

GHANA - KEY COUNTRY STATISTICS



FGM PREVALENCE RATE

The estimated prevalence of FGM in girls and women (15-49 years) is 3.8% (MICS 2006). This appears to be a decrease of 1.6% from 5.4% in 2003 (DHS 2003).

The prevalence of FGM in girls and women within the 15-19 age group is estimated at 1.4%, which appears to be 4.3% less than FGM prevalence in the 35-39 age group which is estimated at 5.7% (MICS 2006). There seems to have been a 1.9% reduction in prevalence for girls and women in the age group of 15-19 when compared with figures from 2003 (DHS 2003), which estimated FGM prevalence to be at 3.3%. There is also a suggested 1% decrease in prevalence for women in the age group of 35-39 from 2003 which estimated FGM prevalence to be at 6.7% (DHS 2003).

Figures also suggest a 4% difference in FGM prevalence between girls and women (15-49 years) who live in urban and rural areas, with estimated FGM prevalence at 1.7% and 5.7% respectively (MICS 2006).

The most prevalent type of FGM practised in Ghana is Type II, although Types I and III are also practised. (US Department of State, 2001). *The DHS does not collect data on the type of FGM performed in Ghana.*

The Ghanaian government has passed legislation that specifically prohibits the practice of FGM (MICS 2006).

POPULATION

26,908,262 (July 2016 est.)

Median age: 21 Years

Growth rate: 2.18% (2016 est.) (World Factbook)

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Rank: 140 out of 188 in 2014 (UNDP)

HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth (years): 61.4 (UNDP) or 66.6 years (World Factbook)

Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births): 36.3 deaths

Maternal mortality rate 319 deaths/100,000 live births (2015 est.); country comparison to the world: 32

Fertility rate, total (births per women): 4.03 (2016 est.)

HIV/AIDS – adult prevalence rate: 1.61% (2015 est.)

HIV AIDS – people living with HIV/AIDS: 274,600 (2015 est.); country comparison to the world: 23

HIV/AIDS – deaths: 12,600 (2015 est.)

(World Factbook)

LITERACY (AGE 15 AND OVER THAT CAN READ AND WRITE)

Total population: 76.6%

Female: 71.4%; male: 82% (2015 est.) (World Factbook)

Total Youth Population: 86%

Female youth (15-24 years): 83%; male youth: 88% (2014) (World Bank)

GDP

GDP (official exchange rate): \$36.04 billion (2015 est.)

GDP per capita (PPP): \$4,300 (2015 est.)

GDP (real growth rate): 3.5% (2015 est.)

URBANISATION

Urban population: 54% of total population (2015)

Rate of urbanisation: 3.4% annual rate of change (2010-15 est.)

ETHNIC GROUPS

Akan 47.5%, Mole-Dagbon 16.6%, Ewe 13.9%, Ga-Dangme 7.4%, Gurma 5.7%, Guan 3.7%, Grusi 2.5%, Mande-Busanga 1.1%, other 1.6% (2010 census)

RELIGIONS

Christian 71.2% (Pentecostal/Charismatic 28.3%, Protestant 18.4%, Catholic 13.1%, other 11.4%), Muslim 17.6%, traditional 5.2%, other 0.8%, none 5.2% (2010 census)

LANGUAGES

Asante 16%, Ewe 14%, Fante 11.6%, Boron (Brong) 4.9%, Dagomba 4.4%, Dangme 4.2%, Dagarte (Dagaba) 3.9%, Kokomba 3.5%, Akyem 3.2%, Ga 3.1%, other 31.2%

note: English is the official language (2010 est.)

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