

Burkina Faso: Key Country Statistics

Population

19,082,437 (as at 1 May 2017), with a 3.01% growth rate (November 2016 est.)¹

Languages

French (official), native African languages belonging to Sudanic family spoken by 90% of the population, including Moré/Mooré²

Health and Development

Human Develop Index rank: 183 out of 188 in 2014³

Life expectancy at birth (years): 55.5 (median age of 17.2)⁴

Infant mortality rate: 61 deaths (per 1,000 live births) (2016)⁵

Maternal mortality ratio: 371 deaths (per 100,000 live births) (2015)⁶

Fertility rate, total (births per women): 5.79 (2016 est.)⁷

Literacy – total population (aged 15 and over that can read/write): 36%⁸

Literacy – total youth population (age 15-24) that can read/write: 39%; female – 33%; male – 47% (2014)⁹

The Law

In 1996 Burkina Faso became the first African country to introduce a national law against FGM (Section 2, Article 380 of the Penal Code).

Practice of FGM

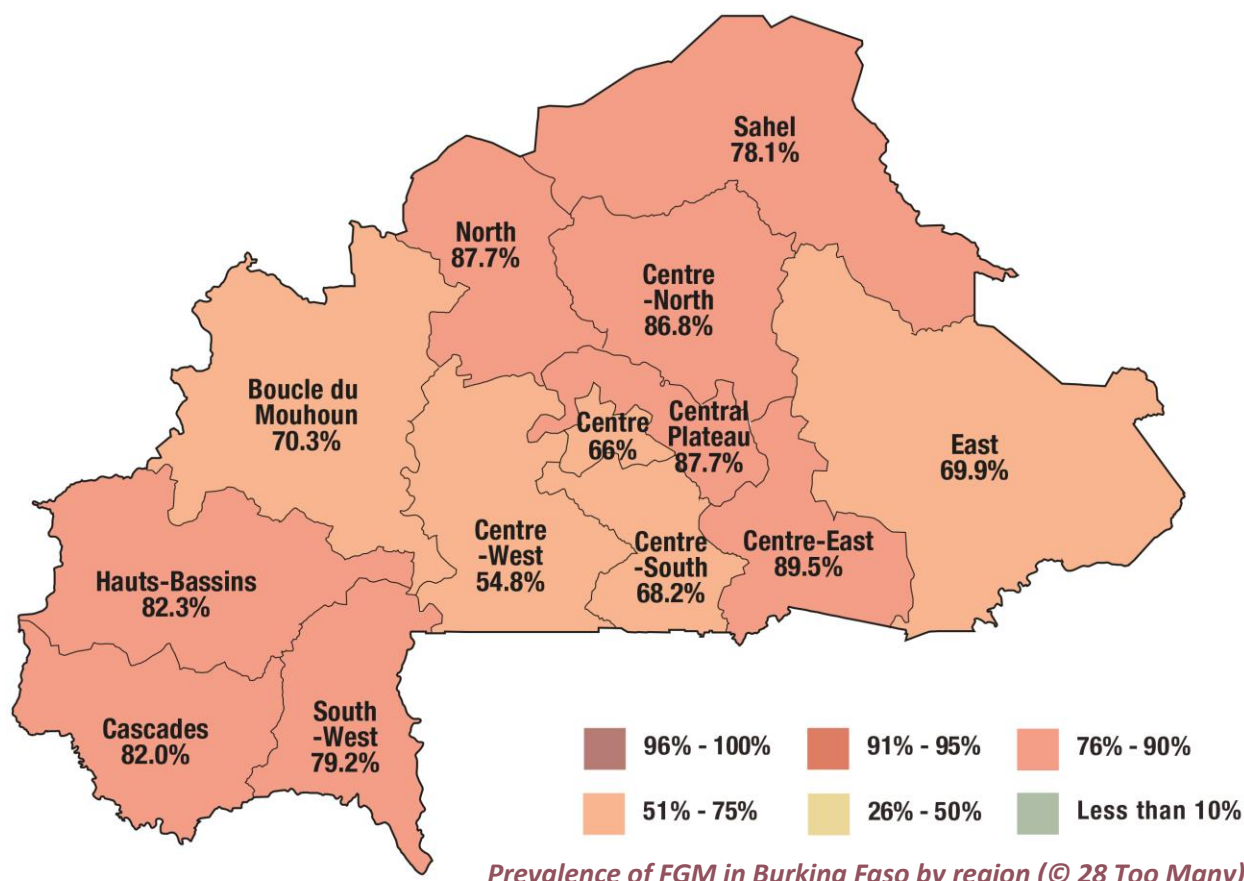
Type most commonly practised: 76.8% of women aged 15-49 who have undergone FGM have been “cut, flesh removed”¹⁰

Practitioners: 98.3% of girls aged 0-14 who have undergone FGM were cut by ‘traditional agents’, which includes traditional cutters and birth attendants.¹¹

Prevalence of FGM

The prevalence of FGM in women (aged 15-49) is 75.8%.¹² This is a decrease from 76.6% in the DHS 2003.¹³

The prevalence of FGM in young women in the 15-19 age-group is 57.7%, which is 31.6% lower than the prevalence in women in the 45-49 age-group, at 89.3%. This indicates a decline in practice over time.¹⁴



Urbanisation

Urban population: 29.9% of total pop. (2015), with a 5.87% annual rate of change (2010-15 est.)¹⁵

Prevalence of FGM among women aged 15-49 who live in urban areas: 68.7%¹⁶

Prevalence of FGM among women aged 15-49 who live in rural areas: 78.4%¹⁷

Ethnic Groups

Ethnic Group (2010 Est. % of Population) ¹⁸	Prevalence of FGM (Among Women Aged 15-49) ¹⁹
Mossi (52.5%)	78.4%
Fulani (8.4%)	83.9%
Gourmantché (6.8%)	64.3%
Bobo (4.8%)	68.4%
Gourounsi (4.5%)	60.3%
Séonoufo (4.4%)	87.2%
Bissa (3.9%)	83.1%
Lobi (2.5%)	83.2%
Dagara (2.4%)	69.3%

Ethnic Group (2010 Est. % of Population)¹⁸	Prevalence of FGM (Among Women Aged 15-49)¹⁹
Touareg/Bella (1.9%)	22.2%
Dioula (0.8%)	72.8%
Unspecified/other (7.1%)	Other nationalities 35.7% Other ethnicities 78.4%

Please note that the criteria for the classification of ethnicity in the two columns may not be the same.

Religions

Religion (2010 Est. % of Population)²⁰	Prevalence of FGM (Among Women Aged 15-49)²¹
Muslim (61.6%)	81.4%
Catholic (23.2%)	66.1%
Traditional/animist (7.4%)	75.5%
Protestant (6.7%)	60.0%
Other/no answer (0.2%)	(—)
No religion (0.9%)	62.1%

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