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Introduction

This report presents statistics on live births in Abu Dhabi Emirate in 2012. Statistics of births in the years 2002, 2007 and 2011 are included to show trends in fertility. It contains numbers of live births, sex ratios, fertility rates and relative distribution of births by month. It also covers birth indicators and General Fertility rates tabulated among other attributes, citizenship, gender and region.

The first section provides a brief summary of the key statistics supported by figures to highlight trends, regional variation and seasonal patterns.

The second section provides detailed statistical tables for readers who wish to analyze the data more closely.

The main source for these statistics is the Health Authority - Abu Dhabi (HAAD). SCAD acknowledges the productive partnership with HAAD which aims to continue improve the coverage and quality of birth statistics.

The Explanatory Notes section at the end of this report provides an explanation of the key terms and technical concepts used for births and fertility. Readers are encouraged to refer to that section in conjunction with reading the statistics and information outlined in the report.

Key Indicators, Abu Dhabi Emirate, 2012

Births	
Total	34,358*
Citizens	15,170
Non-Citizens	19,131
*Including 57 cases with not stated citizenship or gender and 249 cases who were born outside UAE and registered in HAAD	
Sex Ratio at Birth (Males per 100 Females)	
Total	103.4
Citizens	103.4
Non-Citizens	103.3
Crude Birth Rate (Per 1000 Population)	
Total	14.7
Citizens	31.8
Non-Citizens	10.3
General Fertility Rate (Births Per 1000 women Aged 15-49 years)	
Total	79.4
Citizens Females	123.1
Non-Citizens Females	61.8
Total Fertility Rate	
Total	2.3
Citizen Females	3.8
Non-Citizen Females	1.7

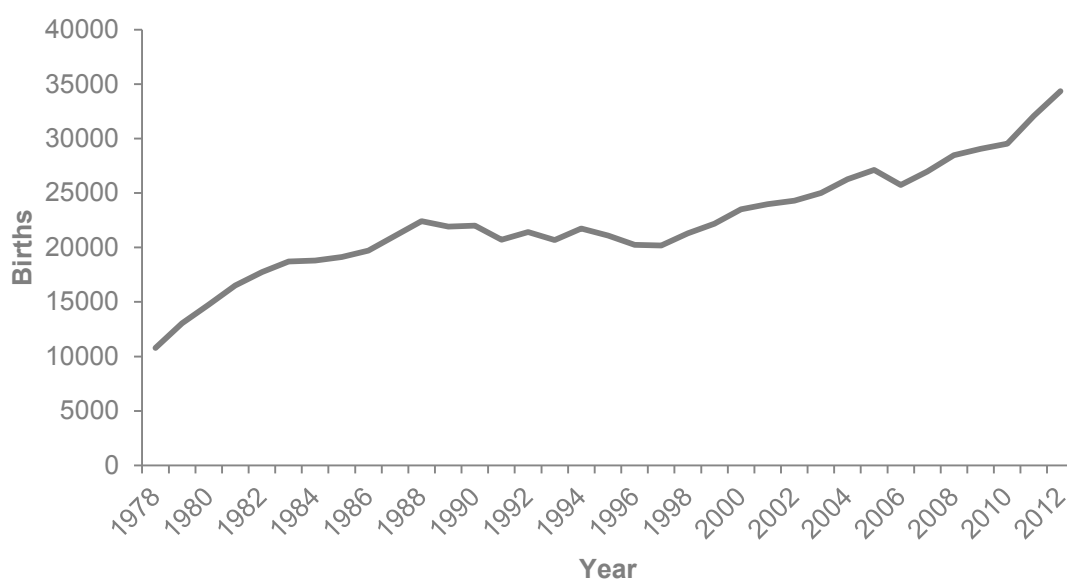
Key Points

- There were 34,358 live births in Abu Dhabi Emirate in 2012, compared with 24,300 in 2002, representing a rise of 41.4% in 10 years.
- The Crude Birth Rate decreased to 14.7 births (per 1000 population) in 2012, while it was 20.2 births (per 1000 population) in 2002.
- In 2012, the General Fertility Rate decreased to 79.4 children per 1000 women in reproductive age (15-49 years) from 85.0 children (per 1000 women aged 15-49 years) in 2007.

Births trends

Administrative records show a rise in registered live births in Abu Dhabi Emirate. The total number of live births in 1978 was 10,789. It increased significantly in the period to 2012 reaching 34,358 live births, representing an increase of four times during this period.

Figure 1: Live Births, Abu Dhabi Emirate, 1978 to 2012



Source: Ministry of Health (1978-2005), Health Authority – Abu Dhabi (2006-2012)

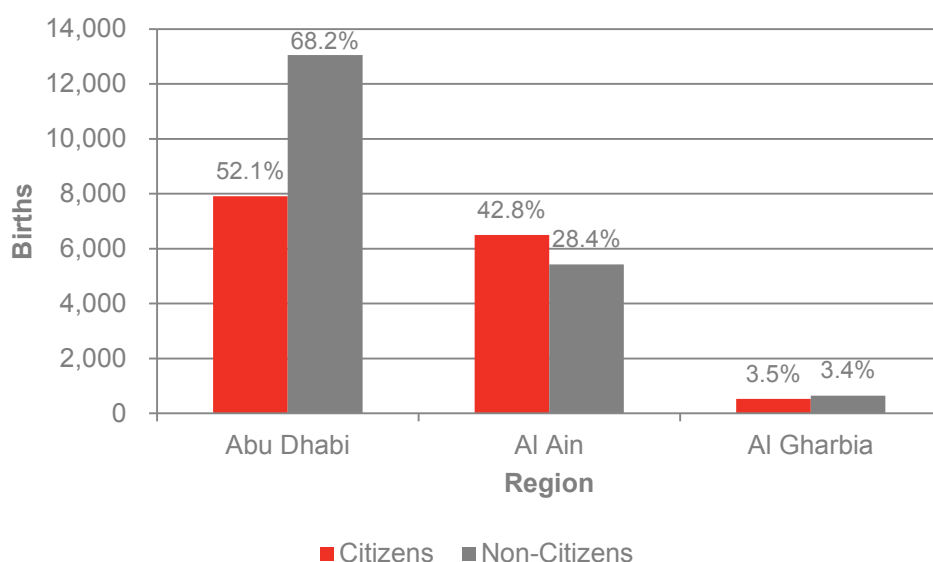
Live Births

Administrative records showed the number of live births was 34,358 in 2012, an increase of 41.4% between 2002 and 2012. Furthermore, the data indicates that there was no relative difference between citizens and non-citizens increase rate in the same period throughout the Emirate in the same years.

In 2012, citizen births formed 44.2% of the total births in the Emirate. The administrative records show that citizen births vary by regions, where Abu Dhabi Region had the highest proportion of citizen births with 52.1%, followed by Al Ain Region with 42.8%, and Al Gharbia with 3.5%. Note that 1.6% were born outside the UAE.

Non-citizen births represented 55.7% of the total births in the Emirate. Abu Dhabi Region had 68.2% of all non-citizens births, while Al Ain Region and Al Gharbia 28.4% and 3.4% of non-citizen births respectively.

Figure 2: Births by Citizenship and Region, Abu Dhabi Emirate - 2012

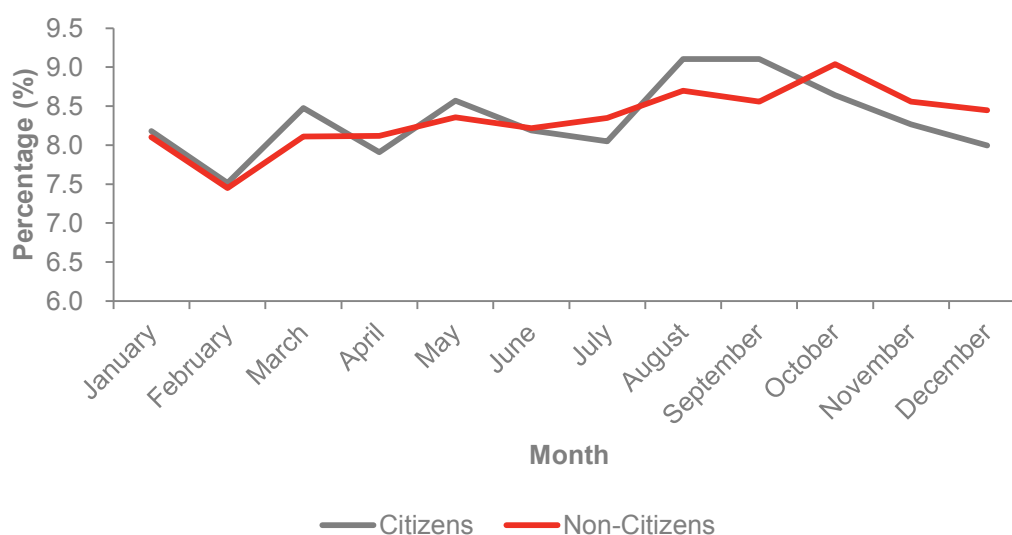


Source: Health Authority-Abu Dhabi, Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi

Births by month

The chart below shows the relative distribution of births for each month in 2012. It reveals a great deal of volatility between months. The average distribution of births during the first quarter of the year was the least among the four quarters, reaching on the average 8.0% per month in the first quarter. This three-monthly average percentage increased in the next quarter to 8.2%, and in the third quarter it increased to reach 8.6%, when it also recorded the highest peak in 2012. Subsequently it slight decreased slightly to 8.5% in the fourth quarter. The proportion of births in October was the highest rate with 8.9%, while the lowest was in February at 7.5% (a range of 1.4 percentage points). On the other hand, over the year, the relative distribution of citizens births showed greater fluctuations compared with non-citizens.

Figure 3: Distribution of Births by Month and Citizenship, Abu Dhabi Emirate - 2012



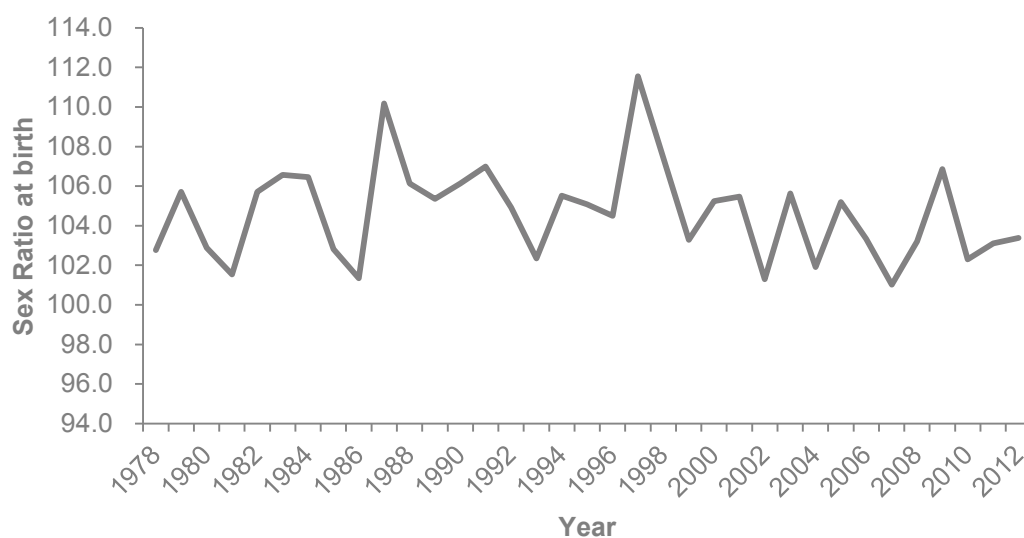
Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi

Sex Ratio at Birth

Statistics of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi show that the Sex Ratio at Birth fluctuated between 2002 and 2012 for both citizens and non-citizens. In 2002, the Sex Ratio at Birth was 101.8 males per 100 females for the whole Emirate, with 101.7 for citizens and 102.0 for non-citizens.

In 2012, the Sex Ratio at Birth was 103.4 males per 100 females, with 103.4 and 103.3 for citizens and non-citizens respectively.

Figure 4: Sex Ratio at Birth for Citizens, Abu Dhabi Emirate, 1978 to 2012



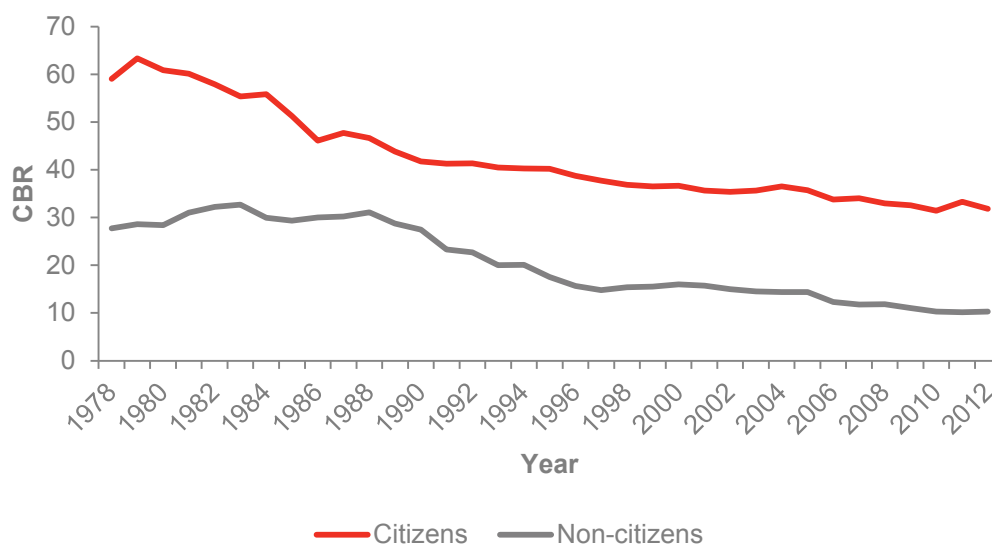
Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi

Crude Birth Rate

Statistics show a noticeable reduction of the Crude Birth Rate (CBR) by citizenship over the years 2002, 2007, 2011 and 2012. During this time, it is noted that the CBR gradually reduced across the Emirate. The CBR in 2002 was 20.2 births per 1000 population, dropping to 17.1 in 2007, then 14.8 in 2011, before reaching 14.7 births per 1000 population in 2012.

The CBR for citizens decreased from, 35.2 in 2002 to 34.0 in 2007, followed by a decline to 32.2 in 2011 to 31.8 in 2012. As for the total of non-citizens, there was a decline from 15.1 in 2002 down to 10.3 in 2012.

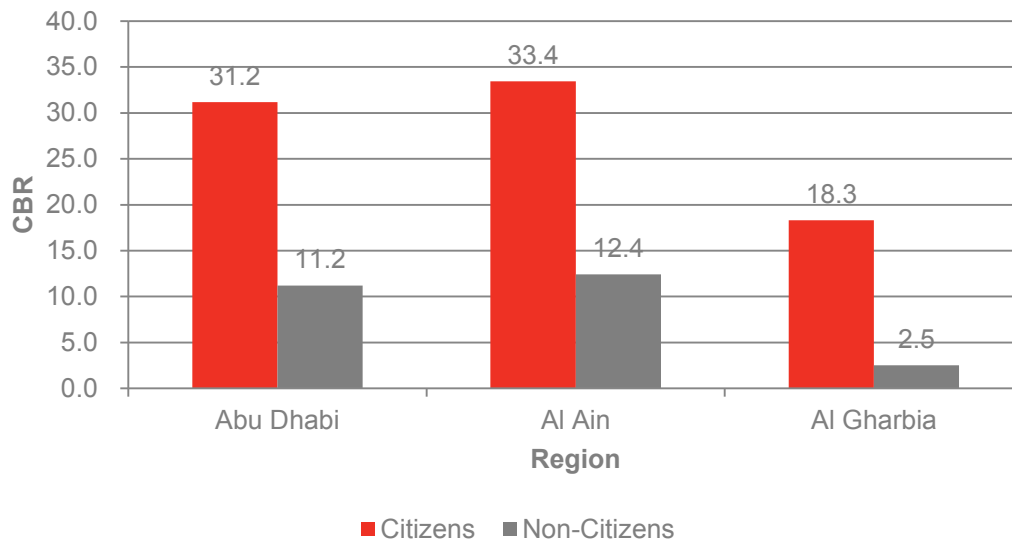
Figure 5: Crude Birth Rate by Citizenship, Abu Dhabi Emirate – 1978 to 2012



Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi

CBR varies by citizenship and region as shown in Figure 6, reaching the maximum for citizens in Al Ain Region at 33.4 births per 1000 population and the lowest in Al Gharbia, where the CBR was 18.3 for citizens per 1000 population. The same applies to non-citizens, where CBR reached its maximum in the Al Ain Region with 12.4 births per 1000 population, and the minimum in Al Gharbia with 2.5 per 1000 population.

Figure 6: Crude Birth Rate by Citizenship and Region, Abu Dhabi Emirate - 2012



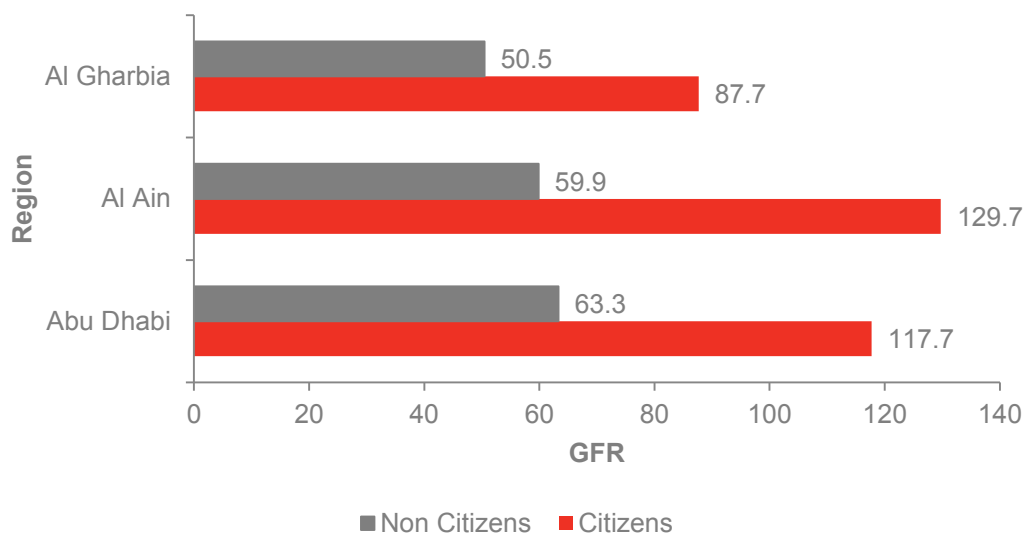
Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi

General Fertility Rate

Comparing General Fertility Rate (GFR) in 2012 by citizenship, it is noticed that citizen females have higher GFR than non-citizen females throughout the whole Emirate and in each of the regions. Consequently, the indicator shows that for every 1000 citizen females within the reproductive age 15-49 years 123.1 babies were born and for every 1000 non-citizen females within the reproductive age 15-49 years there were 61.8 babies born.

By comparing regions, Al Ain Region witnessed the highest GFR with 84.9 births per 1000 females within the reproductive age and 129.7 births per 1000 citizen females within the reproductive age. The GFR is the lowest in Al Gharbia with 62.4 births per 1000 females and 87.7 per 1000 citizen females.

Figure 7: General Fertility Rate by Region and Citizenship, Abu Dhabi Emirate - 2012



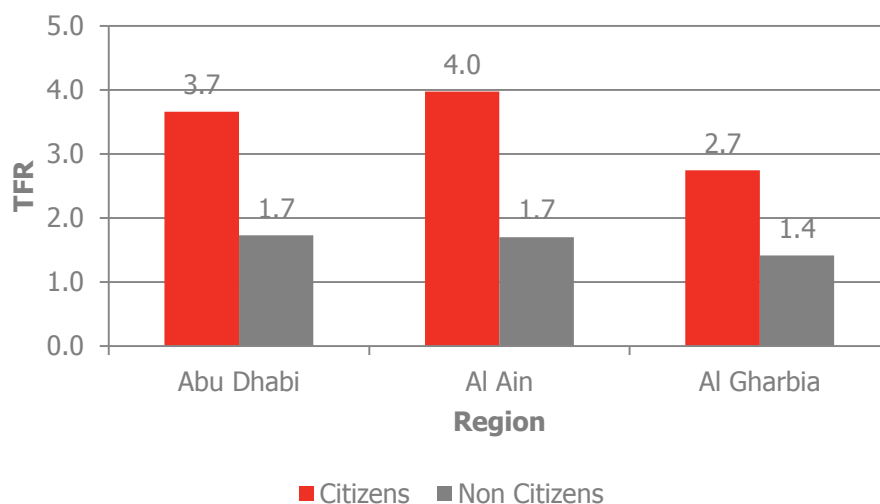
Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi

Total Fertility Rate

The Total Fertility Rate (TFR) represents the average number of babies that a woman could expect to bear during her reproductive lifetime. The calculation is assuming current age-specific fertility rates for each woman that every woman will survive throughout her reproductive life and also assuming registered births represent births to resident mothers. In 2012, TFR reached 2.3 babies per woman for Abu Dhabi Emirate. This indicator varies from one region to another. The TFR ranges from 1.8 in Al Gharbia to 2.5 in Al Ain Region. The TFR in Abu Dhabi was 2.2 babies per woman.

The TFR for citizens was 3.8 for Abu Dhabi Emirate, while the TFR was 1.7 for non-citizens, which means that the TFR for citizens was 2.2 times that of non-citizens. The TFR for citizens in Al Ain Region was the highest with 4.0 babies per citizen woman followed by Abu Dhabi and Al Gharbia with 3.7 and 2.7 babies per citizen woman respectively.

Figure 8: Total Fertility Rate by Citizenship and Region, 2012



Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi

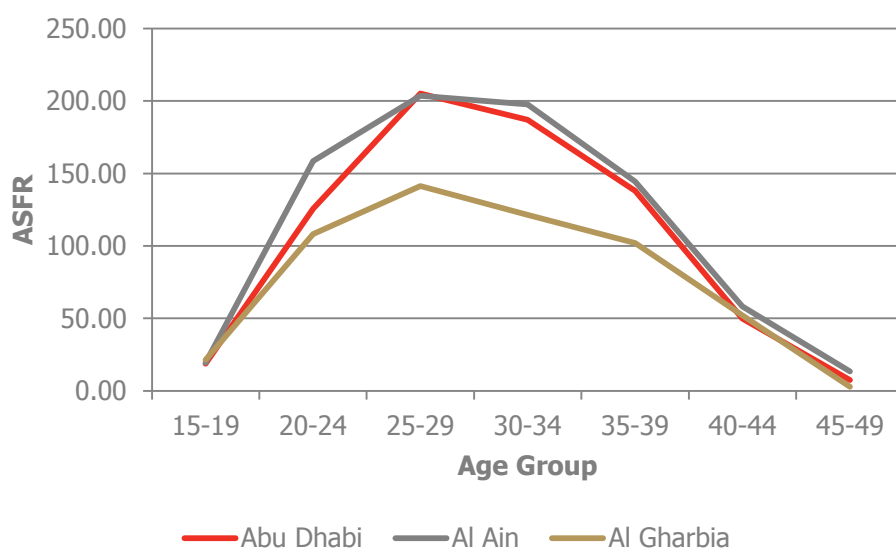
Age Specific Fertility Rate

The age is an essential factor for fertility, which varies from one age group to another. Generally, the Age Specific Fertility Rate (ASFR) has a low rate in the first age group 15 to 19 years, then rises dramatically until it reaches its peak rate either in the age group 25 to 29 years or 30 to 34 years, and decreases until it reaches the lowest rate in the last group 45 to 49 years.

In 2012, the ASFR for the age group 15 to 19 years reached 16.1 for the Emirate, which means there were about 16 babies born per 1000 women in this teenage group. The TFR reached its peak in the age group 25 to 29 years with 118.7 births per 1000 women. Only five babies were born per 1000 women age group 45 to 49 years.

Al Ain Region had the highest TFR for citizens, which is also reflected in the ASFR, with 203.7 births per 1000 female citizens in age group 25 to 29 years and 197.5 in 30 to 34 years age group. There were similar ASFRs for citizens in Abu Dhabi Region and Al Ain Region, unlike Al Gharbia that significantly had lower ASFR in the 25 to 39 years age group.

Figure 9: Age Specific Fertility Rates for Citizens by Age Group and Region, 2012

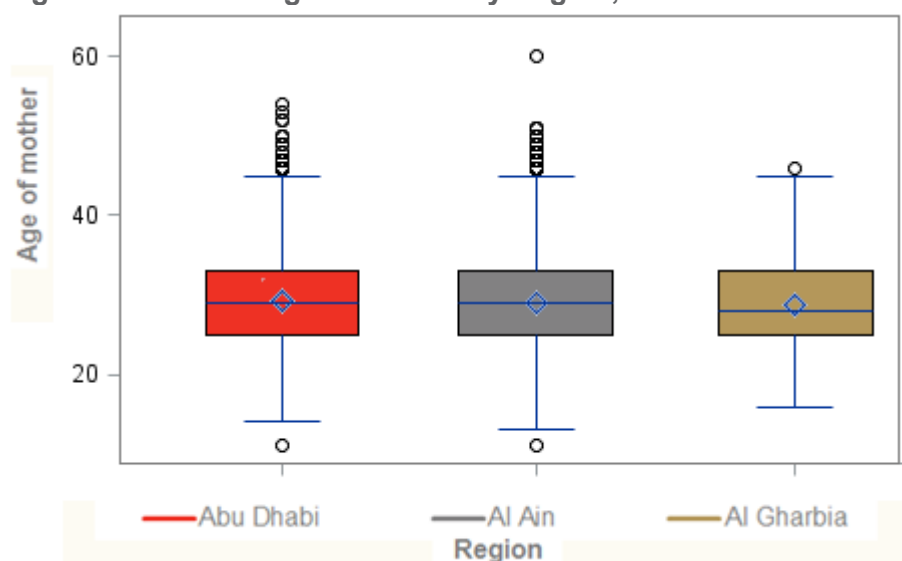


Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi

Median Age of Mother

The median age of mothers who gave birth in 2012 in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi was 29.3 years. Regional differences for median age of mother were insignificant for both citizens and non-citizens. Citizen median age of mother (29.5 years) was a half year older than for non-citizen mothers (29.1 years). The interquartile range (between the first individual in the second quartile and the last individual in the third quartile) shows that 50% of all mothers were between 25 and 33 years old.

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Source: Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi

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Table 1: Births by Citizenship, Gender and Region, Abu Dhabi Emirate - 2012

Citizenship / Gender	Total	Abu Dhabi Region	Al Ain Region	Al Gharbia
Grand Total	34,358*	20,990	11,941	1,178
Males	17,464	10,700	6,054	590
Females	16,894	10,290	5,887	588
Citizens	15,170	7,910	6,493	528
Males	7,713	4,032	3,292	275
Females	7,457	3,878	3,201	253
Non-Citizens	19,131	13,051	5,426	649
Males	9,723	6,653	2,752	315
Females	9,408	6,398	2,674	334

Source: Health Authority - Abu Dhabi

*Including 57 cases with not stated Citizenship or Gender and 249 case who were born outside UAE and registered in HAAD

Table 2-a: Births by Month, Citizenship and Gender, Abu Dhabi Emirate - 2012

Month	Citizens			Citizenship & Gender Non-Citizens			Total		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
total	7,713	7,457	15,170	9,723	9,408	19,131	17,464	16,894	34,358
January	599	642	1,241	780	770	1,550	1,380	1,414	2,800
February	597	543	1,140	710	715	1,425	1,309	1,260	2,568
March	677	609	1,286	805	747	1,552	1,484	1,359	2,843
April	614	586	1,200	784	769	1,553	1,400	1,361	2,760
May	657	643	1,300	797	802	1,599	1,460	1,447	2,905
June	640	602	1,242	807	765	1,572	1,449	1,368	2,817
July	634	587	1,221	819	778	1,597	1,455	1,367	2,822
August	686	695	1,381	842	822	1,664	1,530	1,521	3,050
September	716	665	1,381	862	775	1,637	1,579	1,442	3,020
October	658	653	1,311	864	865	1,729	1,524	1,521	3,045
November	629	625	1,254	840	797	1,637	1,471	1,422	2,893
December	606	607	1,213	813	803	1,616	1,423	1,412	2,835

Source: Health Authority-Abu Dhabi

Table 2-b: Percentage Distribution of Births by Month, Citizenship and Gender, Abu Dhabi Emirate - 2012

Month	Citizens			Citizenship & Gender Non-Citizens			Total		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
	(%)								
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
January	7.8	8.6	8.2	8.0	8.2	8.1	7.9	8.4	8.1
February	7.7	7.3	7.5	7.3	7.6	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.5
March	8.8	8.2	8.5	8.3	7.9	8.1	8.5	8.0	8.3
April	8.0	7.9	7.9	8.1	8.2	8.1	8.0	8.1	8.0
May	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.2	8.5	8.4	8.4	8.6	8.5
June	8.3	8.1	8.2	8.3	8.1	8.2	8.3	8.1	8.2
July	8.2	7.9	8.0	8.4	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.1	8.2
August	8.9	9.3	9.1	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.8	9.0	8.9
September	9.3	8.9	9.1	8.9	8.2	8.6	9.0	8.5	8.8
October	8.5	8.8	8.6	8.9	9.2	9.0	8.7	9.0	8.9
November	8.2	8.4	8.3	8.6	8.5	8.6	8.4	8.4	8.4
December	7.9	8.1	8.0	8.4	8.5	8.4	8.1	8.4	8.3

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Table 3: Sex Ratio at Birth by Year & Citizenship and Year, Abu Dhabi Emirate – 2002, 2007, 2011 and 2012

Males per 100 Females

Year	Citizens	Non-Citizens	Total
2002	101.3	102.3	101.8
2007	101.0	106.2	103.7
2011	103.1	103.9	103.5
2012	103.4	103.3	103.4

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Table 4: Sex Ratio at Birth by Citizenship and Region, 2012

Males per 100 Females

Citizenship	Total	Abu Dhabi Region	Al Ain Region	Al Gharbia
Grand Total	103.4	104.0	102.8	100.3
Citizens	103.4	104.0	102.8	108.7
Non-Citizens	103.3	104.0	102.9	94.3

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Table 5: Crude Birth Rate (per 1000 Population) by Citizenship, Abu Dhabi Emirate – 2002, 2007, 2011 and 2012

Citizenship	2002	2007	2011	2012
Total	20.2	17.1	14.8	14.7
Citizens	35.2	34.0	32.2	31.8
Non-Citizens	15.1	11.8	10.2	10.3

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Table 6: Crude Birth Rate (per 1000 Population) by Citizenship and Region, 2012

Citizenship	Total	Abu Dhabi Region	Al Ain Region	Al Gharbia
Grand Total	14.7	14.8	18.9	4.1
Citizens	31.8	31.2	33.4	18.3
Non-Citizens	10.3	11.2	12.4	2.5

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Table 7: General Fertility Rate (births per 1000 women aged 15 - 49 years) by Citizenship and Region, 2012

Citizenship	Total	Abu Dhabi Region	Al Ain Region	Al Gharbia
Total	79.4	76.8	84.9	62.4
Citizen Females	123.1	117.7	129.7	87.7
Non-Citizen Females	61.8	63.3	59.9	50.5

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Table 8: General Fertility Rate (births per 1000 women aged 15-49 years) by Year and Region, Abu Dhabi Emirate – 2007, 2011 and 2012

Year	Total	Abu Dhabi Region	Al Ain Region	Al Gharbia
2007	85.0	81.9	95.9	56.5
2011	78.5	74.9	85.5	60.4
2012	79.4	76.8	84.9	62.4

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Table 9: Total Fertility Rate (births per 1000 women aged 15-49 years) by Citizenship and Region, 2012

Citizenship	Total	Abu Dhabi Region	Al Ain Region	Al Gharbia
Total	2.3	2.2	2.5	1.8
Citizen Females	3.8	3.7	4.0	2.7
Non-Citizen Females	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.4

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Table 10: Age Specific Fertility Rates (births per 1000 women aged 15-49 years) by Age Group and Region, 2012

Age Group	Total	Abu Dhabi Region	Al Ain Region	Al Gharbia
15-19	16.1	14.9	17.9	14.6
20-24	83.7	81.1	87.2	73.4
25-29	118.7	119.3	118.8	93.3
30-34	118.5	114.1	128.5	93.6
35-39	80.3	74.4	95.1	57.7
40-44	29.6	26.3	35.8	28.3
45-49	5.3	3.5	8.3	1.8

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Table 11: Age Specific Fertility Rates (births per 1000 women aged 15-49 years) for Citizens by Age Group and Region, 2012

Age Group	Total	Abu Dhabi Region	Al Ain Region	Al Gharbia
15-19	19.35	18.65	19.32	21.28
20-24	139.94	125.55	158.63	108.26
25-29	203.72	205.09	203.71	141.22
30-34	191.40	187.08	197.53	121.32
35-39	141.11	138.00	144.50	102.07
40-44	55.26	49.95	58.17	52.01
45-49	11.10	7.33	13.49	2.80

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Table 12: Age Specific Fertility Rates (births per 1000 women aged 15-49 years) for Non-Citizens by Age Group and Region, 2012

Age Group	Total	Abu Dhabi Region	Al Ain Region	Al Gharbia
15-19	13.2	11.9	16.4	8.2
20-24	57.7	62.5	49.9	53.7
25-29	90.3	96.5	78.9	72.8
30-34	94.1	94.8	93.9	83.0
35-39	61.0	58.2	71.0	43.5
40-44	21.5	20.3	25.1	20.8
45-49	3.2	2.5	5.5	1.3

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Table 13: Median Age of Mother by Citizenship and Region, 2012

Citizenship	Total	Abu Dhabi Region	Al Ain Region	Al Gharbia
Total	29.3	29.4	29.1	28.8
Citizen Females	29.5	28.7	29.3	28.3
Non-Citizen Females	29.1	29.2	28.9	29.2

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Table 14: Population Estimates by region, citizenships and gender, Abu Dhabi Emirate - mid-2012

Citizenship / Gender	Total	Abu Dhabi Region	Al Ain Region	Al Gharbia
Grand Total	2,334,563	1,418,202	631,005	285,356
Males	1,662,051	998,416	409,434	254,201
Females	672,512	419,786	221,571	31,155
Citizens	476,722	253,740	194,158	28,824
Males	246,387	130,506	98,686	17,195
Females	230,335	123,234	95,472	11,629
Non-Citizens	1,857,841	1,164,462	436,847	256,532
Males	1,415,664	867,910	310,748	237,006
Females	442,177	296,552	126,099	19,526

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

Explanatory Notes

Glossary

This report contains certain terms specific to births and fertility. They include the following terms:

Age Specific Fertility Rate

The age-specific fertility rate measures the annual number of registered births to women of a specified age or age group per 1000 women in that age group.

For calculating these rates, births are for calendar years divided by the mid-year population. Births to mothers under 15 years are included in the 15 to 19 years age group, and births to mothers aged 50 years and over are included in the 45 to 49 years age group.

$$\frac{\text{Number of live births in specific age}}{\text{Total Women population in mid year of the specific age}} * 1000$$

Crude Birth Rate

It is the simplest measure of fertility. The Crude Birth Rate is the number of live births registered during the calendar year divided by the total estimated resident population at 30 June of that year. It is expressed as the number of births per 1000 population.

$$\frac{\text{Number of live births}}{\text{Total population in mid year}} * 1000$$

General Fertility Rate

It is a measure relating the births in a calendar year to the population most likely to give birth. It is expressed as the number of live births per 1000 women aged 15 to 49 years.

$$\frac{\text{Number of live births}}{\text{Total Women population aged (15–49 years) in mid year}} * 1000$$

Live Birth

A live birth occurs when the baby shows evidence of life such as breathing or heartbeat.

“A live birth is the result of the complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception, irrespective of the duration of pregnancy, which after such separation, breathes or shows any other evidence of life such as beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles, whether or not the umbilical cord has been cut or the placenta is attached; each product of such a birth is considered live-born.” (Source: Glossary, Principles and Recommendations for a Vital Statistics System, Revision 2, United Nations, 2001b.)

Median age of mother

The median age of mother measures the median age of females who gave birth in a particular year.

Sex Ratio at Birth

The ratio of gender among births during a calendar year is expressed as the number of male live-born per 100 female live births.

$$\frac{\text{Number of male live births}}{\text{Number of female live births}} * 100$$

Total Fertility Rate

It is a common fertility measure describing the average number of children a woman would bear over the course of her lifetime, if current age-specific fertility rates remained constant throughout her childbearing years. Its calculation assumes that there is no mortality. It is expressed as children per woman.

$$5 * \sum \text{Age Specific Fertility Rate (5 age group)}$$

Data sources

Data are obtained from HAAD as final data for 2012 in November 2013. The data are processed and passed to Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi for further editing and compilation.

Technical notes

Base Population: Population for Abu Dhabi Emirate and its regions are based on mid-year population estimates.

Occurrences and registrations: Births are based on place of registration and not by place of usual residence of mother.

HAAD improved the data collection method by conducting a new notification process system that lead to a significant deference in 2011 and 2012 comparing to previous years. This system was tested in mid-2010.

Abbreviations used

ASFR	Age Specific Fertility Rate
CBR	Crude Birth Rate
GFR	General Fertility Rate
HAAD	Health Authority – Abu Dhabi
SCAD	Statistics Centre – Abu Dhabi
TFR	Total Fertility Rate

Notes on tables

Changes (levels and per cent) in all tables are based on unrounded numbers.

Totals in some tables may not add up due to rounding.

Data for 2011 updated by HAAD was as at June 2012

More information and next release

For more information about Births, Fertility and other official statistics, please visit the statistics link on the SCAD website at <http://www.scad.ae>

The next release is expected in October 2013.

