

Table 1 Published hospital-based caesarean section (CS) rates in selected Arab countries

Country	CS rate (%)	Year	Survey	Scope	Source [reference] (year)
Algeria	6.4	1993	AMCHS	National	[6] (1994)
Bahrain	16.3	1995	BFHS	National	[12] (1995)
Egypt	26.2	2003	EDHS	National	[4] (2003)
	20.9	2000	EDHS	National	[4] (2000)
	22.0	1999–2000		National	[27]
	18.5	1995	EDHS	National	[4] (1995)
	15.3	1992	EDHS	National	[4] (1992)
	13.9	1987–1988		National	[27]
Jordan	17.8	2002	JDHS	National	[4] (2002)
	10.9	1999–2001		7 hospitals	[19]
	12.9	1997	JDHS	National	[4] (1997)
	8.8	1995		1 hospital	[28]
	8.5	1990	JDHS	National	[4] (1990)
	8.0	1990–1992		7 hospitals	[19]
	7.7	1991–97		1 hospital	[18]
	8.7–15.5	1987–1993		1 hospital	[29]
Kuwait	11.5	1996	KFHS	National	[13] (1996)
	9.4	1983–88		4 hospitals	[25]
Lebanon	18.0	2000		National randomized sample of 39 hospitals	[26]
	17.2	1995–96	LMCHS	National	[7] (1996)
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	7.6	1995	ALMCHS	National	[8] (1996)
Mauritania	6.6	2000–1	MDHS	National	[4] (2001)
	5.2	1990–1	MMCHS	National	[30] (1992)
Morocco	9.3	2003–2004	MDHS	National	[4] (2004)
	15.3	1999	MMCHS	National	[9]
	8.0	1995	MDHS	National	[4] (1995)
	6.8	1992	MDHS	National	[4] (1992)
Oman	7.4	1995	OFHS	National	[14] (1995)
Palestine	7.0	1996	PHS		[5] (1997)
West Bank	15.7	2003	MOH-PHIC	MOH hospitals	[31] (2004)
	7.8	1996	PDS	National	[5] (1997)
Gaza	14.4	2003	MOH-PHIC	MOH hospitals	[31] (2004)
	5.7	1996	PDS	National	[5] (1997)
Qatar	16.3	1998	QFHS	National	[15] (1998)

Table 1 Published hospital-based caesarean section (CS) rate in selected Arab countries (concluded)

Country	CS rate (%)	Year	Survey	Scope	Source [reference] (year)
Saudi Arabia	13.0	2002		6 PHCs	[32]
	19.4 ^a ; 18.3 ^b	1997–99		1 hospital	[33]
	12.0–13.0	1996–97		1 hospital	[20]
	8.9	1996	SAFHS	National	[16] (1996)
	9.9	1994		1 hospital	[22]
	11.5–13.4	1994–99		1 hospital	[23]
	9.5	1992–96		1 hospital	[21]
	10.3	1989–93		1 hospital	[34]
	9.9	1984		1 hospital	[35]
Sudan	20.4	1993	SMCHS	National	[10] (1995)
Syrian Arab Republic	15.0	2002	SFHS	National	[36] (2002)
	12.0	1993	SMCHS	National	[37] (1995)
Tunisia	10.2	1994–95	TMCHS	National	[11] (1996)
United Arab Emirates	9.3 ^c ; 15.2 ^d	1996–8		1 hospital	[38]
	9.7	1995	EFHS	National	[17] (1995)
	6.9	1994		National	[24]
Yemen	6.3	1997	YDHS	National	[4] (1997)
	11.2	1991–92	YDHS	National	[4] (1992)

^aNulliparous women; ^bgrand multiparous women; ^cnon-obese women; ^dobese women.

MOH = Ministry of Health; PHCs = primary health centres.