8 | 1.7 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 8.6 | 0.5 | 18,184 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 2.5 | 30.0 | 10.7 | 8.7 | 55.0 | 18.6 | 11.1 | 12.0 | 6.3 | 16.8 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 3.3 | 7.2 | 0.3 | 3,831 |
| North East | 1.2 | 17.1 | 9.2 | 7.5 | 39.4 | 8.1 | 8.1 | 14.3 | 8.4 | 22.9 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 8.4 | 10.6 | 0.7 | 3,606 |
| North West | 0.6 | 24.9 | 14.4 | 7.5 | 37.9 | 11.4 | 9.3 | 7.9 | 7.6 | 17.9 | 2.4 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 10.6 | 0.1 | 6,757 |
| South East | 5.6 | 16.5 | 24.7 | 15.5 | 54.7 | 10.9 | 8.0 | 25.1 | 15.9 | 31.3 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 2.5 | 12.2 | 0.2 | 3,226 |
| South South | 4.6 | 36.3 | 18.7 | 10.2 | 63.4 | 13.0 | 5.0 | 17.8 | 9.2 | 20.7 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.5 | 1.5 | 3,843 |
| South West | 0.4 | 32.3 | 10.8 | 8.7 | 53.0 | 7.7 | 2.6 | 20.9 | 8.1 | 14.0 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 14.0 | 0.3 | 5,369 |
| Economic status quintile* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 1.0 | 15.9 | 9.6 | 5.6 | 32.7 | 8.7 | 6.6 | 8.7 | 6.0 | 12.1 | 1.8 | 3.4 | 3.9 | 6.3 | 0.3 | 5,614 |
| Second | 1.8 | 23.6 | 13.6 | 7.9 | 46.6 | 11.1 | 7.9 | 12.9 | 8.8 | 17.9 | 2.1 | 3.8 | 4.9 | 9.1 | 0.5 | 5,376 |
| Middle | 2.4 | 28.1 | 15.8 | 9.8 | 55.9 | 13.7 | 8.5 | 16.1 | 10.1 | 22.5 | 1.9 | 2.9 | 4.2 | 11.3 | 0.8 | 5,471 |
| Fourth | 2.9 | 31.1 | 18.1 | 10.4 | 57.8 | 13.4 | 7.7 | 18.6 | 10.2 | 23.2 | 2.0 | 2.7 | 3.6 | 11.7 | 0.4 | 5,077 |
| Highest | 2.4 | 35.8 | 14.9 | 13.1 | 55.0 | 10.3 | 5.7 | 22.0 | 9.4 | 23.4 | 1.3 | 1.9 | 2.6 | 11.8 | 0.4 | 5,095 |
| Total | 2.1 | 26.7 | 14.3 | 9.3 | 49.3 | 11.4 | 7.3 | 15.5 | 8.9 | 19.7 | 1.8 | 3.0 | 3.9 | 10.0 | 0.5 | 26,633 |
| *Statistics based on imputed data |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 11.2 Perceived benefits of primary school completion for girls

| Percentage of parents/guardians who perceive benefits to completing primary school for a 15-year-old girl according to background characteristics, 2010 NEDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Perceived benefits of primary school completion for girls |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | No benefits | Chance to go to secondary school | Find a better job | Provide support to household/ parents | Literacy | Learn other languages | Numeracy | Critical thinking | Vocational/ technical | Morals/ values | Make a better marriage | Bea better parent | Better hygiene | Social interaction skills | Others | Number of parents/ guardians |
| Sex* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 0.5 | 24.8 | 12.7 | 8.9 | 46.6 | 11.4 | 8.1 | 14.3 | 8.5 | 19.6 | 10.1 | 6.1 | 11.7 | 17.1 | 0.4 | 13,037 |
| Female | 0.6 | 26.6 | 13.5 | 9.4 | 49.6 | 10.3 | 6.2 | 16.1 | 8.2 | 19.1 | 10.1 | 5.6 | 11.0 | 17.9 | 0.3 | 13,595 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 0.3 | 32.4 | 14.6 | 12.4 | 52.7 | 10.9 | 7.2 | 19.4 | 9.8 | 23.4 | 10.6 | 6.4 | 11.7 | 21.9 | 0.4 | 8,449 |
| Rural | 0.6 | 22.6 | 12.4 | 7.7 | 46.0 | 10.8 | 7.1 | 13.3 | 7.6 | 17.4 | 9.9 | 5.6 | 11.2 | 15.5 | 0.4 | 18,184 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 0.2 | 28.5 | 9.5 | 9.5 | 54.2 | 18.5 | 11.4 | 11.6 | 5.8 | 16.2 | 8.3 | 4.0 | 11.3 | 15.1 | 0.3 | 3,831 |
| North East | 0.5 | 17.3 | 8.1 | 7.6 | 38.6 | 8.0 | 7.8 | 13.7 | 7.7 | 22.8 | 12.4 | 8.0 | 13.7 | 13.5 | 0.7 | 3,606 |
| North West | 1.4 | 21.2 | 10.6 | 7.3 | 35.8 | 10.3 | 9.0 | 7.5 | 6.9 | 17.6 | 11.2 | 8.0 | 10.5 | 10.4 | 0.0 | 6,757 |
| South East | 0.1 | 16.6 | 24.0 | 14.6 | 52.8 | 9.9 | 7.1 | 26.1 | 15.0 | 31.2 | 14.9 | 7.5 | 11.0 | 24.6 | 0.1 | 3,226 |
| South South | 0.2 | 36.7 | 18.8 | 10.0 | 62.7 | 12.3 | 4.8 | 17.3 | 8.9 | 20.0 | 12.6 | 5.6 | 21.8 | 27.3 | 1.2 | 3,843 |
| South West | 0.2 | 32.6 | 11.4 | 8.5 | 52.4 | 7.5 | 2.9 | 20.4 | 7.9 | 13.9 | 3.9 | 2.1 | 3.4 | 19.7 | 0.2 | 5,369 |
| Economic status quintile* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 0.8 | 15.3 | 8.9 | 5.2 | 30.8 | 8.5 | 6.7 | 8.3 | 5.2 | 12.1 | 7.9 | 4.9 | 7.9 | 8.8 | 0.3 | 5,614 |
| Second | 1.0 | 22.0 | 11.8 | 8.2 | 45.6 | 10.3 | 7.7 | 11.8 | 7.9 | 18.0 | 10.7 | 6.0 | 11.1 | 14.2 | 0.4 | 5,376 |
| Middle | 0.5 | 26.6 | 14.0 | 9.8 | 55.0 | 13.2 | 8.3 | 16.3 | 9.1 | 21.9 | 12.1 | 6.1 | 13.0 | 19.5 | 0.6 | 5,471 |
| Fourth | 0.1 | 30.4 | 17.1 | 10.1 | 56.8 | 12.8 | 7.3 | 18.8 | 9.9 | 22.4 | 11.1 | 6.8 | 13.6 | 22.4 | 0.3 | 5,077 |
| Highest | 0.3 | 35.5 | 14.1 | 13.0 | 53.7 | 9.5 | 5.5 | 21.7 | 9.8 | 23.1 | 8.8 | 5.4 | 11.2 | 23.7 | 0.3 | 5,095 |
| Total | 0.5 | 25.7 | 13.1 | 9.2 | 48.1 | 10.8 | 7.1 | 15.2 | 8.3 | 19.3 | 10.1 | 5.8 | 11.3 | 17.5 | 0.4 | 26,633 |
| *Statistics based on imputed data |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Figure 11.1 Percentage of Parent/Guardians Who Perceive Specific Benefits of Primary School Completion for Boys and Girls


Academic skills were frequently given as benefits of schooling, with literacy being mentioned by a higher percentage of parent/guardians than any other benefit (49 percent for boys and 48 percent for girls). Although less common, numeracy was also listed as a benefit by 7 percent of parent/guardians for both boys and girls. Also parent/guardians considered learning other languages to be an advantage of primary education (11 percent) for both boys and girls. Parent/guardians also said that the ability to think critically or analytically is a benefit to both boys and girls who complete primary school list ( 16 percent for boys and 15 percent for girls). Furthermore, 9 percent of parent/guardians listed vocational or technical skills as benefits of schooling for boys and 8 percent for girls.

Skills for life also figured among the perceived benefits of primary schooling. Although nearly equal percentages of parent/guardians listed the development of moral values as a benefit for boys and for girls ( 20 percent for boys and 19 percent for girls), they differed considerably about the role of primary schooling in helping a boy or a girl make a better marriage and become a better parent. Ten percent of parent/guardians believe that primary education will make better marriages for girls, as opposed to 2 percent for boys. Making a better marriage was cited as a benefit for girls far more often in the South East ( 15 percent) while the South West recorded the lowest (4 percent). Parent/guardians were almost equally likely to say that finishing primary school would make a girl a better mother as to say it would make a boy a better father ( 6 percent and 3 percent, respectively). About one in every ten parent/guardians listed improved social interaction skills among the benefits of schooling for both boys with about one in every five ( 18 percent) for girls. Respondents listed improved hygiene as a benefit for boys ( 4 percent) and girls (11 percent).

Several notable differences in perceptions among male and female parent/guardians exist about life skills: male respondents were more likely to list better hygiene as a benefit for boys and girls. Male parent/guardians have similar responses with the female respondents to list making a better marriage as a benefit for girls and boys ( 10 percent versus 2 percent respectively). This shows that there is a decrease in parent/guardians listing making a better marriage when compared with 2004 NDES data where it was 19 percent for girls.

The skills for life benefits of schooling were viewed differently by respondents in various regions. Respondents in the South East and North East were most likely to list the development of moral values as benefits for both boys and girls. Those in the northern regions generally were more likely than respondents in the south to list better hygiene as a benefit for boys.

### 11.2 Disadvantages of Schooling

Parent/guardians were also asked about the disadvantages of sending a boy to primary school and about the disadvantages of sending a girl to primary school. The results are shown in Tables 11.3 and 11.4.

Most parents/guardians said that there were no disadvantages to sending a boy or a girl to primary school, although they were more likely to see no disadvantages for boys than for girls ( 58 percent versus 56 percent, respectively). However, differences by urban-rural residence, region, and economic status exist. North East showed 47 percent responding that there are no disadvantages of a boy completing primary school while South South reported 70 percent. This trend was similar for girls in the same regions (44 percent in North East and 70 percent in South South). In urban and rural areas, comparable percentages of respondents said there are no disadvantages for a boy to complete school. Respondents in urban areas were more likely than those in rural areas to see no disadvantages for a girl to complete primary school ( 63 percent versus 53 percent). This result is very similar to the response for boys ( 64 percent versus 55 percent). The more economically advantaged the respondent, the more likely he or she was to see no disadvantages to schooling for girls, although the relationship is not very strong. Overall, there is a large increase in parent/guardians reporting disadvantages for sending both boys and girls to primary school as compared with 2004 NDES data. For example, in 2004, 93 percent of parent/guardians reported no disadvantages for boys compared with 58 percent in 2010; similarly for girls, 84 percent reported no disadvantages in 2004 compared with 56 percent in 2010).

Table 11.3 Perceived disadvantages of primary school completion for boys

| Percentage of parents/guardians who perceive specific dis advantages to sending a boy to primary school according to background characteristics, NEDS 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Perceived disadvantages of a primaryschool education for boys |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | No <br> Disadvantages | Monetary cost of schooling | Loss of child's labor | Bad manners | Not willing to work | Migrate from Village | No benefits to Household | Others | Number of parents/ guardians |
| Sex* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 54.8 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 13,037 |
| Female | 60.3 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 2.1 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 13,595 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 63.7 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 3.1 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 1.5 | 0.1 | 8,449 |
| Rural | 54.8 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 18,184 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 58.8 | 3.0 | 5.6 | 4.5 | 3.5 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 0.1 | 3,831 |
| North East | 46.8 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 3,606 |
| North West | 49.6 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 6,757 |
| South East | 67.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 3,226 |
| South South | 70.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 3,843 |
| South West | 59.2 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 5.2 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 2.8 | 0.4 | 5,369 |
| Economic status quintile* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 38.3 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 5,614 |
| Second | 56.3 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 5,376 |
| Middle | 65.1 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 5,471 |
| Fourth | 65.6 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 2.8 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 5,077 |
| Highest | 64.5 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 3.4 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 5,095 |
| Total | 57.7 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 2.2 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 26,633 |
| *Statistics based on imputed data |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 11.4 Perceived disadvantages of primary school completion for girls

| Percentage of parents $2010$ | dians who perce | ve specific d | isadvanta | ges to send | ing a girl to | to primary | yschool ac | rding to b | background ch | acteris | s, NEDS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Perceived disadvantages of a primary school education for girls |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Background characteristic | No Disadvantages | Monetary cost of schooling | Loss of child's labor | Bad manners | Not willing to work | Migrate from Village | Later marriage/ harder to find husband | Chance of being seduced | No benefits to Household | Others | Number of parents/ guardians |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 53.3 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 2.4 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 2.4 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 13,037 |
| Female | 59.1 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 2.1 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 13,595 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 62.9 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 3.1 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 0.1 | 8,449 |
| Rural | 53.2 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 2.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 18,184 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 57.6 | 2.9 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.1 | 2.4 | 4.5 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 0.2 | 3,831 |
| North East | 43.7 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 3,606 |
| North West | 46.8 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 3.0 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 6,757 |
| South East | 67.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 3,226 |
| South South | 70.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 3,843 |
| South West | 59.0 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 5.0 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 2.8 | 0.4 | 5,369 |
| Economic status quintile* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 36.1 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 2.3 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 5,614 |
| Second | 53.6 | 1.1 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 2.9 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 5,376 |
| Middle | 64.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 2.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 5,471 |
| Fourth | 64.9 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 3.0 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 5,077 |
| Highest | 64.3 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 3.1 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 5,095 |
| Total | 56.2 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 2.3 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 26,633 |
| *Statistics based on imputed data |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

For girls, among the cited disadvantages were learning bad manners ( 2 percent), delayed marriage ( 2 percent), and the danger of being seduced at school ( 1 percent). The monetary costs of schooling, the loss of a child's labor, the child not being willing to work, and the child's migration from the village were not frequently cited as disadvantages for both boys and girls.

Respondents in both rural and urban areas listed delayed marriage as a disadvantage of primary schooling for a girl at 2 percent. This shows a reduction in delayed marriage for girls as compared with 2004 data where 7 percent of parent/guardians adjudged that school led to delayed marriage of girls. Respondents in the North Central region were more likely than those elsewhere to list the loss of labor as a disadvantage for both boys and girls ( 6 percent and 4 percent, respectively). The difference by economic status for delayed marriage as a disadvantage of girls' schooling was stronger in families with incomes in the lowest to middle economic quintiles.

## 12. ABSENTEEISM AMONG PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

This chapter examines the issue of absenteeism among primary school pupils and secondary school students. Pupils and students who are absent frequently or for long periods are likely to have difficulty mastering the material presented in class, making absenteeism a critical education issue.

Information on the frequency of absenteeism, however, can be difficult to obtain. Well-kept school records can be an invaluable source of information on the frequency of pupil absenteeism. Household surveys, on the other hand, depend on the accuracy of the respondents' recollection over time. Recognizing that parents'/guardians' recall may be problematic, the 2010 NEDS collected information about children's school attendance over the month of school preceding the interview (for children who were pupils or students at the time the household was surveyed).

### 12.1 Pupil and Student Absenteeism in the Preceding Year

The 2010 NEDS did not capture information on student absenteeism during the preceding year. During the review of the questionnaire, it was decided that it would be better to combine the two questions on student absenteeism. For this reason, Tables 12.1 and 12.2 in the 2004 NDES report are not replicated here, and the tables in this chapter begin with Table 12.3.

### 12.2 Primary School Pupil Absenteeism and Secondary School Student Absenteeism during the Month of School Preceding the Interview

## Primary School Pupils ${ }^{21}$

Seventeen percent of pupils were absent one or more days during the four weeks preceding the interview (Table 12.3). There is slight variation by sex: 18 percent for males versus 16 percent for females. By residence, 20 percent of pupils in rural areas and 12 percent of their urban counterparts were absent one or more days during the month of school preceding the interview. Among the zones, 5 percent of pupils in South West were absent one or more days during the reference period, whereas 31 percent were absent in the North East. Ten percent of pupils whose parents/guardians are in the highest economic status quintile were absent one or more days, compared with 25 percent in the lowest quintile. Among pupils who missed school during the reference period, the mean number of days missed is 5.5 .

[^23]Table 12.3 Absenteeism among primary school pupils in the month of school preceding the interview
Percent distribution of primary school day pupils by absenteeism during the month of school preceding the interview, according to background characteristics, 2010 NEDS

| Background Characteristics | Pupil Absenteeism |  |  | Total | Number of pupils | Mean days missed among pupils missing one or more days |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Attended all school days | Absent one or more days | Don't know/ missing |  |  |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 79.0 | 18.0 | 3.0 | 100.0 | 15,375 | 5.4 |
| Female | 80.5 | 16.4 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 13,150 | 5.5 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 85.2 | 11.9 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 9,406 | 4.9 |
| Rural | 77.0 | 19.9 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 19,119 | 5.6 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 79.9 | 16.6 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 4,899 | 6.3 |
| North East | 64.2 | 30.5 | 5.2 | 100.0 | 3,537 | 5.8 |
| North West | 79.9 | 17.2 | 2.9 | 100.0 | 6,426 | 5.5 |
| South East | 78.7 | 18.8 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 3,506 | 4.7 |
| South South | 76.1 | 21.4 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 4,670 | 5.0 |
| South West | 92.8 | 4.9 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 5,486 | 4.6 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 69.9 | 25.3 | 4.8 | 100.0 | 4,048 | 6.5 |
| Second | 75.5 | 20.9 | 3.6 | 100.0 | 5,999 | 5.7 |
| Middle | 78.9 | 18.4 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 6,929 | 5.1 |
| Fourth | 84.4 | 13.6 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 6,145 | 4.8 |
| Highest | 87.2 | 10.0 | 2.8 | 100.0 | 5,401 | 4.9 |
| Total | 79.7 | 17.3 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 28,525 | 5.5 |

The primary reasons given for absenteeism during the month of schooling before the survey are presented in Table 12.4. Illness was the most cited reason for missing school ( 36 percent). Whereas 22 percent of pupils missed school because they did not want to go to school, 11 percent missed school because of domestic work. Ten percent missed school to work on the family farm/business and 9 percent because school fees were due and no money was available. Five percent missed school to attend a family function such as a funeral, naming ceremony, or wedding. Only one percent missed school to work for an employer.

Table 12.4 Reasons for absenteeism among primary school pupils in the month preceding the interview
Percentage of primary school day pupils who missed school in the week preceding the interview, by reason for absenteeism and
background characteristics, NEDS 2010 background characteristics, NEDS 2010

| Background Characteristics | Reasons pupil missed school |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Child needed for domestic work | Child needed for family farm/ business | Work for employer | School fees due | Child did not want to go | Funeral/ naming ceremony or wedding | Illness | Clothes were dirty | Others | Number of pupils |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 8.8 | 11.8 | 1.3 | 8.9 | 22.7 | 4.5 | 35.4 | 3.2 | 19.8 | 2,773 |
| Female | 12.8 | 8.5 | 0.8 | 9.3 | 20.4 | 5.3 | 36.8 | 3.3 | 20.6 | 2,155 |
| School type |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Government | 11.6 | 12.0 | 1.2 | 7.0 | 24.0 | 4.2 | 35.4 | 3.4 | 20.0 | 4,010 |
| Private | 5.4 | 2.9 | 0.1 | 18.2 | 11.8 | 8.0 | 38.7 | 2.8 | 21.3 | 874 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 6.5 | 3.5 | 0.5 | 10.8 | 17.4 | 7.9 | 41.0 | 3.6 | 20.2 | 1,124 |
| Rural | 11.8 | 12.4 | 1.2 | 8.6 | 23.0 | 3.9 | 34.6 | 3.2 | 20.2 | 3,804 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 7.3 | 6.9 | 0.3 | 8.8 | 16.9 | 3.2 | 26.9 | 2.9 | 37.9 | 813 |
| North East | 7.4 | 11.9 | 0.1 | 3.0 | 26.3 | 5.0 | 32.0 | 2.7 | 25.3 | 1,080 |
| North West | 15.0 | 17.8 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 27.5 | 4.3 | 42.3 | 5.3 | 8.0 | 1,106 |
| South East | 16.8 | 6.8 | 0.3 | 14.7 | 15.0 | 9.1 | 37.4 | 3.4 | 11.5 | 658 |
| South South | 9.4 | 7.8 | 0.2 | 18.0 | 20.6 | 3.8 | 35.3 | 2.5 | 21.3 | 1,001 |
| South West | 3.9 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 9.8 | 14.9 | 5.1 | 53.4 | 0.6 | 13.0 | 269 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 14.7 | 16.4 | 2.3 | 7.3 | 22.3 | 4.8 | 32.6 | 3.6 | 18.0 | 1,025 |
| Second | 13.5 | 14.7 | 1.1 | 5.7 | 25.1 | 3.7 | 33.7 | 3.2 | 19.3 | 1,252 |
| Middle | 8.4 | 8.1 | 0.7 | 8.5 | 22.9 | 4.4 | 33.9 | 3.6 | 25.2 | 1,275 |
| Fourth | 8.0 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 13.6 | 18.4 | 5.3 | 43.3 | 3.4 | 16.6 | 836 |
| Highest | 4.5 | 3.1 | 0.2 | 14.8 | 14.8 | 8.2 | 42.0 | 2.0 | 20.1 | 537 |
| Total | 10.6 | 10.3 | 1.1 | 9.1 | 21.7 | 4.9 | 36.0 | 3.3 | 20.2 | 4,928 |

## Secondary School Students

Overall, 15 percent of students were absent one or more days the month preceding the interview. ${ }^{22}$ Among students who missed one or more days during the month of school before the interview, the mean number of days missed is about 5 . There is very little difference by gender of secondary school students missing school in the previous month. More students in rural areas were absent (18 percent) than in the urban areas (12 percent). Students in the North East and South South (21 and 22 percent, respectively) were absent one or more days, compared with 7 percent of students in the South West. The higher the economic status of the family, the fewer student absences occurred in the previous month for secondary school students.

[^24][^25]Table 12.5 Absenteeism among secondary school students in the month of school preceding the interview

Percent distribution of secondary school day students by absenteeism in a month of
school preceding the interview, according to background characteristics, NEDS 2010

| Background Characteristics | Student absenteeism |  |  | Total | Number of pupils | Mean days missed among pupils missing one or more days |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Attended all school days | Absent one or more days | Don't <br> Know/ missing |  |  |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 81.5 | 15.4 | 3.0 | 100.0 | 5,143 | 5.2 |
| Female | 83.4 | 14.3 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 4,683 | 4.9 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 85.7 | 11.6 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 4,332 | 5.0 |
| Rural | 79.8 | 17.5 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 5,494 | 5.1 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 82.0 | 14.4 | 3.6 | 100.0 | 1,377 | 6.1 |
| North East | 72.5 | 21.4 | 6.2 | 100.0 | 652 | 6.4 |
| North West | 86.4 | 12.8 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 1,276 | 4.0 |
| South East | 78.0 | 19.7 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 1,593 | 4.4 |
| South South | 75.5 | 21.7 | 2.8 | 100.0 | 2,123 | 5.1 |
| South West | 90.9 | 6.7 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 2,805 | 4.8 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 74.6 | 21.1 | 4.3 | 100.0 | 551 | 6.3 |
| Second | 76.8 | 19.6 | 3.5 | 100.0 | 1,343 | 5.1 |
| Middle | 80.4 | 17.0 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 2,216 | 5.3 |
| Fourth | 84.6 | 12.9 | 2.4 | 100.0 | 2,682 | 4.7 |
| Highest | 85.8 | 11.9 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 3,033 | 4.8 |
| Total | 82.4 | 14.9 | 2.7 | 100.0 | 9,826 | 5.1 |

### 12.3 Pupil Absenteeism and Household Work

Parent/guardians were asked whether they agreed or disagreed with the statement that children should be kept away from school to work or help at home whenever necessary. Nine percent of the parent/guardians agreed and 90 percent disagreed. Although there are no notable differences by sex and urban-rural residence, slight differences in opinion exist based on the economic status of parents/guardians but without a clear trend. For example, in the lowest quintile, 86 percent disagree; and in the highest quintile, 88 percent disagree. However, there are differences by zones, with the highest level of agreement occurring in the North East ( 15 percent) and the lowest in the South South ( 2 percent).

Table 12.6 Importance of child's work or help in the household

| Background Characteristics | Should keep children home whenever neccessary to work or or help in the household |  |  |  | Number of parents/ guardians |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Agree | Disagree | Don't know/ Missing | Total |  |
| Sex* |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 10.3 | 89.1 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 13,037 |
| Female | 8.7 | 90.4 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 13,595 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 10.8 | 88.6 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 8,449 |
| Rural | 8.7 | 90.4 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 18,184 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 10.8 | 87.4 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 3,831 |
| North East | 14.6 | 85.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 3,606 |
| North West | 11.8 | 86.3 | 2.0 | 100.0 | 6,757 |
| South East | 6.9 | 93.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 3,226 |
| South South | 2.0 | 98.0 | 0.0 | 100.0 | 3,843 |
| South West | 10.9 | 89.0 | 0.1 | 100.0 | 5,369 |
| Economic status quintile* |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 11.9 | 87.0 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 5,614 |
| Second | 10.9 | 87.8 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 5,376 |
| Middle | 7.7 | 91.7 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 5,471 |
| Fourth | 6.8 | 92.5 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 5,077 |
| Highest | 11.1 | 88.6 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 5,095 |
| Total | 9.4 | 89.8 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 26,633 |

### 12.4 Pupil Absenteeism and Household Work, 2004 and 2010

The view of parents/guardians was sought during the two surveys on the importance of child's work or help in the household. In 2004, 25 percent of parents/guardians agreed that parents should keep their children home from school whenever necessary to work or help in the household, whereas just 9 percent agreed in 2010. Similarly, 74 percent of parents disagreed with this view in 2004, compared with 90 percent in 2010.

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## 13. REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, HIV/AIDS, AND EDUCATION

This chapter presents data on parent/guardians' views on teaching reproductive health education and HIV/AIDS education in primary school. It examines parent/guardians' beliefs about the ways their children presently learn about reproductive matters; their opinions about whether reproductive health education should be included in the curriculum; why it should not be taught in school (if they believe it should not be taught), and at what age and class children should start learning about reproductive matters. It also presents data on parents'/guardians' awareness of HIV/AIDS; their perceptions of its impact on children's schooling; and their opinions about whether HIV/AIDS education should be included in the curriculum, why it should not be taught (if they believe it should not be taught); and at what class children should start learning about HIV/AIDS.

Parent/guardians' views on reproductive health education and HIV/AIDS education can inform whether and how these subjects are introduced and taught in primary school. The results of the survey show that parents/guardians are more supportive of HIV/AIDS education than reproductive health education, but the data also suggest that the majority of parents/guardians would support primary school instruction on both reproductive matters if done at the upper primary class levels or for older children.

### 13.1 Reproductive Health Matters and Education

## Sources of Information about Reproductive Health Matters

Parent/guardian respondents were asked about specific sources of information from which the children in their community learn about reproductive matters such as conception, contraception, and hygiene. They most often cited the following sources of information: other parent/guardians, schools, teachers, friends, radio, television/movies and health centers/clinic. Fifty percent of parent/guardian respondents say that the parent/guardians of individual children provide information about reproductive matters. Sixty percent of the parent/guardians say that teachers or schools provide reproductive education, followed by children's friends ( 27 percent), radio ( 26 percent), and television or movies (19 percent). Clinics and health centers ( 18 percent) were also cited as sources of information on reproductive matters (Table 13.1).

Gender differences among parent/guardian respondents are minor, male parent/guardians were more likely than female respondents to provide information on reproductive health to children ( 52 percent versus 49 percent). However, female parent/guardians are more likely than male respondents to mention teachers or schools as a source of information (64 percent and 55 percent, respectively).

With a few exceptions, urban-rural differences were also minimal. Respondents in urban areas were more likely than those in rural areas to list teachers or schools as sources of information on reproductive matters ( 76 percent versus 53 percent). Respondents in urban areas were more likely than those in rural areas to list television or movies as sources of information ( 32 percent versus 13 percent). Similarly, a higher percentage ( 32 percent) of parent/guardians in urban areas than in rural areas ( 25 percent) named friends as a source of information more often.

Table 13.1 Children's sources of information on reproductive matters

| Percentage of parent/guardians listing specific sources of information on reproductive matters for children, by background characteristics, NEDS 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sources of Information on reproductive matters |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of of Parents/ Guardians |
| Background Characteristics | Parent/ guardian | Brothers/s isters | Other relatives | Friends | Religious leaders | Teachers | Pupils | Newspapers/ Magazines | Radio | Television/ Movies | Health Center/ Clinics | School | Others |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 51.8 | 11.0 | 6.9 | 25.4 | 15.1 | 22.5 | 5.6 | 5.1 | 26.5 | 15.5 | 19.7 | 32.9 | 3.0 | 13,037 |
| Female | 49.1 | 8.9 | 6.4 | 28.4 | 11.0 | 21.3 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 26.0 | 22.4 | 16.9 | 42.8 | 2.8 | 13,595 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 49.9 | 10.3 | 5.0 | 32.0 | 10.4 | 25.7 | 5.5 | 8.4 | 26.2 | 31.8 | 18.5 | 49.7 | 1.8 | 8,449 |
| Rural | 50.6 | 9.7 | 7.4 | 24.6 | 14.2 | 20.1 | 5.5 | 4.2 | 26.3 | 13.1 | 18.2 | 32.5 | 3.4 | 18,185 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 58.6 | 14.8 | 6.8 | 18.0 | 13.8 | 29.3 | 3.6 | 4.9 | 14.7 | 13.8 | 16.1 | 43.6 | 4.7 | 3,831 |
| North East | 45.2 | 9.2 | 6.8 | 17.1 | 16.2 | 23.0 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 21.1 | 7.1 | 18.6 | 3.7 | 8.4 | 3,606 |
| North West | 52.4 | 10.7 | 9.5 | 19.3 | 15.2 | 16.8 | 8.1 | 3.2 | 37.9 | 5.0 | 16.5 | 0.2 | 1.7 | 6,759 |
| South East | 62.8 | 8.4 | 5.0 | 32.4 | 14.6 | 26.8 | 8.4 | 13.6 | 27.5 | 26.9 | 24.4 | 74.0 | 1.7 | 3,226 |
| South South | 42.5 | 9.3 | 6.5 | 38.7 | 15.7 | 25.9 | 3.9 | 9.2 | 30.6 | 33.3 | 27.3 | 70.9 | 2.0 | 3,843 |
| South West | 43.6 | 7.3 | 3.9 | 37.8 | 4.7 | 16.5 | 5.8 | 4.2 | 19.3 | 33.5 | 11.7 | 58.9 | 0.8 | 5,369 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 52.0 | 12.8 | 9.5 | 20.6 | 16.2 | 16.5 | 5.4 | 1.6 | 26.7 | 4.5 | 14.4 | 13.8 | 4.9 | 5,614 |
| Second | 50.1 | 9.6 | 7.3 | 22.1 | 14.7 | 21.1 | 6.0 | 3.3 | 26.5 | 8.9 | 17.4 | 23.9 | 3.9 | 5,376 |
| Middle | 49.4 | 8.0 | 6.2 | 26.9 | 12.2 | 23.7 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 24.5 | 18.1 | 21.9 | 43.1 | 2.5 | 5,471 |
| Fourth | 47.9 | 8.5 | 5.6 | 32.1 | 12.2 | 23.4 | 5.9 | 8.4 | 28.0 | 29.0 | 21.7 | 51.8 | 1.7 | 5,077 |
| Highest | 52.3 | 10.5 | 4.4 | 33.8 | 9.4 | 25.3 | 4.9 | 9.4 | 25.4 | 36.9 | 16.2 | 59.9 | 1.2 | 5,095 |
| Total | 50.4 | 9.9 | 6.7 | 26.9 | 13.0 | 21.9 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 26.2 | 19.0 | 18.3 | 37.9 | 2.9 | 26,634 |

Figure 13.1 Children's Sources of Information on Reproductive Matters, by Residence


There is a wide variation across regions in views on where the children in the community learn about reproductive matters. Schools are seen as source of reproductive information with highest response by parent/guardians in the South East ( 74 percent) and the lowest from the North West (less than 1 percent). Although teachers are listed as an important resource in 2010 ( 22 percent), parents/guardians listed them more frequently in 2004 with 41 percent. There is a downward trend on teacher's importance as source of information on reproductive matters across regions as shown in North West and South West (17 percent)
and North Central (29 percent), compared with North West (31 percent) and South East (68 percent) in 2004.

The majority of parent/guardians in the South East (63 percent) listed parent/guardians as sources of information compared with the South South (43 percent). In the South South, 39 percent of respondents say that children get information on reproductive matters from friends, compared with 17 percent in the North East. Parent/guardians in the South East were most likely to list schools as sources of information (74 percent), but those in the North West were the least likely (less than 1 percent). Respondents in the North Central are least likely to list the radio ( 15 percent) as a source of information; and those in the North West are least likely to list television and movies (5 percent, Table 13.1).

There is no established trend on socio-economic status of parent/guardian respondents in the sources of information on reproductive matters through parent/guardians. In contrast, the more advantaged the respondents, the more likely he or she was to list schools as a source of information (60 percent in the highest quintile, compared with 14 percent in the lowest quintile).

## Reproductive Health Education and Primary Schooling

Sixty-nine percent of respondents said that primary schools should teach pupils about reproductive matters, but 29 percent disagreed (Table 13.2). Male parent/guardians ( 70 percent) were more likely than female parent/guardians ( 67 percent) to favor the inclusion of reproductive health education in the primary school curriculum. There is little variation in the response of parent/guardians in both rural and urban in favor of teaching reproductive health education in primary schools.

However, regional differences exist (Figure 13.2). Among the zones, the South West has the highest percentage of respondents ( 42 percent) opposed to teaching reproductive health to primary school pupils. In contrast, the highest incidence of support for teaching pupils about reproductive matters is in the South South ( 80 percent), followed closely by the North Central ( 79 percent). About two thirds of the parent/guardians in the North East, North West, and South East favor teaching of reproductive matters to primary school children.

By socio-economic status of respondents, there are no substantial variations in the support for teaching of reproductive matters to primary school pupils.

A comparison of the 2004 NDES with the 2010 NEDS shows an increase in the support for including reproductive health education in the curriculum: from 62 percent in 2004 to 69 percent in 2010. As a corollary, opposition to reproductive health education declined: from 35 percent in 2004 to 29 percent in 2010. A remarkable increase in the support for teaching reproductive matters occurs in the South South, from 66 percent in 2004 to 80 percent in 2010. Support for inclusion of reproductive health education in the primary school curriculum declined in the North Central and the North East regions, from 82 percent and 69 percent in 2004 to 79 percent and 63 percent, respectively.

Table 13.2 Views on primary school teaching about reproductive matters

| Percent distribution of parent/guardians by whether they think primary schools should teach pupils about reproductive matters, according to background characteristics, NEDS 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Primary schools should teach about reproductive matters |  |  |  | Number of parent/ guardians |
| Background Characteristics | Yes | No | Don't <br> Know/ Depends/ missing | Total |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 70.2 | 26.7 | 3.0 | 100.0 | 13,037 |
| Female | 66.8 | 30.1 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 13,595 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 68.8 | 29.5 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 8,449 |
| Rural | 68.3 | 28.0 | 3.7 | 100.0 | 18,185 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 78.6 | 17.7 | 3.7 | 100.0 | 3,831 |
| North East | 62.9 | 29.2 | 7.9 | 100.0 | 3,606 |
| North West | 68.4 | 27.3 | 4.3 | 100.0 | 6,759 |
| South East | 67.5 | 32.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 3,226 |
| South South | 80.3 | 18.7 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 3,843 |
| South West | 57.3 | 41.8 | 0.9 | 100.0 | 5,369 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 66.7 | 26.3 | 7.0 | 100.0 | 5,614 |
| Second | 69.1 | 26.9 | 4.0 | 100.0 | 5,376 |
| Middle | 68.1 | 30.1 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 5,471 |
| Fourth | 68.2 | 30.5 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 5,077 |
| Highest | 70.5 | 28.7 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 5,095 |
| Total | 68.5 | 28.5 | 3.1 | 100.0 | 26,634 |

Figure 13.2 Percentage of Parent/Guardians in Favor of Reproductive Health Education in Primary Schools, by Region


Parent/guardians were asked about their opinion regarding the teaching of reproductive matters in primary schools. Eighty-three percent of those opposing reproductive health education said that children are too young to learn about sex. Other reasons against teaching reproductive health include parental concerns
that reproductive health education encourages children to have sex (17 percent) and that it is not appropriate to teach such subject in primary school ( 11 percent). Fewer parents/guardians expressed concerns that reproductive health education is against their religion (6 percent) or said that reproductive health education is the parents' job ( 4 percent). Only 3 percent felt that it could be taught, but that male and female children should be taught separately (Table 13.3 and Figure 13.3).

Female respondents are more likely than their male counterparts ( 85 percent versus 82 percent) to object to teaching reproductive health education in primary schools because the children are too young. On the other hand, male respondents are more likely than their female counterparts to say that it is not appropriate to teach the topic in schools ( 12 percent versus 10 percent, respectively). Parent/guardians in urban areas are more likely than those in rural areas to say that primary school children are too young to be taught reproductive health matters ( 88 percent versus 81 percent, respectively).

Across zones, parents/guardians expressed concern that primary school pupils are too young to be taught reproductive health education. Respondents in the North West were the least concerned that reproductive health education would encourage children to have sex ( 3 percent). The concern that teaching of reproductive health education is against religion is highest in the North East ( 20 percent) and lowest in the South East and South South (less than 1 percent).

Table 13.3 Reasons primary schools should not teach about reproductive matters

| Background Characteristics | Reasons schools should not teach about reproductive education |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of parents/guardians |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Not appropriate to teach reproductive health education in schools | Reproductive health education is the parents' job | Children are too young | Boys and girls should be taught separately | Against religion | Encourages children to have sex | Other reasons |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 12.4 | 5.0 | 81.5 | 3.4 | 6.2 | 16.1 | 0.8 | 3,466 |
| Female | 10.4 | 2.9 | 84.7 | 2.9 | 4.8 | 16.8 | 0.7 | 4,074 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 9.9 | 1.9 | 87.7 | 1.9 | 4.5 | 18.8 | 0.5 | 2,482 |
| Rural | 12.0 | 4.8 | 81.0 | 3.7 | 5.9 | 15.3 | 0.8 | 5,058 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 11.8 | 5.4 | 84.4 | 0.3 | 5.3 | 15.4 | 1.7 | 672 |
| North East | 24.1 | 7.5 | 74.5 | 10.0 | 20.4 | 26.5 | 0.5 | 1,050 |
| North West | 9.7 | 5.9 | 79.4 | 6.2 | 5.0 | 3.0 | 0.5 | 1,837 |
| South East | 5.3 | 0.8 | 85.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 23.1 | 0.7 | 1,028 |
| South South | 2.7 | 1.6 | 85.8 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 12.6 | 2.6 | 718 |
| South West | 12.0 | 2.1 | 88.4 | 0.4 | 2.8 | 21.3 | 0.2 | 2,233 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 16.6 | 8.7 | 73.2 | 6.3 | 10.8 | 14.4 | 0.7 | 1,469 |
| Second | 12.4 | 4.4 | 81.4 | 4.6 | 7.5 | 15.3 | 1.1 | 1,439 |
| Middle | 8.8 | 2.9 | 84.8 | 1.6 | 3.6 | 18.1 | 0.6 | 1,635 |
| Fourth | 9.8 | 2.2 | 86.0 | 2.5 | 3.4 | 19.0 | 0.6 | 1,539 |
| Highest | 9.3 | 1.2 | 90.3 | 0.8 | 2.4 | 15.1 | 0.8 | 1,457 |
| Total | 11.4 | 3.8 | 83.2 | 3.1 | 5.5 | 16.5 | 0.7 | 7,567 |

Figure 13.3 Parents'/Guardians' Specific Reasons for Opposing Teaching Reproductive Health Education in Primary Schools


Among parents/guardians who said that primary schools should include a reproductive health education curriculum (Table 13.4), the highest percentages indicate that pupils should first be taught in the upper primary classes (primary 4,5 , and 6 ): 24 percent specified primary $4 ; 25$ percent primary 5 , and 22 percent primary 6 . Overall, only nine percent of parent/guardians identify primary 1 as the earliest class to introduce reproductive health matters for pupils.

Table 13.4 Age that pupils should be taught about reproductive matters in primary school

| Percent distribution of parent/guardians who think that pupils should be taught about reproductive matters in primary school, by school class in which they think pupils should first be taught about reproductive matters, according to background characteristics, NEDS 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Class in which pupils should be taught about reproductive matters |  |  |  |  |  | Total | Number of parent/ guardians |
| Background Characteristics | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |  |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 9.7 | 6.0 | 15.6 | 23.9 | 23.8 | 21.1 | 100.0 | 13,037 |
| Female | 8.6 | 3.8 | 13.7 | 23.6 | 26.7 | 23.6 | 100.0 | 13,595 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 7.4 | 3.2 | 14.0 | 25.7 | 29.6 | 20.1 | 100.0 | 8,449 |
| Rural | 10.0 | 5.7 | 15.0 | 22.8 | 23.2 | 23.3 | 100.0 | 18,185 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 10.7 | 11.3 | 22.1 | 20.9 | 21.0 | 14.0 | 100.0 | 3,831 |
| North East | 16.9 | 6.7 | 11.3 | 22.1 | 19.3 | 23.7 | 100.0 | 3,606 |
| North West | 7.7 | 5.2 | 14.2 | 23.7 | 22.4 | 26.8 | 100.0 | 6,759 |
| South East | 6.6 | 2.2 | 13.8 | 25.3 | 31.9 | 20.2 | 100.0 | 3,226 |
| South South | 11.5 | 2.0 | 13.3 | 24.2 | 24.6 | 24.4 | 100.0 | 3,843 |
| South West | 3.6 | 1.7 | 12.7 | 26.0 | 34.0 | 22.0 | 100.0 | 5,369 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 12.8 | 7.7 | 15.5 | 20.8 | 20.0 | 23.2 | 100.0 | 5,614 |
| Second | 10.0 | 5.8 | 15.4 | 24.0 | 21.8 | 22.9 | 100.0 | 5,376 |
| Middle | 8.6 | 5.2 | 15.2 | 23.2 | 24.7 | 22.9 | 100.0 | 5,471 |
| Fourth | 7.8 | 3.0 | 12.9 | 24.0 | 28.9 | 23.4 | 100.0 | 5,077 |
| Highest | 6.3 | 2.5 | 14.1 | 26.7 | 31.3 | 19.0 | 100.0 | 5,095 |
| Total | 9.2 | 4.9 | 14.7 | 23.7 | 25.2 | 22.3 | 100.0 | 26,634 |

Figure 13.4 Percentage of Children in Communities and Households Who Do Not Attend School Because Parents Have Contracted or Have Died of HIVIAIDS, by Region


All parent/guardian respondents were asked about their preferred age to begin teaching children about reproductive health matters. Overall, parents/guardians believe that male children should start learning about reproductive health at age 13 (Table 13.5). For all children, parent/guardians who support teaching reproductive health education in primary school identify a lower mean age for first instruction than parent/guardian respondents who object to teaching reproductive health education in primary school (12 and 16 mean ages for boys and 11 and 14 for girls, respectively). On average, parent/guardians who responded that primary schools should include reproductive health education in the curriculum said age 12 is the most appropriate age for males to start learning about reproductive matters. In contrast, respondents who opposed reproductive health education in primary schools said males should start learning about these matters four years later, at age 16. Respondents' views about when females should start learning about reproductive matters take similar pattern. Respondents in favor of teaching reproductive education in primary schools said that females should start at age 11, whereas those not in favor preferred delaying until age 14 .

Overall, parent/guardians in the North East said that male children should not start learning about reproductive matters until almost age 15, compared with age 12 in the North Central and 11 South South regions. There is less variation, however, in the average age at which female children should start learning about reproductive matters, with the mean age in the South West at 13 , and 11 in the North Central and South South regions. There is no significant variation by urban-rural residence and economic status.

Table 13.5 Age at which children should be taught about reproductive matters

| Among parents/guardians favoring and not favoring teaching about reproductive health in primary schools, the mean age at which they think children should be taught about reproductive matters, by background characteristics, NEDS 2010 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Parent/Guardians who say it should be taught |  | Parent/Guardians who say it should not be taught |  | All parent/guardians |  | Number of Parent/ Guardians |
| Background Characteristics | Mean age when boys should be taught | Mean age when girls should be taught | Mean age when boys should be taught | Mean age when girls should be taught | Mean age when boys should be taught | Mean age when girls should be taught |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 12.4 | 11.0 | 16.0 | 14.3 | 13.4 | 11.9 | 13,037 |
| Female | 12.0 | 10.9 | 15.7 | 14.4 | 13.2 | 11.9 | 13,595 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 11.8 | 10.7 | 15.9 | 14.6 | 13.0 | 11.9 | 8,449 |
| Rural | 12.4 | 11.0 | 15.8 | 14.2 | 13.4 | 11.9 | 18,185 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 11.4 | 10.6 | 15.5 | 13.9 | 12.2 | 11.3 | 3,831 |
| North East | 13.5 | 11.7 | 17.1 | 14.5 | 14.6 | 12.6 | 3,606 |
| North West | 13.3 | 11.2 | 14.8 | 12.8 | 13.7 | 11.6 | 6,759 |
| South East | 12.0 | 11.1 | 15.9 | 14.9 | 13.3 | 12.3 | 3,226 |
| South South | 10.6 | 9.8 | 14.8 | 13.8 | 11.4 | 10.6 | 3,843 |
| South West | 12.3 | 11.2 | 16.3 | 15.4 | 14.0 | 13.0 | 5,369 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 12.8 | 11.2 | 15.7 | 13.6 | 13.7 | 11.9 | 5,614 |
| Second | 12.7 | 11.1 | 15.8 | 14.1 | 13.5 | 11.9 | 5,376 |
| Middle | 12.2 | 11.1 | 16.0 | 14.6 | 13.4 | 12.1 | 5,471 |
| Fourth | 11.9 | 10.8 | 16.0 | 14.7 | 13.2 | 12.0 | 5,077 |
| Highest | 11.4 | 10.4 | 15.6 | 14.5 | 12.6 | 11.6 | 5,095 |
| Total | 12.2 | 10.9 | 15.8 | 14.3 | 13.3 | 11.9 | 26,634 |

Figure 13.5 Parents'/Guardians' Specific Reasons for Opposing Teaching about HIVIAIDS in Primary Schools


### 13.2 Impact of HIV/AIDS and HIV/AIDS Education

## Awareness and Impact of HIV/AIDS on Children's School Attendance

Parents'/guardians' views about HIV/AIDS education in primary school may be influenced by their awareness of the prevalence and impact of HIV/AIDS in their community. Virtually all ( 98 percent) parent/guardian respondents have heard about HIV/AIDS, with little variation by sex, residence, region, and economic status (Table 13.6). This trend is a similar to results obtained for all categories in 2004. As shown in Table 13.7, less than one in ten ( 7 percent) of these parent/guardians said that some children in their community do not attend school because their parents/guardians have contracted or have died from HIV/AIDS. However, 2 percent of respondents said that a child in their own family does not attend school because his or her parent/guardian is suffering from HIV/AIDS or had died from HIV/AIDS.

Table 13.6 Awareness of HIVIAIDS

| Percent distribution of parent/ guardians who have heard of HIVIAIDS, by background characteristics, NEDS 2010 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Background Characteristics | Have heard of <br> HIVIAIDS | Number of parent/ guardians |
| Sex |  |  |
| Male | 97.6 | 13,037 |
| Female | 97.9 | 13,595 |
| Residence |  |  |
| Urban | 98.6 | 8,449 |
| Rural | 97.3 | 18,185 |
| Region |  |  |
| North Central | 96.1 | 3,831 |
| North East | 95.9 | 3,606 |
| North West | 97.5 | 6,759 |
| South East | 99.0 | 3,226 |
| South South | 98.7 | 3,843 |
| South West | 99.0 | 5,369 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |
| Lowest | 96.0 | 5,614 |
| Second | 97.3 | 5,376 |
| Middle | 97.9 | 5,471 |
| Fourth | 98.8 | 5,077 |
| Highest | 98.9 | 5,095 |
| Total | 97.7 | 26,634 |

Table 13.7 Effects of HIVIAIDS on children's schooling

| Percent distribution of parent/g <br> school because their parent/g | ardians ardians | whethe <br> sick or | hildren in ave died | e com HIVIAID | unity a <br> , by ba | childre ground | the hous aracteristics | hold do <br> s, NED | not attend $\text { S } 2010$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Children in the community do not attend school because parent or guardian died or is sick because of HIVIAIDS |  |  | Total | Children in the family do not attend school because parent or guardian died or is sick because of HIVIAIDS |  |  | Total | Number of parent/ guardians |
|  | Yes | No | Don't Know/ missing |  | Yes | No | Don't Know/ missing |  |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 7.7 | 87.5 | 4.8 | 100.0 | 2.4 | 96.3 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 13,037 |
| Female | 6.9 | 87.9 | 5.2 | 100.0 | 1.7 | 96.8 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 13,595 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 5.8 | 88.8 | 5.4 | 100.0 | 1.6 | 96.8 | 1.5 | 100.0 | 8,449 |
| Rural | 8.1 | 87.1 | 4.8 | 100.0 | 2.3 | 96.4 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 18,185 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 12.8 | 83.5 | 3.7 | 100.0 | 3.7 | 96.1 | 0.3 | 100.0 | 3,831 |
| North East | 10.2 | 83.6 | 6.2 | 100.0 | 4.9 | 92.6 | 2.6 | 100.0 | 3,606 |
| North West | 5.3 | 89.5 | 5.2 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 96.5 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 6,759 |
| South East | 12.6 | 85.2 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 2.7 | 96.8 | 0.5 | 100.0 | 3,226 |
| South South | 7.2 | 81.5 | 11.3 | 100.0 | 1.1 | 97.2 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 3,843 |
| South West | 1.1 | 96.9 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 0.4 | 98.9 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 5,369 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 6.4 | 88.0 | 5.6 | 100.0 | 2.8 | 95.1 | 2.1 | 100.0 | 5,614 |
| Second | 7.1 | 88.1 | 4.7 | 100.0 | 2.2 | 96.4 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 5,376 |
| Middle | 9.8 | 85.6 | 4.6 | 100.0 | 2.2 | 96.6 | 1.2 | 100.0 | 5,471 |
| Fourth | 8.3 | 87.3 | 4.4 | 100.0 | 1.9 | 96.8 | 1.3 | 100.0 | 5,077 |
| Highest | 4.9 | 89.3 | 5.7 | 100.0 | 1.3 | 97.9 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 5,095 |
| Total | 7.3 | 87.7 | 5.0 | 100.0 | 2.1 | 96.5 | 1.4 | 100.0 | 26,634 |

There are substantial regional differences in school attendance by children in the community as a result of illness or death of a parent/guardian from HIV/AIDS, with the highest absenteeism occurring in the North Central region (13 percent) and lowest in the South West ( 1 percent). The North East has the highest incidence of children in households not attending school (5 percent) and the lowest in the South West (less than 1 percent)

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A high proportion of parent/guardians (88 percent) said that primary schools should teach pupils about HIV/AIDS (Table 13.8). There is no notable variation between urban and rural parent/guardian respondents in favor of HIV/AIDS education in primary schools ( 90 percent versus 87 percent, respectively). Generally, the regions favor HIV/AIDS education in primary school with all regions
reporting at least 83 percent support. Economic status of parents/guardians has no substantial impact on the approval of HIV/AIDS education in primary schools.

Table 13.8 Whether primary schools should teach about HIV AIDS
Percent distribution of parent/guardians by whether they think primary schools should teach pupils about HIVIAIDS, by background characteristics, NEDS 2010

| Background Characteristics | Primary schools should teach about HIVIAIDS |  |  | Total | Number of parent/ guardians |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Yes | No | Don't Know/ missing |  |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 87.4 | 10.7 | 1.8 | 100.0 | 13,037 |
| Female | 87.6 | 10.8 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 13,595 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 89.5 | 9.8 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 8,449 |
| Rural | 86.6 | 11.2 | 2.2 | 100.0 | 18,185 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 93.4 | 4.9 | 1.6 | 100.0 | 3,831 |
| North East | 83.3 | 12.2 | 4.5 | 100.0 | 3,606 |
| North West | 84.3 | 13.2 | 2.5 | 100.0 | 6,759 |
| South East | 87.4 | 12.2 | 0.4 | 100.0 | 3,226 |
| South South | 92.9 | 6.5 | 0.6 | 100.0 | 3,843 |
| South West | 86.3 | 13.1 | 0.7 | 100.0 | 5,369 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 84.5 | 11.4 | 4.2 | 100.0 | 5,614 |
| Second | 87.0 | 10.8 | 2.3 | 100.0 | 5,376 |
| Middle | 87.1 | 11.9 | 1.0 | 100.0 | 5,471 |
| Fourth | 88.6 | 10.5 | 0.8 | 100.0 | 5,077 |
| Highest | 90.5 | 9.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 | 5,095 |
| Total | 87.5 | 10.8 | 1.7 | 100.0 | 26,634 |

Table 13.9 Reasons primary schools should not teach about HIVIAIDS

| Background Characteristics | Reasons schools should not teach about reproductive matters |  |  |  |  |  |  | Number of of Parents/ Guardians |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Not appropriate to teach in schools | Parents job to teach | Children are too young | Boys and girls should be taught separately | Against <br> Region | Encourages children to have sex | Others |  |
| Sex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 13.0 | 5.8 | 78.5 | 5.1 | 8.3 | 18.6 | 1.0 | 1,363 |
| Female | 11.8 | 3.4 | 83.8 | 4.1 | 6.7 | 17.3 | 0.7 | 1,437 |
| Residence |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Urban | 11.4 | 1.9 | 86.4 | 2.6 | 6.1 | 19.8 | 1.0 | 740 |
| Rural | 13.8 | 5.5 | 78.6 | 5.9 | 8.7 | 17.6 | 0.9 | 1,830 |
| Region |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| North Central | 9.9 | 5.4 | 85.1 | 0.0 | 2.6 | 18.8 | 2.1 | 175 |
| North East | 36.5 | 9.9 | 74.9 | 18.4 | 36.5 | 36.2 | 0.9 | 388 |
| North West | 9.4 | 7.7 | 76.7 | 7.1 | 6.5 | 9.5 | 0.3 | 757 |
| South East | 6.1 | 0.8 | 86.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 20.9 | 1.1 | 359 |
| South South | 8.4 | 1.1 | 87.2 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 8.1 | 3.2 | 228 |
| South West | 9.9 | 0.5 | 83.0 | 0.2 | 1.2 | 19.7 | 0.4 | 662 |
| Economic status quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lowest | 19.4 | 11.1 | 68.5 | 9.7 | 14.3 | 21.0 | 0.7 | 612 |
| Second | 15.4 | 4.9 | 79.4 | 7.3 | 10.7 | 18.1 | 0.8 | 561 |
| Middle | 8.1 | 2.1 | 86.3 | 1.8 | 5.2 | 17.3 | 0.7 | 636 |
| Fourth | 10.3 | 2.3 | 83.8 | 2.5 | 3.9 | 16.4 | 1.3 | 525 |
| Highest | 7.6 | 1.5 | 90.1 | 0.8 | 1.8 | 16.6 | 0.8 | 466 |
| Total | 13.1 | 4.5 | 80.9 | 5.0 | 7.9 | 18.3 | 0.9 | 2,570 |

Among parent/guardians who oppose HIV/AIDS education in primary schools (Table 13.9 and Figure 13.5), the highest percentage ( 81 percent) said that children are too young, followed by concerns that HIV/AIDS education encourages children to have sex ( 18 percent), and that it is not appropriate to teach in primary school ( 13 percent). Very small percentages of respondents expressed concerns that HIV/AIDS education is the parents' responsibility ( 5 percent); is against religion ( 8 percent), or that male and female children should be taught about HIV/AIDS separately ( 5 percent). Female parent/guardians are more likely than their male counterparts to say that children are too young ( 84 percent versus 79 percent, respectively), whereas male respondents are more likely to raise objections that HIV/AIDS education encourages sexual activity in children (19 percent versus 17 percent, respectively). Likewise, parent/guardians in urban areas are more likely than those in rural areas to say that children are too young ( 87 percent versus 80 percent, respectively).

Throughout this chapter, the 2010 NEDS results regarding HIV/AIDS education in primary schools closely mirror the trends in the 2004 NDES. Although there is a small increase in the parent/guardians who believe that primary schools should teach HIV/AIDS education, the parents who disagree more frequently say that children are too young as compared with 2004 (Table 13.8). From 2004, there was a small reduction in the proportion of parent/guardians who feel that HIV/AIDS should not be taught because it encourages children to have sex (from 24 percent in 2004 to 18 percent in 2010).

## 14. RESULTS FOR STATES

This chapter presents State-level analysis of select data from the 2010 NEDS.

### 14.1 Literacy among Parent/Guardian Respondents

This section presents information on the literacy of the parents or guardians who responded to the Parent/Guardian Questionnaire and the Eligible Child Questionnaire.

Parents/guardians who have never attended school or who attended school through the primary level were asked to demonstrate literacy by reading from a card with a simple sentence in one of four languages (Hausa, Igbo, Yoruba, and English). ${ }^{23}$ The percents provided in Figure 14.1 represent respondents who are not able to read.

Literacy rates among parent/guardian respondents vary considerably among the States. Generally, the inability to read at all is found mostly among parent/guardian respondents in States of the North West and North East zones. For example, whereas only 10 percent of parent/guardian respondents in Abia State cannot read at all, an overwhelming 80 percent of their counterparts in Zamfara State cannot read at all. Similarly, whereas the highest illiteracy rate among States of the South West zone is 35 percent (Ogun State), the lowest among States of the North West zone is 42 percent (Kaduna State).

More than 50 percent of parent/guardian respondents in each of the States of the North West, except Kaduna, cannot read at all. On the contrary, except for Ebonyi State, which has the highest incidence of illiteracy ( 56 percent) among all the States of the southern zones, the incidence of illiteracy is below 40 percent in each of the States of the southern zones.

Parent/guardian respondents in Plateau State are most likely (out of the North Central zone States) to be able to read part of or a whole sentence ( 73 percent).

[^27]Figure 14.1 Percent of Parents or Guardians Participating in 2010 NEDS Who Cannot Read At All


### 14.2 Literacy and Numeracy among Children Age 5-16

The 2010 NEDS tested literacy and numeracy among young, school-aged children age 5-16, regardless of whether they had ever attended school. To provide a general estimate of the level of basic literacy and numeracy among children (including skills acquired through informal means), the NEDS collected literacy and numeracy data on children age $5-16$ who have never attended school, who are currently attending school, or who have dropped out of school.

## Literacy

Literacy rates among children age 5-16 vary considerably among the States. Generally, the inability to read at all among children age $5-16$ is found mostly in States of the North West and North East zones. For example, over 75 percent of children age 5-16 in 10 of the 19 States of the northern zones are unable to read, whereas among States in the southern zones, only Enugu, Ebonyi, and Cross River States have below 50 percent of children age $5-16$ who cannot read.

In Bauchi and Sokoto States (in northern zones), 92 percent and 91 percent of children age $5-16$ are unable to read, respectively; in contrast, in Lagos and Ekiti States (in southern zones), 92 percent and 85 percent respectively are able to read.

In 16 States in the northern zones, the percent of children age $5-16$ able to read is below the national average of 46 percent.

Figure 14.2 Percent of Children Age 5-16 Able to Read, by State


## Numeracy

Basic numeracy was tested by asking a child to add two single-digit numbers, summing to less than 10 , such as $3+2$. Information was collected on whether children correctly summed the numbers or not. Children who calculated the correct sum are considered to have basic numeracy skills.

Numeracy among children age 5-16 also varies considerably among the States. As with literacy, the inability of children age 5-16 to pass the basic numeracy test is found mostly in States of the North West and North East zones. For example, the percent of children age 5-16 that are numerate is below 50 in 13 States of the northern zones. Sokoto, Bauchi, Borno, and Yobe States have between 14 and 20 percent of children age 5-16 that are numerate. This contrasts sharply with Abia, Ondo, Osun, and Lagos (in southern zones), which have between 92 and 94 percent of children age 5-16 that are numerate.

Figure 14.3 Percent of Children Age 5-16 that are Numerate, by State


## Primary School Net Attendance Ratios

Primary school net attendance ratio (NAR) and gross attendance ratio (GAR) were defined earlier in Chapter 5. Table 14.1 and Figure 14.4 present 2010 NEDS primary school NARs by State. There is wide variation among States in primary school NARs, with the highest percent ( 87 percent) in Ekiti State, South West zone, closely followed by Anambra ( 86 percent), Imo ( 85 percent), and Abia ( 83 percent). Kogi State, in the North Central zone, has a primary school NAR of 82 percent.

In the South West zone, Lagos, Osun, and Ondo States all have primary school NARs of 81 percent. NARs are generally low in States of the North West and North East zones. For example, the NAR is 18 percent in Zamfara, 21 percent in Borno, 22 percent in Kebbi, and 29 percent in Sokoto.

There are significant variations in NARs within the zones. In the North West zone for example, the primary school NAR for Kaduna State is more than three times higher than in Zamfara State ( 69 percent and 18 percent, respectively). Similarly, the NAR for Taraba State is three times higher than that of Borno, both in the North East zone ( 60 percent and 21 percent, respectively).

Except for Benue, Plateau, FCT-Abuja, and Kogi, the lowest primary school NAR among States in the three southern zones ( 69 percent in Ebonyi) is on par with the highest in the North East and North West zones ( 69 percent in Kaduna).

## Primary School Gross Attendance Ratios

The GAR has also been discussed in Chapter 5. The primary school GARs by State are presented in Table 14.1 and Figure 14.5. The highest incidence of primary school GAR is in Ondo State ( 119 percent), and the lowest is in Zamfara State ( 28 percent). The pattern for primary gross attendance ratios is similar to the primary net attendance ratios where States in the South East, South South, and South West have higher ratios than the States in the North East and North West, except that the variations in the North Central are not very wide.

Table 14.1 Primary school attendance ratios

| Primary net attendance ratios (NAR), gross attendance ratios (GAR), and the gender parity index (GPI) for the de jure household population age 5-24, by sex, according to State, Nigeria DHS 2008 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Net Att | dance Ra | AR) | Gross Atte | dance R | GAR) | Gender Parity |
| States | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Index |
| ZAMFARA | 21.3 | 15.8 | 18.4 | 34.9 | 20.8 | 27.9 | 0.60 |
| KEBBI | 25.4 | 18.9 | 22.3 | 40.1 | 27.9 | 34.0 | 0.70 |
| SOKOTO | 38.2 | 18.3 | 28.9 | 55.9 | 28.5 | 42.2 | 0.51 |
| JIGAWA | 39.5 | 27.2 | 33.1 | 54.7 | 35.5 | 45.1 | 0.65 |
| KATSINA | 46.1 | 30.9 | 38.1 | 64.0 | 42.3 | 53.2 | 0.66 |
| KANO | 55.7 | 42.6 | 48.9 | 81.7 | 59.8 | 70.8 | 0.73 |
| KADUNA | 71.9 | 65.7 | 68.8 | 105.8 | 88.2 | 97.0 | 0.83 |
| BORNO | 22.4 | 19.1 | 20.8 | 31.4 | 25.9 | 28.6 | 0.82 |
| YOBE | 32.3 | 30.1 | 31.2 | 44.2 | 39.9 | 42.1 | 0.90 |
| BAUCHI | 40.0 | 34.1 | 37.2 | 61.8 | 46.9 | 54.4 | 0.76 |
| GOMBE | 53.3 | 50.3 | 51.9 | 76.4 | 68.6 | 72.5 | 0.90 |
| ADAMAWA | 59.4 | 55.4 | 57.5 | 93.2 | 79.8 | 86.5 | 0.86 |
| TARABA | 65.6 | 53.7 | 60.0 | 97.2 | 80.5 | 88.8 | 0.83 |
| NIGER | 46.0 | 32.0 | 39.7 | 69.9 | 45.7 | 57.8 | 0.65 |
| KWARA | 64.4 | 67.0 | 65.7 | 87.2 | 87.3 | 87.3 | 1.00 |
| NASARAWA | 71.4 | 60.5 | 66.0 | 104.7 | 86.9 | 95.8 | 0.83 |
| BENUE | 72.4 | 70.5 | 71.5 | 113.4 | 108.1 | 110.7 | 0.95 |
| PLATEAU | 71.7 | 76.7 | 74.3 | 114.8 | 111.1 | 112.9 | 0.97 |
| FCT-ABUJA | 77.5 | 79.6 | 78.7 | 106.3 | 109.2 | 107.7 | 1.03 |
| KOGI | 83.9 | 79.7 | 81.8 | 111.1 | 107.9 | 109.5 | 0.97 |
| OYO | 71.0 | 69.7 | 70.4 | 97.5 | 92.5 | 95.0 | 0.95 |
| OGUN | 82.3 | 75.6 | 79.3 | 110.2 | 100.4 | 105.3 | 0.91 |
| ONDO | 76.5 | 84.5 | 80.9 | 121.6 | 116.1 | 118.8 | 0.95 |
| OSUN | 84.3 | 77.3 | 80.9 | 106.8 | 104.7 | 105.7 | 0.98 |
| LAGOS | 83.3 | 79.1 | 81.3 | 98.0 | 95.9 | 96.9 | 0.98 |
| EKITI | 87.1 | 87.6 | 87.4 | 115.2 | 118.0 | 116.6 | 1.02 |
| RIVERS | 74.5 | 76.5 | 75.4 | 110.9 | 111.4 | 111.1 | 1.00 |
| CROSS RIVER | 79.0 | 80.7 | 79.8 | 114.4 | 115.4 | 114.9 | 1.01 |
| EDO | 81.4 | 78.9 | 80.2 | 116.1 | 103.4 | 109.8 | 0.89 |
| AKWA IBOM | 83.6 | 77.9 | 80.9 | 109.5 | 108.4 | 109.0 | 0.99 |
| DELTA | 78.8 | 84.8 | 81.4 | 107.1 | 119.8 | 113.4 | 1.12 |
| BAYELSA | 81.6 | 82.9 | 82.2 | 106.1 | 111.6 | 108.9 | 1.05 |
| EBONYI | 68.6 | 68.8 | 68.7 | 107.5 | 114.5 | 111.0 | 1.07 |
| ENUGU | 76.2 | 69.0 | 72.5 | 112.1 | 100.5 | 106.3 | 0.90 |
| ABIA | 83.7 | 81.5 | 82.5 | 113.0 | 113.8 | 113.4 | 1.01 |
| IMO | 83.7 | 86.9 | 85.2 | 109.1 | 114.7 | 111.9 | 1.05 |
| ANAMBRA | 85.1 | 87.2 | 86.2 | 119.7 | 116.0 | 117.9 | 0.97 |
| NIGERIA | 63.5 | 58.4 | 61.0 | 89.8 | 80.5 | 85.1 | 0.90 |

NDHS 2008

Figure 14.4 Primary School Net Attendance Ratio, by State


Figure 14.5 Primary School Gross Attendance Ratio, by State


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## Secondary School Net Attendance Ratio

The secondary school NAR was discussed in Chapter 5. It indicates participation in schooling among those of official school age, which is 12-17 years (junior and senior secondary school inclusive). An NAR of 100 percent would indicate that all of the children in the official age range for the level are attending that level.

The secondary school NARs for the 2009-2010 school year, by State, are presented in Table 14.2 and Figure 14.6. The 2010 NEDS shows that in 16 States of the 3 northern zones, the NARs are below 40 percent, whereas 15 of the 17 States of the 3 southern zones have NARs of over 50 percent each. This means that more than 60 percent of children of secondary school age are actually not in secondary school in the 16 northern States, compared with over 50 percent that are in school in the 15 southern States.

While between 87 and 88 percent of pupils of secondary school age are not in secondary school in Sokoto, Bauchi, and Jigawa States (northern States), only 24 percent of pupils of secondary school age are actually not in secondary school in Lagos, 32 percent in Akwa Ibom and Ekiti, and 35 percent in Abia and Osun States (southern States).

## Secondary School Gross Attendance Ratio

The secondary school GAR was discussed in Chapter 5. The GAR for the 2009-2010 school year, by State, is presented in Table 14.2 and Figure 14.7. The results show that pupils in States of the southern zones participate in secondary schooling at ages older or younger than the official school age more than pupils in secondary schools in the northern States.

In Katsina, Zamfara, Kebbi, Sokoto, and Jigawa States (northern States), 74 to 82 percent of secondary school pupils are within the official school age for secondary schooling, whereas in 24 other States, mostly in the southern zones, less than 50 percent of secondary school pupils are of the official age for secondary schooling. This indicates that over-age and/or under-age participation in secondary schooling is higher in schools in the southern States than the northern States.

In Lagos, Ekiti, and Akwa Ibom States, for example, the GAR exceeds 100 percent, indicating sizeable over-age or under-age participation in secondary schooling. The FCT and 21 of the 36 States and have GARs above the national average of 65 percent.

The GPI, which measures sex-related differences in school attendance rates, indicates parity or equality between the rates of participation among female and male children. If males participate at a higher rate than females, the GPI would be below one. The closer the GPI is to zero, the greater the gender disparity in favor of males. When the GPI is greater than one, it indicates gender disparity in favor of females, meaning that a higher proportion of females attend that level of schooling than males.

The 2010 NEDS shows a GPI of 1.00 and above in Lagos, Ekiti, and Akwa Ibom States, indicating a gap in favor of females (i.e., a higher proportion of females than males attend secondary school).

Table 14.2 Secondary school attendance ratios

| Secondary net attendance ratios (NAR), gross attendance ratios (GAR), and the gender parity index (GPI) for the de jure household population age 5-24, by sex, according to State, DHS-2008 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Net Atte | nce Ra | AR) | Gross | ttendan | Ratio | Gender |
| States | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Index |
| JIGAWA | 16.5 | 6.9 | 12.0 | 28.1 | 8.9 | 18.5 | 0.32 |
| SOKOTO | 16.3 | 8.2 | 12.8 | 29.0 | 11.9 | 20.4 | 0.41 |
| KEBBI | 14.7 | 14.7 | 14.7 | 31.0 | 18.8 | 24.9 | 0.61 |
| ZAMFARA | 16.6 | 17.6 | 17.0 | 31.2 | 19.7 | 25.5 | 0.63 |
| KATSINA | 25.8 | 7.3 | 17.0 | 42.7 | 9.4 | 26.0 | 0.22 |
| KANO | 33.7 | 26.3 | 30.2 | 60.6 | 35.4 | 48.0 | 0.58 |
| KADUNA | 41.4 | 42.2 | 41.8 | 67.1 | 66.1 | 66.6 | 0.99 |
| $\overline{\mathrm{BAUCHI}}$ | 13.0 | 12.2 | 12.7 | 21.5 | 13.5 | 17.5 | 0.63 |
| BORNO | 18.0 | 17.5 | 17.8 | 26.7 | 23.3 | 25.0 | 0.87 |
| YOBE | 22.8 | 22.1 | 22.5 | 40.2 | 28.8 | 34.5 | 0.72 |
| ADAMAWA | 26.6 | 27.3 | 26.9 | 47.6 | 49.7 | 48.7 | 1.04 |
| GOMBE | 26.8 | 27.4 | 27.1 | 48.1 | 38.2 | 43.1 | 0.79 |
| TARABA | 34.6 | 32.9 | 33.8 | 61.0 | 47.8 | 54.4 | 0.78 |
| NIGER | 28.2 | 14.8 | 22.4 | 48.6 | 23.9 | 36.3 | 0.49 |
| BENUE | 34.7 | 27.5 | 31.3 | 68.5 | 44.9 | 56.7 | 0.65 |
| PLATEAU | 35.4 | 30.1 | 32.9 | 63.3 | 53.2 | 58.2 | 0.84 |
| NASARAWA | 39.0 | 35.0 | 37.2 | 67.4 | 56.1 | 61.8 | 0.83 |
| KWARA | 37.9 | 47.6 | 42.3 | 58.0 | 77.7 | 67.9 | 1.34 |
| FCT-ABUJA | 56.3 | 53.6 | 54.8 | 93.0 | 74.6 | 83.8 | 0.80 |
| KOGI | 58.0 | 57.4 | 57.7 | 96.1 | 86.5 | 91.3 | 0.90 |
| OGUN | 51.3 | 53.0 | 52.1 | 70.0 | 74.4 | 72.2 | 1.06 |
| OYO | 57.9 | 61.6 | 59.6 | 73.9 | 82.5 | 78.2 | 1.12 |
| ONDO | 57.4 | 63.2 | 60.2 | 86.2 | 98.0 | 92.1 | 1.14 |
| OSUN | 65.5 | 63.9 | 64.7 | 102.3 | 91.4 | 96.8 | 0.89 |
| EKITI | 63.6 | 71.6 | 67.8 | 104.9 | 94.5 | 99.7 | 0.90 |
| LAGOS | 77.9 | 74.7 | 76.2 | 102.8 | 100.3 | 101.5 | 0.98 |
| RIVERS | 53.5 | 52.1 | 52.8 | 79.0 | 72.4 | 75.7 | 0.92 |
| CROSS RIVER | 50.4 | 56.9 | 53.6 | 86.8 | 88.4 | 87.6 | 1.02 |
| DELTA | 57.1 | 57.5 | 57.3 | 79.7 | 83.8 | 81.8 | 1.05 |
| EDO | 56.9 | 64.8 | 60.6 | 91.8 | 94.6 | 93.2 | 1.03 |
| BAYELSA | 65.8 | 59.3 | 62.5 | 86.0 | 78.2 | 82.1 | 0.91 |
| AKWA IBOM | 71.4 | 64.0 | 67.7 | 103.8 | 95.8 | 99.8 | 0.92 |
| EBONYI | 42.6 | 45.2 | 43.9 | 65.2 | 69.1 | 67.2 | 1.06 |
| ENUGU | 48.4 | 60.1 | 54.5 | 76.3 | 81.9 | 79.1 | 1.07 |
| ANAMBRA | 61.4 | 61.9 | 61.6 | 74.6 | 80.3 | 77.5 | 1.08 |
| IMO | 61.6 | 65.6 | 63.8 | 97.8 | 81.0 | 89.4 | 0.83 |
| ABIA | 68.4 | 62.0 | 65.1 | 86.5 | 87.2 | 86.9 | 1.01 |
| NIGERIA | 44.0 | 44.2 | 44.1 | 67.6 | 62.6 | 65.1 | 0.93 |

NDHS 2008

Figure 14.6 Secondary School Net Attendance Ratio, by State


2010 NEDS

Figure 14.7 Secondary School Gross Attendance Ratio, by State


## Primary School Pupils, by School Type and State

The 2010 NEDS collected information on the type of school primary school pupils attend and whether they are boarding at school or they are day pupils. In this report, schools are classified as Government or private. Although the Government is the statutory provider of education at the primary level, the study reveals that over a quarter ( 25.7 percent) of all children are attending private school (Table 6.5). In the

2004 NDES, 80 percent of the pupils attended Government primary schools and 18 percent attended private primary schools. The percentage increase ( 18 to 26 percent) in private-controlled primary schools indicates a steady drain of pupils from Government primary schools to private primary schools.

The 2010 NEDS shows that the Government is still the major provider of primary schooling, even at the State level. However, whereas close to 100 percent of schools in Jigawa State and over 96 percent of schools in Sokoto and Katsina States are Government-owned, 60 percent of schools in Lagos and Abia States are privately owned. The percentage of pupils that attend private primary school ranges from less than 1 percent in Jigawa State to 60 percent in Abia and Lagos States. The percentage of pupils in private primary schools in the States of the North East and North West zones are below the national average of 26 percent. All the States in the South West, South East (except Ebonyi), South South (except Cross River and Bayelsa), and the North Central (except Niger, Nasarawa, and Plateau) have percentages of pupils in private schools above the national average

Generally, the States in the southern zones have more private primary schools than States in the northern zones.

Figure 14.8 Distribution of Primary School Pupils, by School Type and State (percent)


2010 NEDS

## Pre-primary School Attendance, by State

As observed in Chapter 7, attending pre-primary school helps provide a foundation for learning, and children who attend pre-primary school are better prepared for primary school. The percentage of children age $4-16$ who have attended school and who also attended pre-primary school (by State) is presented in Figure 14.9. The findings indicate that Abia State has the highest proportion of children age 4-16 attending pre-primary school with 92 percent, closely followed by Anambra and Imo ( 91 and 88 percent respectively). The lowest proportion of children attending pre-primary school is in Jigawa State (2 percent).

There are wide variations across the States, with those in the South East and South West zones leading the trend, followed by those in the South South zone. Among States of the South South, however, children from Edo State are four times as likely to attend pre-primary school as those in Bayelsa State. Similarly, twice as many children from Abia are likely to attend pre-primary school as those from Ebonyi. Among States of the North Central zone, FCT-Abuja stands out well above others in terms of the proportion of children attending pre-primary school ( 63 percent). Plateau State has the lowest proportion of children attending pre-primary school in the North Central zone (12 percent). This disparity exists in the North East and North West zones as well.

Figure 14.9 Percent of De Jure Children Age 4-16 Who Attended Pre-primary School, by State


2010 NEDS

## Children Who Have Never Attended School, by State

Of all children age 6-16 surveyed, 31 percent nationally were reported as having never attended school (Chapter 7). The proportion of children that never attended school varies significantly across zones and States (Figure 14.10).

Borno State has the highest proportion of children that never attended school ( 72 percent), followed closely by Zamfara ( 68 percent), Sokoto ( 66 percent), and Kebbi ( 60 percent). The proportion of children that never attended school is generally low for the States in the southern zones, with Imo State, at less than 1 percent, having the lowest proportion. Ebonyi has 10 percent, the highest proportion of children who never attended school among all the States in the southern zones; however, it still has fewer of these children than other States in the northern zones. While the proportion of children age 6-16 that never attended school in the southern zones put together is 45 percent, many States in the northern zones have proportions alone that are more than the combined proportions of the entire southern zones; for example, Borno has 72 percent, Zamfara 68 percent, Sokoto 66 percent, Kebbi 60 percent, Yobe 58 percent, Bauchi 52 percent, Jigawa 48 percent, Niger 47 percent, and Katsina 45 percent.

Figure 14.10 Percent of Children Age 6-16 Who Have Never Attended School, by State


2010 NEDS

## Per-pupil Household Expenditures for Primary Schooling

The 2010 NEDS collected information about whether households spent money on each pupil's schooling during the 2009-2010 school year. General household expenditures for schooling were discussed in detail in Chapter 8. Figure 14.11 presents the mean total sum spent on each pupil (i.e., per-pupil household expenditures for schooling) during the 2009-2010 school year, by State and according to the six geopolitical zones in the country. This Figure illustrates how much money was spent on each item, on average, among pupils whose households spent any money on that item, presented across the 36 States of the federation, including the FCT.

Overall, Lagos and Rivers States have the highest mean per-pupil expenditure for schooling: $\mathrm{A} 25,185$ and स 23,277 , respectively. Each of these is more than three times the national average of $\neq 7,691$. The FCT follows with the mean per-pupil expenditure of $\mathbb{N} 18,004$. Zamfara and Jigawa States, however, have the lowest mean per-pupil expenditure for schooling, with $\$ 1,220$ and $\# 1,387$ respectively. This clearly suggests that the cost of schooling is higher in the southern States than in the northern States.

Variations within zones are also revealing. In the South West zone, Lagos State has the highest expenditure by a large margin with $\mathrm{N} 25,185$, followed by Ondo State ( $\mathrm{N} 11,304$ ), while Ekiti State $(\mathrm{A} 8,470)$ has the least mean per-pupil household expenditure for schooling within the zone. These are all well above the national average.

In the South South zone, Rivers State also ranks first by a large margin with $\mathcal{N} 23,277$, followed by Delta State ( $\mathrm{N} 10,033$ ). Bayelsa State ( $(\mathbb{N}, 892$ ) has the least mean per-pupil household expenditure for schooling within the zone. The average of the two lowest means in Bayelsa and Akwa Ibom States ( $\mathrm{A} 6,992$ ) is slightly below the national average.

In the South East zone, Abia State has the highest expenditure with $\mathbb{N} 13,462$, while Ebonyi State ( $\mathrm{A} 5,861$ ) has the least mean per-pupil household expenditure for schooling within the zone. The average of the two means in Ebonyi and Enugu States ( $\mathrm{N} 6,208$ ) is slightly below the national average.

In the North Central zone, The FCT has the highest expenditure by a very large margin with $\mathbb{A} 18,004$, followed by Kogi and Kwara States ( $\ddagger 7,422$ and $\AA 7,321$, respectively). Plateau State ( $\AA 3,006$ ) has the least mean per-pupil household expenditure for schooling within the zone. However, the averages for Benue, Niger, Nassarawa, and Plateau States also fall below the national average.

Worthy of note are the mean per-pupil household expenditure for schooling in each of the States in the North West and North East zones, which are below the national average. Within the North West zone, the highest expenditure is from Zamfara State ( $¥ 4,408)$, and the lowest is from Jigawa State.

Parents/guardians in the North East zone seem to spend the least in terms of expenditures for primary schooling, spending only between one-sixth and one-half of the national average expenditure. For example, Borno State spends $\ddagger 3,650$ (highest in the zone), and Bauchi State spends ${ }^{\# 1}, 220$ (the lowest).

The North East and North West zones, and some States in the North Central zones, are least likely to spend money on a child's schooling than States in the South West, South South, and the South East zones of the country.

Figure 14.11 Per-pupil Mean Household Expenditures for Primary Schooling, by State (Naira)


2010 NEDS

## Time Pupils Spend at Government Primary Schools

The distribution of primary school pupils who spend at least five hours in school on school-related activities per day in Government primary schools across the States and FCT is presented in Table 9.1.1. A cursory look along regional and State lines is revealing, especially as the time a child spends in school is directly proportional to the quality of learning outcome and his/her performance. The proportion of pupils in the Government schools who have spent at least five hours in school-related activities varies across the six geo-political zones and among States within each zone. This is shown in Figure 14.12.

In almost each State in the South West zone, 100 percent of pupils have spent at least five hours at school per day. This is followed closely by the South East zone, with proportions of pupils ranging from 95 to 100 percent. The South South has between 38 percent (Bayelsa State) and 98 percent (Edo State). It is interesting to note that all the States in the three southern geo-political zones have attained the national average of at least 6.0 for the mean hours spent at school per day except Bayelsa State (5.6).

In the North Central zone, Plateau and Nasarawa States rank lowest, with 47 percent and 56 percent of pupils having spent at least five hours at school per day, respectively. In the North West zone, this proportion ranges from 33 percent for Kebbi State to 81 percent in Kano State. The situation is worst in the North East zone, with Gombe State having 16 percent and Borno State 67 percent.

Figure 14.12 Percent of Pupils Who Spend at Least Five Hours a Day in Government Primary Schools, by State


2010 NEDS

## Absenteeism among Primary School Pupils

There are variations among States with respect to mean number of days missed among pupils missing one or more days in the month of school preceding the interview. Overall, absenteeism is the lowest in the South West zone, with Osun State having the least mean number of days missed (2.3) (Figure 14.13). All other States in the South West zone have less than six mean number of days missed. This contrasts with

States in the North East and North Central zones, where all but one State have over five mean number of days missed.

Absenteeism also varies considerably within zones. For example, in the North Central zone, while the mean number of days missed in Niger State is 9.2 (the highest across the 36 States and FCT), Kogi has 4.9 and Plateau 6.3 days. In the North West zone, Kano and Jigawa have 7.8 and 7.1 days, respectively, while Kaduna and Zamfara have 4.4 and 4.3 days, respectively. The least mean number of days missed across the 36 States and the FCT is in Osun State (2.3).

On average, pupils who were absent from school missed a total of about 6 days of schooling during the year in most States.

Figure 14.13 Mean Number of Days of School Missed in the Preceding Month among Primary Pupils Missing One or More Days of School, by State


## Appendix A: Sample Design

The major objective of the Nigeria Education Data Survey (NEDS) 2010 sample design was to provide information on decision making about education for children of primary school age. The survey was designed to be linked to the 2008 Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS) and used the same sampling frame.

## 2008 NDHS

The 2008 NDHS was a survey designed to allow reliable estimation of most variables for a variety of health and demographic analyses at the various domains of interest.

The major geographic domains distinguished in the tabulation of important characteristics for the eligible women population are the following:

- Nigeria as a whole
- Each of six major regions defined in Nigeria:
- North Central
- North East
- North West
- South East
- South West
- South South
- Urban and rural areas of Nigeria (each as a separate domain)
- Each of the 36 States of Nigeria, plus the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) of Abuja

The primary objective of the 2008 NDHS was to provide estimates with acceptable precision for important population characteristics, such as fertility; contraceptive prevalence; and selected health indicators, mainly infant mortality and an HIV/AIDS module for women and men.

The population covered by the 2008 NDHS is defined as the universe of all women age 15-49 in Nigeria. A sample of households was selected, and all women age 15-49 identified in the households were interviewed. Approximately half of the selected households for the women sample were used to interview the eligible men age 15-59, and estimates were computed for the same domains of study.

Administratively, Nigeria is divided into States. Each State is subdivided into local government areas (LGAs), and each LGA is divided into localities. In addition to these administrative units, during the last 2006 Population Census, each locality was subdivided into convenient areas called census enumeration areas (EAs). Nigeria has 36 States, plus FCT-Abuja. At the time of survey implementation, the list of EAs did not have census information for households and the population because the census frame is under segmentation revision. Therefore, no household or population information was available at the EA level. The need for sampling planning and selection of such information on urban/rural was quite important; therefore, each EA was approximately classified as urban or rural. The available cartographic material demarcated for each EA was useful in the EA location and its identification; hence the sample frame for this survey is the list of EAs used in the last census population.

In the current preliminary census frame, the EAs are grouped by States, by LGAs within a State, and by localities within an LGA. The EAs are stratified separately by urban and rural areas. Any locality with a population of less than 20,000 in each LGA constitutes the rural area in the LGA.

The primary sampling unit, a cluster, for the 2008 NDHS is defined on the basis of EAs from the 2006 EAs census frame. A minimum requirement of 80 households (population 400) for the cluster size has been imposed in the design. If the selected EA is small during the listing process, then a supplemental household listing should be conducted in the neighboring EA. The number of clusters in each State was not allocated proportional to their total population (or households) due to the need to obtain estimates for each of the 36 States and FCT-Abuja. Nigeria is a country where the majority of the population resides in rural areas. With the current allocation, the urban areas in some States were over-sampled to provide reliable information for the total urban population at the national level.

Based on the level of non-response found in the 2004 Nigeria DHS EdData Survey (NDES), the target of the 2008 NDHS sample was adjusted to 36,800 completed interviews. Approximately 36,800 households were selected, and all women age 15-49 were interviewed. A requirement was to reach a minimum of 950 completed interviews per State. In each State, the number of households was distributed proportionately among its urban and rural areas. The selected households were distributed in 888 clusters in Nigeria: 286 clusters in the urban areas, and 602 clusters in the rural areas. It turned out that 2 of the clusters could not be visited for security reasons, leaving a total of 886 . Under the final allocation, it was expected that the 36 designated States and FCT-Abuja would have a minimum of 950 completed women interviews each.

## 2010 NEDS

The 2010 NEDS sample was designed to provide data at the national, urban-rural, regional, and State levels. The goal of the survey sample was to obtain close to 30,000 completed interviews with information on children age 4-16. Approximately 20,000 interviews were obtained by revisiting all households interviewed in the 886 clusters in the 2008 NDHS. Any household with an eligible child was included for interviewing in the 2010 NEDS. Close to an additional 10,000 households were sampled in States that needed extra interviews to achieve the target of 790 households per State. These additional households were sampled from the households listed for the 2008 NDHS in the 886 clusters.

The final sample consisted of 28,624 households, of which 27,512 were found to be occupied, and interviews were completed for 26,934 of those, for a household response rate of $97.9 \%$ (Table 1.1 in Chapter 1). Within these households with one or more children in the age range of interest, all children within the age range were included in the sample. The household response rate was similar in urban and rural areas. In the interviewed households, 72,070 eligible children were found, and Eligible Child Questionnaires were completed for 71,567 children, for a response rate of $99.3 \%$. Information was also collected from the parent/guardians in the eligible households. A total of 27,223 parent/guardians were located, and 27,189 were interviewed, resulting in a $99.9 \%$ response rate.

# Appendix B: Weighting and Sampling Error 

## Weights for the Nigeria Education Data Survey (NEDS) 2010 Analysis:

The NEDS 2010 analysis weights were created from the original sampling weights of the 2008 Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS). The weights were adjusted to account for the new sampled households, scaled by the population of children in a five-year age category by State, then rescaled back to sample size.

The NEDS 2010 sample took all the households in the 2008 NDHS who had eligible children between the ages of 4 and 16 years old in 2010, thus the NDHS weights acted as the basis for the NEDS 2010 weights. At the cluster level, the NDHS weights were adjusted by multiplying them by the number of households found in both the 2008 NDHS and 2010 NEDS studies and then dividing by the sum of the number of households found in the 2008 NDHS and 2010 NEDS studies and the newly sampled NEDS households.

To obtain the population weights, the adjusted weights mentioned above were scaled to the population by age and State. At the State level, the adjusted weights were multiplied by the population of eligible children found in five-year age categories, then divided by the sum of the adjusted weights.

In accordance with replicating the NEDS 2004 tables, the population weights were rescaled to the number of sampled eligible children in the NEDS 2010 study. At the national level, the population weights were divided by the sum of the population weights and then multiplied by the total number of eligible children sampled in the NEDS 2010.

## Weights for the 2008 NDHS Analysis

Tables in Chapter 2 and Chapter 5 contain data that included only the households found in the 2008 NDHS and the 2010 NEDS. These were households that were selected in the 2008 NDHS and still had at least one eligible child (age $4-16$ ) still living in the household in 2010. The original NDHS sample weights were scaled to the population by State and five-year age category and then rescaled to the sample size as explained above.

## Sampling Errors

Estimates derived from a sample survey are affected by two types of errors: (1) non-sampling errors and (2) sampling errors. Non-sampling errors are the results of mistakes made in implementing data collection and data processing, such as failure to locate and interview the correct household, misunderstanding of the questions on the part of either the interviewer or the respondent, and data entry errors. Although numerous efforts were made during the implementation of the 2008 NDHS and 2010 NEDS to minimize these types of errors, non-sampling errors are impossible to avoid and difficult to evaluate statistically.

Sampling errors, on the other hand, can be evaluated statistically. The sample of respondents selected in the 2010 NEDS is only one of many samples that could have been selected from the same population, using the same design and expected size. Each of these samples would yield results that differ somewhat from the results of the actual sample selected. Sampling errors are a measure of the variability between all possible samples. Although the degree of variability is not known exactly, it can be estimated from the survey results.

A sampling error is usually measured in terms of the standard error for a particular statistic (mean, percentage, etc.), which is the square root of the variance. The standard error can be used to calculate
confidence intervals within which the true value for the population can reasonably be assumed to fall. For example, for any given statistic calculated from a sample survey, the value of that statistic will fall within a range of plus or minus two times the standard error of that statistic in 95 percent of all possible samples of identical size and design.

If the sample of respondents had been selected as a simple random sample, it would have been possible to use straightforward formulas for calculating sampling errors. However, the 2008 NDHS/2010 NEDS sample is the result of a multi-stage stratified design, and, consequently, it was necessary to use a more complex formula. The computer software used to calculate sampling errors for these data uses the Taylor linearization method of variance estimation for survey estimates that are means or proportions. The Taylor linearization method treats any percentage or average as a ratio estimate, $r=y / x$, where $y$ represents the total sample value for variable y , and x represents the total number of cases in the group or subgroup under consideration.

In addition to the standard error, the design effect (DEFT) for each estimate is also calculated. The design effect is defined as the ratio between the standard error using the given sample design and the standard error that would result if a simple random sample had been used. A DEFT value of 1.0 indicates that the sample design is as efficient as a simple random sample, while a value greater than 1.0 indicates the increase in the sampling error due to the use of a more complex and less statistically efficient design. Relative errors and confidence limits for the estimates are also computed.

Sampling errors for the 2010 NEDS are calculated for a few selected variables considered to be of primary interest. Table C. 1 presents the value of the statistic (R), its standard error (SE), the number of unweighted ( N ) and weighted (WN) cases, the design effect (DEFT), the relative standard error (SE/R), and the 95 percent confidence limits ( $\mathrm{R} \pm 2 \mathrm{SE}$ ) for the selected variables, including fertility and mortality rates.

Table B. 1 Sampling errors: total sample, NEDS 2010

| Variable | R | SE | N | WN | DEFT | SE/R | $\mathrm{R}-2$ SE | $\mathrm{R}+2 \mathrm{SE}$ |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| Repetition for primary 1 | 5.126 | 0.352 | 6,641 | 6,514 | 1.687 | 0.069 | 4.423 | 5.829 |
| Dropout for primary 1 | 1.432 | 0.175 | 6,641 | 6,514 | 1.448 | 0.122 | 1.082 | 1.783 |
| Repetition for primary 6 | 2.386 | 0.342 | 4,438 | 4,313 | 1.399 | 0.143 | 1.702 | 3.070 |
| Dropout for primary 6 | 8.826 | 0.616 | 4,438 | 4,313 | 2.090 | 0.070 | 7.595 | 10.057 |
| Repetition for primary <br> overall | 3.674 | 0.164 | 30,881 | 29,971 | 2.114 | 0.045 | 3.345 | 4.002 |
| Dropout for primary overall | 2.486 | 0.137 | 30,881 | 29,971 | 2.519 | 0.055 | 2.213 | 2.760 |
| Dropped out of school | 3.676 | 0.136 | 71,459 | 71,443 | 3.710 | 0.037 | 3.405 | 3.948 |
| Mean textbook expenditures <br> in primary school | $1,509.8$ | 42.8 | 28,485 | 27,934 | 9.057 | 0.028 | $1,424.236$ | $1,595.276$ |

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Appendix D: 2010 Questionnaires: Eligible Child Questionnaire (ECQ), Household Questionnaire (HH), Independent Child Questionnaire (ICQ), and Parent Guardian Questionnaire (PGQ)

## 2010 NIGERIA EDUCATION DATA SURVEY (NEDS) ELIGIBLE CHILD QUESTIONNAIRE

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SECTION 2: SCHOOLING BACKGROUND AND CURRENT SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 201 | LINE NUMBER, NAME, AND SEX OF ELIGIBLE CHILD AGE 4-16. COPY FROM HOUSEHOLD SCHEDULE COLUMNS (4), (5), AND (7). | LINE NUMBER $\qquad$ $\square$ $\square$ <br> NAME $\qquad$ <br> SEX: <br> MALE. $\qquad$ 1 <br> FEMALE $\qquad$ |  |
| 202 | What is your relationship to (NAME)? | MOTHER/FATHER ............................................ 1 STEP/FOSTER PARENT ................... 2 GRRANDPARENT................................. 3 SISTER/BROTHER ............................... 4 AUNT/UNCLE............................. 5 SISTER/BROTHER-IN-LAW .................... 6 OTHER RELATIVE............................. 7 NOT RELATED............................. 8 |  |
| 203 | In what month and year was (NAME) born? PROBE: What is his/her birthday? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { MONTH ......................................... } \square \square \\ & \text { YEAR............................ } \square \square \square \square \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 204 | How old was (NAME) at his/her last birthday? RECORD AGE IN COMPLETED YEARS. | AGE IN YEARS |  |
| 205 | Does (NAME) have any serious disabilities? CODE ALL THAT APPLY. |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 206 | What is (NAME)'s religion? |  | $\leftrightarrow 211$ |
| 207 | Does (NAME) attend an Islamiyya school? | YES ...................................................................................................................... | $\longrightarrow 208$ |
| 207A | How many hours per day does (NAME) attend this school? | NUMBER OF HOURS $\square$ $\square$ <br> FULL TIME/BOARDING $\qquad$ |  |
| 207B | What time of day does (NAME) attend this school? |  |  |
| 207C | Does this school teach any of the following subjects? | YES NO English ................................. 1.................. 2 Mathematics........................ $11 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ Social Studies .............................. 2 Integrated Science............... 1............. 2 |  |
| 207D | CHECK 207C: ACADEMIC SUBJECTS FOR ISLAMIYYA YES TO AT LEAST ONE SUBJECT (CODE 1) $\qquad$ | BJECTS |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 207E | Why do you send (NAME) to this school? CODE ALL THAT APPLY. |  |  |
| 208 | Does (NAME) attend a Qur'anic school? | YES ....................................................................................................................... NO | $\longrightarrow 209$ |
| 208A | How many hours per day does (NAME) attend this school? | NUMBER OF HOURS $\square$ $\square$ FULL TIME/BOARDING $\qquad$ 6 |  |
| 208B | What time of day does (NAME) attend this school?? | MORNING............................................................................................................................................................... |  |
| 208C | Does this school teach any of the following subjects? |  |  |
| 208D | CHECK 208C: ACADEMIC SUBJECTS FOR QUR'ANIC <br> YES TO AT LEAST ONE SUBJECT <br> (CODE 1) $\qquad$ | BJECTS | $209$ |
| 208E | Why do you send (NAME) to this school? CODE ALL THAT APPLY. |  |  |
| 209 | Does (NAME) attend a Tsangaya school? | YES .................................................................................................................. | $\longrightarrow 211$ |
| 209A | How many hours per day does (NAME) attend this school? | NUMBER OF HOURS $\qquad$ FULL TIME/BOARDING $\qquad$ 6 |  |
| 209B | What time of day does (NAME) attend this school?? |  |  |
| 209C | Does this school teach any of the following subjects? |  |  |
| 209D | CHECK 209C: ACADEMIC SUBJECTS FOR TSANGAYA <br> YES TO AT LEAST ONE SUBJECT <br> (CODE 1) $\qquad$ | BJECTS | $211$ |




SECTION 3: CHILDREN WHO HAVE NEVER ATTENDED FORMAL SCHOOL

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 301 | There are many reasons why a child may not attend school. I am going to ask you about some reasons people give for not sending children to school. Please tell me if any of these reasons are important in explaining why (NAME) has never attended school. <br> Is the only reason why (NAME) never attended school because he/she is physically or mentally challenged and unable to attend school? | YES ..................................................................................................................... NO...... | $\longrightarrow 602$ |
| 302 | Has (NAME) never attended school because he/she has been very sick for 3 months or longer? | $\begin{array}{\|l} \text { YES ................................................................................................................... } \\ \text { NO....... } \end{array}$ | $\longrightarrow 602$ |
| 303 | Has (NAME) never attended school because he/she is needed to do domestic work such as caring for younger children or sick relatives, cooking or cleaning, fetching water or wood, etc.? | YES ................................................................................................................. NO |  |
| 304 | Has (NAME) never attended school because he/she was needed to work in the field, herd animals, sell in the market, or hawk in the streets? | YES ................................................................................................................ 2 NO...... |  |
| 305 | Has (NAME) never attended school because he/she is needed to work for an employer? | YES .................................................................................................................... NO...... |  |
| 306 | Has (NAME) never attended school because there is not enough money to pay the costs of schooling? | YES ................................................................................................................... NO...... | $\longrightarrow 308$ |
| 307 | What school cost(s) make it too hard for (NAME) to attend school? <br> PROBE: Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL COSTS MENTIONED. | TUITION FEES $\qquad$ <br> PTA/DEVELOPMENT LEVIES .................B <br> UNIFORM OR CLOTHING ....................... C <br> BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.........................D <br> TRANSPORTATION. <br> ALL COSTS $\qquad$ $\qquad$ <br> OTHER (SPECIFY) $\qquad$ x |  |
| 308 | Has (NAME) never attended school because the school is too far away? | YES ....................................................................................................................... NO...... |  |
| 309 | Has (NAME) never attended school because it is unsafe to travel to school? | YES ........................................................................................................................ NO...... |  |
| 310 | Has (NAME) never attended school because of any of the following school quality related reasons? <br> A. Teachers do not perform well. <br> B. Pupils are unsafe at school. <br> C. School buildings or facilities are poor or have problems. <br> D. Classrooms are too crowded. | YES NO TEACHER PERFORM ........... $1 \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ PUPILS UNSAFE ................ $1 \ldots . . . . . .2$ FACILITIES POOR..................... 2 CLASSES CROWDED......... $1 . . . . . . . . ~$ |  |
| 311 | Has (NAME) never attended school because schooling is not important? | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { YES .............................................................................................................. } 2 \\ \text { NO....... } \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |
| 312 | Has (NAME) never attended school because he/she is not interested in attending school? | YES ...................................................................................................................... NO...... |  |
| 313 | Has (NAME) never attended school because he/she is too young or not mature enough to start attending school? | YES ..................................................................................................................... NO...... |  |
| 314 | Has (NAME) never attended school because school graduates cannot find good jobs? | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { YES ..................................................................................................................... } \\ \text { NO....... } \end{array}$ |  |
| $315$ | CHECK 201: FEMALE.......... $\square$ MALE ......... $\square$ |  | 317 |
| 316 | Has (NAME) never attended school because she was given out to marriage? | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { YES ........................................................................................................................ } \\ \text { NO....... } \end{array}$ |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 317 | Is there (any/another) important reason why (NAME) has never attended school? | YES ........................................................ 1 (SPECIFY) (SPECIFY) NO....................................................... 2 |  |
| 318 | GO TO QUESTION 602. |  |  |

SECTION 4: CHILDREN WHO HAVE DROPPED OUT OF FORMAL SCHOOL



SECTION 5: CHILDREN WHO ATTEND/ATTENDED SCHOOL DURING THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
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| 501 | Now I would like to ask you some questions about the previous school year, 2008-2009. <br> Did (NAME) attend school the previous school year? | YES ............................................................................................................... 2 | $\longrightarrow 509$ |
| 502 | For the current school year, 2009-2010, does (NAME) attend the same school he/she attended the previous school year? | YES ...................................................................................................................... | $\longrightarrow 505$ |
| 503 | What type of school did (NAME) attend? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GOVERNMENT .......................................................................................... } 1 \\ & \text { PRIVATE........ } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 504 | What was the most important reason (NAME) changed schools? |  |  |
| 505 | During the previous school year, what level of school did (NAME) attend? |  | $\longrightarrow 509$ |
| 506 | During the previous school year, what class did (NAME) attend at that level? | CLASS ........................................ $\square$ |  |
| 507 | CHECK 213 AND 506: <br> CHILD ATTENDS SAME CLASS AS PREVIOUS YEAR <br> YES $\qquad$ | NO......... | 509 |
| 508 | Is (NAME) repeating this class? | YES ..................................................................................................................... NO |  |
| 509 | Now I would like you to think about the current school year, 2009-2010. During the current school year, is (NAME) a day pupil/student or a boarder at school? | DAY PUPIL/STUDENT ........................................................................ 2 | $\rightarrow 523$ |
| 510 | Now I would like you to think about the last four weeks of school. In the last four weeks, how many days have (NAME)'s school been open? | DAYS $\qquad$ $\square$ $\square$ <br> NONE $\qquad$ <br> DON'T KNOW. $\qquad$ | $514$ |
| 511 | In the last four weeks, how many days did (NAME) attend school? | DAYS $\qquad$ $\square$ DON'T KNOW $\qquad$ 8 | $\longrightarrow 514$ |
| 512 | CHECK 510 AND 511: <br> NUMBER OF DAYS <br> NUMBER OF <br> DIFFERENT $\qquad$ THE SAME... | DAYS $\qquad$ | $\longrightarrow 514$ |



| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS |  | CODING | SKIP |
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|  |  | CAR. BOAT OTHER |  |  |
| 519 | I would like to ask you about (NAME)'s homework. Does (NAME) ever do homework outside of school? | YES NO. DON'T KN | NOW | 52 |
| 520 | About how many hours per week does (NAME) spend doing homework outside of school? <br> IF LESS THAN 1 HOUR, RECORD '00'. | HOURS P | PER WE |  |
| 521 | Do you or anyone else in the household frequently, sometimes, or never help (NAME) with his/her homework? | FREQUEN SOMETIM NEVER... DON'T KN | NTLY MES $\qquad$ <br> NOW |  |
| 522 | CHECK 211: <br> YES, ATTENDED CURRENT YEAR <br> NO, DID NOT <br> (CODE 1). CURRENT YE (CODE 2) ..... | ATTEND AR |  | 602 |
| 523 | Now I would like you to think about this current school year again, 20092010. I am interested in learning more about what kinds of things your household spent money on for (NAME)'s schooling that are one-time expenses and those things that you pay regularly. First, I will ask you about one-time expenses. <br> In the current school year, how much in total did your household pay, or how much does it expect to pay, for (NAME)'s school tuition fees that were paid to the school? <br> COMBINE COSTS FOR ALL 3 TERMS OF SCHOOL YEAR. | TUITION $\square$ $\square$ <br> INCLUDED <br> NOTHING DON'T KN | PAID TO <br> D IN LUM G NOW. |  |
| 524 | In the current school year, how much in total did your household pay, or how much does it expect to pay, for the school development levy for (NAME)? <br> COMBINE COSTS FOR ALL 3 TERMS OF SCHOOL YEAR. | SCHOOL <br> INCLUDE <br> NOTHING DON'T KN | DEVELO $\square$ <br> D IN LUM G NOW |  |
| 525 | In the current school year, how much in total did your household pay, or how much does it expect to pay, for the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) levy for (NAME)? <br> COMBINE COSTS FOR ALL 3 TERMS OF SCHOOL YEAR. | PTA <br> INCLUDE <br> NOTHING DON'T KN | $\square$ $\square$ <br> D IN LU <br> G $\qquad$ NOW $\qquad$ |  |
| 526 | In the current school year, how much in total did your household pay, or how much does it expect to pay, for (NAME)'s examination fees? <br> COMBINE COSTS FOR ALL 3 TERMS OF SCHOOL YEAR. | EXAMS <br> INCLUDE <br> NOTHING DON'T KN | $\square$ $\square$ <br> D IN LUM $\qquad$ G NOW. $\qquad$ |  |
| 527 | In the current school year, how much in total did your household spend, or how much does it expect to spend, on textbooks for (NAME)? <br> COMBINE COSTS FOR ALL 3 TERMS OF SCHOOL YEAR. | TEXTBOO <br> INCLUDE <br> NOTHING DON'T KN | OKS $\square$ <br> D IN LUM G $\qquad$ NOW. $\qquad$ |  |
| 528 | In the current school year, did (NAME) receive any free textbooks? | YES ......... | ............ |  |





SECTION 6: CHILDREN'S EATING PATTERNS

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $601$ | CHECK 509: <br> DAY PUPIL/STUDENT <br> BOARDER <br> (CODE 1) $\qquad$ (CODE 2). |  | $\rightarrow 610$ |
| 602 | Now I would like to ask you about how often (NAME) eats food during the day. <br> Did (NAME) eat food in the morning yesterday? <br> IF YES, PROBE TO CONFIRM CHILD ATE SOLID FOOD. |  |  |
| 603 | What did (NAME) eat yesterday morning? | RECORD FOOD EATEN |  |
| 604 | Did (NAME) eat lunch yesterday? <br> IF YES, PROBE TO CONFIRM CHILD ATE SOLID FOOD. |  |  |
| 605 | What did (NAME) eat for lunch yesterday? | RECORD FOOD EATEN |  |
| 606 | How many times did (NAME) eat food yesterday, including snacks? | NO. OF TIMES CHILD ATE $\qquad$ $\square$ $\square$ DON'T KNOW/CHILD NOT AT HOME YESTERDAY $\qquad$ |  |
| $607$ | CHECK 211: <br> CHILD CURRENTLY IN SCHOOL <br> CHILD CUR <br> (CODE 1) $\qquad$ (CODE 2) | NTLY NOT IN SCHOOL | $\rightarrow 610$ |
| 608 | Was (NAME) provided a free lunch at school? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES ......................................................................................................................... } \\ & \text { NO...... } \end{aligned}$ | $\rightarrow 610$ |
| 609 | What type of food was (NAME) provided as a free lunch at school? | SOLID .......................................................................................... 2 |  |
| $610$ | GO TO THE NEXT ELIGIBLE CHILD. <br> IF NO OTHER ELIGIBLE CHILD(REN), GO TO PARENT/GUARDIAN QUESTIONNAIRE. | UESTION 701 IN |  |

## 2010 NIGERIA EDUCATION DATA SURVEY(NEDS) HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE




## SECTION 1: PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT AND BACKGROUND

## INFORMED CONSENT FOR HOUSEHOLD RESPONDENT

Good (Morning/Afternoon/Evening/Day). My name is (FILL NAME) and I am working with the National Population Commission. We are conducting a national survey about education. This information will help the government plan education programs and initiatives.

As part of the survey, I would like to ask some questions about members of your household, their age, and their education level. It should only take about 10 minutes. All of the answers you give will be confidential. Participation in the survey is completely voluntary You can stop the interview at any time.

At this time, do you want to ask me anything about the survey? (PAUSE, ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS)
May I begin the interview now?
Signature of interviewer: $\qquad$ Date: $\qquad$

RESPONDENT AGREES TO BE INTERVIEWED ....... 1 RESPONDENT DOES NOT AGREE TO BE INTERVIEWED.............................................. $2 \longrightarrow$ END

| 1 | We would like some information about the people who lived in your household or who were staying with you about 2 years ago. Does (NAME OF HOUSEHOLD HEAD) usually live in your household? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES............................. } 1-1 \\ & \text { NO............................... } 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\rightarrow \quad$ COLUMN (8) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | Did (NAME OF HOUSEHOLD HEAD) use to live in your household? | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { YES............................. } 1 \\ \text { NO................................ } 2 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\rightarrow \quad$ COLUMN (8) |
| 3 | Do any of the following people currently live in your household (READ NAMES FROM COLUMN 5)? | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { YES............................. } 1 \\ \text { NO............................. } 2 \end{array}$ | $\longrightarrow \quad$ COLUMN (8) <br> (INTERVIEWER <br> VISITS, <br> RESULT CODE 11) |

HOUSEHOLD SCHEDULE

| INFORMATION FROM NDHS |  |  |  |  | IF AGE 4-16 |  |  |  |
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| $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { LINE } \\ & \text { NO. } \end{aligned}$ | NAMES OF USUAL RESIDENTS | RELATIONSHIP TO HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD | SEX | $\begin{gathered} \text { AGE } \\ \text { (NDHS + } 2 \\ \text { YEARS) } \end{gathered}$ | RESIDENCE | ELIGIBILITY | ELIGIBILITY | ELIGIBILITY |
|  |  |  |  | IF AGE RECORDED AS 4-16, CONTINUE TO COL. (9). <br> IF AGE NOT RECORDED AS 4-16, GO TO NEXT MEMBER OF HH | Does (NAME) usually live here? | CHECK 8 <br> AND CIRCLE <br> LINE <br> NUMBER OF <br> ALL <br> CHILDREN <br> AGE 4-10 | CHECK 8 <br> AND CIRCLE <br> LINE <br> NUMBER OF <br> ALL <br> CHILDREN <br> AGE 5-16 | CHECK 8 <br> AND CIRCLE <br> LINE <br> NUMBER OF <br> ALL <br> CHILDREN <br> AGE 4-16 |
| (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) |
| 01 |  |  |  |  | YES NO $1 \quad 2$ | 01 | 01 | 01 |
| 02 |  |  |  |  | 12 | 02 | 02 | 02 |
| 03 |  |  |  |  | 12 | 03 | 03 | 03 |
| 04 |  |  |  |  | 12 | 04 | 04 | 04 |
| 05 |  |  |  |  | 12 | 05 | 05 | 05 |
| 06 |  |  |  |  | 12 | 06 | 06 | 06 |
| 07 |  |  |  |  | 12 | 07 | 07 | 07 |
| 08 |  |  |  |  | 12 | 08 | 08 | 08 |


| IF AGE 4-16 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { LINE } \\ \text { NO. } \end{array}$ | PARENTAL SURVIVORSHIP AND EDUCATION* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ELIGIBLE <br> CHILD'S <br> PARENT/ <br> GUARDIAN$\|$Who in the <br> household is <br> best able to <br> answer <br> questions <br> about <br> (NAME)'s <br> education? <br> RECORD <br> PARENT/ <br> GUARDIAN'S <br> LINE <br> NUMBER. |
|  | Is (NAME's) natural mother alive? | Does <br> (NAME's) <br> natural <br> mother live <br> in this household? | What is her name? <br> RECORD <br> MOTHER'S <br> LINE <br> NUMBER <br> (SEE <br> COLS. (4) <br> AND (5)). | Did (NAME's) natural mother ever attend school? | What is the highest level of schooling (NAME's) natural mother attended?** <br> What is the highest class she completed at that level?** | Is (NAME's) natural father alive? | Does <br> (NAME's) <br> natural <br> father live <br> in this household? | What is his name? <br> RECORD <br> FATHER'S <br> LINE <br> NUMBER (SEE <br> COLS. (4) <br> AND (5)). | Did (NAME's) natural father ever attend school? | What is the highest level of schooling (NAME's) natural father attended?** <br> What is the highest class he completed at that level?** |  |
|  | (13) | (14) | (15) | (16) | (17) | (18) | (19) | (20) | (21) | (22) | (23) |
|  | Y N DK | Y N |  | Y N DK |  | Y N DK | Y N |  | Y N DK |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { P/G LINE } \\ \text { NO.++ } \end{gathered}$ |
| 01 | $\begin{array}{lll}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & 4 & \downarrow \\ & \\ & 16\end{array}$ | 1 | $\square \square$ | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & 4 & 7 \\ & & 18\end{array}$ | LEVEL $\square$ <br> YEAR $\square$ | $\mathrm{llll}_{1}$ | $1 \begin{array}{lr}1 & 2 \\ & \downarrow \\ & 21\end{array}$ | $\square \square$ |  |  |  |
| 02 | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & 4 & \downarrow \\ & & 7 \\ & & 16\end{array}$ |  | $\square \square$ | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & 4 & 7 \\ & & 18\end{array}$ | LEVEL $\square$ YEAR $\square$ |  |  | $\square \square$ |  | LEVEL $\square$ <br> YEAR $\square$ |  |
| 03 | $\begin{array}{llr}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & 4 & \downarrow \\ & \\ & 16\end{array}$ | 1 | $\square \square$ | $\begin{array}{lll}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & 4 \\ & & 18\end{array}$ | LEVEL $\square$ <br> YEAR $\square$ | $\begin{array}{\|lll\|} \hline 1 & 2 & 8 \\ & & -8 \\ & & 21 \\ & & \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $1$ | $\square \square$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \stackrel{\text { LEVEL }}{ }_{\text {YEAR }} \\ \square \square \end{gathered}$ |  |
| 04 | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & 4 & \downarrow \\ & & 16\end{array}$ |  | $\square \square$ | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & 4 & 7 \\ & & 18\end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { LEVEL } \\ & \square \\ & \text { YEAR } \\ & \square \square \end{aligned}$ |  |  | $\square \square$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { LEVEL } \\ & \square \\ & \text { YEAR } \\ & \square \square \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 05 | $\begin{array}{llr}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & 4 & \downarrow \\ & \\ & & 16\end{array}$ |  | $\square \square$ | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & & 8 \\ & & 7 \\ & & 18\end{array}$ |  |  |  | $\square \square$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{lll} 1 & 2 & 8 \\ & \underbrace{8}_{2} \\ & & 7 \end{array}\right\|$ | LEVEL $\square$ <br> $\square$ YEAR $\square$ |  |
| 06 | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & 4 & \downarrow \\ & \\ & & 16\end{array}$ | 1  <br>  $\downarrow$ <br>  $\downarrow$ <br>  16 | $\square \square$ | $\left(\begin{array}{lll}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & \stackrel{8}{*} \\ & & 7 \\ & & 18\end{array}\right.$ |  | $\mathrm{llll}_{1} \begin{array}{lll}2 & 8 \\ & 4 & \underbrace{8} \\ & & \\ 21\end{array}$ | 1 | $\square \square$ |  | LEVEL $\square$ <br> YEAR $\square$ |  |
| 07 | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & 4 & \downarrow \\ & & \downarrow \\ & & 16\end{array}$ |  | $\square \square$ | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & 4 & 7 \\ & & 18\end{array}$ | LEVEL | $\mathrm{llll}_{1} \begin{array}{lll}2 & 8 \\ & 1 & \underbrace{8} \\ & & \\ & 21\end{array}$ |  | $\square \square$ |  | LEVEL <br> YEAR |  |
| 08 | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & 4 & \underbrace{\prime} \\ & & 16\end{array}$ | 1 | $\square \square$ | $\begin{array}{lll} 1 & 2 & 8 \\ & & 8 \\ & & 8 \\ & & 18 \end{array}$ | LEVEL $\square$ <br> YEAR $\square$ |  | $11$ |  | $\left\|\begin{array}{lll} 1 & 2 & 8 \\ & & 1 \\ & & 7 \\ & 23 \end{array}\right\|$ | LEVEL $\square$ <br> YEAR $\square$ |  |
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HOUSEHOLD SCHEDULE

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| 09 |  |  |  |  | YES NO <br> 1 $2$ | 09 | 09 | 09 |
| 10 |  |  |  |  | 12 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| 11 |  |  |  |  | 12 | 11 | 11 | 11 |
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| 14 |  |  |  |  | 12 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| 15 |  |  |  |  | 12 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
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| 09 | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & 4 & \ddots\end{array}$ |  | $\square \square$ | $1 \begin{array}{llr}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & 4 & 7 \\ & & 7 \\ & & 18\end{array}$ | LEVEL $\square$ YEAR $\square$ | $\mathrm{llll}_{1} \begin{array}{lll}2 & 8 \\ & 4 & 4 \\ & & \\ & 21\end{array}$ | $1 \begin{array}{lr}1 & 2 \\ & \downarrow \\ & 21\end{array}$ | $\square \square$ |  | LEVEL |  |
| 10 | $\begin{array}{lll}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & 4 & \downarrow \\ & & 7 \\ & & 16\end{array}$ |  | $\square \square$ | $1 \begin{array}{llr}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & 4 & 7 \\ & \\ & 18\end{array}$ | LEVEL $\square$ YEAR $\square$ |  |  | $\square \square$ |  | LEVEL $\square$ |  |
| 11 | $\begin{array}{llr}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & 4 & \downarrow \\ & \\ & & 16\end{array}$ |  | $\square \square$ | $1 \begin{array}{llr}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & 4 & 7 \\ & \\ & 18\end{array}$ |  | $\left.\begin{array}{\|lll} \hline 1 & 2 & 8 \\ & & 7 \\ & & 21 \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ | 1 | $\square \square$ |  | LEVEL $\square$ <br> YEAR |  |
| 12 | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & 4 & \downarrow \\ & & 16\end{array}$ |  | $\square \square$ | $1 \begin{array}{lrr}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & 4 \\ & 7 \\ & 18\end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { LEVEL } \\ & \square \\ & \text { YEAR } \\ & \square \square \end{aligned}$ |  |  | $\square \square$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { LEVEL } \\ & \square \\ & \text { YEAR } \\ & \square \square \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 13 | $\begin{array}{llr}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & 4 & \downarrow \\ & \\ & & 16\end{array}$ |  | $\square \square$ | $1 \begin{array}{llr}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & 4 & 7 \\ & \\ & 18\end{array}$ |  |  |  | $\square \square$ |  | LEVEL $\square$ <br> $\square$ YEAR $\square$ |  |
| 14 | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & 4 & \downarrow \\ & \\ & & 16\end{array}$ | 1  <br>  $\downarrow$ <br>  $\downarrow$ <br>  16 | $\square \square$ | $1 \begin{array}{llr}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & 4 & 7 \\ & \\ & 18 \\ & & \end{array}$ |  |  | 1 | $\square \square$ |  | LEVEL $\square$ <br> YEAR $\square$ |  |
| 15 | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & 4 & \downarrow \\ & & \downarrow \\ & & 16\end{array}$ |  | $\square \square$ | $\begin{array}{lll}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & 4 & 4 \\ & & 18\end{array}$ | LEVEL | $\mathrm{llll}_{1} \begin{array}{lll}2 & 8 \\ & 1 & \underbrace{8} \\ & & \\ & 21\end{array}$ |  | $\square \square$ |  | LEVEL <br> YEAR |  |
| 16 | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 8 \\ & 4 & \downarrow \\ & & 16\end{array}$ | 1 | $\square \square$ |  | LEVEL $\square$ <br> YEAR $\square$ |  | $11$ |  | $\left\|\begin{array}{lll} 1 & 2 & 8 \\ & & -7 \\ & & 23 \end{array}\right\|$ | LEVEL $\square$ <br> YEAR $\square$ |  |
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SUMMARY OF PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONDENTS AND ELIGIBLE CHILDREN

| PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONDENTS (Column A) | $\underset{\text { (Column B) }}{\text { ELIGIBLE CHE }}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| IDENTIFY PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONDENTS (IN COLUMN (23)) AND COPY NAMES (FROM COLUMN (5)) AND LINE NUMBERS (FROM COLUMN (4)) FOR ALL PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONDENTS IN THE HOUSEHOLD. <br> LIST EACH PARENT/GUARDIAN ONLY ONCE. CODE 00 IF PARENT/GUARDIAN DOES NOT HAVE A LINE NO. <br> NAME <br> LINE NO. | COPY NAMES AND LINE NUMBERS OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN AGE 4-16 FOR PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONDENT LISTED IN COLUMN A (SEE COLUMNS (4), (5), AND (23)). <br> BE SURE NOT TO LIST INDEPENDENT CHILDREN BELOW. |
|  | $\square \square$ $\square \square$ <br> $\square \square$ $\square \square$ <br> $\square \square$ $\square \square$ <br> $\square \square$ $\square \square$ <br> $\square \square$ $\square \square$ <br> $\square \square$ $\square \square$ |
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CHECK Column (10): RECORD LINE NUMBER, NAME AND AGE OF ALL CHILDREN LISTED AS AGE 4-10 IN COLUMNS (24) AND (25).


## LITERACY

CHECK COLUMN (11): RECORD LINE NUMBER AND NAME OF ALL CHILDREN LISTED AS AGE 5-16 IN COLUMNS (31) AND (32).
NEXT CHECK 211: IF YES IN SCHOOL (CODE 1), COMPLETE COLUMN (33). IF NO, NOT IN SCHOOL (CODE 2), SKIP COLUMN (33) AND ASK COLUMN (34).

| LINE NO. FROM COL. | NAME FROM COL. (5) | What is the language of instruction you are taught in your class at school? $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10=ENGLISH } \\ & \text { 11=HAUSA } \\ & \text { 12=YORUBA } \\ & \text { 13==GBO } \\ & \text { 14=OTHER } \\ & \text { (SPECIFY) } \end{aligned}$ | What is the main language spoken at home? $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10=ENGLISH } \\ & 11=\text { HAUSA } \\ & 12=\text { YORUBA } \\ & \text { 13=IGBO } \\ & \text { 14=OTHER } \\ & \text { (SPECIFY) } \end{aligned}$ | Now I would like you to read out loud as much of this sentence as you can. <br> SHOW CARD TO CHILD IN ENGLISH. <br> IF CHILD CANNOT READ WHOLE SENTENCE, PROBE: <br> Can you read any part of the sentence to me? <br> 1 CANNOT READ AT ALL <br> 2 ABLE TO READ ONLY PARTS OF SENTENCE <br> 3 ABLE TO READ WHOLE SENTENCE <br> 4 BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED <br> CIRCLE NUMBER BELOW | IF COLUMN (33) OR (34) = 10, GO TO QUESTION 37. <br> IF COLUMN (33) OR (34) = 14, CIRCLE 4 AND GO TO QUESTION 37. <br> TEST USING LANGUAGE CARD CODED AS 11, 12 OR 13 IN COLUMN (33) OR (34). <br> Now I would like you to read out loud as much of this sentence as you can. <br> SHOW LANGUAGE CARD TO CHILD. <br> IF CHILD CANNOT READ WHOLE SENTENCE, PROBE: <br> Can you read any part of the sentence to me? <br> 1 CANNOT READ AT ALL <br> 2 ABLE TO READ ONLY PARTS OF SENTENCE <br> 3 ABLE TO READ WHOLE SENTENCE <br> 4 NO CARD WITH REQUIRED LANGUAGE (SPECIFY LANGUAGE) CIRCLE NUMBER BELOW |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (31) | (32) | (33) | (34) | (35) | (36) |
| $\square \square$ |  | OTHER (SPECIFY) | OTHER (SPECIFY) $\qquad$ | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 3 & 4\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 3\end{array}$ <br> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
|  |  | OTHER (SPECIFY) | OTHER (SPECIFY) $\qquad$ |  | $\qquad$ |
|  |  | OTHER (SPECIFY) | OTHER (SPECIFY) $\qquad$ |  | 1 2 3 4 <br>     <br>  OTHER (SPECIFY)   |
| $\square$ |  | OTHER (SPECIFY) | OTHER (SPECIFY) $\qquad$ | $\begin{array}{llll} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{array}$ | 1 2 3 4 <br>     <br>  OTHER (SPECIFY)   |

## LITERACY (CONTINUED)

CHECK COLUMN (11): RECORD LINE NUMBER AND NAME OF ALL CHILDREN LISTED AS AGE 5-16 IN COLUMN (31) AND (32). NEXT CHECK 211: IF YES IN SCHOOL (CODE 1), COMPLETE COLUMN (33). IF NO, NOT IN SCHOOL (CODE 2), SKIP COLUMN (33) AND ASK COLUMN (34).

| LINE NO. FROM COL. (4) | NAME FROM COL. (5) | What is the language of instruction you are taught in your class at school? $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10=ENGLISH } \\ & 11=\text { HAUSA } \\ & 12=\text { YORUBA } \\ & 13=\text { IGBO } \\ & \text { 14=OTHER } \\ & \text { (SPECIFY) } \end{aligned}$ $\qquad$ | What is the main language spoken at home? $\begin{aligned} & \text { 10=ENGLISH } \\ & \text { 11=HAUSA } \\ & \text { 12=YORUBA } \\ & 13=\text { =GBO } \\ & 14=\text { OTHER } \\ & \text { (SPECIFY) } \end{aligned}$ | Now I would like you to read out loud as much of this sentence as you can. <br> SHOW CARD TO CHILD IN ENGLISH. <br> IF CHILD CANNOT READ WHOLE SENTENCE, PROBE: <br> Can you read any part of the sentence to me? <br> 1 CANNOT READ AT ALL <br> 2 ABLE TO READ ONLY PARTS OF SENTENCE <br> 3 ABLE TO READ WHOLE SENTENCE <br> 4 BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED <br> CIRCLE NUMBER BELOW | IF COLUMN (33) OR (34) = 10, GO TO QUESTION 37. <br> IF COLUMN (33) OR (34) = 14, CIRCLE 4 AND GO TO QUESTION 37. <br> TEST USING LANGUAGE CARD CODED AS 11, 12 OR 13 IN COLUMN (33) OR (34). <br> Now I would like you to read out loud as much of this sentence as you can. <br> SHOW LANGUAGE CARD TO CHILD. <br> IF CHILD CANNOT READ WHOLE SENTENCE, PROBE: <br> Can you read any part of the sentence to me? <br> 1 CANNOT READ AT ALL <br> 2 ABLE TO READ ONLY PARTS OF SENTENCE <br> 3 ABLE TO READ WHOLE SENTENCE <br> 4 NO CARD WITH REQUIRED LANGUAGE (SPECIFY LANGUAGE) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (31) | (32) | (33) | (34) | (35) | (36) |
| $\square$ |  | OTHER (SPECIFY) | OTHER (SPECIFY) $\qquad$ |  | $\begin{array}{llll} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{array}$ <br> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
|  |  | OTHER (SPECIFY) | OTHER (SPECIFY) $\qquad$ | $$ | 1 2 3 4 <br>     <br>  OTHER (SPECIFY)   <br>     |
| $\square \square$ |  | OTHER (SPECIFY) | OTHER (SPECIFY) $\qquad$ | $$ | OTHER (SPECIFY) |
|  |  | OTHER (SPECIFY) | OTHER (SPECIFY) $\qquad$ |  | 1 $2$ <br> 3 <br> 4 <br> OTHER (SPECIFY) |

NUMERACY

| CHECK COLUMN (11): RECORD LINE NUMBER AND NAME OF ALL CHILDREN LISTED AS AGE 5-16 IN COLUMNS (31) AND (32). |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LINE NO. FROM COL. (4) | NAME FROM COL. (5) | NUMERACY <br> Now I would like you to add these numbers together for me. <br> SHOW CARD TO CHILD. <br> 1 DID NOT CORRECTLY SUM NUMBERS OR NO ANSWER GIVEN <br> 2 CORRECTLY SUMMED NUMBERS CIRCLE CODE BELOW | RESULT <br> 1 TESTED LITERACY <br> 2 TESTED NUMERACY <br> 3 TESTED BOTH <br> 4 CHILD NOT PRESENT <br> 5 REFUSED TESTS <br> 6 BLIND OR IMPAIRED <br> 7 OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| (31) | (32) | (37) | (38) |
|  |  | 12 | $\square$ <br> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
|  |  | 12 |  |
|  |  | 12 | $\square$ <br> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
|  |  | 12 |  <br> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
|  |  | 12 | OTHER (SPECIFY) |
|  |  | 12 | OTHER (SPECIFY) |
|  |  | 12 | $\square$ <br> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
|  |  | 12 |  <br> OTHER (SPECIFY) |

## 2010 NIGERIA EDUCATION DATA SURVEY (NEDS) INDEPENDENT CHILD QUESTIONNAIRE

NATIONAL POPULATION COMMISSION NATIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE ASSIGNED NUMBER: NHREC/01/01/2007



## RESULT CODES:


2. NOT AT HOME
3. APPOINTMENT/CALLBACK
LANGUAGE OF QUESTIONNAIRE......................................
LANGUAGE USED IN INTERVIEW................................
RESPONDENT'S LOCAL LANGUAGE ..........................
TRANSLATOR USED
(NOT AT ALL=1; SOMETIMES=2; ALL THE TIME=3)...........
4. REFUSED
5. PARTIALLY COMPLETED
6. OTHER (SPECIFY)

LANGUAGE
10. ENGLISH 11. HAUSA 12. IGBO 13. YORUBA 14. OTHER (SPECIFY)

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|  | $\square \square$ |  |  |
| NAME | NAME | NAME | NAME |
| DATE | DATE | DATE | DATE |

## INFORMED CONSENT FOR INDEPENDENT CHILD RESPONDENT

Good (Morning/Afternoon/Evening/Day). My name is (FILL NAME) and I am working with the National Population Commission. We are conducting a national survey about education. This information will help the government plan education programs and initiatives.

We would very much appreciate your participation in this survey. I would like to ask you about your education. The survey usually takes about 30 minutes. Whatever information you provide will be kept strictly confidential and will not be shown to other persons. Participation in the survey is completely voluntary. Some questions may seem personal. If we should come to any question you don't want to answer, just let me know and I will go on to the next question; or you can stop the interview at any time. However, we hope you will participate in the survey since your views are important.

This study has been reviewed and granted approval by the National Health Research Ethics Committee (NHREC), assigned number NHREC/01/01/200, for the study period of April 1 to July 31, 2010.

Should you have any queries, feel free to call any of the following contact person(s):
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Secretary, NHREC, Email: secretary@nhrec.net; Phone: 095238367
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At this time, do you want to ask me anything about the survey? (PAUSE, ANSWER QUESTIONS)
May I begin the interview now?
Signature of interviewer: $\qquad$ Date: $\qquad$

RESPONDENT AGREES TO BE INTERVIEWED ........ 1 | RESPONDENT DOES NOT AGREE TO BE |
| :--- |
| $\downarrow$ |
| INTERVIEWED ................................................. $2 \longrightarrow$ |

SECTION 2: SCHOOLING BACKGROUND AND CURRENT SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 201 | LINE NUMBER, NAME, AND SEX OF INDEPENDENT CHILD AGE 13-16. <br> COPY FROM HOUSEHOLD SCHEDULE COLUMNS (4), (5), AND (7). | LINE NUMBER $\qquad$ $\square$ $\square$ <br> NAME $\qquad$ <br> SEX: <br> MALE $\qquad$ .1 <br> FEMALE. $\qquad$ |  |
| 203 | In what month and year were you born? PROBE: What is your birthday? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { MONTH.............................................. } \square \square \\ & \text { YEAR ................................... } \square \square \square \square \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 204 | How old were you at your last birthday? RECORD AGE IN COMPLETED YEARS. | AGE IN YEARS |  |
| 205 | Do you have any serious disabilities? CODE ALL THAT APPLY. |  |  |
| 206 | What is your religion? |  | $\longrightarrow 211$ |
| 207 | Do you attend an Islamiyya school? | YES....................................................................................................................................... NO | $\longrightarrow 208$ |
| 207A | How many hours per day do you attend this school? | NUMBER OF HOURS $\qquad$ $\square$ FULL TIME/BOARDING $\qquad$ .6 |  |
| 207B | What time of day do you attend this school? CODE ALL THAT APPLY |  |  |
| 207C | Does this school teach any of the following subjects? |  |  |
| 207D | CHECK 207C: ACADEMIC SUBJECTS FOR ISLAMIYYA SCHOOL YES TO AT LEAST ONE SUBJECT <br> NO TO ALL (CODE 1) $\qquad$ (CODE 2). | SUBJECTS $\square$ | 208 |
| 207E | Why do you attend this school? CODE ALL THAT APPLY. |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 208 | Do you attend a Qur'anic school? | YES.................................................................................................................................. | $\rightarrow 209$ |
| 208A | How many hours per day do you attend this school? | NUMBER OF HOURS $\qquad$ $\square$ <br> FULL TIME/BOARDING. $\qquad$ 6 |  |
| 208B | What time of day do you attend this school? CODE ALL THAT APPLY | MORNING ............................................................................................................................................................................ |  |
| 208C | Does this school teach any of the following subjects? |  |  |
| 208D | CHECK 208C: ACADEMIC SUBJECTS FOR QUR'A YES TO AT LEAST ONE SUBJECT (CODE 1) $\qquad$ |  | 209 |
| 208E | Why do you attend this school? CODE ALL THAT APPLY. |  |  |
| 209 | Do you attend a Tsangaya school? | YES.................................................................................................................................. | $\rightarrow 211$ |
| 209A | How many hours per day do you attend this school? | NUMBER OF HOURS $\qquad$ $\square$ $\square$ FULL TIME/BOARDING $\qquad$ |  |
| 209B | What time of day do you attend this school? <br> CODE ALL THAT APPLY | MORNING ............................................................................................................................................................................. |  |
| 209C | Does this school teach any of the following subjects? |  |  |
| 209D | CHECK 209C: ACADEMIC SUBJECTS FOR TSANG YES TO AT LEAST ONE SUBJECT (CODE 1) $\qquad$ | SUBJECTS | 211 |
| 209E | Why do you attend this school? CODE ALL THAT APPLY. |  |  |




SECTION 3: CHILDREN WHO HAVE NEVER ATTENDED FORMAL SCHOOL

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 301 | There are many reasons why a child may not attend school. I am going to ask you about some reasons people give for not sending children to school. Please tell me if any of these reasons are important in explaining why you have never attended school. <br> Is the only reason why you have never attended school because you are physically or mentally challenged and unable to attend school? | YES......................................................................................................................... NO | $\longrightarrow 602$ |
| 302 | Have you never attended school because you have been very sick for 3 months or longer? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES..................................................................................................................... } 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\rightarrow 602$ |
| 303 | Have you never attended school because you are needed to do domestic work such as caring for younger children or sick relatives, cooking or cleaning, fetching water or wood, etc.? | YES.................................................................................................................... |  |
| 304 | Have you never attended school because you are needed to work in the field, herd animals, sell in the market, or hawk in the streets? | YES.................................................................................................................. NO |  |
| 305 | Have you never attended school because you are needed to work for an employer? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES......................................................................................................................... } \\ & \text { NO ........ } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 306 | Have you never attended school because there is not enough money to pay the costs of schooling? | YES.............................................................................................................. | $\longrightarrow 308$ |
| 307 | What school cost(s) make it too hard for you to attend school? PROBE: Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL COSTS MENTIONED. |  <br> OTHER (SPECIFY) $\qquad$ X |  |
| 308 | Have you never attended school because the school is too far away? | YES.................................................................................................................... |  |
| 309 | Have you never attended school because it is unsafe to travel to school? | YES................................................................................................................... NO |  |
| 310 | Have you never attended school because of any of the following school quality related reasons? <br> a. Teachers do not perform well. <br> b. Pupils are unsafe at school. <br> c. School buildings or facilities are poor or have problems. <br> d. Classrooms are too crowded. | YES NO TEACHER PERFORM ............ 1 ........... 2 PUPIS UNSAFE................ 1 ......... 2 FACILITIES POOR............ 2 CLASSES CROWDED ........... $1 . . . . . . . ~$ |  |
| 311 | Have you never attended school because schooling is not important? | YES................................................................................................................... NO |  |
| 312 | Have you never attended school because you are not interested in attending school? | YES................................................................................................................... NO |  |
| 313 | Have you never attended school because school graduates cannot find good jobs? | YES..................................................................................................................... |  |
| $314$ | CHECK 201 $\qquad$ MALE |  | 316 |
| 315 | Have you never attended school because you were given out to marriage? | YES................................................................................................................. |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 316 | Is there (any/another) important reason why you have never attended <br> school? | YES....................................................... 1 |  |

317 GO TO QUESTION 602.

SECTION 4: CHILDREN WHO HAVE DROPPED OUT OF FORMAL SCHOOL

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 401 | How old were you when you stopped attending school? RECORD AGE IN COMPLETED YEARS. | AGE. |  |
| 402 | There are many reasons why a child may have stopped attending school. I am going to ask you about some reasons people give for why children stop attending school. Please tell me if any of these reasons are important in explaining why you stopped attending school. <br> Is the only reason why you stopped attending school because you were physically or mentally challenged and unable to attend school? | YES.................................................................................................................................. | $\longrightarrow 602$ |
| 403 | Did you stop attending school because you had been very sick for 3 months or longer? | $\begin{array}{\|l} \text { YES........................................................................................................................ } \end{array}$ | $\longrightarrow 602$ |
| 404 | Did you stop attending school because you were needed to do domestic work such as caring for younger children or sick relatives, cooking or cleaning, fetching water or wood, etc.? | YES....................................................................................................................... |  |
| 405 | Did you stop attending school because you were needed to work in the field, herd animals, sell in the market, or hawk in the streets? | YES.................................................................................................................. NO |  |
| 406 | Did you stop attending school because you were needed to work for an employer? | YES....................................................................................................................... |  |
| 407 | Did you stop attending school because there was not enough money to pay the costs of schooling? | YES................................................................................................................... | $\longrightarrow 409$ |
| 408 | What school cost(s) made it too hard for you to continue to attend school? <br> PROBE: Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL COSTS MENTIONED. | TUITION FEES <br> PTA/DEVELOPMENT LEVIES $\qquad$ B <br> UNIFORM OR CLOTHING $\qquad$ C <br> BOOKS AND SUPPLIES $\qquad$ <br> TRANSPORTATION $\qquad$ D E <br> OTHER (SPECIFY) $\qquad$ x |  |
| 409 | Did you stop attending school because the school offering the needed class was too far away? | YES...................................................................................................................... |  |
| 410 | Did you stop attending school because it is unsafe to travel to school? | YES...................................................................................................................... |  |
| 411 | Did you stop attending school because you failed examinations or had to repeat classes of schooling? | YES.................................................................................................................... |  |
| 412 | Did you stop attending school because of any of the following school quality related reasons? <br> a. Teachers did not perform well. <br> b. Pupils were unsafe at school. <br> c. School buildings or facilities were poor or had problems. <br> d. Classrooms were too crowded. | YES NO TEACHER PERFORM ........... $1 . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ PUPILS UNSAFE........................... 2 FACILITIES POOR...................... 2 CLASSES CROWDED ................ 2 |  |
| 413 | Did you stop attending school because you no longer wanted to attend school? | YES....................................................................................................................... |  |
| 414 | Did you stop attending school because you had enough schooling? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES........................................................................................................................ } \\ & \text { NO ....... } \end{aligned}$ | $\longrightarrow 602$ |



426 GO TO QUESTION 602.

SECTION 5: CHILDREN WHO ATTEND/ATTENDED SCHOOL DURING THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 501 | Now I would like to ask you some questions about the previous school year, 2008-2009. <br> Did you attend school the previous school year? | YES .............................................................................................................................. | $\longrightarrow 509$ |
| 502 | For the current school year, 2009-2010, do you attend the same school you attended the previous school year? | YES ........................................................................................................................ | $\rightarrow 505$ |
| 503 | What type of school did you attend? | GOVERNMENT ..................................................................................................... |  |
| 504 | What was the most important reason you changed schools? |  |  |
| 505 | During the previous school year, what level of school did you attend? | PREPRIMARY ..................................................................................................................................................................................................................................... | $\longrightarrow 509$ |
| 506 | During the previous school year, what class did you attend at that level? | CLASS |  |
| 507 | CHECK 213 AND 506: <br> CHILD ATTENDS SAME CLASS AS PREVIOUS YEAR <br> YES $\qquad$ |  | 509 |
| 508 | Are you repeating this class? | YES .................................................................................................................. 1 |  |
| 509 | Now I would like you to think about the current school year, 2009-2010. During the current school year, are you a day pupil/student or a boarder at school? | DAY PUPIL/STUDENT................................ 1 BOARDER .................................................. 2 | $\rightarrow 522$ |
| 510 | Now I would like you to think about the last four weeks of school. In the last four weeks, how many days has your school been open? | DAYS $\qquad$ $\square$ <br> NONE $\qquad$ <br> DON'T KNOW $\qquad$ |  |
| 511 | In the last four weeks, how many days did you attend school? | DAYS $\qquad$ $\square$ DON'T KNOW $\qquad$ | $\longrightarrow 514$ |
| $512$ | CHECK 510 AND 511: <br> NUMBER OF DAYS <br> NUMBER OF <br> DIFFERENT. $\qquad$ THE SAME ... | DAYS $\qquad$ | 514 |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEG | ORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 513 | I see that you have missed some days of schooling during the last four weeks. <br> Did you miss school for any of the following reasons? <br> RECORD ANSWER FOR EACH REASON LISTED. IF YES, ASK AND RECORD NUMBER OF DAYS MISSED FOR THAT REASON. | NUMBER OF DAYS |  |  |
|  | Because you were needed to do domestic work such as caring for younger children or sick relatives, cooking or cleaning, or fetching water or wood. | DOMESTIC | YES.... <br> NO ...... |  |
|  | Because you were needed to work in the field, herd animals, sell in the market, or hawk in the streets. | FARM/FAMILY BU | USINESS $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES..... } 1 \longrightarrow \\ & \text { NO ..... } 2 \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | Because you were needed to work for an employer. |  |  |  |
|  | Because school fees or other school costs were due, and the money was not available. | NO MONEY | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES..... } 1 \longrightarrow \\ & \text { NO ..... } 2 \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | Because you did not want to go to school. | DID NOT WANT YES..... $1 \longrightarrow$NO $\ldots . . .2$ $\square$ |  |  |
|  | Because of a family event such as a funeral or bereavement, naming ceremony, or wedding, etc. | FUNERAL | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES..... } 1 \longrightarrow \\ & \text { NO ..... } 2 \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | Because you were ill. | ILLNESS | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES..... } 1 \longrightarrow \\ & \text { NO ..... } 2 \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | Because your school clothes were dirty. | DIRTY | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES..... } 1 \longrightarrow \\ & \text { NO ..... } 2 \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | Because you missed school for any other reasons. | OTHER <br> YES. $\square$ $\square$ <br> NO <br> ...... 2 <br> (SPECIFY) $\qquad$ |  |  |
| 514 | Now I would like to ask you about the time you spend at school. On a normal school day, at what time do you leave home to go to school? | HR <br> MIN |  |  |
| 515 | On a normal school day, at what time do you return home from school? | HR <br> MIN | RETURNS |  |
| 516 | On a normal school day, what is the official time school starts? | HR <br> MIN | START |  |
| 517 | On a normal school day, what is the official time school closes? | HR <br> MIN |  |  |






SECTION 6: CHILDREN'S EATING PATTERNS

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 601 | CHECK 509: <br> DAY PUPIL/STUDENT <br> BOARDER <br> (CODE 1) $\qquad$ $\square$ (CODE 2).. |  | $\rightarrow 610$ |
| 602 | Now I would like to ask you about how often you eat food during the day. <br> Did you eat food in the morning yesterday? <br> IF YES, PROBE TO CONFIRM CHILD ATE SOLID FOOD. | YES ...................................................................................................................................................................... NO...... DON'T KNOW..... | $604$ |
| 603 | What did you eat yesterday morning? | RECORD FOOD EATEN |  |
| 604 | Did you eat lunch yesterday? <br> IF YES, PROBE TO CONFIRM CHILD ATE SOLID FOOD. |  |  |
| 605 | What did you eat for lunch yesterday? | RECORD FOOD EATEN |  |
| 606 | How many times did you eat food yesterday, including snacks? | NO. OF TIMES CHILD ATE $\square$ DON'T KNOW 98 |  |
| 607 | CHECK 211: <br> CHILD CURRENTLY IN SCHOOL <br> CHILD CUR <br> (CODE 1) | NTLY NOT IN SCHOOL | $610$ |
| 608 | Were you provided a free lunch at school? | YES ......................................................................................................................... | $\rightarrow 610$ |
| 609 | What type of food were you provided as a free lunch at school? | SOLID .................................................................................................... NON-SOLID ........ |  |

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*RESULT CODES:

1. COMPLETED
2. NOT AT HOME

APPOINTMENT/CALLBACK
LANGUAGE OF QUESTIONNAIRE ..............................
LANGUAGE USED IN INTERVIEW...............................
RESPONDENT'S LOCAL LANGUAGE .........................
TRANSLATOR USED
(NOT AT ALL=1; SOMETIMES=2; ALL THE TIME=3)..........
(NOT AT ALL=1; SOMETIMES=2; ALL THE TIME=3)
4. REFUSED
5. PARTIALLY COMPLETED
6. OTHER (SPECIFY) $\qquad$

TOTAL NO. OF
ELIGIBLE CHILDREN
AGES 4-16.
13. IGBO
10. ENGLISH
14. OTHER (SPECIFY) $\qquad$
11. HAUSA
12. YORUBA

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| DATE | DATE | DATE | DATE |

# PART A <br> SECTION 1: PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT AND BACKGROUND 

## INFORMED CONSENT FOR PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONDENT

## [DO NOT REPEAT GREETING IF HOUSEHOLD RESPONDENT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONDENT ARE SAME PERSON] GREETING

Good (Morning/Afternoon/Evening/Day). My name is (FILL NAME) and I am working with the National Population Commission. We are conducting a national survey about education. This information will help the government plan education programs and initiatives.

## INTRODUCTION

Your household is eligible to participate in this survey. We would appreciate your participation in the next part. I would like to ask you about your education and the education of (your children/the children for whom you are responsible). I would also like to weigh and measure some of your children and give a basic literacy and numeracy test to some children. The survey will take about an hour. Whatever information you provide will be kept strictly confidential and will not be shown to other persons. Participation in the survey is completely voluntary. Some questions may seem personal. If we should come to any question you don't want to answer, just let me know and I will go on to the next question; or you can stop the interview at any time. However, we hope you will participate in the survey since your views are important.
This study has been reviewed and granted approval by the National Health Research Ethics Committee (NHREC), assigned number NHREC/01/01/2007, for the study period of April 1 to July 31, 2010.

Should you have any queries, feel free to call any of the following contact person(s):
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At this time, do you want to ask me anything about the survey? (PAUSE, ANSWER QUESTIONS)
May I begin the interview now?
Signature of interviewer:
Date :
RESPONDENT AGREES TO BE INTERVIEWED ....... 11

$\downarrow$ | RESPONDENT DOES NOT AGREE TO BE |
| :--- |
| INTERVIEWED.......................................... $2 \longrightarrow$ |$\quad$ END


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 101 | RECORD THE TIME | HOUR |  |
|  |  | MINUTES |  |
| 102 | How old were you at your last birthday? | AGE IN COMPLETED YEARS |  |
| 103 | What is your religion? |  |  |
| 104 | What is your ethnic group? |  |  |
| 105 | Do you have any serious disability? CODE ALL THAT APPLY. |  |  |

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|}
\hline NO. \& QUESTIONS AND FILTERS \& CODING CATEGORIES \& SKIP \\
\hline 106 \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Now I would like to ask about your schooling. When we talk about schooling, it includes formal schools at the primary, secondary, and higher levels. Schooling also includes formal religious schools that teach academic subjects like mathematics, in addition to teaching religion. \\
Have you ever attended school?
\end{tabular} \& YES ........................................................................................................ 1
NO \& \(\longrightarrow 110\) \\
\hline 107 \& What is the highest level of school you attended? \& PREPRIMARY ........................................................................................................................................................................................................................ \& \\
\hline 108 \& What is the highest class you completed at that level? \& CLASS \(\square\) \& \\
\hline 109 \& \begin{tabular}{l}
CHECK 107: \\
PREPRIMARY OR PRIMARY (CODE 0 OR 1) \(\qquad\)
\(\square\)
\end{tabular} \& JUNIOR, SECONDARY, OR HIGHER (CODE 2, 3, OR 4) \(\qquad\)
\(\square\) \& \[
\longrightarrow 114
\] \\
\hline 110 \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Now I would like you to read out loud as much of this sentence as you can. \\
SHOW CARD TO RESPONDENT. GIVE RESPONDENT SUFFICIENT TIME TO READ CARD. \\
IF RESPONDENT CANNOT READ WHOLE SENTENCE, PROBE: \\
Can you read any part of the sentence to me?
\end{tabular} \& \begin{tabular}{l}
CANNOT READ AT ALL ........................... 1 \\
ABLE TO READ ONLY PARTS OF \\
SENTENCE...................................... 2 \\
ABLE TO READ WHOLE SENTENCE...... 3 \\
NO CARD WITH REQUIRED LANGUAGE \(\qquad\) 4 \\
(SPECIFY LANGUAGE) \\
BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED \(\qquad\)
\end{tabular} \& \[
\begin{aligned}
\& \longrightarrow 112 \\
\& \longrightarrow 115
\end{aligned}
\] \\
\hline 111 \& RECORD THE LANGUAGE CARD USED TO TEST LITERACY. \& ENGLISH.............................................................................................................................................................................................................. \& \\
\hline 112 \& Have you ever participated in a literacy program or any other program that involves learning to read or write (not including primary school)? \& YES .................................................................................................................... \& \\
\hline 113 \& \begin{tabular}{l}
CHECK 110: \\
ABLE TO READ (CODE 2, 3, OR 4) \(\qquad\)

\end{tabular} \& CANNOT READ (CODE 1) \& \[

\longrightarrow 115
\] <br>

\hline 114 \& Do you read a newspaper or magazine almost every day, at least once a week, less than once a week or not at all? \& ALMOST EVERY DAY...................................... 1
AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK.................. 3
LESS THAN ONCE A WEEK................................................................... \& <br>
\hline 115 \& Do you listen to the radio almost every day, at least once a week, less than once a week or not at all? \& ALMOST EVERY DAY.................................... 1
AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK.................. 3
LESS THAN ONCE A WEEK.................................................................. \& <br>
\hline 116 \& Do you watch television almost every day, at least once a week, less than once a week or not at all? \& ALMOST EVERY DAY..................................... 1
AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK................. 3
LESS THAN ONCE A WEEK................................................................... \& <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}

117 PROCEED TO ELIGIBLE CHILD QUESTIONNAIRE

PART B
SECTION 7: PARENT/GUARDIAN GENERAL EDUCATION QUESTIONS

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS |  | CODING CATEGORIES |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 701 | Now I would like to ask you more general questions about education. We will start with questions about the primary school closest to your household. <br> What is the name of the government primary school closest to your household? | PRIMARY $\qquad$ $\qquad$ $\square$ $\square$ | HOOL NAME |
| 702 | If you were to walk to this government primary school, how long would it take? | HOURS $\qquad$ $\square$ $\square$ <br> MINUTES $\qquad$ $\square$ $\square$ |  |
| 703 | How far away, in kilometers, is this government primary school from your household? <br> ENTER ‘00’ IF LESS THAN 1 KILOMETER. <br> IF DON'T KNOW, PROBE: Is it greater than 20 kilometers? <br> ENTER '99' IF GREATER THAN 20 KM | KM. |  |
| 704 | Is there a private primary school that is closer than this government primary school? | YES.................................................................................................................................................. |  |
| 705 | If you were to walk to this private primary school, how long would it take? | HOURS $\qquad$ $\square$ $\square$ <br> MINUTES $\qquad$ $\square$ $\square$ |  |
| 706 | How far away, in kilometers, is this private primary school from your household? <br> ENTER ‘00’ IF LESS THAN 1 KILOMETER. <br> IF DON'T KNOW, PROBE: Is it greater than 20 kilometers? <br> ENTER '99' IF GREATER THAN 20 KM | KM $\square$ |  |
| 707 | Now I would like to ask you about the junior secondary school that is closest to your household. <br> What is the name of the government junior secondary school closest to your household? | JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL NAME |  |
| 708 | If you were to walk to this government junior secondary school, how long would it take? | HOURS $\qquad$ $\square$ $\square$ <br> MINUTES $\qquad$ $\square$ $\square$ |  |
| 709 | How far away, in kilometers, is this government junior secondary school from your household? <br> ENTER ‘00’ IF LESS THAN 1 KILOMETER. <br> IF DON'T KNOW, PROBE: Is it greater than 20 kilometers? <br> ENTER '99' IF GREATER THAN 20 KM | KM |  |
| 710 | Is there a private junior secondary school that is closer than this government school? | YES......................................................................................................................................... |  |
| 711 | If you were to walk to this private junior secondary school, how long would it take? | HOURS $\qquad$ $\square$ $\square$ <br> MINUTES $\qquad$ $\square$ $\square$ |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 712 | How far away, in kilometers, is this private junior secondary school from your household? <br> ENTER ‘00’ IF LESS THAN 1 KILOMETER. <br> IF DON'T KNOW, PROBE: Is it greater than 20 kilometers? <br> ENTER '99' IF GREATER THAN 20 KM | KM................................... $\square$ |  |
| 713 | Now I would like to ask you about the senior secondary school that is closest to your household. <br> What is the name of the government senior secondary school closest to your household? | SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL NAME $\square$ $\square$ $\square$ $\square$ $\square$ $\square$ $\square$ $\square$ |  |
| 714 | If you were to walk to this government senior secondary school, how long would it take? | HOURS $\qquad$ $\square$ $\square$ <br> MINUTES $\qquad$ $\square$ $\square$ |  |
| 715 | How far away, in kilometers, is this government senior secondary school from your household? <br> ENTER '00’ IF LESS THAN 1 KILOMETER. <br> IF DON'T KNOW, PROBE: Is it greater than 20 kilometers? <br> ENTER '99' IF GREATER THAN 20 KM | KM..................................... $\square \square$ |  |
| 716 | Is there a private senior secondary school that is closer than this government school? | YES..................................................................................................................................... NO...... | $\longrightarrow 719$ |
| 717 | If you were to walk to this private senior secondary school, how long would it take? | HOURS $\qquad$ $\square$ $\square$ <br> MINUTES $\qquad$ $\square$ $\square$ |  |
| 718 | How far away, in kilometers, is this private senior secondary school from your household? <br> ENTER '00’ IF LESS THAN 1 KILOMETER. <br> IF DON'T KNOW, PROBE: Is it greater than 20 kilometers? <br> ENTER '99' IF GREATER THAN 20 KM | KM..................................... $\square$ |  |
| 719 | In the last 12 months, have you, one of your children, or anyone else in your household provided any of these kinds of support to a teacher for the teacher's own use? <br> A. Money, other than for extra lessons. <br> B. Food. <br> C. Labour, other than for maintenance of teacher housing. <br> D. Other gift items | $\left.$YES NODON'T <br> KNOW \right\rvert\, |  |
|  | CHECK 212 FOR EACH ELIGIBLE CHILD PARENT/ <br> ONE OR MORE ELIGIBLE CHILDREN $\qquad$ $\square$ ATTENDING PRIMARY SCHOOL (CODE 1) | JARDIAN IS RESPONDING FOR: <br> NO ELIGIBLE CHILDREN $\qquad$ $\square$ <br> ATTENDING PRIMARY SCHOOL (CODES 0, 2, 3, OR 4) | $\longrightarrow 801$ |
| 721 | Does the school that your child(ren) attend(s) have a Parent Teacher Association (PTA)? | YES........................................................................................................................................................................................................ | $723$ |
| 722 | Have you or has any adult in your household attended a meeting of the PTA in the last 12 months? | YES.................................................................................................................................................... |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 723 | In the last 12 months, have you or has any adult in your household gone to a primary school for any of these reasons? <br> A. For a school celebration, performance, or sports event. <br> B. For a meeting, open-day, or conference with a head teacher or teacher. <br> C. To collect report cards. | YES NO EVENT ......................................................... 2 MEETING.............................. $1 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ 2 |  |
| 724 | I am interested in knowing your opinions about what makes primary schools good and about the importance of schooling. <br> Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? <br> A. In order to be a good school, all of a school's buildings must be permanent structures. <br> B. Whenever necessary, parents should keep their children home from school to work or help in the household. <br> C. It is more important to send a boy to school than to send a girl to school. <br> D. Primary schools should teach more practical skills, like carpentry or sewing. |  |  |
| 725 | I am interested in knowing what kinds of things you think affect the quality of a primary school. <br> Does each of the following things make a school better, make a school worse, or have no effect on the quality of the school? <br> A. Pupils being required to wear uniforms. <br> B. Teachers caning pupils to maintain discipline. <br> C. Parents being actively involved in the school. | BETTER NO <br> EFFECT <br> 1 ..................... 2 .................... $3 . \ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$  |  |
| 726 | Now I would like you to think about the benefits of primary school. Think of a 15 -year-old boy who has completed primary school, and has left school. <br> What advantages does this boy have compared to a boy of the same age who never attended primary school? <br> PROBE: Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. |  |  |


| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 727 | Now think of a 15-year-old girl who has completed primary school, and has left school. <br> What advantages does this girl have compared to a girl of the same age who never attended primary school? <br> PROBE: Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. | FIND (BETTER) JOB. <br> PROVIDE SUPPORT TO <br> HOUSEHOLD/PARENTS $\qquad$ <br> CHANCE TO GO TO SECONDARY. $\qquad$ <br> LEARN TO READ AND WRITE. $\qquad$ D <br> LEARN OTHER LANGUAGES $\qquad$ E <br> LEARN MATHEMATICS. $\qquad$ F <br> LEARN VOCATIONAL SKILLS.. $\qquad$ G <br> DEVELOP MORALS/DISCIPLINE. $\qquad$ H <br> CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS . $\qquad$ <br> MAKE A BETTER MARRIAGE $\qquad$ J <br> LEARN TO BE A GOOD PARENT $\qquad$ K <br> BETTER HYGIENE . $\qquad$ L <br> SOCIAL INTERACTION SKILLS $\qquad$ M <br> NO BENEFITS $\qquad$ <br> OTHER (SPECIFY) $\qquad$ X |  |
| 728 | Now I would like you to think about the disadvantages of schooling. <br> What are the disadvantages of sending a boy to primary school? <br> PROBE: Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. | EXPENSIVE $\qquad$ A <br> LOSE CHILD'S LABOUR $\qquad$ B <br> BAD MANNERS $\qquad$ C <br> NOT WILLING TO WORK $\qquad$ D <br> MIGRATES FROM VILLAGE. $\qquad$ E <br> NO BENEFITS TO HOUSEHOLD $\qquad$ H <br> NO DISADVANTAGES. $\qquad$ <br> OTHER (SPECIFY) $\qquad$ X |  |
| 729 | What are the disadvantages of sending a girl to primary school? <br> PROBE: Anything else? <br> RECORD ALL MENTIONED. |  <br> BAD MANNERS $\qquad$ <br> NOT WILLING TO WORK $\qquad$ <br> MIGRATES FROM VILLAGE. $\qquad$ <br> LATER MARRIAGE/HARDER TO <br> FIND HUSBAND. $\qquad$ <br> CHANCE OF BEING SEDUCED $\qquad$ <br> NO BENEFITS TO HOUSEHOLD $\qquad$ . H <br> NO DISADVANTAGES. $\qquad$ <br> OTHER (SPECIFY) $\qquad$ x |  |
| 730 | Now I would like to learn about how decisions are made in your household. <br> More than one person may be involved in this decision, but who has the final say in your household on whether children attend school? |  |  |

## SECTION 8: REPRODUCTIVE MATTERS AND HIV/AIDS

| NO. | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 801 | From this point on, I would like to ask you some questions about children's reproductive health and their education in these matters. Reproductive matters include conception, family planning, and hygiene. <br> In this community, from whom/where do children get information about reproductive matters? <br> PROBE: From any other sources? | PARENTS/GUARDIANS. <br> BROTHERS/SISTERS $\qquad$ B <br> OTHER RELATIVES $\qquad$ C <br> FRIENDS. $\qquad$ D <br> RELIGIOUS LEADERS $\qquad$ E <br> TEACHERS. $\qquad$ F <br> PUPILS $\qquad$ G <br> NEWSPAPERS OR MAGAZINES $\qquad$ H <br> RADIO. $\qquad$ <br> TELEVISION OR MOVIES ............................................ J <br> HEALTH CENTRE/CLINIC $\qquad$ K <br> SCHOOL $\qquad$ .. <br> OTHER (SPECIFY) $\qquad$ x |  |
| 802 | Do you think primary schools should teach pupils about reproductive matters? | YES ............................................................................................................................................................................................................ | 804 |
| 803 | In which class of primary school should pupils first be taught about reproductive matters? |  | $805$ |
| 804 | Why do you think primary schools should not teach pupils about reproductive matters? <br> PROBE: Any other reasons? | NOT APPROPRIATE TO TEACH IN SCHOOLS .......... A <br> PARENTS' JOB TO TEACH $\qquad$ B <br> CHILDREN ARE TOO YOUNG $\qquad$ C <br> CLASSES INCLUDE BOYS AND GIRLS, <br> SHOULD BE TAUGHT SEPARATELY ...................D <br> AGAINST RELIGION. $\qquad$ E <br> ENCOURAGES CHILDREN $\qquad$ F <br> OTHER (SPECIFY) $\qquad$ X |  |
| 805 | At what age should boys start learning about reproductive matters? | AGE IN YEARS $\qquad$ $\square$ DON'T KNOW/DEPENDS |  |
| 806 | At what age should girls start learning about reproductive matters? | AGE IN YEARS $\qquad$ $\square$ DON'T KNOW/DEPENDS .98 |  |
| 807 | Now I would like to talk about something else. <br> Have you heard of an illness called HIVIAIDS? | YES ........................................................................................................................................................................................................... | 813 |
| 808 | Do you think primary schools should teach pupils about HIVIAIDS and its prevention? | YES.......................................................................................................................................................................................................... | 810 |
| 809 | In which class of primary school should pupils first be taught about HIVIAIDS? |  | $811$ |


| NO | QUESTIONS AND FILTERS | CODING CATEGORIES | SKIP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 810 | Why do you think primary schools should not teach pupils about HIV/AIDS? <br> PROBE: Any other reasons? | NOT APPROPRIATE TO TEACH IN SCHOOLS .......... A <br> PARENTS' JOB TO TEACH ........................................ B <br> CHILDREN ARE TOO YOUNG $\qquad$ <br> CLASSES INCLUDE BOYS AND GIRLS, <br> SHOULD BE TAUGHT SEPARATELY ....................D <br> AGAINST RELIGION. $\qquad$ E <br> ENCOURAGES CHILDREN $\qquad$ F <br> OTHER (SPECIFY) $\qquad$ X |  |
| 811 | Now I would like to ask you about the effects of HIVIAIDS on children's schooling. <br> In this community, do some children not attend school because their parents or guardians are sick or have died from HIVIAIDS? | YES .................................................................................................................................................................................................................................. |  |
| 812 | Do any children in your family not attend school because someone in the family is sick or has died from HIVIAIDS? | YES .................................................................................................................................................................................................................................... |  |
| 813 | Have you heard of the Family Life and Health Education curriculum taught in schools? | YES .............................................................................................................................................................................................................................. |  |
| 814 | RECORD THE TIME AFTER ALL ELIGIBLE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. | HOUR $\square$ $\square$ <br> MINUTES $\qquad$ $\square$ $\square$ |  |
| 815 | CHECK 212 FOR EACH ELIGIBLE CHILD PARENT/GUARDI <br> ONE OR MORE ELIGIBLE CHILDREN ATTENDING: <br> PRIMARY (CODE 1). $\qquad$ $\square$ $\longrightarrow 9 \mathrm{~A}$ <br> JUNIOR SECONDARY (CODE 2). $\qquad$ <br> SENIOR SECONDARY (CODE 3). | AN IS RESPONDING FOR: <br> NO ELIGIBLE CHILDREN ATTENDING PRIMARY, JUNIOR SECONDARY, OR SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL (CODES 0 OR 4) | D OF ERW |

## SECTION 9A: PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

TOTAL NO. OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS


| $\begin{gathered} \text { SERIAL } \\ \text { NO. } \end{gathered}$ | NAME(S) OF SCHOOL(S) ATTENDED BY CHILD(REN) | TYPE OF SCHOOL | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CLOSEST } \\ & \text { SCHOOL } \end{aligned}$ | VILLAGE/ PLACE NAME | SCHOOL CHOICE | PROBLEMS WITH QUALITY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | CHECK 212 <br> FOR EACH <br> ELIGIBLE <br> CHILD. IF <br> CURRENTLY <br> ATTENDING <br> PRIMARY <br> SCHOOL, <br> COPY SCHOOL <br> NAME FROM <br> 214. <br> LIST EACH <br> SCHOOL ONLY <br> ONCE. | Is (NAME OF SCHOOL) a government or private school? | Is (NAME OF SCHOOL) the closest school to your household? | In which village or place is (NAME OF SCHOOL) located? | What is the main reason your (child/children) (attends/attend) (NAME OF SCHOOL) instead of some other school? <br> 1. CLOSEST SCHOOL WITH CLASS NEEDED OR PLACE AVAILABLE <br> 2. BETTER SCHOOL <br> 3. LESS EXPENSIVE <br> 4. RELIGION <br> 5. SAFER SCHOOL <br> 6. OTHER | In your opinion, please tell me whether (NAME OF SCHOOL) has a big problem, small problem, or no problem with the following things: <br> 1. School administration. <br> 2. Teacher performance. <br> 3. Teacher attendance. <br> 4. Pupils' performance. <br> 5. Pupils' safety at school. <br> 6. Availability of toilets and water supply. <br> 7. Physical condition of the classroom. <br> 8. Classroom overcrowding. |
| (1) | (901) | (902) | (903) | (904) | (905) | (906) |
| 01 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GOVT.... } 1 \\ & \text { PRIV...... } 2 \end{aligned}$ | YES ......... 1 NO ........... 2 DON'T KNOW...... 8 |  | $\begin{array}{llllll} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array}$ <br> (SPECIFY) |  |
| 02 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GOVT.... } 1 \\ & \text { PRIV...... } 2 \end{aligned}$ | YES ......... 1 NO ........... 2 DON'T KNOW...... 8 |  | $\begin{array}{llllll} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array}$ <br> (SPECIFY) |  |
| 03 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GOVT.... } 1 \\ & \text { PRIV...... } 2 \end{aligned}$ | YES ......... 1 NO ........... 2 DON'T KNOW...... 8 | $\qquad$ | $\begin{array}{llllll} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array}$ <br> (SPECIFY) |  |
| 04 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GOVT.... } 1 \\ & \text { PRIV...... } 2 \end{aligned}$ | YES ......... 1 NO ........... 2 DON'T KNOW...... 8 |  | $\begin{array}{llllll} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array}$ <br> (SPECIFY) |  |

SECTION 9A: PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHEDULE (CONTINUED)

| SERIAL NO. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { NAME(S) OF } \\ & \text { SCHOOL(S) } \\ & \text { ATTENDED BY } \\ & \text { CHILD(REN) } \end{aligned}$ | TYPE OF SCHOOL | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CLOSEST } \\ & \text { SCHOOL } \end{aligned}$ | VILLAGE/ PLACE NAME | SCHOOL CHOICE | PROBLEMS WITH QUALITY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | CHECK 212 <br> FOR EACH <br> ELIGIBLE <br> CHILD. IF <br> CURRENTLY <br> ATTENDING <br> PRIMARY <br> SCHOOL, <br> COPY SCHOOL <br> NAME FROM <br> 214. <br> LIST EACH <br> SCHOOL ONLY ONCE. | Is (NAME <br> OF <br> SCHOOL) <br> a <br> government <br> or private <br> school? | Is (NAME OF SCHOOL) the closest school to your household? | In which village or place is (NAME OF SCHOOL) located? | What is the main reason your (child/children) (attends/attend) (NAME OF SCHOOL) instead of some other school? <br> 1. CLOSEST SCHOOL WITH CLASS NEEDED OR PLACE AVAILABLE <br> 2. BETTER SCHOOL <br> 3. LESS EXPENSIVE <br> 4. RELIGION <br> 5. SAFER SCHOOL <br> 6. OTHER | In your opinion, please tell me whether (NAME OF SCHOOL) has a big problem, small problem, or no problem with the following things: <br> 1. School administration. <br> 2. Teacher performance. <br> 3. Teacher attendance. <br> 4. Pupils' performance. <br> 5. Pupils' safety at school. <br> 6. Availability of toilets and water supply. <br> 7. Physical condition of the classroom. <br> 8. Classroom overcrowding. |
| (1) | (901) | (902) | (903) | (904) | (905) | (906) |
| 05 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GOVT.... } 1 \\ & \text { PRIV...... } 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES ......... } 1 \\ & \text { NO ........... } 2 \\ & \text { DON'T } \\ & \text { KNOW...... } 8 \end{aligned}$ | $\qquad$ | $\begin{array}{llllll} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array}$ <br> (SPECIFY) |  |
| 06 |  | GOVT.... 1 <br> PRIV...... 2 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES ......... } 1 \\ & \text { NO ........... } 2 \\ & \text { DON'T } \\ & \text { KNOW...... } 8 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{llllll} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array}$ <br> (SPECIFY) |  |
| 07 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GOVT.... } 1 \\ & \text { PRIV...... } 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES ......... } 1 \\ & \text { NO ........... } 2 \\ & \text { DON'T } \\ & \text { KNOW...... } 8 \end{aligned}$ | $\qquad$ | $\begin{array}{llllll} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array}$ <br> (SPECIFY) |  |
| 08 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GOVT.... } 1 \\ & \text { PRIV...... } 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES ......... } 1 \\ & \text { NO ........... } 2 \\ & \text { DON'T } \\ & \text { KNOW...... } 8 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{llllll} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array}$ <br> (SPECIFY) |  |

## SECTION 9B: J UNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

TOTAL NO. OF JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS


| $\begin{aligned} & \text { SERIAL } \\ & \text { NO. } \end{aligned}$ | NAME(S) OF SCHOOL(S) ATTENDED BY CHILD(REN) | TYPE OF SCHOOL | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CLOSEST } \\ & \text { SCHOOL } \end{aligned}$ | VILLAGEI PLACE NAME | SCHOOL CHOICE | PROBLEMS WITH QUALITY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | CHECK 212 <br> FOR EACH <br> ELIGIBLE <br> CHILD. IF <br> CURRENTLY <br> ATTENDING <br> JUNIOR <br> SECONDARY <br> SCHOOL, <br> COPY SCHOOL <br> NAME FROM <br> 214. <br> LIST EACH <br> SCHOOL ONLY ONCE. | Is (NAME OF SCHOOL) a government or private school? | Is (NAME OF SCHOOL) the closest school to your household? | In which village or place is (NAME OF SCHOOL) located? | What is the main reason your (child/children) (attends/attend) (NAME OF SCHOOL) instead of some other school? <br> 1. CLOSEST SCHOOL WITH CLASS NEEDED OR PLACE AVAILABLE <br> 2. BETTER SCHOOL <br> 3. LESS EXPENSIVE <br> 4. RELIGION <br> 5. SAFER SCHOOL <br> 6. OTHER | In your opinion, please tell me whether (NAME OF SCHOOL) has a big problem, small problem, or no problem with the following things: <br> 1. School administration. <br> 2. Teacher performance. <br> 3. Teacher attendance. <br> 4. Pupils' performance. <br> 5. Pupils' safety at school. <br> 6. Availability of toilets and water supply. <br> 7. Physical condition of the classroom. <br> 8. Classroom overcrowding. |
| (1) | (907) | (908) | (909) | (910) | (911) | (912) |
| 01 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GOVT.... } 1 \\ & \text { PRIV...... } 2 \end{aligned}$ | YES $\qquad$ 1 <br> NO $\qquad$ 2 <br> DON'T <br> KNOW...... 8 |  | $\begin{array}{llllll} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array}$ <br> (SPECIFY) |  |
| 02 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GOVT.... } 1 \\ & \text { PRIV...... } 2 \end{aligned}$ | YES $\qquad$ <br> NO $\qquad$ 2 <br> DON'T <br> KNOW...... 8 |  | $\begin{array}{llllll} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array}$ <br> (SPECIFY) |  |
| 03 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GOVT.... } 1 \\ & \text { PRIV...... } 2 \end{aligned}$ | YES $\qquad$ <br> NO $\qquad$ 2 <br> DON'T <br> KNOW $\qquad$ |  | $\begin{array}{llllll} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array}$ <br> (SPECIFY) |  |
| 04 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GOVT.... } 1 \\ & \text { PRIV...... } 2 \end{aligned}$ | YES $\qquad$ <br> NO $\qquad$ 2 <br> DON'T KNOW...... 8 |  | $\begin{array}{llllll} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array}$ <br> (SPECIFY) |  |

SECTION 9B: J UNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHEDULE (CONTINUED)

| $\begin{gathered} \text { SERIAL } \\ \text { NO. } \end{gathered}$ | NAME(S) OF SCHOOL(S) ATTENDED BY CHILD(REN) | TYPE OF SCHOOL | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CLOSEST } \\ & \text { SCHOOL } \end{aligned}$ | VILLAGE/ PLACE NAME | SCHOOL CHOICE | PROBLEMS WITH QUALITY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | CHECK 212 <br> FOR EACH <br> ELIGIBLE <br> CHILD. IF <br> CURRENTLY <br> ATTENDING <br> JUNIOR <br> SECONDARY <br> SCHOOL, <br> COPY SCHOOL <br> NAME FROM <br> 214. <br> LIST EACH <br> SCHOOL ONLY <br> ONCE. | Is (NAME <br> OF <br> SCHOOL) <br> a <br> government <br> or private <br> school? | Is (NAME OF SCHOOL) the closest school to your household? | In which village or place is (NAME OF SCHOOL) located? | What is the main reason your (child/children) (attends/attend) (NAME OF SCHOOL) instead of some other school? <br> 1. CLOSEST SCHOOL WITH CLASS NEEDED OR PLACE AVAILABLE <br> 2. BETTER SCHOOL <br> 3. LESS EXPENSIVE <br> 4. RELIGION <br> 5. SAFER SCHOOL <br> 6. OTHER | In your opinion, please tell me whether (NAME OF SCHOOL) has a big problem, small problem, or no problem with the following things: <br> 1. School administration. <br> 2. Teacher performance. <br> 3. Teacher attendance. <br> 4. Pupils' performance. <br> 5. Pupils' safety at school. <br> 6. Availability of toilets and water supply. <br> 7. Physical condition of the classroom. <br> 8. Classroom overcrowding. |
| (1) | (907) | (908) | (909) | (910) | (911) | (912) |
| 05 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GOVT.... } 1 \\ & \text { PRIV...... } 2 \end{aligned}$ | YES $\qquad$ <br> NO $\qquad$ 2 <br> DON'T <br> KNOW...... 8 |  | $\begin{array}{llllll} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array}$ <br> (SPECIFY) |  |
| 06 |  | GOVT.... 1 <br> PRIV...... 2 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES ......... } 1 \\ & \text { NO ........... } 2 \\ & \text { DON'T } \\ & \text { KNOW...... } 8 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{llllll} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array}$ <br> (SPECIFY) |  |
| 07 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GOVT.... } 1 \\ & \text { PRIV...... } 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES ......... } 1 \\ & \text { NO ........... } 2 \\ & \text { DON'T } \\ & \text { KNOW...... } 8 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{llllll} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array}$ <br> (SPECIFY) |  |
| 08 |  | GOVT.... 1 <br> PRIV...... 2 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES ......... } 1 \\ & \text { NO ........... } 2 \\ & \text { DON'T } \\ & \text { KNOW...... } 8 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{llllll} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array}$ <br> (SPECIFY) |  |

## SECTION 9C: SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

TOTAL NO. OF SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS


| $\begin{aligned} & \text { SERIAL } \\ & \text { NO. } \end{aligned}$ | NAME(S) OF SCHOOL(S) ATTENDED BY CHILD(REN) | TYPE OF SCHOOL | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CLOSEST } \\ & \text { SCHOOL } \end{aligned}$ | VILLAGEI PLACE NAME | SCHOOL CHOICE | PROBLEMS WITH QUALITY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | CHECK 212 <br> FOR EACH <br> ELIGIBLE <br> CHILD. IF <br> CURRENTLY <br> ATTENDING <br> SENIOR <br> SECONDARY <br> SCHOOL, <br> COPY SCHOOL <br> NAME FROM <br> 214. <br> LIST EACH <br> SCHOOL ONLY ONCE. | Is (NAME OF SCHOOL) a government or private school? | Is (NAME OF SCHOOL) the closest school to your household? | In which village or place is (NAME OF SCHOOL) located? | What is the main reason your (child/children) (attends/attend) (NAME OF SCHOOL) instead of some other school? <br> 1. CLOSEST SCHOOL WITH CLASS NEEDED OR PLACE AVAILABLE <br> 2. BETTER SCHOOL <br> 3. LESS EXPENSIVE <br> 4. RELIGION <br> 5. SAFER SCHOOL <br> 6. OTHER | In your opinion, please tell me whether (NAME OF SCHOOL) has a big problem, small problem, or no problem with the following things: <br> 1. School administration. <br> 2. Teacher performance. <br> 3. Teacher attendance. <br> 4. Pupils' performance. <br> 5. Pupils' safety at school. <br> 6. Availability of toilets and water supply. <br> 7. Physical condition of the classroom. <br> 8. Classroom overcrowding. |
| (1) | (913) | (914) | (915) | (916) | (917) | (918) |
| 01 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GOVT.... } 1 \\ & \text { PRIV...... } 2 \end{aligned}$ | YES $\qquad$ 1 <br> NO $\qquad$ 2 <br> DON'T <br> KNOW...... 8 |  | $\begin{array}{llllll} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array}$ <br> (SPECIFY) |  |
| 02 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GOVT.... } 1 \\ & \text { PRIV...... } 2 \end{aligned}$ | YES $\qquad$ <br> NO $\qquad$ 2 <br> DON'T <br> KNOW...... 8 |  | $\begin{array}{llllll} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array}$ <br> (SPECIFY) |  |
| 03 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GOVT.... } 1 \\ & \text { PRIV...... } 2 \end{aligned}$ | YES $\qquad$ <br> NO $\qquad$ 2 <br> DON'T <br> KNOW $\qquad$ |  | $\begin{array}{llllll} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array}$ <br> (SPECIFY) |  |
| 04 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GOVT.... } 1 \\ & \text { PRIV...... } 2 \end{aligned}$ | YES $\qquad$ <br> NO $\qquad$ 2 <br> DON'T KNOW...... 8 |  | $\begin{array}{llllll} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array}$ <br> (SPECIFY) |  |

SECTION 9C: SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHEDULE (CONTINUED)

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { SERIAL } \\ & \text { NO. } \end{aligned}$ | NAME(S) OF SCHOOL(S) ATTENDED BY CHILD(REN) | TYPE OF SCHOOL | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CLOSEST } \\ & \text { SCHOOL } \end{aligned}$ | VILLAGEI PLACE NAME | SCHOOL CHOICE | PROBLEMS WITH QUALITY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | CHECK 212 <br> FOR EACH <br> ELIGIBLE <br> CHILD. IF <br> CURRENTLY <br> ATTENDING <br> SENIOR <br> SECONDARY <br> SCHOOL, <br> COPY SCHOOL <br> NAME FROM <br> 214. <br> LIST EACH $\qquad$ ONCE. | Is (NAME OF SCHOOL) <br> a government or private school? | Is (NAME OF SCHOOL) the closest school to your household? | In which village or place is (NAME OF SCHOOL) located? | What is the main reason your (child/children) (attends/attend) (NAME OF SCHOOL) instead of some other school? <br> 1. CLOSEST SCHOOL WITH CLASS NEEDED OR PLACE AVAILABLE <br> 2. BETTER SCHOOL <br> 3. LESS EXPENSIVE <br> 4. RELIGION <br> 5. SAFER SCHOOL <br> 6. OTHER | In your opinion, please tell me whether (NAME OF SCHOOL) has a big problem, small problem, or no problem with the following things: <br> 1. School administration. <br> 2. Teacher performance. <br> 3. Teacher attendance. <br> 4. Pupils' performance. <br> 5. Pupils' safety at school. <br> 6. Availability of toilets and water supply. <br> 7. Physical condition of the classroom. <br> 8. Classroom overcrowding. |
| (1) | (913) | (914) | (915) | (916) | (917) | (918) |
| 05 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GOVT.... } 1 \\ & \text { PRIV...... } 2 \end{aligned}$ | YES ......... 1 NO ........... 2 DON'T KNOW...... 8 |  | $\begin{array}{llllll} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array}$ <br> (SPECIFY) |  |
| 06 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GOVT.... } 1 \\ & \text { PRIV...... } 2 \end{aligned}$ | YES ......... 1 NO ........... 2 DON'T KNOW...... 8 |  | $\begin{array}{llllll} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array}$ <br> (SPECIFY) |  |
| 07 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { GOVT.... } 1 \\ & \text { PRIV...... } 2 \end{aligned}$ | YES ......... 1 NO ........... 2 DON'T KNOW...... 8 |  | $\begin{array}{llllll} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array}$ <br> (SPECIFY) |  |
| 08 |  | $\begin{array}{\|l} \text { GOVT.... } 1 \\ \text { PRIV...... } 2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YES ......... } 1 \\ & \text { NO ........... } 2 \\ & \text { DON'T } \\ & \text { KNOW...... } 8 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{llllll} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{array}$ <br> (SPECIFY) |  |

## SECTION 10: INTERVIEWER'S OBSERVATIONS

TO BE COMPLETED AFTER COMPLETING ALL INTERVIEWS FOR THE HOUSEHOLD1. IS THIS A MULTI-FAMILY HOUSEHOLD?
YES .....  1
NO. ..... 22. WAS THE INTERVIEW CONDUCTED IN PRIVATE?
YES .....  .13. WHO WAS PRESENT WHILE THE INTERVIEW WAS BEING CONDUCTED? CODE ALL THAT APPLY.MOTHER 1
FATHER .....  2
STEP/FOSTER PARENT .....  3
GRANDMOTHER/GRANDFATHER .....  .4
SISTER/BROTHER .....  5
AUNT/UNCLE .....  6
SISTER/BROTHER-IN-LAW .....  7
OTHER RELATIVE .....  8
NON-RELATIVE ..... 9
CHILD ..... 10
NONE ..... 11
4. WAS THE INTERVIEW CONDUCTED INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE HOME?
NSIDE THE HOME .....  1
OUTSIDE THE HOME ..... 2
5. WHO ASSISTED THE PARENT IN COMPLETING THE INTERVIEW? CODE ALL THAT APPLY
MOTHER ..... 1
FATHER ..... 2
STEP/FOSTER PARENT .....  3
GRANDMOTHER/GRANDFATHER ..... 4
SISTER/BROTHER .....  5
AUNT/UNCLE. ..... 6
SISTER/BROTHER-IN-LAW ..... 7
OTHER RELATIVE .....  8
NON-RELATIVE ..... 9
CHILD ..... 10
NONE ..... 116. DID THE PARENT WANT TO REVIEW THE QUESTIONNAIRE?
YES .....  1
NO ..... 27. HOW WILLING WAS THE PARENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEY?WILLING 1
SOMEWHAT WILLING .....  2
UNWILLING. .....  3
8. IN GENERAL, WAS THE PARENT'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE SURVEY QUESTIONS GOOD, FAIR OR POOR?
GOOD .....  1
FAIR. .....  2
POOR ..... 3
9. WAS THE CHILD'S(REN'S) SCHOOL OFFICIALLY CLOSED FOR SUMMER BREAK?
YES .....  1
NO. ..... 2
10. DID THE PARENT KNOW THE AGE OF THE CHILD(REN)?
YES .....  1
NO ..... 2
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$\qquad$

ANY OTHER COMMENTS
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SUPERVISOR'S OBSERVATIONS
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NAME OF THE SUPERVISOR: $\qquad$

DATE: $\qquad$

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[^0]:    Suggested citation:

    National Population Commission (Nigeria) and RTI International, 2011. Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) EdData Profile 1990, 2003, and 2008: Education Data for Decision-Making. 2011. Washington, DC, USA: National Population Commission and RTI International.

[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ The FCT was moved from Lagos to Abuja in 1991.

[^2]:    ${ }^{2}$ CBN Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2008.
    ${ }^{3} \mathrm{CBN}$, ibid.

[^3]:    $20 \mid$ NEDS Parent/Guardian Respondents'
    Background Characteristics

[^4]:    4 The survey assumed that respondents can read by the secondary level of schooling.

[^5]:    $22 \mid$ NEDS Parent/Guardian Respondents
    Background Characteristics

[^6]:    24 |NEDS Parent/Guardian Respondents,
    Background Characteristics

[^7]:    $26 \mid$ NEDS Parent/Guardian Respondents'

[^8]:    $28 \mid$ NEDS Parent/Guardian Respondents'
    Background Characteristics

[^9]:    ${ }^{5}$ The 2010 NEDS collected literacy data on children 5-16 and tested all children in school in English first. Comparison with the 2004 NDES results will be limited to like age groups and 2010 Literacy will include English and the three major local languages (Hausa, Igbo, and Yoruba).

[^10]:    ${ }^{6}$ The percent of children who have lost their mother (or their father) was calculated by summing the percentages of children who have lost that parent in each of the relevant categories of living arrangements (living with father, living with mother, not living with either parent). For example, the percentage of children who have lost their father ( 6.7 percent) is equal to the percent of children living with their mother whose father is dead ( 3.9 percent) plus the percent of children not living with either parent whose mother only is alive ( 2.1 percent) plus the percent of children not living with either parent whose parents are both dead ( 0.7 percent)

[^11]:    ${ }^{7}$ Consequently, the NDES has not used data on children older than 9 years/ 11 months.
    ${ }^{8}$ Stunting is widely believed to occur mainly in early childhood (mostly by age 3 ) through a cumulative process of pre-natal, infant, and early childhood malnutrition, and has been considered irreversible.

[^12]:    ${ }^{9}$ Data are presented for male and female children in the same age range, and according to the growth reference curves established by CDC/NCHS for school-age children. All three indices-height-for-weight, weight-for height, and weight-for-age-were available for female children up to 120 months ( 10 years) and less than 137 cm in height, and for male children up to 138 months ( 11.5 years) and less than 145 cm in height. In order to present information on all three measures for children in the same age group, this report presents anthropometric data for all children age 7 years/ 0 months through age 9 years/ 11 months.

[^13]:    ${ }^{10}$ The evidence from studies of school-age children suggests that boys are more likely to be stunted and underweight than girls; and in some countries, they are more likely to be wasted than girls.

[^14]:    ${ }^{11}$ During questionnaire design it was noted in 2004 that $96 \%$ of 4 -year olds could not read, as was expected since reading instruction is not required before kindergarten. Also, the age limit is extended to effectively cover the basic education age range that includes the primary and junior secondary schooling.
    ${ }^{12}$ A straight comparison cannot be made with the 2004 NDES because of the different age range use in the 2010 NEDS.

[^15]:    ${ }^{13}$ Table 4.5.4 is included to show literacy rates by age categories that align with UBE standards. These results are not discussed in the report.

[^16]:    ${ }^{14}$ In the 2004 NDES survey, private schools were differentiated by private non-religious and religious.

[^17]:    ${ }^{15}$ In the 2004 NDES, multiple responses were allowed, whereas the 2010 NEDS only a single response was allowed. As a result, we can compare trends, but not specific percentages for each category

[^18]:    ${ }^{16}$ The survey asked about reasons for children not attending school at the time of the survey because if a child is 12 years old and has never attended school, there may have been various reasons at different points in time. Perhaps at age 6 , the child was considered not able to walk the distance to school, but at age 10 , the child was needed to do work to support the household.

[^19]:    ${ }^{17}$ Poor school quality includes one or more of the following factors: teachers not performing well, lack of pupil safety at school, school buildings or facilities being in poor condition, and overcrowded classrooms being overcrowded.

[^20]:    ${ }^{18}$ US\$1 $=$ 150 (March 2010)

[^21]:    ${ }^{19}$ Because the overwhelming majority of secondary school students attend government schools, the tables in this chapter, and in others, do not present results by school type, in part, because the sample size is inadequate for schools of other types.

[^22]:    ${ }^{20}$ Parents/guardians were not asked to answer "yes" or "no" to specific benefits, but instead were asked to list benefits without prompting. The interviewer then recorded the benefits listed by the respondent.

[^23]:    ${ }^{21}$ Primary school pupils attending boarding schools were not included in the calculations because parent/guardians would be less likely to know whether their children had missed school during the given week of school.

[^24]:    ${ }^{22}$ The number of students absent from school during the week before the household interview was insufficient to allow the presentation of data on the reasons for absenteeism.

[^25]:    $142 \mid$ Absenteeism Among Primary School Pupils
    and Secondary SchoolStudents

[^26]:    144 |Absenteeism Among Primary School Pupils
    and Secondary School Students

[^27]:    ${ }^{23}$ The survey assumed that people who reached and/or completed secondary schooling can read.

