

### **Profile of the Upper East Region**

The Upper East Region of Ghana is located in the north-eastern corner of the country, bordered by Burkina Faso to the north, Togo to the east, the west by Sissala in the Upper West and the south by West Mamprusi in the Northern Region. The population of the region grew from 920,089 in 2000 to 1,046,545 in 2010. With a growth rate of 1.2% the population is estimated to increase to 2.8 million by 2040. The male population indicates 48.4% of the total population 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 41.5%, and those aged 15 - 64 and 65+ are 51.6% and 6.8% respectively.

The region occupies a total land area of 8,842 sq. km, which makes it the ninth largest among the regions in terms of land size. It has a population density of 118.4 people per sq. km. The region is 21.0% urban with an annual urban growth rate of 4.2%. 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 -267,692 in 2010. With regards to the economy, the labour force participation rate for population aged 15 - 64 is almost 76.1%.

The region recorded an Infant Mortality Rate (deaths of infants under age one) of fifty-eight infant deaths per 1,000 live births in 2011. Child Mortality Rate (deaths of children between age one and four) was 43 deaths per 1,000 live births and Under Five Mortality (number of children who die by age five) was reported as 98 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 802 per 100,000 live births in 2010, this was highest among the regions.

The Total Fertility Rate (TFR) of the region is slightly lower (6.2) as compared to the national TFR of 4.0. The average woman in the Upper East Region give birth to six children as do all women in Ghana. In addition there are three births per every 100 adolescents in the region, which is among the regions with the highest rates. With regards to Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR), the use of modern contraceptives among currently married women (Contraceptive Prevalence Rate) was 23.3 % in 2014, one of the regions with the highest CPR in the country. In 2013, the HIV prevalence rate in the region was 1.7%, higher than the national HIV prevalence of 1.3%.

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