

Profile of the Central Region

The Central Region of Ghana, was the former administrative centre of the Gold Coast. It shares common boundaries with Western region on the west, Ashanti and Eastern regions on the north, the Greater Accra Region on the East and on the south by the Gulf of Guinea. The population of the region grew from 1,593,823 in 2000 to 2,201,863 in 2010. With a growth rate of 3.1% the population is estimated to increase to 5.5 million by 2040. Almost 48.0% of the population are males and females represents 52.3% The age structure of the region indicates that, the proportion of the population aged 0 - 14 (under 15 years) is 39.6%, and those aged 15 - 64 and 65+ are 51.1% and 5.3% respectively.

The region occupies a total land area of 9,826 sq. km, which makes it the eighth largest among the regions in terms of land size. It has a population density of 224.1 people per sq. km. The region is 47.1% urban with an annual urban growth rate of 3.6%. The region 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 -238,015 in 2010. With regards to the economy, the labour force participation rate for population aged 15 - 64 is almost 71.2%.

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 36 deaths per 1,000 live births and Under Five Mortality (number of children who die by age five) was reported as 88 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 520 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 (5.4) as compared to the national TFR of 4.0. The average woman in the Central Region give birth to five children. In addition there are four 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 27.5% in 2014, the regions with the highest CPR in the country. In 2013, the HIV prevalence rate in the region was 1.1%, lower than the national HIV prevalence of 1.3%.

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