

Profile of Brong Ahafo Region

The Brong Ahafo Region, formerly part of the Ashanti Region, was created in April 1959. It shares boundaries with the Northern Region to the North, the Ashanti and Western Regions to the South, the Volta Region to the East, the Eastern Region to the south east and La Cote D'Ivoire to the West. The population of the region grew from 1,815,408 in 2000 to 2,310,983 in 2010. With a growth rate of 2.3% the population is estimated to increase to 4.6 million by 2040. The male population represents 49.6% of the total population of the region, while the females are 50.4%. The age structure of the region indicates that, the proportion of the population aged 0 - 14 (under 15 years) is 40.4%, and those aged 15 - 64 and 65+ are 55.1% and 4.5% respectively.

The region occupies a total land area of 39,554 sq. km, which makes it the second largest region of the country in terms of land size. It has a population density of 58.44 people per sq. km. The region is 44.5% urban with an annual urban growth rate of 4.5%. It experiences more inflows of people from other parts of the country than people migrating out the region, this therefore gave the region a net migration value of 117,844 in 2010. With regards to the economy, the labour force participation rate for population aged 15 - 64 is almost 75.4%.

The region recorded an Infant Mortality Rate (deaths of infants under age one) of sixty-six infant deaths per 1,000 live births in 2011, this was among the highest rates in the country. Child Mortality Rate (deaths of children between ages one and four) was 41 deaths per 1,000 live births and Under Five Mortality (number of children who die by age five) was reported at 104 deaths per 1,000 live births, the third highest among the regions. Maternal Mortality Rate (relates the number of deaths due to pregnancy related causes to the number of women of child-bearing age, 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 (4.0), that indicates that on the average, women in the Brong Ahafo Region give birth to four children as do all women in Ghana. In addition there are four births per every 100 adolescents in the region, which compared to the other regions is one of the highest. With regards to Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR), the use of modern contraceptives among currently married women, it was 26.2% in 2014, among the highest rates in the country. In 2013, the HIV prevalence rate in the region was 2.1%, which is above the national HIV prevalence of 1.3%.

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