

Nicaragua Child Labour Statistics

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Survey questions used to build indicators

- Survey question used to determine schooling status of children

Q II.8 Currently studying?

1 = Yes

2 = No

- Survey questions used to determine work status of children

(Only for persons aged 5 to 9 years)

Q II.9 Worked during the last week?

1 = Yes

2 = No

(For persons aged 10 or more years of age)

QV.1 Did you work during the last week?

1 = Yes

2 = No

QV.2 Even though you did not work, were you absent from a job for vacations, leave, etc.?

1 = Yes

2 = No

- Survey question used to determine children's employment status

Q V.18 You work or worked the last time as?

- 1 = Self-employed
- 2 = Unpaid family worker
- 3 = Employer
- 4 = Salaried employee

- Survey question used to determine work intensity of children

Q V.23 How many hours did you work last week?

- Survey question used to determine health status of children

Q VI.6 Has s/he ever had a job-related accident or suffered any job-related lesion or sickness?

- 1 = Yes
- 2 = No

Table 1 Total number of children in the sample, by age and sex

Age	Male	Female	Total
5	470	440	910
6	576	546	1122
7	621	563	1184
8	631	639	1270
9	585	562	1147
10	655	630	1285
11	524	537	1061
12	619	560	1179
13	569	539	1108
14	567	571	1138
15	568	561	1129
16	540	545	1085
17	530	494	1024
Total	7455	7187	14642

Table 2 Total number of children in the expanded population, by sex and age

Age	Male	Female	Total
5	65222	62157	127379
6	80338	77563	157901
7	87555	80953	168508
8	86443	88313	174756
9	81953	81007	162960
10	73835	70976	144811
11	57078	60128	117206
12	67131	62456	129587
13	64760	58512	123272
14	59023	61760	120783
15	61579	60179	121758
16	55513	58574	114087
17	57552	52054	109606
Total	897982	874632	1772614

**Table 3 Total number of children in the expanded population,
by age and residence**

Age	Urban	Rural	Total
5	68158	59221	127379
6	80628	77273	157901
7	88322	80186	168508
8	97692	77064	174756
9	86048	76912	162960
10	75432	69379	144811
11	61714	55492	117206
12	71314	58273	129587
13	65203	58069	123272
14	69718	51065	120783
15	67692	54066	121758
16	66113	47974	114087
17	63856	45750	109606
Total	961890	810724	1772614

**Table 4 Percentage of children attending school,
by age and sex**

Age	Male	Female	Total
5-9	72.2	76.0	74.1
5	44.5	51.2	47.8
6	67.0	63.5	65.3
7	74.4	82.9	78.5
8	85.4	87.8	86.6
9	83.2	87.1	85.1
10-14	80.6	85.5	83.0
10	86.5	88.5	87.5
11	83.9	90.4	87.2
12	83.2	85.5	84.3
13	77.9	84.7	81.1
14	70.0	78.3	74.3
15-17	71.9	76.5	74.2
15	63.8	71.8	67.7
16	51.7	59.0	55.5
17	49.2	50.5	49.8
Total	71.9	76.5	74.2

**Table 5 Percentage of children attending school and not working,
by age and sex**

Age	Male	Female	Total
5-9	69.6	74.4	72.0
5	43.6	51.0	47.2
6	66.5	62.4	64.5
7	73.2	82.1	77.5
8	81.4	85.2	83.3
9	77.0	84.4	80.7
10-14	67.1	80.5	73.7
10	75.8	85.2	80.4
11	71.2	86.8	79.2
12	68.7	79.0	73.7
13	62.4	78.4	70.0
14	55.6	72.6	64.3
15-17	42.2	55.3	48.7
15	46.8	66.8	56.7
16	41.2	52.3	46.9
17	38.2	45.5	41.6
Total	63.4	72.9	68.1

Table 6 Percentage of children working, by age and sex

Age	Male	Female	Total
5-9	4.9	2.1	3.5
5	1.3	0.2	0.8
6	2.0	1.4	1.7
7	3.6	0.9	2.3
8	6.6	4.2	5.4
9	10.0	3.0	6.5
10-14	23.8	7.6	15.8
10	14.8	4.5	9.8
11	20.5	6.2	13.2
12	22.0	8.5	15.5
13	29.3	10.4	20.3
14	34.0	9.2	21.3
15-17	45.3	14.9	30.3
15	41.8	11.0	26.6
16	43.2	14.1	28.3
17	51.1	20.2	36.4
Total	19.5	6.6	13.1

**Table 7 Percentage of children working and not attending school,
by age and sex**

Age	Male	Female	Total
5-9	2.2	0.5	1.4
5	0.4	0.0	0.2
6	1.5	0.4	0.9
7	2.3	0.2	1.3
8	2.6	1.6	2.1
9	3.8	0.2	2.0
10-14	10.3	2.6	6.5
10	4.2	1.2	2.7
11	7.9	2.6	5.1
12	7.5	2.1	4.9
13	13.8	4.2	9.2
14	19.6	3.5	11.4
15-17	32.4	9.3	21.0
15	24.8	6.0	15.5
16	32.7	7.4	19.7
17	40.1	15.2	28.3
Total	11.0	3.0	7.0

Table 8 Percentage of children working and attending school, by age and sex

Age	Male	Female	Total
5-9	2.7	1.5	2.1
5	0.9	0.2	0.6
6	0.6	1.0	0.8
7	1.2	0.7	1.0
8	4.0	2.6	3.3
9	6.2	2.7	4.5
10-14	13.5	5.0	9.3
10	10.7	3.3	7.1
11	12.7	3.6	8.0
12	14.6	6.4	10.6
13	15.5	6.3	11.1
14	14.4	5.7	10.0
15-17	12.9	5.6	9.3
15	17.0	5.0	11.0
16	10.5	6.7	8.6
17	11.0	5.0	8.1
Total	8.5	3.6	6.1

**Table 9 Percentage of children not working and not attending school,
by age and sex**

Age	Male	Female	Total
5-9	25.6	23.5	24.6
5	55.1	48.8	52.0
6	31.5	36.1	33.8
7	23.3	16.9	20.2
8	12.0	10.6	11.3
9	13.0	12.7	12.8
10-14	9.1	11.8	10.5
10	9.4	10.3	9.8
11	8.2	7.0	7.6
12	9.3	12.5	10.8
13	8.3	11.1	9.6
14	10.4	18.1	14.4
15-17	12.5	29.8	21.1
15	11.4	22.2	16.7
16	15.6	33.6	24.8
17	10.7	34.3	21.9
Total	17.1	20.5	18.8

Table 10 Children working: average weekly working hours, by age and sex

Age	Male	Female	Total
5-9	26.6	23.2	25.6
5	26.5	24.0	26.2
6	25.0	34.3	28.8
7	24.3	10.8	21.7
8	25.4	22.8	24.4
9	28.7	22.6	27.4
10-14	33.1	29.8	32.4
10	27.7	22.9	26.6
11	31.2	30.4	31.0
12	31.1	28.4	30.4
13	35.1	34.0	34.9
14	36.9	30.1	35.4
15-17	44.0	43.7	43.9
15	41.9	41.2	41.8
16	43.6	44.2	43.7
17	46.2	44.9	45.9
Total	37.3	35.0	36.8

Table 11 Children working and not attending school: average weekly working hours, by age and sex

Age	Male	Female	Total
5-9	31.5	22.4	29.8
5	24.0		24.0
6	26.5	12.7	23.6
7	30.6	6.0	28.6
8	31.6	25.3	29.2
9	34.6	32.0	34.4
10-14	42.2	41.2	42.0
10	35.8	44.9	37.8
11	42.2	41.7	42.0
12	42.1	38.4	41.3
13	43.9	43.5	43.8
14	42.5	38.6	41.9
15-17	47.4	48.5	47.7
15	47.8	46.1	47.5
16	45.3	50.6	46.3
17	48.8	48.5	48.7
Total	44.2	44.1	44.2

Table 12 Children working and studying: average weekly working hours, by age and sex

Age	Male	Female	Total
5-9	22.6	23.5	22.9
5	27.6	24.0	26.9
6	21.1	42.7	35.0
7	12.6	12.2	12.4
8	21.3	21.2	21.3
9	25.2	21.9	24.2
10-14	26.3	23.8	25.6
10	24.5	14.9	22.3
11	24.4	22.5	24.0
12	25.4	25.2	25.3
13	27.3	27.7	27.4
14	29.3	24.9	28.0
15-17	35.5	35.7	35.6
15	33.3	35.3	33.8
16	38.0	37.2	37.7
17	36.8	33.8	35.9
Total	28.5	27.4	28.2

Table 13 Percentage of children, by per capita household expenditures quintiles, sex and type of activity

Sex	Type of activity	quintile1	quintile2	quintile3	quintile4	quintile5	unspecified	Total
Male	Work only	19.8	12.6	9.1	4.5	2.9	13.8*	11.0
	Study only	44.3	55.1	67.5	78.9	85.0	80.5*	63.4
	Work and study	10.5	11.0	7.8	5.6	5.8	5.7*	8.5
	No activities	25.3	21.3	15.6	10.9	6.3	0.0*	17.1
Female	Work only	5.6	3.7	1.9	1.6	0.8	4.0	3.0
	Study only	56.9	69.0	75.2	84.1	90.0	51.5	72.9
	Work and study	4.3	3.8	3.0	3.5	2.9	0.0	3.6
	No activities	33.3	23.5	19.8	10.7	6.4	44.5	20.5
Total	Work only	12.8	8.2	5.5	3.1	1.8	7.2	7.0
	Study only	50.5	61.9	71.4	81.5	87.5	60.9	68.1
	Work and study	7.5	7.5	5.4	4.6	4.3	1.8	6.1
	No activities	29.2	22.4	17.7	10.8	6.3	30.1	18.8

Note: Totals may not add to 100.0 due to rounding.

* Figures should be interpreted with caution as estimates are based on a small sample size

Table 14 Percentage of children, by per capita household expenditures quintiles and sex

Sex	quintile1	quintile2	quintile3	quintile4	quintile5	unspecified	Total
Male	26.3	22.0	18.9	17.3	15.4	0.1	100.0
Female	26.0	21.4	19.7	17.2	15.5	0.3	100.0
Total	26.1	21.7	19.3	17.2	15.4	0.2	100.0

Note: Totals may not add to 100.0 due to rounding.

Table 15 Percentage of all working children, by sex and modality of employment

Modality of employment	Male	Female	Total
Self-employed	7.6	6.3	7.3
Unpaid family worker	56.7	56.0	56.6
Wage earner	35.7	37.7	36.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 16 Percentage of all working children, by modality of employment and age category

Modality of employment	5-9	10-14	15-17	Total
Self-employed	5.8	7.3	7.6	7.3
Unpaid family worker	83.8	67.7	38.6	56.6
Wage earner	10.4	24.9	53.8	36.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 17 Percentage of all working children with work related health problems, by modality of employment and sex

Modality of employment	Male	Female	Total
Self-employed	7.4	1.0	6.0
Unpaid family worker	11.2	5.6	9.9
Wage earner	14.8	7.7	13.0
Total	12.2	6.1	10.7

Table 18 Economic activity and school attendance*

Age	Male	Female	Total
5	70.4	100.0	74.4
6	27.7	72.2	45.9
7	34.7	77.2	43.0
8	60.5	61.4	60.8
9	62.2	92.7	69.1
10	72.0	73.4	72.3
11	61.7	58.8	61.0
12	66.1	75.7	68.6
13	52.8	60.1	54.6
14	42.4	61.9	46.7
15	40.6	45.1	41.5
16	24.3	47.5	30.3
17	21.6	24.6	22.4
Total	43.8	54.3	46.4

Note: * Refers to the proportion of economically active children attending school

Table 19 School attendance gap*: children in economic activity versus children not in economic activity, by age and sex

Age	Male	Female	Total
5	26.3	48.9	26.9
6	-40.2	8.8	-19.8
7	-41.2	-5.7	-36.3
8	-26.6	-27.6	-27.2
9	-23.4	5.8	-17.2
10	-17.0	-15.7	-16.8
11	-28.0	-33.7	-30.2
12	-21.9	-10.7	-18.5
13	-35.5	-27.5	-33.3
14	-41.9	-18.2	-35.0
15	-39.8	-30.0	-35.7
16	-48.3	-13.3	-35.1
17	-56.5	-32.4	-43.1
Total	-34.9	-23.7	-31.9

Note: * Percentage point difference in school attendance between economically active and non economically active children

Table 20 Distribution of children working only, by age and household head's education level

Age	No education	Primary	At least secondary	Total
5	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
6	50.8	36.0	13.2	100.0
7	71.3	19.8	8.9	100.0
8	51.5	48.5	0.0	100.0
9	50.0	48.4	1.6	100.0
10	56.4	37.9	5.8	100.0
11	48.2	50.5	1.3	100.0
12	61.2	35.1	3.8	100.0
13	43.1	51.6	5.3	100.0
14	53.9	42.1	4.0	100.0
15	51.6	41.8	6.7	100.0
16	44.0	49.4	6.7	100.0
17	45.7	49.2	5.1	100.0
Total	49.1	45.7	5.2	100.0

Table 21 Distribution of children studying only, by age and household head's education level

Age	No education	Primary	At least secondary	Total
5	18.9	44.8	36.3	100.0
6	23.8	45.7	30.6	100.0
7	24.3	47.2	28.6	100.0
8	24.6	45.0	30.5	100.0
9	24.8	45.4	29.9	100.0
10	28.9	44.5	26.7	100.0
11	24.9	46.4	28.7	100.0
12	27.9	43.5	28.6	100.0
13	26.1	43.4	30.5	100.0
14	22.3	43.1	34.7	100.0
15	21.9	42.2	35.9	100.0
16	18.4	42.6	39.0	100.0
17	14.1	42.8	43.1	100.0
Total	24.0	44.7	31.3	100.0

Table 22 Distribution of children working and studying, by age and household head's education level

Age	No education	Primary	At least secondary	Total
5	45.8	54.2	0.0	100.0
6	53.8	46.2	0.0	100.0
7	32.4	55.7	12.0	100.0
8	44.2	48.8	7.1	100.0
9	49.3	38.7	12.0	100.0
10	31.5	59.0	9.5	100.0
11	30.2	49.4	20.5	100.0
12	37.0	48.8	14.3	100.0
13	38.0	49.5	12.4	100.0
14	25.2	52.9	21.9	100.0
15	43.4	40.5	16.2	100.0
16	35.2	36.0	28.7	100.0
17	25.3	40.6	34.1	100.0
Total	35.8	46.9	17.3	100.0

Table 23 Distribution of children neither working nor studying, by age and household head's education level

Age	No education	Primary	At least secondary	Total
5	36.8	45.3	17.8	100.0
6	41.5	50.4	8.1	100.0
7	50.8	44.0	5.2	100.0
8	50.8	38.0	11.2	100.0
9	48.7	44.8	6.5	100.0
10	56.0	36.4	7.6	100.0
11	44.7	41.1	14.2	100.0
12	48.8	39.5	11.7	100.0
13	58.1	32.7	9.2	100.0
14	45.0	45.1	9.9	100.0
15	43.6	43.4	13.0	100.0
16	37.2	47.4	15.4	100.0
17	42.7	39.6	17.7	100.0
Total	44.2	44.0	11.9	100.0