Child Population Size (<18 years)

14.3 million children were under the age of 18.

Children accounted for 53% of the total population.

In 2017, there were 7.1 million boys vs. 7.2 million girls.

The majority of the child population lives in rural areas.

Percentage of vulnerable groups among children

Orphan children (%): 17.1 %
Children with disabilities (%): 0.9 %

Manica has the highest children per households - 3.2 children.

Maputo City has the lowest size of child population - 2.4 children.

On average, each household have 2.3 children.
### Housing conditions

- **About half of the child population lives in palhotas**
  - (*houses typically built of reeds, sticks and mud and with roofs made of grass*)

- **2.3 per cent of children live in conventional houses with kitchen and toilets inside the house**

### Registration of children’s births

- **72% of children had their birth registered**

![Birth registration graph]

### Literacy

- **In 2017, about 48% of children aged 5-17 could write**

### Prevalence of Child Labour

- **About 19% of the children in Mozambique are engaged in child labour**

![Child Labour map]

### Child labour Urban Rural differentials

- **Urban:** 4%
- **Rural:** 18%

**Children engaged in child labour**

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*Source: 2017 Census Thematic Fact Sheet*