# Trinidad and Tobago

MICS

Multiple Indicator
Cluster Surveys

## Snapshot of Key Findings

# **Sample & Survey Characteristics**

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The Trinidad and Tobago Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) was carried out from August to December 2022 by the Central Statistical Office in collaboration with UNICEF, as part of the Global MICS Programme. Technical support was provided by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), with government funding and financial support of UNICEF.

The Global MICS Programme was developed by UNICEF in the 1990s as an international multi-purpose household survey programme to support countries in collecting internationally comparable data on a wide range of indicators on the situation of children and women. MICS surveys measure key indicators that allow countries to generate data for use in policies, programmes, and national development plans, and to monitor progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and other internationally agreed upon commitments. In this regard, Trinidad and Tobago has aligned its National Development Strategy 2016-2030, also known as Vision 2030, with the SDGs, so that progress towards one redounds to the other.

The objective of this snapshot of key findings is to facilitate the dissemination and use of the results from the Trinidad and Tobago MICS 2022. The survey methodology and detailed tabulations based on the data collected are available in the Survey Findings Report.

For more information on the Global MICS Programme, please go to mics.unicef.org.

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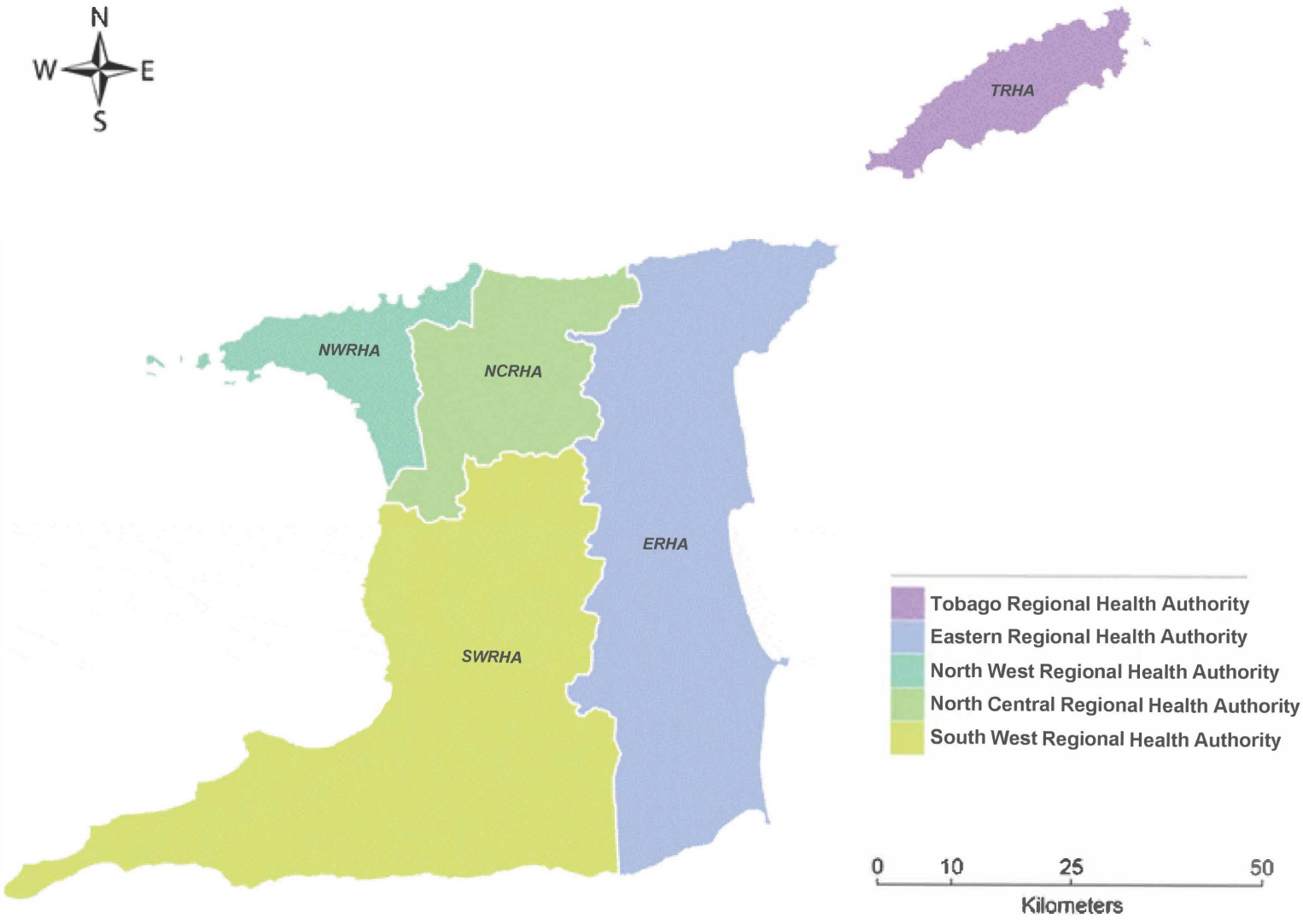


# Trinidad and Tobago 2022

## Sample & Survey Characteristics

Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys

## Response Rates

| Household | Number | Response rates |
|---|---|---|
| Sampled | 8969 | |
| Occupied | 8181 | |
| Interviewed | 7499 | 92 |

### Women age 15-49

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Eligible for interview | 5895 | |
| Interviewed | 5523 | 94 |

### Children under 5

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Eligible for interview | 1730 | |
| Mothers/Caretakers interviewed | 1656 | 96 |

### Children age 5-17

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Eligible for interview | 3251 | |
| Mothers/Caretakers interviewed | 3131 | 96 |

## Survey Implementation

**Implementing agency:**
Central Statistical Office

**Sampling Frame:**
Trinidad and Tobago 2011 Population and Housing Census

**Listing & Mapping:**
February-August 2019

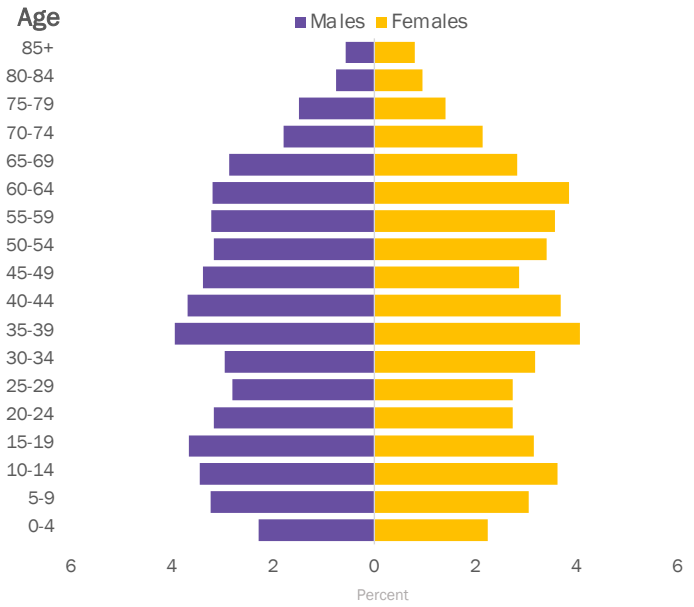
**Interviewer training:**
June - July 2022

**Fieldwork:**
August -December 2022

**Questionnaires:**
Household
Women age 15-49
Children under 5
Children age 5-17
Water Quality Testing

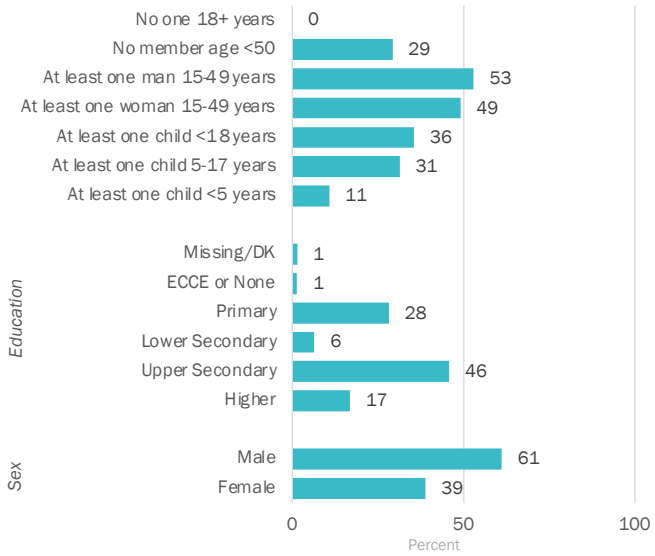
# Population Characteristics

## Household Population Age & Sex Distribution



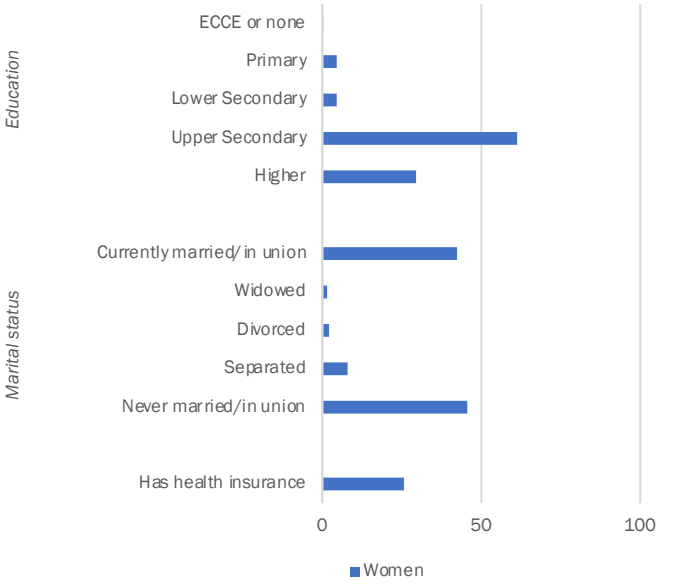

Percent distribution of household population by age group and sex

## Household Composition & Characteristics of Head of household



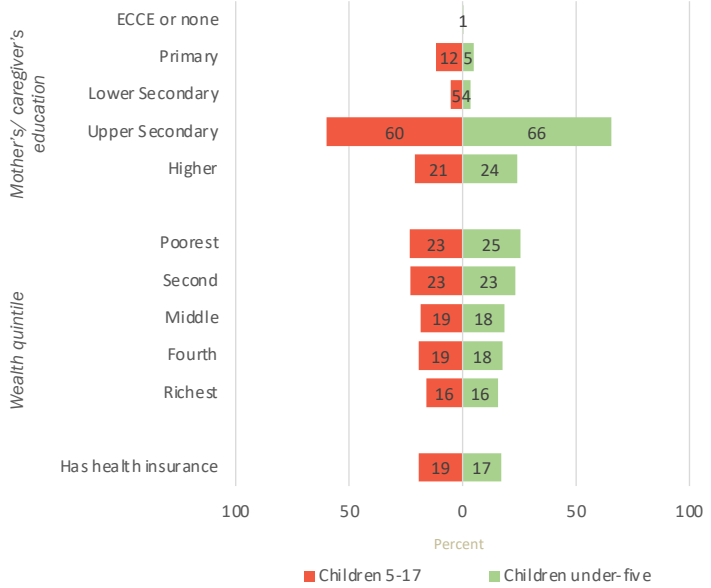

Percent of households by selected characteristics

## Women's Profile



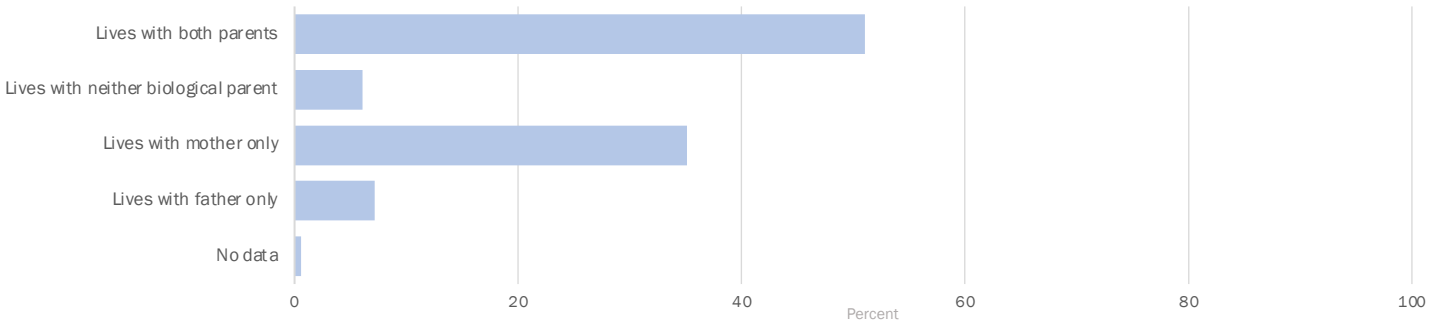

Percent distribution of women age 15-49 by background characteristics

## Children's Profile




Percent distribution of children age 5-17 and under-five by background characteristics.
Data for "Mother's education: Missing/DK" are based on 25-49 unweighted cases

## Children's Living Arrangements*




Percent distribution of children age 0-17 years according to living arrangements
*Children age 0-17 years

## Regional Distribution of Population (percent)

| Region | Households | Women 15-49 | Children under 5 | Children 5-17 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| National | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| North-West RHA | 21 | 20 | 20 | 21 |
| North-Central RHA | 25 | 28 | 27 | 27 |
| Eastern RHA | 9 | 8 | 11 | 9 |
| South-West RHA | 40 | 39 | 37 | 39 |
| Tobago RHA | 5 | 5 | 6 | 5 |

## Key Messages

- In Trinidad and Tobago, the MICS had an overall response rate of 92%, while the response rates for the targeted women and children sub-populations ranged from 94% to 96%.
- The population pyramid showed that the largest proportion of the population was in the 35-39 year age group for both sexes.
- Only 11 out of 100 households had a child below the age of 5 years, while 29 out of 100 households had no member below the age of 50 years.
- A little over 3 in every 5 households were headed by males (61%).
- Overall, 63% of household heads and 90% of all mothers/caregivers had at least an upper secondary education.
- The percentage of women who were never married/in union was 45%, while the percentage who were married/in union at the time of the survey was 42%.
- Just over half the children aged 0-17 years lived with both biological parents, another 35% lived with their mother only while 6% lived with neither biological parent.
- Only 25% of women, 10% of children aged 5-17 years and 17% of children under 5 years had health insurance.

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# Mass Media, Communications &

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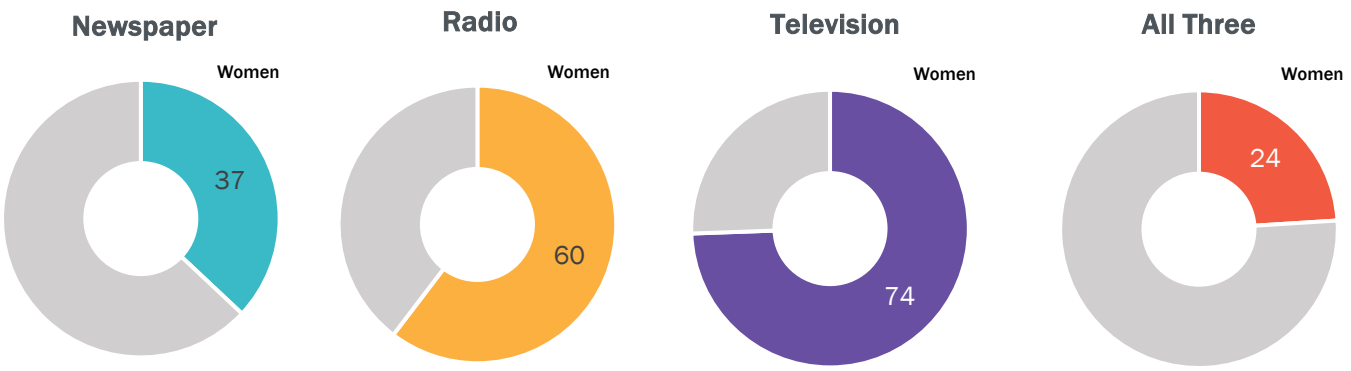
## Exposure to Mass Media




Percentage of women age 15-49 years who are exposed to specific mass media (newspaper, radio, television) on a weekly basis and percentage of women age 15-49 who are exposed to all three on a weekly basis

## Inequalities in Exposure to Mass Media

### Women Exposed to Newspaper, Radio & Television Weekly

Percentage of women age 15-49 years who are exposed to newspaper, radio, and television on a weekly basis

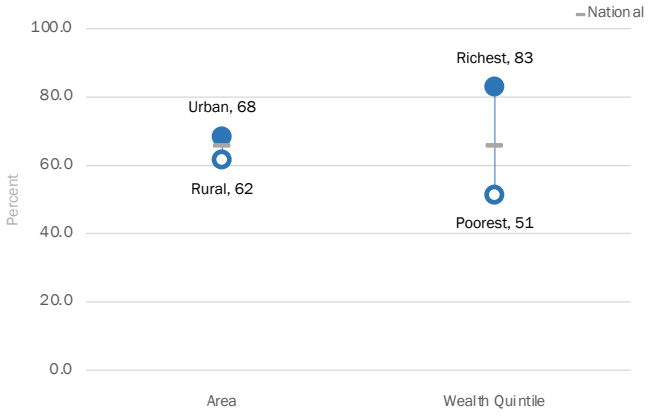
## Household Ownership of Information & Communication Technology (ICT) Equipment & Internet at Home

| Region | Radio | Television | Telephone- Fixed line | Telephone- Mobile | Computer or Tablet | Internet at Home |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **National** | **66** | **92** | **29** | **97** | **61** | **84** |
| North-West RHA | 67 | 94 | 34 | 97 | 63 | 84 |
| North-Central RHA | 67 | 93 | 37 | 98 | 71 | 91 |
| Eastern RHA | 55 | 85 | 18 | 89 | 49 | 73 |
| South-West RHA | 67 | 92 | 23 | 97 | 56 | 80 |
| Tobago RHA | 64 | 89 | 36 | 98 | 63 | 89 |

Percentage of households which own a radio, television-fixed line, telephone- mobile, computer and that have access to the internet at home

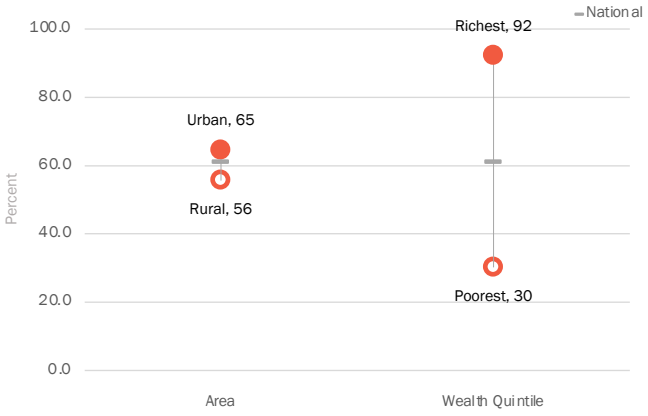
## Inequalities in Household Ownership of ICT Equipment & Internet at Home

### Household Ownership of a Radio



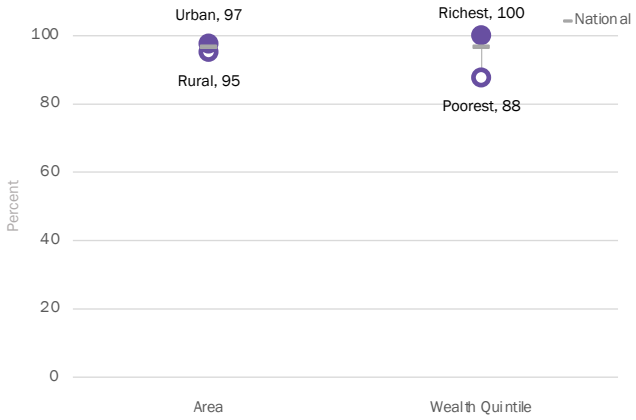

Percentage of households with a radio at home

### Household Ownership of a Computer/Tablet



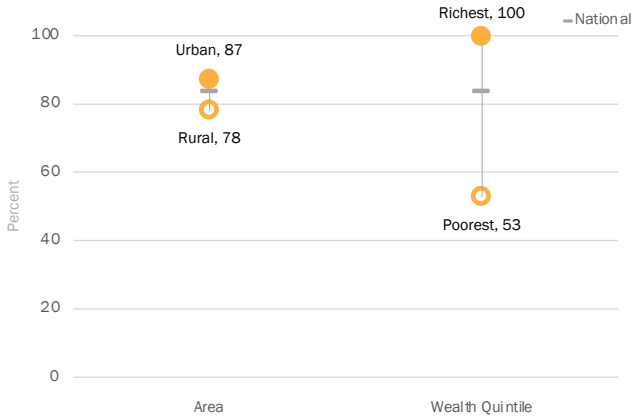

Percentage of households with a computer/tablet at home

### Household Ownership of a Mobile Telephone




Percentage of households with mobile telephone

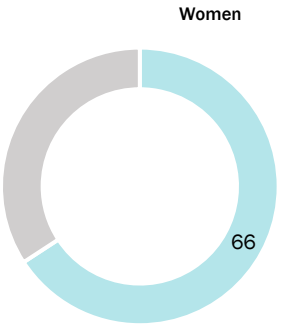
### Households with Internet



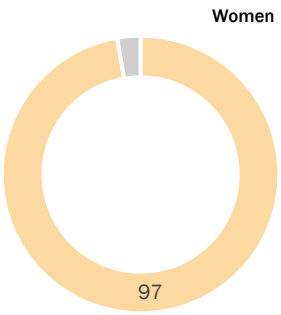

Percentage of households with access to the internet at home

## Use of Information & Communication Technology

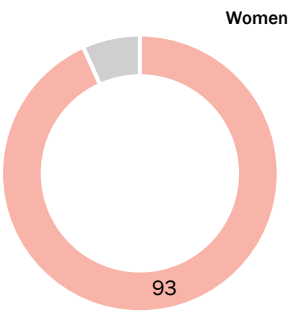
### Computer Use




### Mobile Phone Use



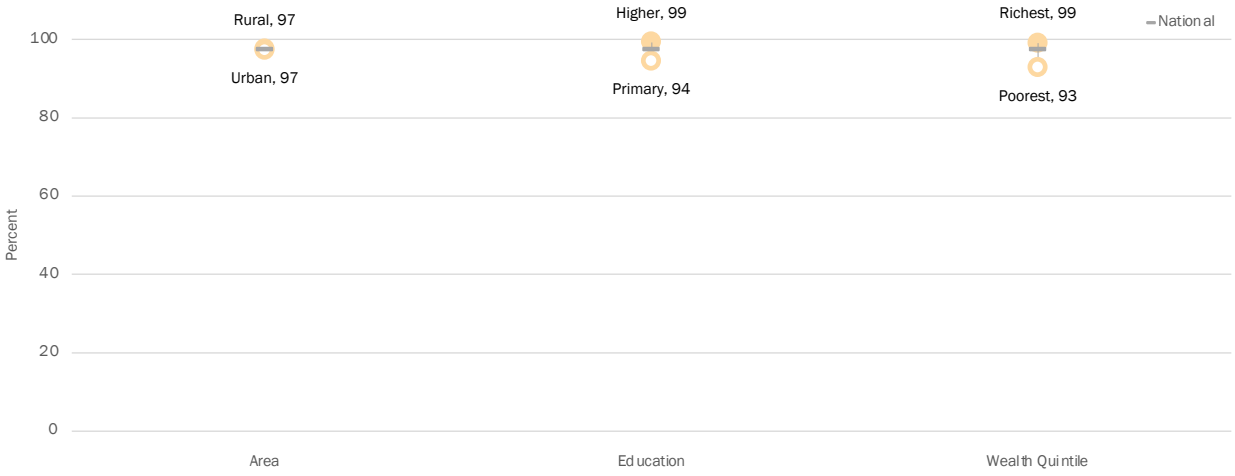

### Internet Use: SDG17.8.1




Percentage of women age 15-49 years who during the last 3 months used a computer, used a mobile phone and used the internet

## Disparities in Use of Information & Communication Technology

### Disparities in Mobile Phone Use among Women




Percentage of women age 15-49 years who during the last 3 months used a mobile phone

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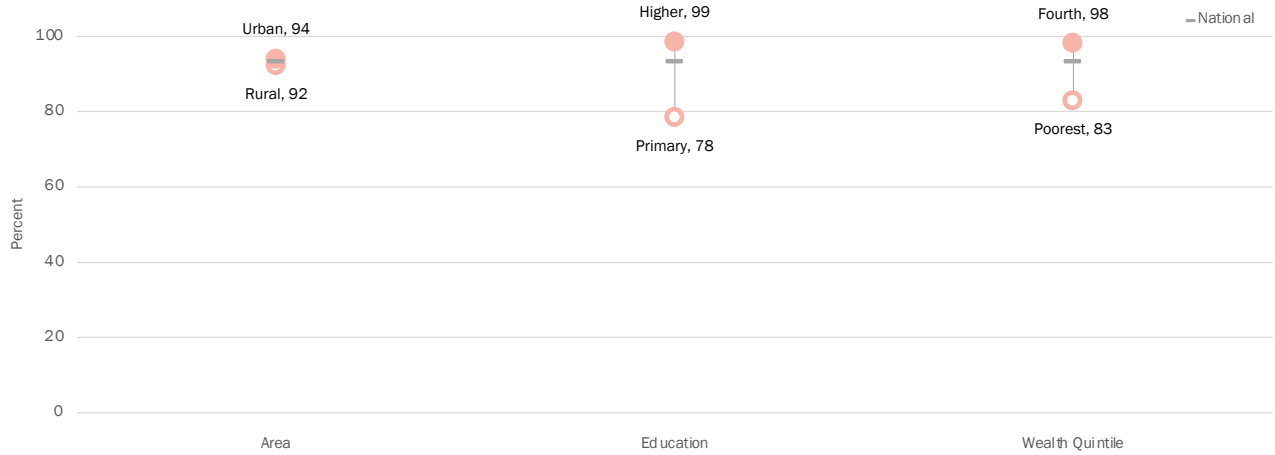
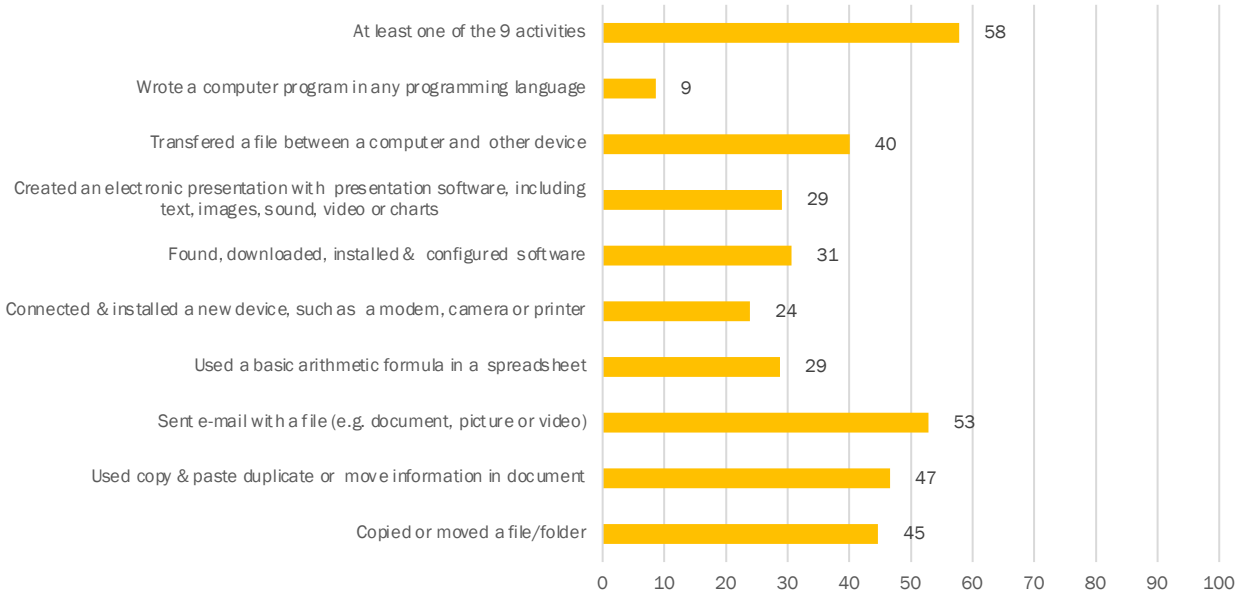



Percentage of women age 15-49 years who used the internet in the last 3 months

## Specific Computer Skills




Percentage of women age 15-49 years who in the last 3 months have carried out specific computer related activities and the percentage who have carried out at least one of these activities

## Regional Data on ICT Use & Skills among Women

| Region | Computer Use | Mobile Phone Use | Internet Use | Performed at Least 1 computer-related activity |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **National** | **66** | **97** | **93** | **58** |
| North-West RHA | 66 | 96 | 91 | 57 |
| North-Central RHA | 74 | 98 | 97 | 66 |
| Eastern RHA | 52 | 98 | 93 | 45 |
| South-West RHA | 63 | 97 | 92 | 54 |
| Tobago RHA | 70 | 97 | 95 | 64 |

Percentage of women age 15-49 years who during the last 3 months used a computer, used a mobile phone and used the internet and percentage who performed at least 1 computer-related activity

# Key Messages

- On a weekly basis, almost a quarter of all women 15-49 years (24%) were exposed to the newspapers, radio or television.
- 97% of all households had someone who owned a mobile telephone, 84% had internet access at home and 61% had someone who owned a computer or tablet
- 58% of women possessed ICT skills.
- Disparities were seen between women with higher education (30%) than those with primary education (13%) in exposure to mass media and internet use.
- Possession rates varied by wealth, with the women in the richest households (100%) almost twice as likely to have internet and more than three times as likely to own a computer or tablet (92%) than women in the poorest households (53%) and (30%) respectively.
- In the ERHA, 52 out of 100 women used the computer in the last 3 months while in the NCRHA, it was 74 out of 100.
- Additionally 45% in ERHA had ICT skills compared to 66% in NCRHA.