

Two Countries. One Trend?

Choose two countries, make a prediction, and then let the evidence surprise you. You may not choose the United States.

**CHILD
MORTALITY**

The estimated share of children born alive who die before age 5. Here, 4.0 means about 4 deaths per 100 live births.

1 Predict - before opening the data (1 min)

Country A: _____

Country B: _____

Circle your predictions:

Higher child mortality today: A / B

Since 1990, the gap has: widened / narrowed / stayed similar

Confidence: 1 2 3 4 5



SCAN OR CLICK

[Open interactive chart](#)

2 Check the evidence (3 min)

Open the chart. Tap Add/remove countries and regions, select only your two countries, and compare 1990 with the latest year. Tap or hover on each line for values.

Country	1990	Latest year	Latest rate	What changed?
A: _____				
B: _____				

**ONE-SENTENCE
INTERPRETATION**

I expected _____, but the data show _____.

3 Think - pair - share (3 min)

THINK | 30 sec
What pattern or number surprised you most?

PAIR | 90 sec
Show each other your charts. Were you better at predicting the ranking or the pace of change?

SHARE | 60 sec
Be ready: "We compared ____ and _____. Since 1990, _____."

Keep both truths in view: progress over time can be real, and large differences between places can remain.

Source: United Nations Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation (2025), processed by Our World in Data. The figures are estimates; use them to compare broad levels and trends.