

Profile of Eastern Region

The Eastern Region of Ghana shares common boundaries with the Greater Accra, Central, Ashanti, Brong Ahafo and Volta Regions of the country. The population of the region grew from 1,635,421 in 2000 to 2,633,154 in 2010. With a growth rate of 2.1% the population is estimated to increase to 4.5 million by 2040. Forty-nine percent of the population are males and females represents 51.0% The age structure of the region indicates that, the proportion of the population aged 0 - 14 (under 15 years) is 38.4%, and those aged 15 - 64 and 65+ are 55.9% and 5.7% respectively.

The region occupies a total land area of 19,323 sq. km, which makes it the sixth largest region of the country in terms of land size. It has a population density of 136.3 people per sq. km. The region is 43.4% urban with an annual urban growth rate of 3.7%. It experiences more outflows of people to other parts of the country than people migrating into the region, this therefore gave the region a negative net migration value of -332,086 in 2010. With regards to the economy, the labour force participation rate for population aged 15 - 64 is almost 74.2%.

The region recorded an Infant Mortality Rate (deaths of infants under age one) of thirty-eight infants deaths per 1,000 live births in 2011. Child Mortality Rate (deaths of children between ages one and four) was 24 deaths per 1,000 live births and Under Five Mortality (number of children who die by age five) was reported at 61 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 child-bearing age, 15 - 49 years) in the region, was 538 per 100,000 live births in 2010, this was higher than the national value of 485 per 100,000 live births.

The Total Fertility Rate (TFR) of the region is slightly lower (3.3) as compared to the national TFR of 4.0. The average women in the Eastern Region give birth to three children. In addition there are four births per every 100 adolescents in the region, which among the regions is one of the highest. With regards to Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR), the use of modern contraceptives among currently married women was 25.6% in 2014. In 2013, the HIV prevalence rate in the region was 3.7%, higher than the national HIV prevalence of 1.3%.

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