# BUSIA COUNTY

# Child Survival and its Determinants

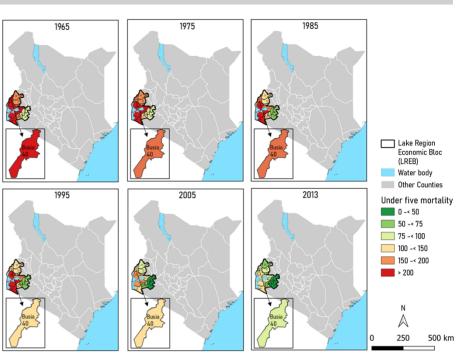
### **1.General Profile**



Year	2009	2019
Total population*	488,075	893,681
Female of childbearing age (15-49)**	152,818	186,416
Population under five years**	143,592	152,633
Urban population*	-	94,292
Population with primary school education*		417,541
Average rainfall (mm)***	1,568	1,539

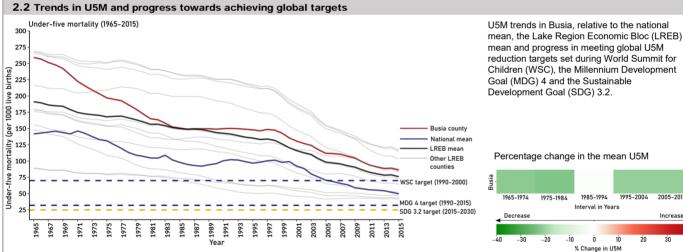
## 2.Under-five mortality (U5M), 1965-2015

#### 2.1 U5M (per 1000 live births)



Data Sources: \* KNBS 2009 & 2019 KNPHC. \*\*World Pop. \*\*\* Kenva Meteorological Department

Mean U5M per 1000 live births in Busia and LREB every 10 years between 1965 and 2013.



Percentage change in the mean U5M



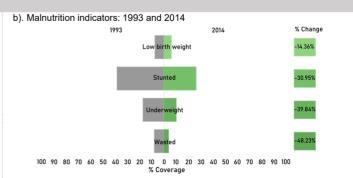
#### 3. Determinants of Child Survival, 1993-2014

#### 3.1 Child Factors

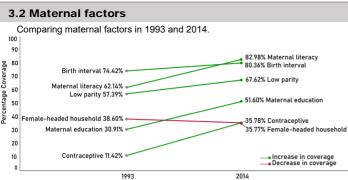




Coverage of breast feeding indicators, and the percentage change between 1993 and 2014. Green indicates an improvement and red a decline. The darker the green the greater the improvement.



Coverage of malnutrition indicators, and the percentage change between 1993 and 2014. Red indicates deterioration in the indicator and green an improvement.



Note: Birth interval - the proportion of children with a preceding or succeeding birth interval > 24 months.

Low parity-the proportion of women aged,<30 years with less than 3 or aged >29 years with less than 5 children

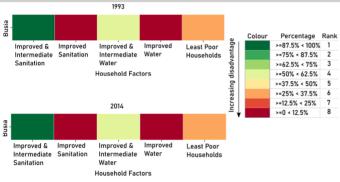
Maternal education - The proportion of mothers (15-49 years) who had greater than primary education at the time of the survey.

### 3.4 Household factors

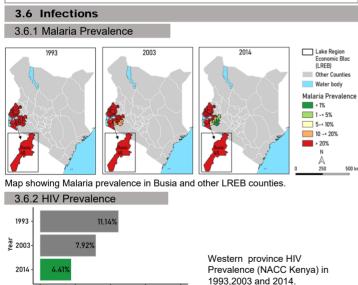
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10 15 HIV Prevalence (%)



Note: Improved sanitation - proportion of households who have access to flush toilet facilities. Improved and intermediate sanitation have access to any form of a toilet facility. Improved water is the proportion of households who have access to piped water for drinking. Improved and intermediate have access to either piped or boreholes/wells water for drinking. Least poor households - proportion of households considered not poor comprising of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quintiles of the wealth index.

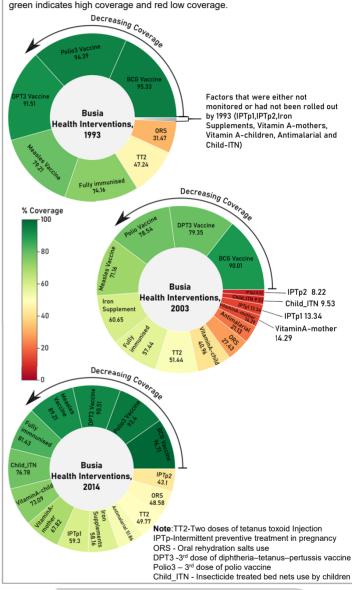


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#### 3.3 Health Care Utilization Comparing health care utilization coverage in 1993 and 2014. 100 94.97% Antenatal care(ANC1) Antenatal care(ANC1) 94 36% 90 80 Percentage Coverage 70 Antenatal care(ANC4) 70.86% 61.65% Fever/Cough treatment 61.65% Fever/Lougn treatment 60.23% Antenatal care(ANC4) 59.17% Health facility delivery(HFD) 58.04% Skilled birth attendance(SBA) 60 50 Diarrhoea treatment 45.32% ever/Cough treatment 45.11% 54 82% Diarrhoea treatment Fever/Cou Skilled birth atte 40 30 Health facility delivery(HFD) 28.44% 20 Increase in coverage Decrease in coverage 10 n 1993 2014

### 3.5 Health Interventions

Coverage of child and maternal health interventions in 1993, 2003 and 2014.Dark green indicates high coverage and red low coverage.



#### Key Messages

- Despite having a U5M rate higher than the national and regional mean, U5M in Busia has been declining at a rate >20% except between 1985 and 1994, where progress slowed down with a reduced rate of 1.3%. However, by 2014, the U5M was still 71.19% higher than the national mean at 89.07 per 1000 live births and the fourth highest in LREB after Kisumu.
- HIV prevalence decreased across the years, but Malaria prevalence remained high despite having higher malaria intervention coverage than other counties. In fact, Busia had the highest coverage in the usage of treated bed nets, recommended antimalarials, and IPTp2.
- There was negligible changes in the proportion of children breastfed continually after six months. However, other breastfeeding practices and nutritional status improved with the changes varying between 14% - 187%.
- Maternal education improved but remained the lowest in LREB at 51%.
- In 2014, 59% of pregnant women accessed health facilities for delivery, a significant improvement from 28% in 1993. Conversely, the proportion of women receiving antenatal care (ANC1) decreased by (10%) points though it remained the highest in the region.
- Overall, in terms of maternal and child health interventions, Busia seemed to be doing well, being the only county with more than 40% coverage across all health interventions by 2014.
- Access to sanitation and clean water for drinking is among the highest in the region, though only 12.5% of households had access to piped water for drinking.
- Despite significant progress observed across most determinants, Busia lagged in terms of household wealth, with less than 38% of households classified as least poor by 2014.