

Poverty & Equity Brief

Sub-Saharan Africa

Senegal

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Based on international estimates, the proportion of people living below the \$ 1.9 PPP 2011 threshold is gradually declining from 38% in 2010 to 33.5% in 2018 and will have to be around 30.9% by 2021 if trends are maintained. The downward trend is due to good agricultural performance, the roll out of the cash transfer programs and the strengthening of basic social services for the benefit of the mostly rural populations.

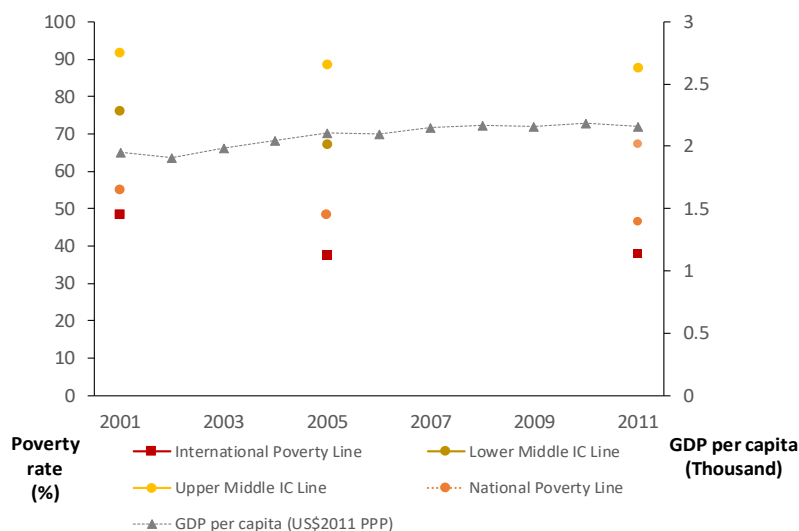
Despite this favorable trend in poverty rates, 400,000 poor people would be added in 2018 to the estimated 5 million poor people in 2011, due to rapid population growth which has outpaced per capita income growth.

The consumption growth of the bottom 40 percent is less than the growth for the rest of the population. The shared prosperity premium, which is the difference between the growth rate of the bottom 40 percent and the average in the economy is negative (-0.54). Inequality measured at a Gini index of 40 is rising.

POVERTY	Number of Poor (million)	Rate (%)	Period
National Poverty Line	6.2	46.7	2011
International Poverty Line 469.5 in CFA franc (2011) or US\$1.90 (2011 PPP) per day per capita	5.1	38.0	2011
Lower Middle Income Class Poverty Line 790.8 in CFA franc (2011) or US\$3.20 (2011 PPP) per day per capita	9.0	67.5	2011
Upper Middle Income Class Poverty Line 1359.2 in CFA franc (2011) or US\$5.50 (2011 PPP) per day per capita	11.7	88.1	2011
SHARED PROSPERITY			
Annualized Consumption Growth per capita of the bottom 40 percent		-0.28	2005-2011
INEQUALITY			
Gini Index		40.3	2011
Shared Prosperity Premium = Growth of the bottom 40 - Average Growth		-0.54	2005-2011
GROWTH			
Annualized GDP per capita growth		0.4	2005-2011
Annualized Consumption Growth per capita from Household Survey		0.27	2005-2011

Sources: WDI for GDP, National Statistical Offices for national poverty rates, POVCALNET as of March 2019, and Global Monitoring Database for the rest.

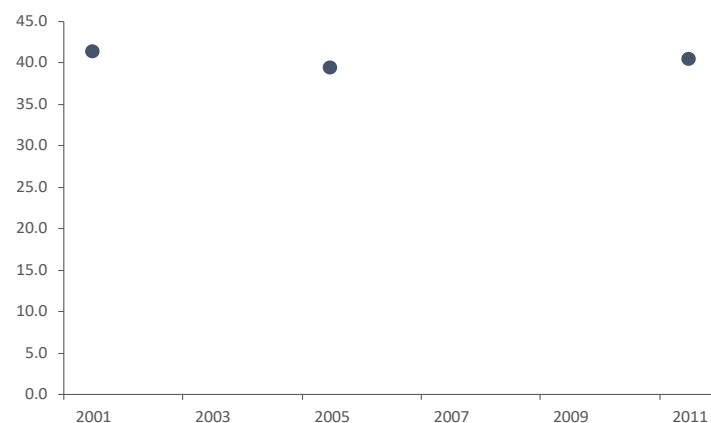
POVERTY HEADCOUNT RATE, 2001-2011



Source: World Bank using ESPS-II/SSAPOV/GMD

INEQUALITY TRENDS, 2001-2011

Gini Index



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KEY INDICATORS (distribution among groups)

	International Poverty Line (%)		Relative Group (%)		Year
	Non-Poor	Poor	Bottom 40	Top 60	
Urban population	88	12	14	86	2011
Rural population	42	58	60	40	2011
Males	62	38	40	60	2011
Females	62	38	40	60	2011
0 to 14 years old	56	44	46	54	2011
15 to 64 years old	67	33	35	65	2011
65 and older	64	36	38	62	2011
Without education (age 16 and older)	57	43	45	55	2011
Primary education (age 16 and older)	77	23	24	76	2011
Secondary education (age 16 and older)	82	18	20	80	2011
Tertiary/post-secondary education (age 16 and older)	96	4	5	95	2011

Source: World Bank using Global Monitoring Database

POVERTY DATA AND METHODOLOGY

Poverty analysis is based on three household surveys—2011 ESPS2, 2005/06 ESPS I, and 2001/02 ESAM II. The three surveys are not strictly comparable because of changes made over the years—survey design (data collection period, list of consumption items, recall versus diary, and differences in price data sources)—that have the potential to bias the estimates in either direction. However, poverty trends across these three surveys are consistent with macroeconomic growth trends and the perceived changes in community-level poverty. The official poverty measurement methodology follows the Cost of Basic Needs approach. The welfare measure is consumption per adult equivalent. A poverty line is calculated that represents minimum food and non-food components. Separate poverty lines are then used for the three zones: Dakar, other urban, and rural areas. In 2011, the total poverty lines for "other urban" and rural areas were about 80 percent and 60 percent, respectively, of the Dakar poverty line, reflecting higher costs of living in the capital. Because a different non-food share was used for each of the poverty lines, these lines may reflect differences other than just price differences. International poverty estimates at the \$1.90 a day poverty line is based on consumption per capita and use the consumer price index to adjust for inflation across surveys. Because of these differences, the resulting consumption growth and changes in poverty may differ between the national and the international measures. Finally, Senegal will complete a household survey in 2019, like other WAEMU countries.

HARMONIZATION

The numbers presented in this brief are based on the SSAPOV database. SSAPOV is a database of harmonized nationally representative household surveys managed by Sub-Saharan Team for Statistical Development. It contains more than 100 surveys covering 44 out of the 48 countries in the SSA region. The four countries not covered in the database are Eritrea, Equatorial Guinea, Somalia and Zimbabwe. Terms of use of the data adhere to agreements with the original data producers.