National Water Insecurity in Senegal



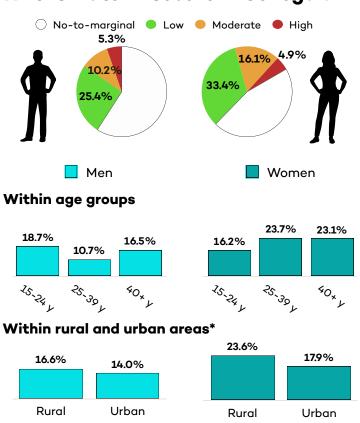
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Gallup World Poll, Northwestern

University, & others have partnered to estimate experiences with water access and use around the world. So far, we have nationally representative estimates of water insecurity for half of the world's population. In Senegal, respondents were selected using probability-based sampling with post-stratification weights to ensure the 1,000 respondents were representative of the Sengalese population ≥15 years of age in 2020.

18.4% of Senegalese adults experienced moderate-to-high water insecurity in 2020¹

Who is water insecure in Senegal?



*Based on degree of urbanisation classification, rural and peri-urban areas were

Within household income quintiles

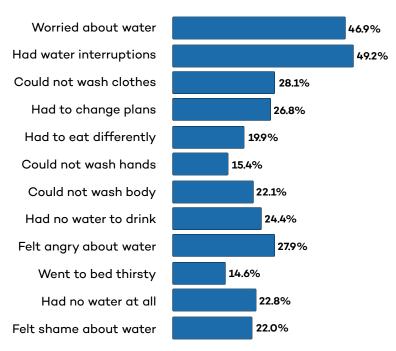


How did we measure water insecurity?

Most indicators measure water availability or infrastructure. These don't tell us about people's ability to reliably access or use water or how water insecurity varies by gender, age, etc. Which means we haven't known exactly **who** is left behind... until now.

How does water insecurity manifest in

Senegal? We used the Individual Water InSecurity Experiences (IWISE) Scale^{1,2} to measure individual experiences with water access and use. Respondents had the following negative experiences **due to water problems in the last year**.



These data provide insights on **prevalence and severity** of water insecurity that can guide **policymaking**, including resource allocation. The IWISE
Scale can also be used to measure the **impact** of
interventions, and monitor **progress** and **accountability**. We are seeking resources to generate
these vital, actionable water insecurity data again in
all countries.

¹ Each of the 12 IWISE items are scored 0 (never), 1 (1-2 months), 2 (some but not all months), or 3 (almost every month) in the last year, for a total score range of 0-36. The scores 0-2, 3-11, 12-23, and 24-36 represent noto-marginal, low, moderate, and high water insecurity, respectively.

² Young et al BMJ Global Health 2021. More at www.WISEscales.org.

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