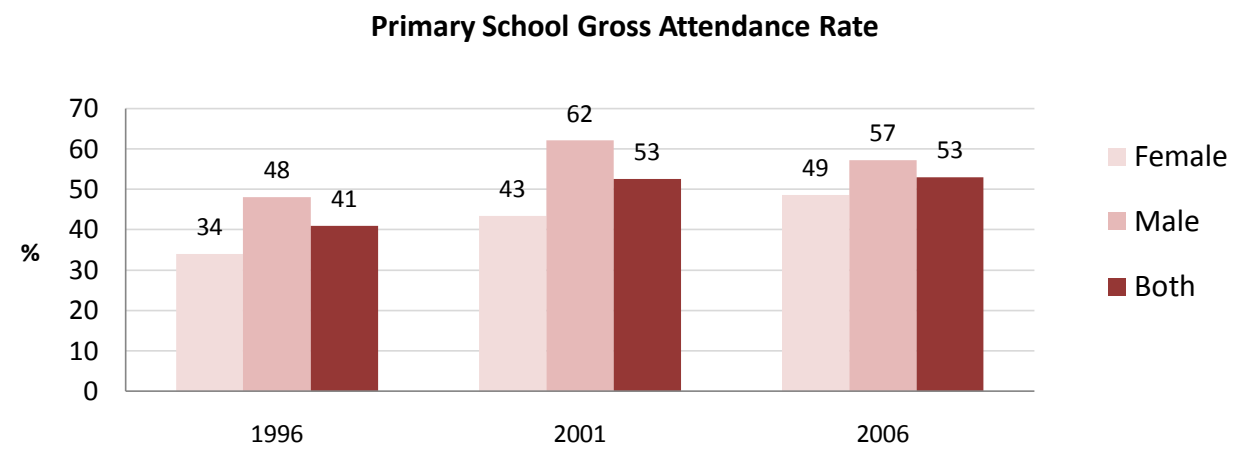
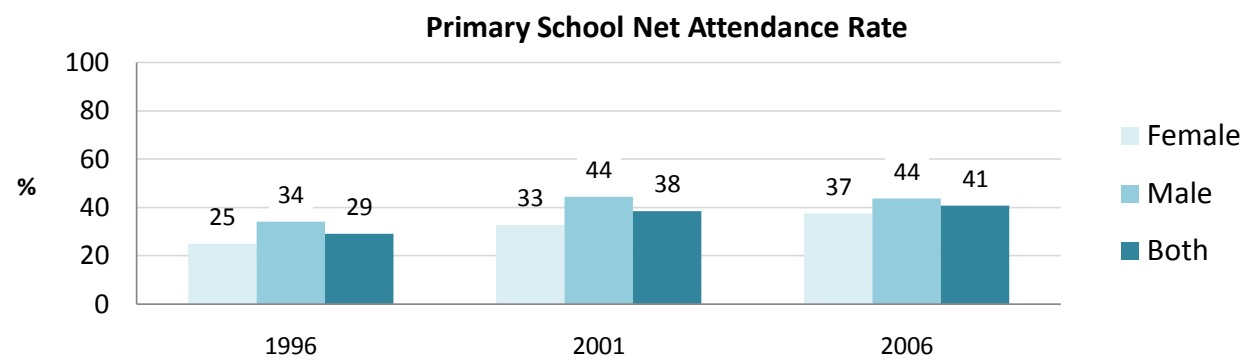


Primary School Net and Gross Attendance Rates, Mali

Less than a half of school age children in Mali attends primary school. Boys are slightly more likely to attend than girls.

- 41% of children ages 7-12 attend primary school.
- 44% of boys ages 7-12 attend school, compared to 37% of girls.
- There has not been much progress in primary school attendance in Mali in 10 years, with net attendance rates increasing from 29% in 1996 to only 41% in 2006.

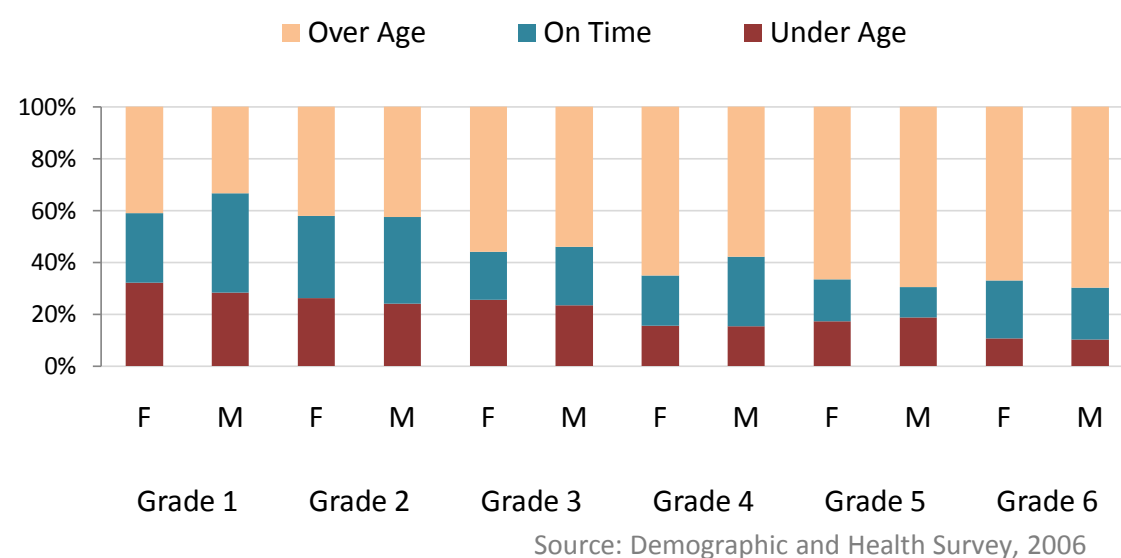


Many children attending primary school are outside of the official age range. This is reflected in the difference between net and gross attendance rates. This can have tremendous impact on the educational infrastructure, the experience in the classroom, and educational planning.

The net attendance ratio (NAR) is the percentage of the official primary school-age population that attends primary school. The gross attendance ratio (GAR) is the total number of students attending primary school - regardless of age - expressed as a percentage of the official primary school-age population.

Over-Age, Under-Age, and On-Time Students in Primary School, Mali

Only about 25% of primary school students are in the appropriate grade for their age; the on-time proportion declines in the higher grades.



- 53% of the male primary school students and 55% of the female students are over-age.
- The percentage of males who are over-age ranges from 33% to 70%. The percentage for females ranges from 41% to 67%.
- About 21% of primary school students are younger than the official age for the grade that they are attending.

The Implications of Over-Age/Under-Age Students

For the system: Both late entry into primary school and grade repetition can cause children to be over-age for their grade. High repetition rates indicate inefficiency in the education system.

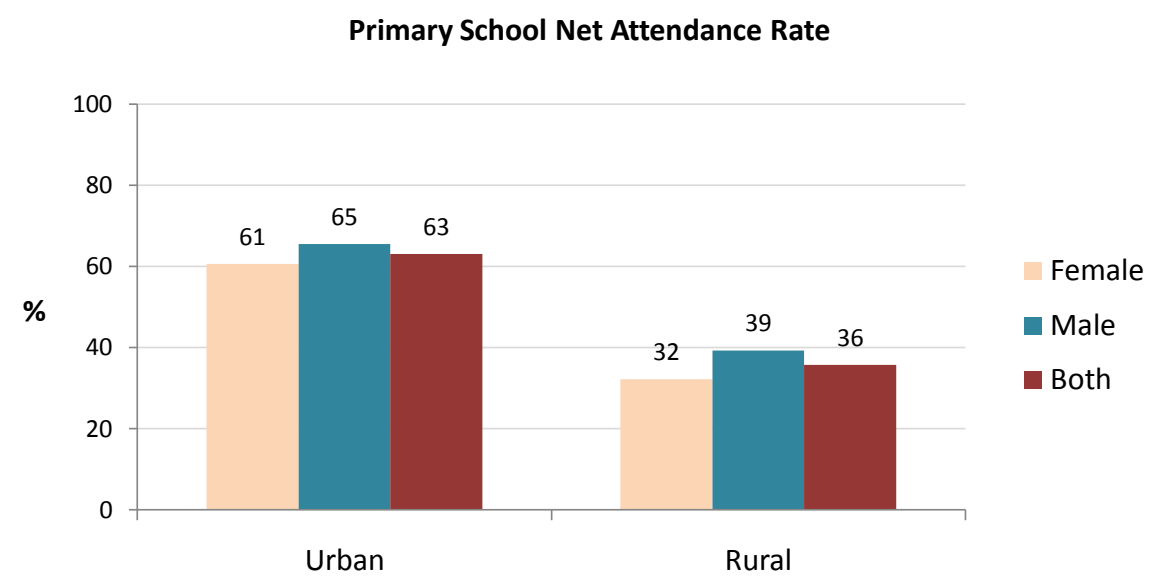
In the classroom: Large numbers of over-age students present a challenge for teachers who must teach a more diverse group with differing levels of maturity and school preparedness.

Students are considered to be on time if they are at the official age for the grade; over age if they are one or more years older; and under age if they are one or more years younger.

Primary School Net Attendance Rate in Urban and Rural Areas, Mali

Children in urban areas are almost twice as likely to attend school than children in rural areas.

- In urban areas, 63% of children of primary school age attend school, compared to 36% in rural areas.



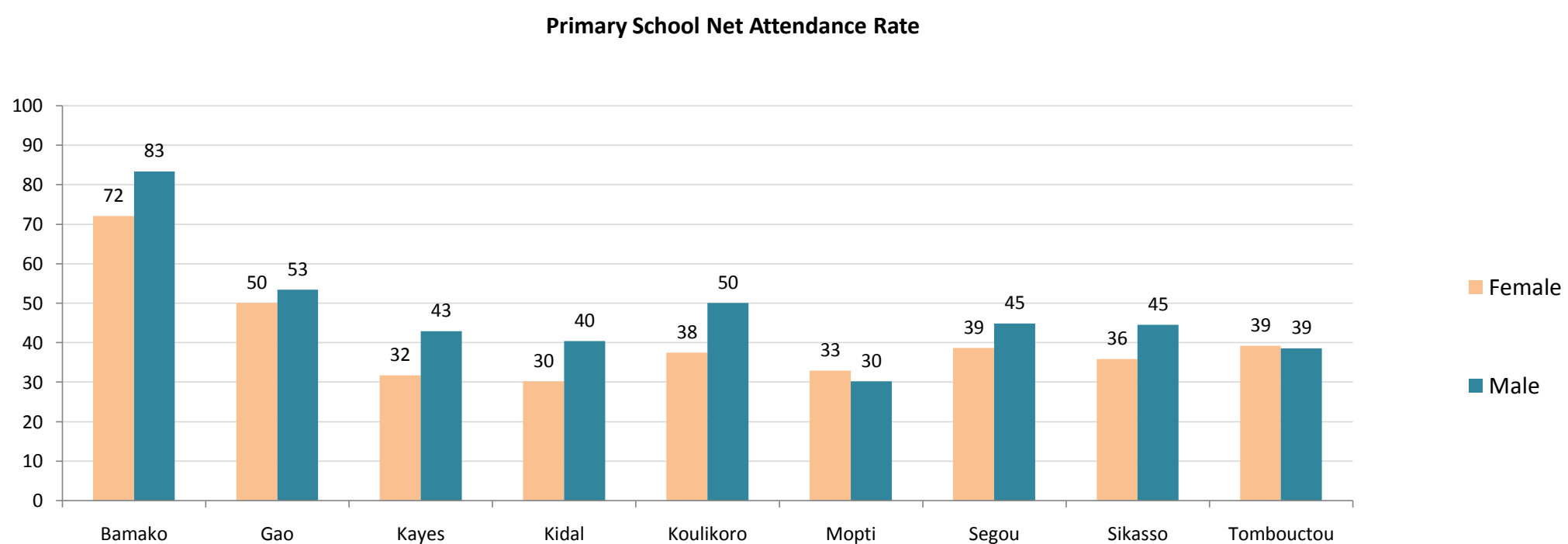
Source: Demographic and Health Survey, 2006

- Gender disparity in favor of males appears to be higher in rural areas than in urban areas.

Primary School Net Attendance Rate by Region, Mali

There are large regional disparities in primary school attendance in Mali.

- Primary net attendance is highest in the Bamako region (77%); attendance is lowest in the Mopti region (32%).
- Gender disparity is lowest in the Tombouctou region and highest in the Koulikoro region.
- In 8 of the 9 regions, only a half of children of primary school age attends school.

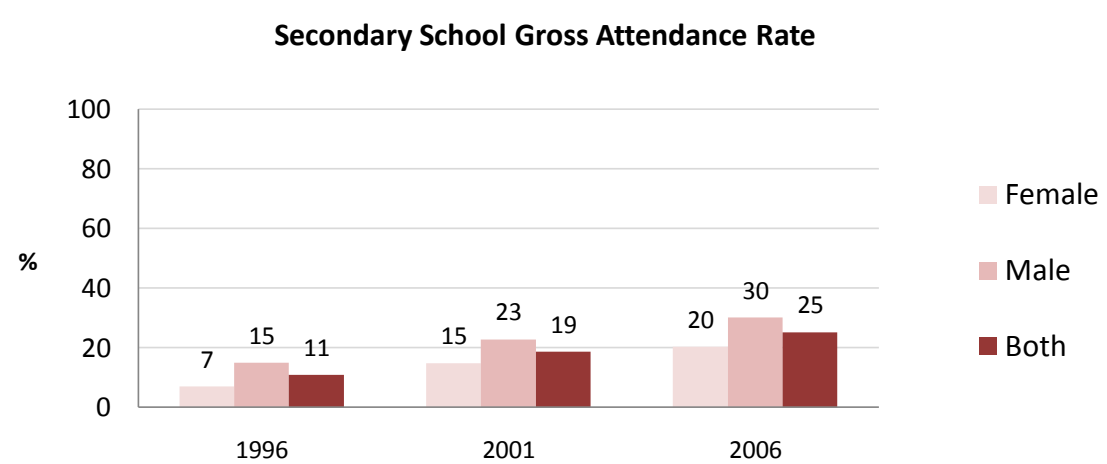
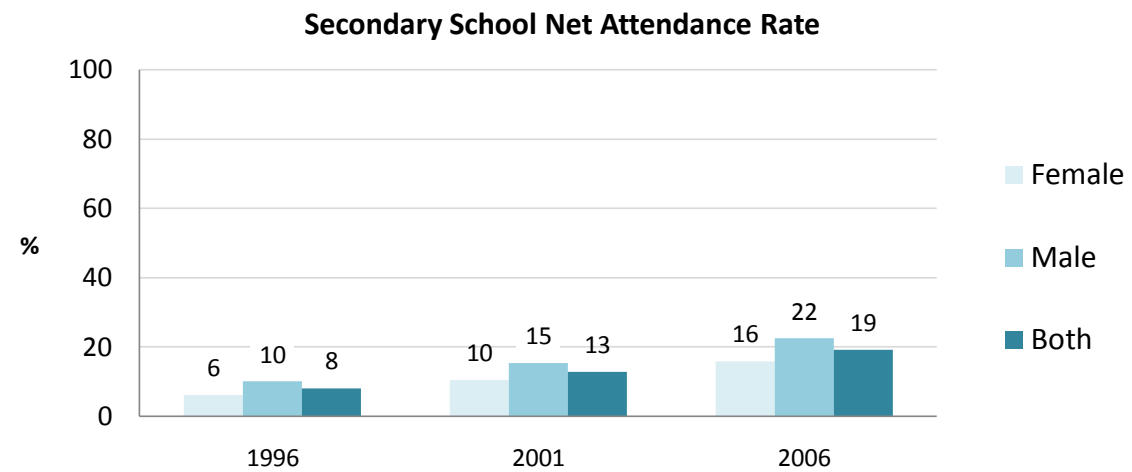


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Secondary School Net and Gross Attendance Rates, Mali

Less than a quarter of secondary school age youth attend school. Males are more likely to attend than females.

- 19% of youth ages 13-18 attend secondary school.
- 22% of males ages 13-18 attend school, compared to 16% of females.
- Students over or under the official secondary school age range make up 6% of the secondary school age population.
- In 10 years secondary school net attendance rate increased by only 8 percentage points, from 8% in 1996 to 19% in 2006.

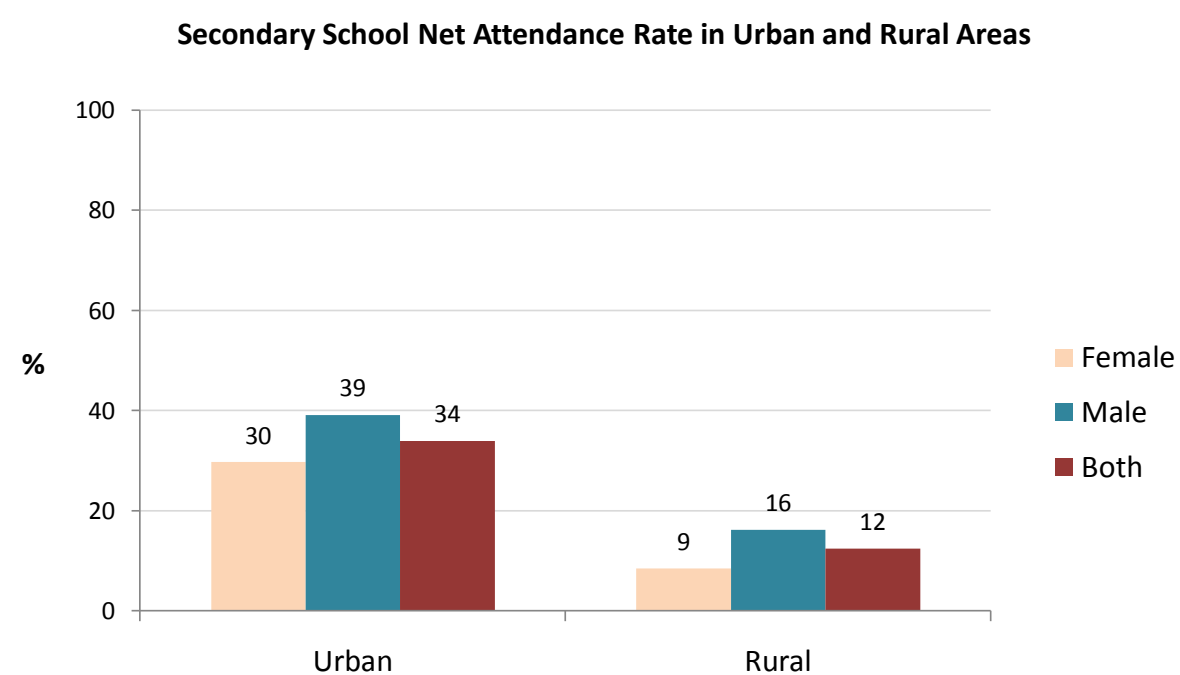


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Secondary School Net Attendance Rate in Urban and Rural Areas, Mali

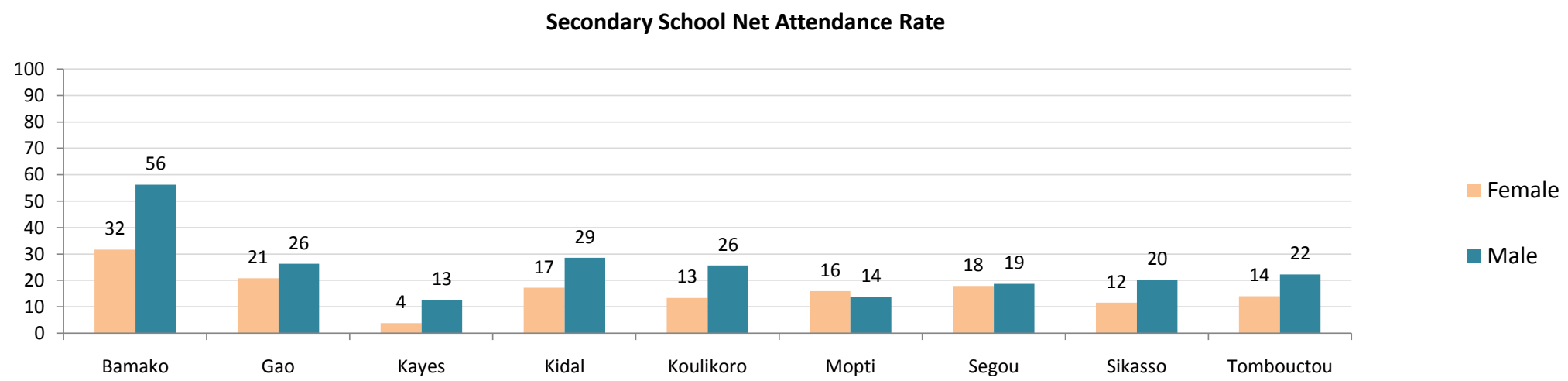
There are almost three times more youth attending secondary school in urban areas as compared to rural areas.

- In urban areas, 34% of children of secondary school age attend school, compared to 12% in rural areas.
- Gender disparity in favor of males appears to be similar in urban and rural areas.



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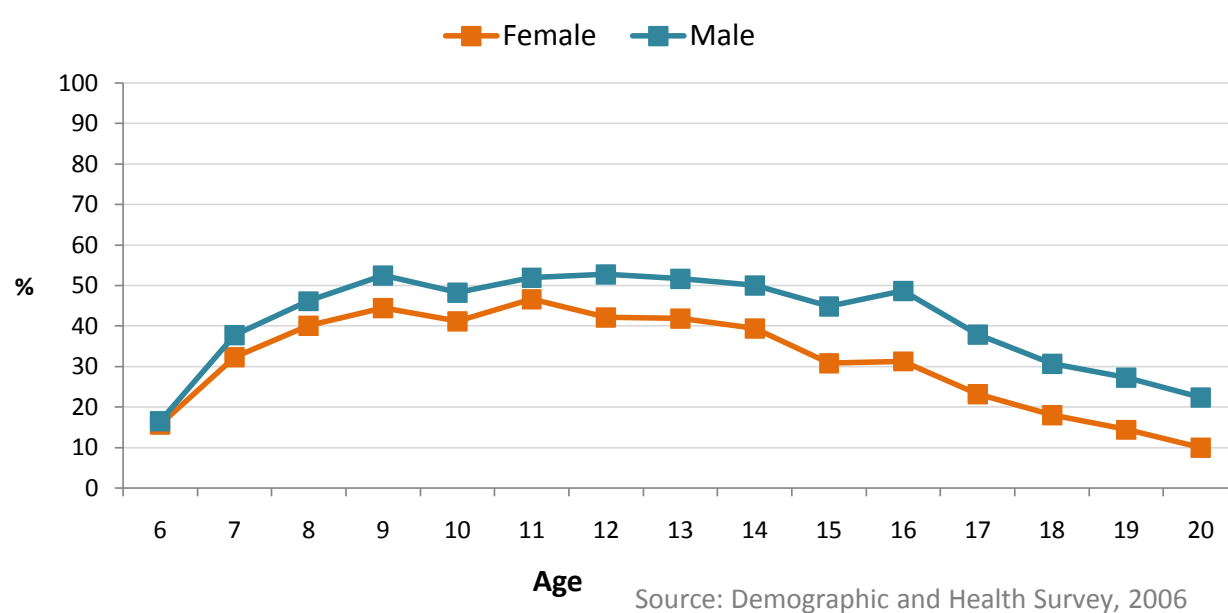
Secondary School Net Attendance Rate by Region, Mali



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- Secondary net attendance is highest in the Bamako region (41%); attendance is lowest in the Kayes region (8%).
- Gender disparity is highest in the Bamako region and lowest in the Segou region.

School Attendance by Age and Sex, Mali

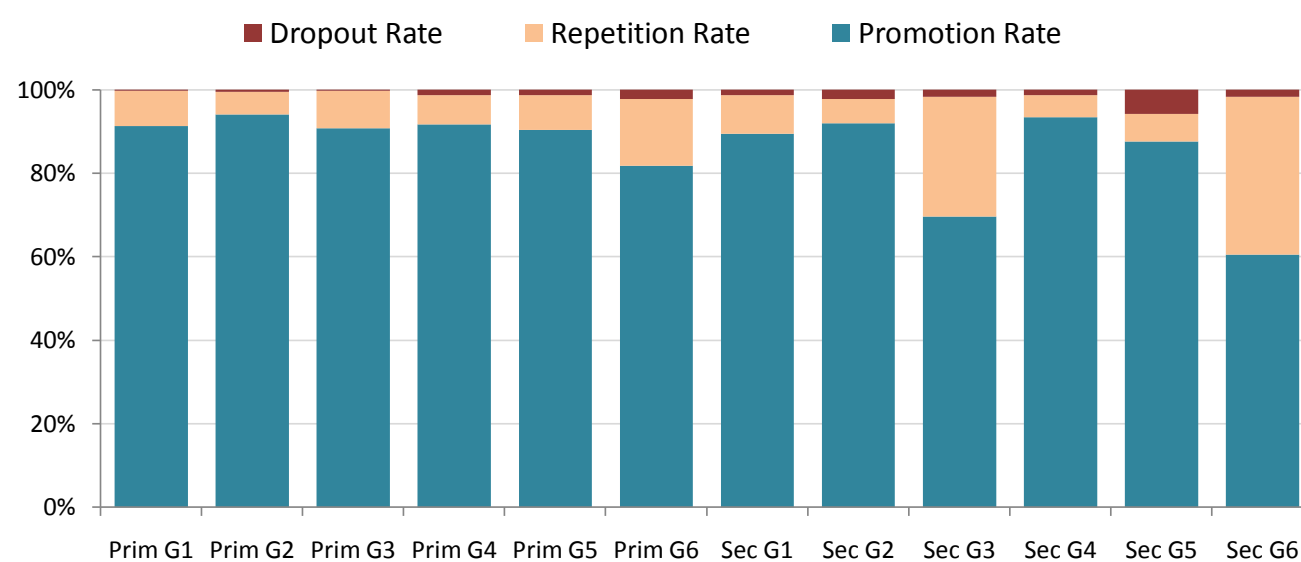


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- The percentage of males attending school is higher than females at every grade.
- For females, the highest attendance rate is at age 11 (47%), while for males the highest attendance rate is at age 12 (53%).

Repetition, Dropout, and Promotion Rates by Grade, Mali

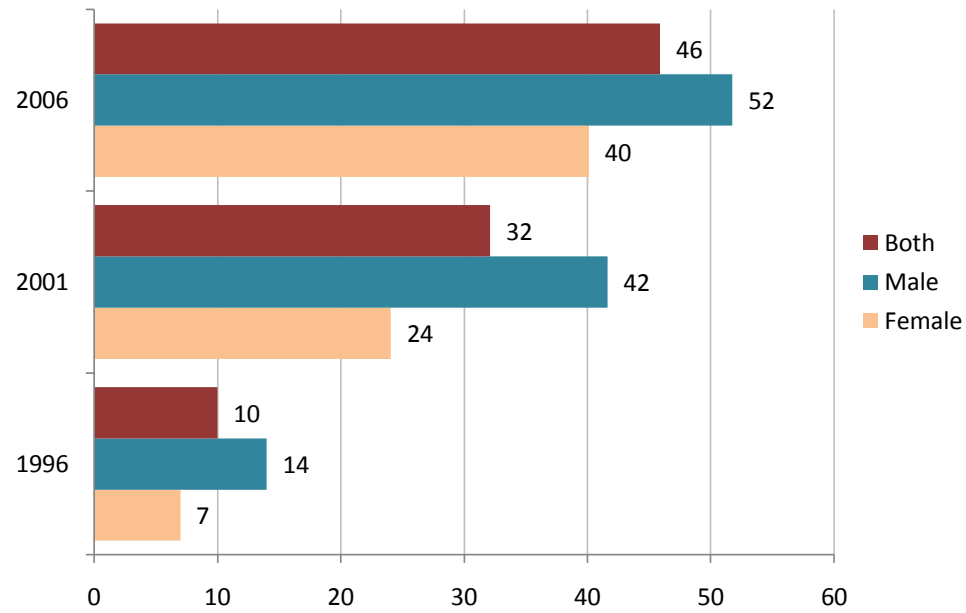
- Repetition rate ranges from 5% in grade 4 of secondary school to 38% in grade 6 of secondary school.
- Dropout rate is highest in grade 5 of secondary school (6%) and lowest in grade 1 of primary school (0%).



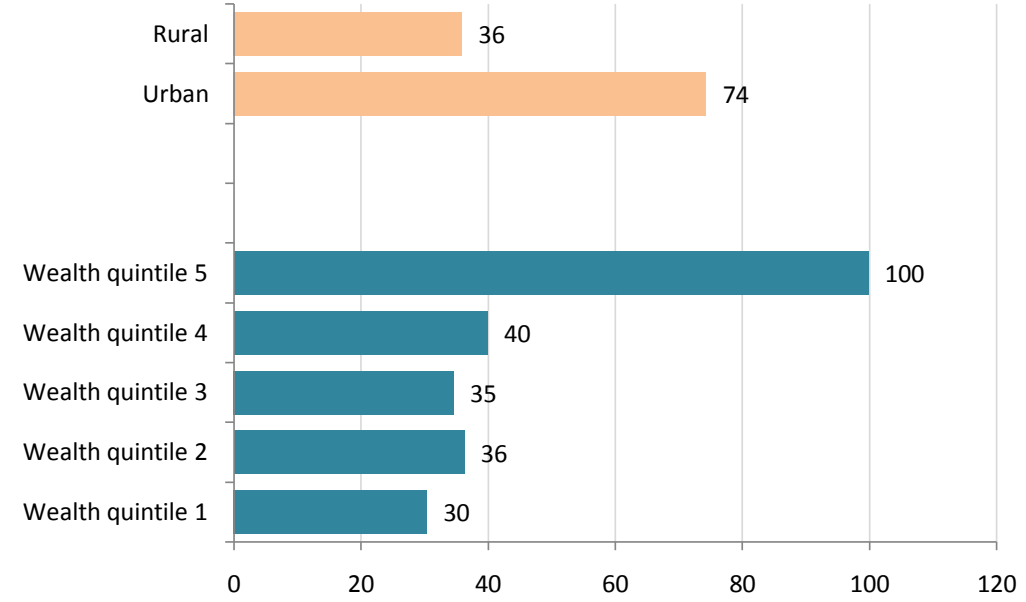
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Primary School Completion Rates, Mali

- Primary school completion rates increased from 10% in 1996 to 46% in 2006.
- The probability of completing primary school is much higher in urban than rural areas. Only 30% of students living in the poorest households complete primary school, as compared to 100% of students living in the wealthiest households.



Source: Demographic and Health Survey



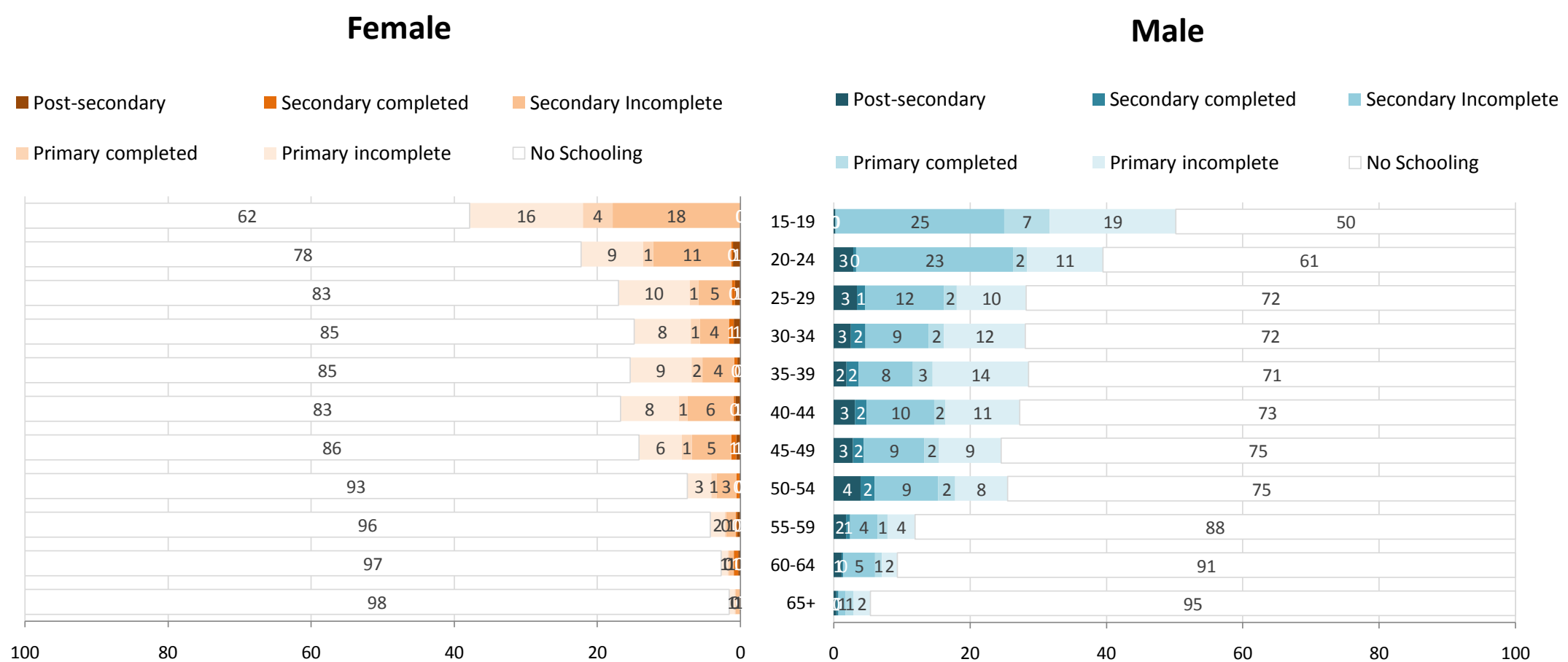
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The primary school completion rate is the total number of students attending the last grade of primary school - regardless of age - expressed as a percentage of the official last grade of primary school-age population.

Educational Attainment, Mali

Males are better educated than women across all age groups.

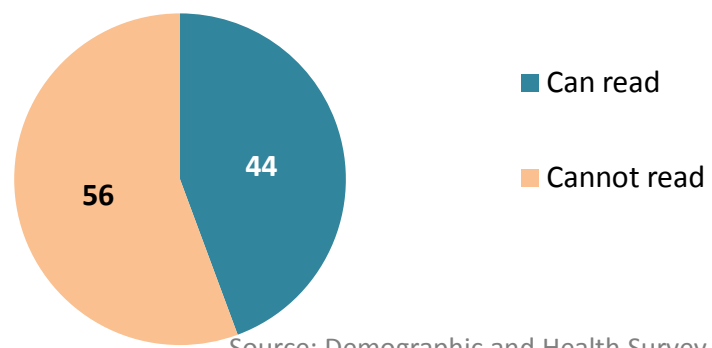
- Among the population aged 15 years old and above, 70% of men and 81% of women have no education.
- 50% of men and 62% of women who are 15-19 year old have never attended school.
- Only 1% of the population aged 15 years old and above have post-secondary education.



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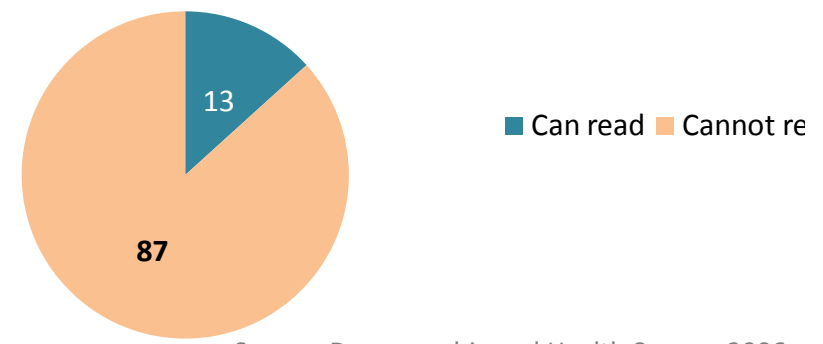
Female Literacy Rates, Mali

Female Literacy Rate, Urban



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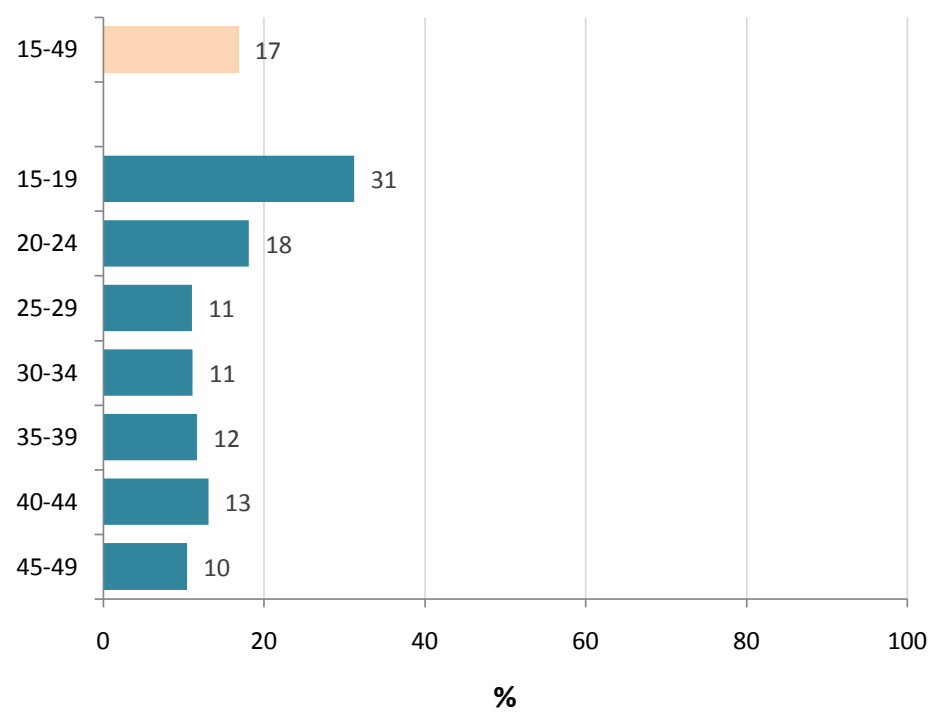
Female Literacy Rate, Rural



Source: Demographic and Health Survey, 2006

- 44% of women age 15-24 in urban areas can read, compared to 13% in rural areas.
- The percentage of women who can read is 10% among women age 45-49 and 31% among women age 15-19.

Female Literacy Rate by Age



Source: Demographic and Health Survey, 2006