

Profile of Greater Accra Region

The Greater Accra Region lies on the south-eastern part of the country along the gulf of guinea and has coastal savannah, a little forest area inland towards the Eastern Region in the Ga district, and miles of beautiful coastline especially in the rural parts of the region. The population of the region grew from 2,905,726 in 2000 to 4,010,054 in 2010. With a growth rate of 2.5% the population is estimated to increase to 5.9 million by 2040. The male and female population represents 48.3% and 59.1% respectively of the total population. The age structure of the region indicates that, the proportion of the population aged 0 -14 (under 15 years) is 31.3%, and those aged 15-64 and 65+ are 62.5% and 3.5% respectively.

The region occupies a total land area of 3,245 sq. km, which makes it the smallest region of the country in terms of land size. It has a population density of 1,235.8 people per sq. km. The region is 90.5% urban with an annual urban growth rate of 3.1%. It 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 1,275,425 in 2010. With regards to the economy, the labour force participation rate for population aged 15 - 64 is almost 74.7%.

The region recorded the lowest Infant Mortality Rate (deaths of infants under age one) in 2011. Thirty-seven infant deaths per 1,000 live births were recorded in that year. Child Mortality Rate (deaths of children between ages one and four) was 19 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 (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 355 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 (2.5) as compared to the national TFR of 4.0, indicating that on the average women in the Greater Accra Region give birth to three children. In addition there are two births per every 100 adolescents in the region, which is the lowest among the regions. With regards to Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR), the use of modern contraceptives among currently married women, it was 19.4 % in 2014, one of the lowest in the country. In 2013, the HIV prevalence rate in the region was 2.7%, higher than the national HIV prevalence of 1.3%.

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