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1 Egypt Country Profile¹

1-1 General Information

Official Name:	The Arab Republic of Egypt
Capital	Cairo
Area	1,001,450 km ²
Languages	Arabic (Official) English and French are widely spoken among the intelligencia
Nature of the Regime	Presidential - Republic
GNP	42 Billion Dollars (1994)
GNP per Capita	\$720 (1994)
Economic Growth Rate	1.3 (for the period 1994 - 1995)

1-2 Administration

Administratively, Egypt is divided into 26 Governorates (see map). The four Urban Governorates (Cairo, Alexandria, Portsaid and Suez) have no rural population. Each of the 22 other Governorates are subdivided into Urban and Rural. Nine of these are located in the Nile Delta (Lower Egypt), and eight in the Nile Valley (Upper Egypt). The remaining five Frontier Governorates are located on the eastern and western boundaries of Egypt.

1-3 Population

- The total population of Egypt was estimated to be 60,236,000 in January, 1996 (excluding Egyptians who are living abroad).
 - 20% of the total population live in the Urban Governorates,
 - 43% live in Lower Egypt,
 - 35% live in Upper Egypt,
 - 5% live in Frontier Governorates.
- The population density for the country as a whole is 1,000 persons/km² in the inhabited areas (At the beginning of 1996). The density for Cairo, as a whole, exceeds 33,000 persons/km²; moreover, the density in some kisms comes over 110,000 persons/km².

Table 1: Trends of Population Growth and Urbanization Rate within the Period 1937 - 1996

Year	Total population in millions	% Urban	% Rural
1937	15,921	28.2	71.8
1947	18,967	33.5	66.5
1960	26,085	38.2	61.8
1966	30,076	40.0	58.8
1976	36,626	43.8	56.2
1986	48,254	44.0	56.0
1995	58,978	NA	NA
1996	60,236	NA	NA

¹ Information in this chapter is based on data from World Bank Reports 1993-1996, Demographic and Health Survey 1992 and 1995 and CAPMAS 1996.

1-4 Education

Percentage of women from 15-49 who are literate = 46.5%

Percentage of women from 15-49 with completed primary education = 47.3%

Percentage of men from 15-49 with completed primary education = 67.6%

Percentage of girls from 6-12 attending school = 78.1%

Percentage of girls from 6-12 attending school = 88.1%

Table 2: Educational level of female household population in relation to place of residence

Place of residence	No Education	Some Primary	Primary through secondary	Completed secondary/higher
Urban Governorates	20.4	27.2	26.1	26.3
Lower Egypt	33.0	29.8	20.7	16.5
Urban	18.8	28.9	25.5	26.8
Rural	38.9	30.2	18.7	12.2
Upper Egypt	48.3	26.1	15.5	10.1
Urban	24.1	29.7	23.2	23.0
Rural	59.1	24.5	12.0	4.4
Frontier Governorates	33.9	25.8	21.0	19.2
Total	35.4	27.9	20.1	16.5

1-5 Health Indicators

Infant Mortality

Figure 1: Trend of Infant Mortality in Egypt

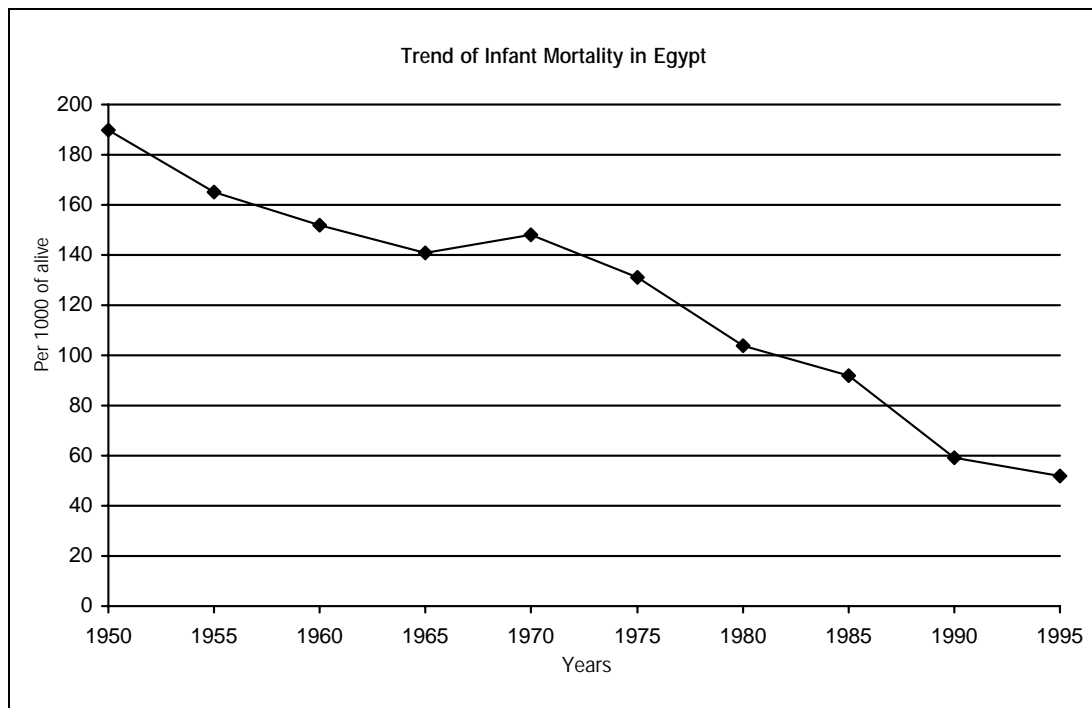


Figure 2: Infant Mortality Rate according to area of residence

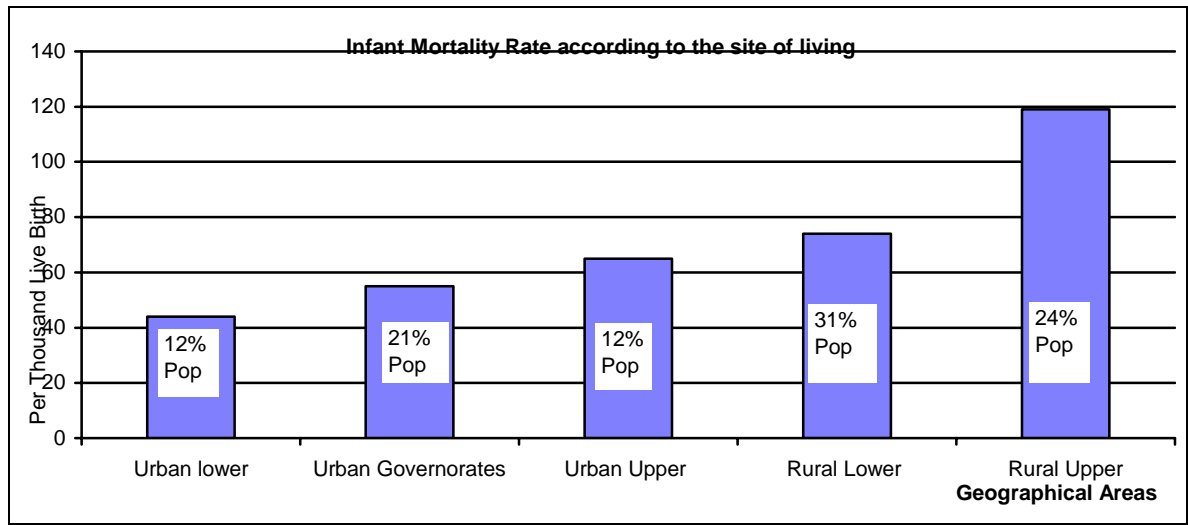


Figure 3: Infant Mortality Rate in relation to mother's education:

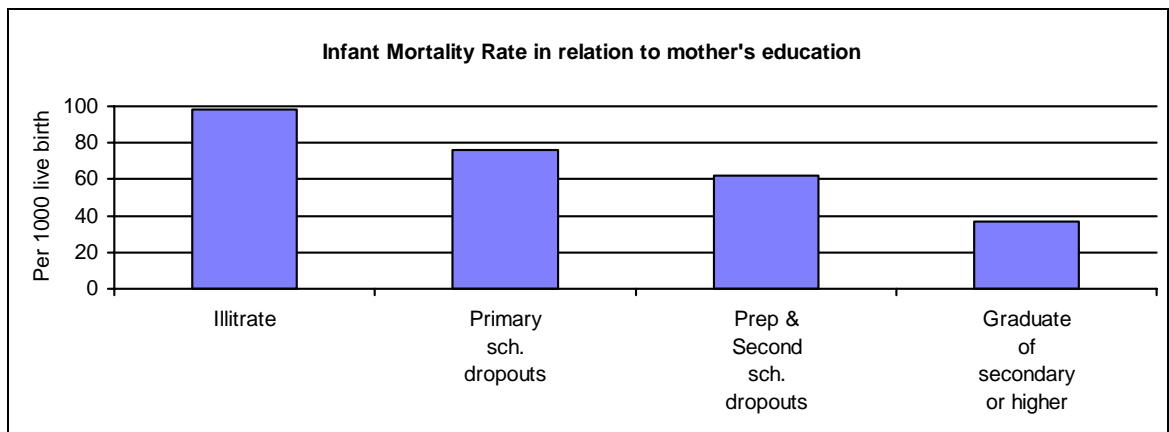


Figure 4: Trends in life expectancy at Birth:

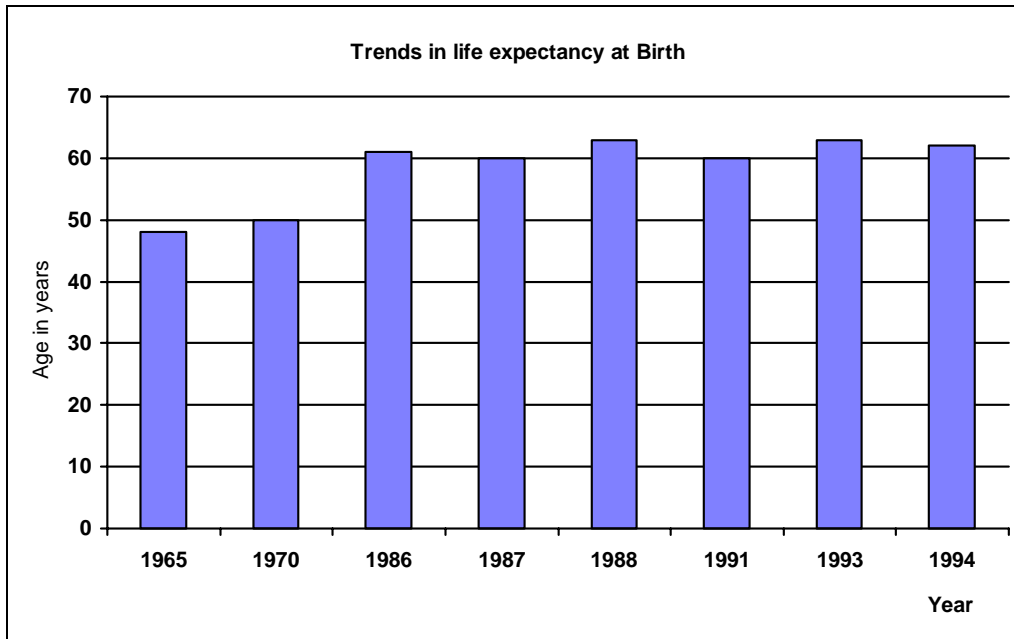


Figure 5: Nutritional Status of Egyptian children in relation to their residence:

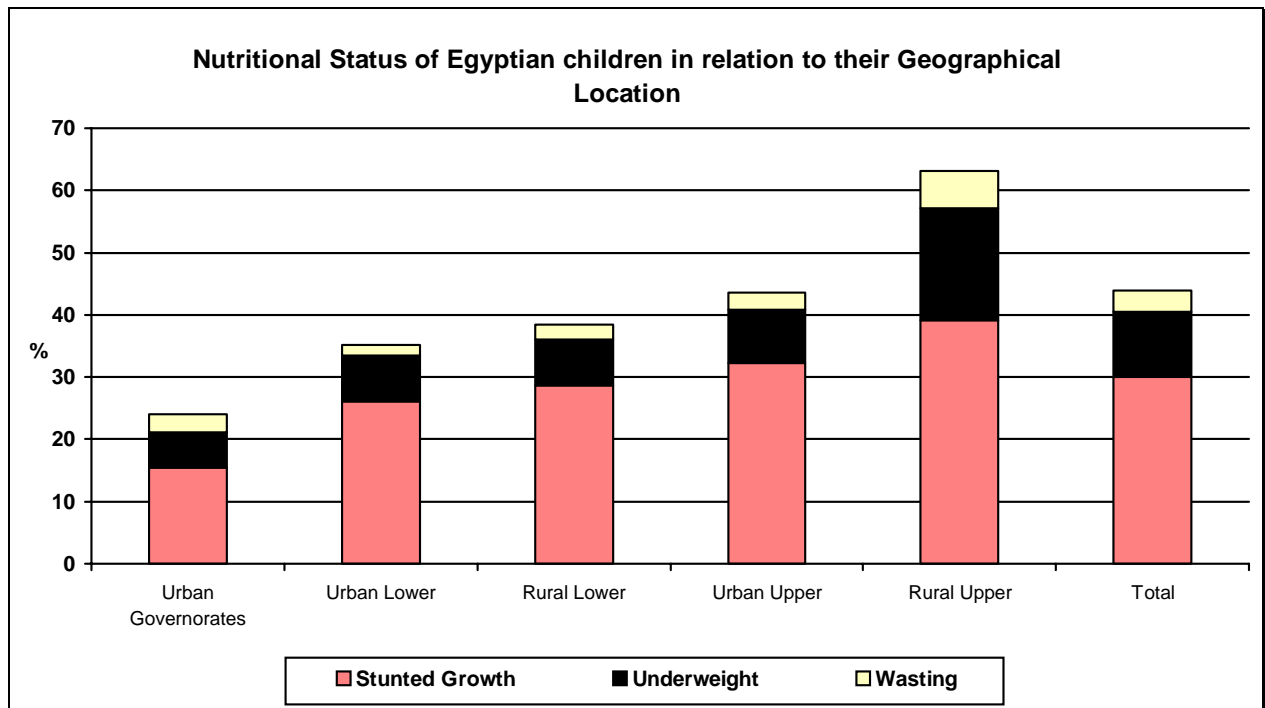


Table 3: Contribution of causes of death among different age group children.

Disease Categories	Newly born	Infants	Children
Congenital Anomalies	8	2	2
Perinatal complications	50	12	8
Diarrheal diseases	10	48	47
Acute Respiratory Infections	12	28	32
Other Communicable Diseases	0	0	3
Others	20	10	8

