

Children's School Attendance Status by Employment Status* and Sex, Belize 2013

School Attendance Status	Employment Status (%)		
	Not Employed	Employed	Total
Males			
Attending School	93.2	23.9	88.6
Not Attending School	6.7	76.1	11.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	52,313	3,719	55,909
Females			
Attending School	89.9	35.7	88.4
Not Attending School	10.1	64.3	11.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	52,407	1,470	53,782
Total			
Attending School	91.5	27.2	88.5
Not Attending School	8.4	72.8	11.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	104,503	5,188	109,691

*No employment status was reported for 82 children

- About 12% of children were not attending school.
- About 73% of employed children were not attending school, compared to about 8% of the children who were not employed.
- Employed boys were less likely than employed girls to attend school.

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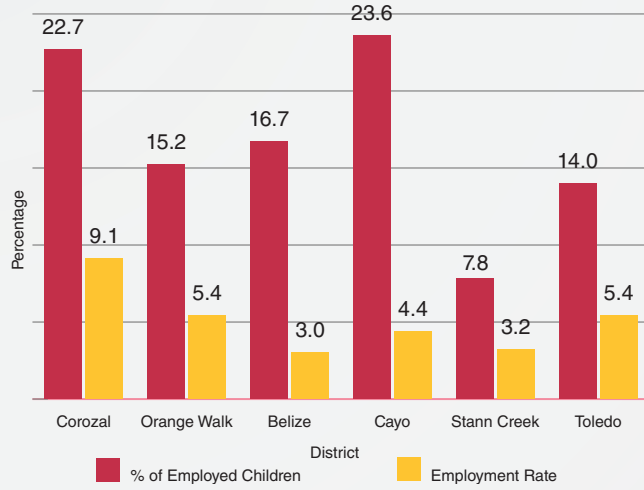
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KEY FACTS AND FIGURES

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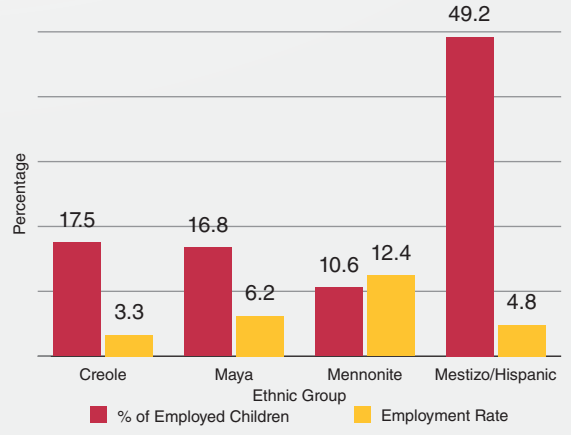
Percentage of Employed Children and Employment Rates by District, Belize 2013



4.7% (5,188) of Belize's children are employed.

- Toledo has the highest employment rate at 14% followed by Corozal at 9.1%.
- Belize District has the lowest employment rate at 3%.
- Almost a quarter of employed children live in Cayo and 23% in Corozal.

Percentage of Employed Children and Employment Rate by Ethnic Group, Belize 2013



- The employment rate is highest amongst Mennonites (12.4%) and lowest amongst Creoles (3.3%).
- 44% of employed children are Mestizos, approximately 18% are Creoles and 17% are Mayans.

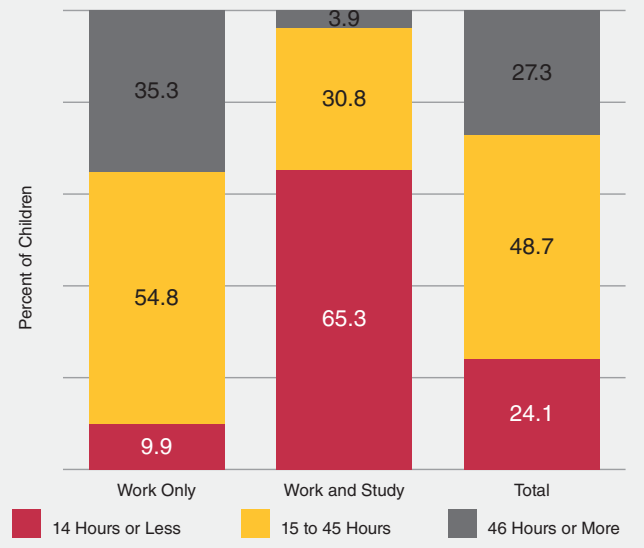
Distribution of Working Children and Employment Rate by Sex and Area of Residence, Belize 2013

Sex	Area of Residence (%)			Number
	Urban	Rural	Total	
<i>Distribution by Sex and Area of Residence</i>				
Male	21.0	79.0	71.7	3,719
Female	32.1	67.9	28.3	1,470
Total	24.1	75.9	100.0	5,188
<i>Employment Rate by Sex and Area of Residence</i>				
Male	3.4	8.9	6.6	3,719
Female	2.1	3.1	2.7	1,470
Total	2.8	6.1	4.7	5,188
Number	1,251	3,937	5,188	

Distribution of working children:

- Approximately 72% of working children are males and 28% are females.
 - About 76% of working children live in rural areas and 24% live in urban areas.
- Employment Rate by Sex and Area:
- 6.6% of males and 2.2% of females are employed.
 - 6.1% of rural children and about 3% of urban children are working.

Children's Weekly Hours of Work by Activity Status, Belize 2013



- More than a quarter of employed children worked over 45 hours per week.
- About 4% of children were both working and attending school.
- Children who only work are about 10 times as likely to work over 45 hours than those who work and attend school.

Children's Employment Status by Sex, Age Group and Area of Residence, Belize 2013

Status	Sex (%)		Age Group (%)		Area of Residence (%)		Total
	Male	Female	5 to 13	14 to 17	Urban	Rural	
Self-employed	6.8	14.3	11.1	8.5	19.0	5.7	8.9
Paid Employment	56.9	61.1	45.8	60.3	58.2	58.0	58.1
Unpaid Employment	36.3	24.6	43.0	31.2	22.8	36.2	33.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	3,719	1,470	780	4,408	1,251	3,937	5,188

- Almost two-thirds of working children are in paid employment.
- Almost one-third of working children are in unpaid employment.
- 43% of 5 - 13 year olds are in unpaid employment compared to about 31% of 14 - 17 year olds.
- Males are more likely than females to be working in unpaid employment.