

### **Profile of the Ashanti Region**

Ashanti Region is centrally located in the middle belt of Ghana. It share boundaries with Brong Ahafo in the north, Eastern Region in the east, Central Region in the south, and Western Region in the south west. The population of the Ashanti Region of Ghana grew from 3,612,950 in 2000 to 4,780,380 in 2010. With a growth rate of 2.7% the population is estimated to increase to 10.2 million by 2040. A proportion of 48.4% of the population are males and females represents 51.6% The age structure of the region indicates that, the proportion of the population aged 0 - 14 (under 15 years) is 37.7%, and those aged 15 - 64 and 65+ are 58.0% and 4.3% respectively.

The region occupies a total land area of 24,390 sq. km, which makes it the third largest among the regions in terms of land size. It has a population density of 196 people per sq. km. The region is 60.6% urban with an annual urban growth rate of 4.5%. The region experiences more inflows of people from other parts of the country than people moving out the region, this therefore gave the region a net migration value of 240,020 in 2010. With regards to the economy, the labour force participation rate for population aged 15 - 64 is almost 70.9%.

The region recorded an Infant Mortality Rate (deaths of infants under age one) of forty-three infant deaths per 1,000 live births in 2011. Child Mortality Rate (deaths of children between age one and four) was 45 deaths per 1,000 live births and Under Five Mortality (number of children who die by age five) was reported as 86 deaths per 1,000 live births. Maternal Mortality Rate (relates the number of deaths due to pregnancy related causes to the number of women of the child-bearing age group, 15 - 49 years) in the region, was 421 per 100,000 live births in 2010, this was lower than the national value of 485 per 100,000 live births.

The Total Fertility Rate (TFR) of the region is slightly lower (4.4) as compared to the national TFR of 4.0, showing that on the average women in the Ashanti Region give birth to four children as do all women in Ghana. In addition there are three births per every 100 adolescents in the region, which is among the highest compared to the other regions. With regards to Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR), the use of modern contraceptives among currently married women (Contraceptive Prevalence Rate) was 20.0% in 2014. In 2013, the HIV prevalence rate in the region was 3.2%, lower than the national HIV prevalence of 1.3%.

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