

ADDENDUM

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Infant and child mortality estimates are computed by the World Health Organization (WHO) in collaboration with other international agencies using standard categories and criteria for data and standard methods to ensure cross-national comparability (Interagency Group for Child Mortality Estimation <u>http://www.childmortality.org/</u>). The IGME methodology is regularly reviewed in light of newly emerging evidence. These estimates are thus not necessarily the same as official national estimates or country reported data, which may be found in WHO databases at the following websites:

Region of the Americas: Regional Core Health Data Initiative http://www.paho.org/English/SHA/coredata/tabulator/newTabulator.htm

Eastern Mediterranean Region: EMRO Health System Observatory http://gis.emro.who.int/HealthSystemObservatory/DataBase/RHOSOLAP/

European Region: Health For All Database http://data.euro.who.int/hfadb/

South-East Asia Region: Country health system profile: http://www.searo.who.int/EN/Section313.htm

Western Pacific Region: Country health information profiles: <u>http://www.wpro.who.int/publications/PUB_9789290614913.htm</u> <u>http://www.wpro.who.int/information_sources/databases/core_indicators/</u>

The most recent survey in Turkey at the time of publication gave an infant mortality rate of 17 per 1,000 live births for the period 2003-2008 and another newly completed survey gave a preliminary estimate of 12 per 1,000 live births for infant mortality in 2006-2010. The Ministry of Health reports an infant mortality of 13 per 1,000 in 2009. In addition Turkey is extending coverage of death registration to all provinces; WHO takes note of this information. The impact of these new data on WHO estimates for infant and child mortality for Turkey is being evaluated (page 53).