

BURKINA FASO – KEY COUNTRY STATISTICS



FGM PREVALENCE

The estimated prevalence of FGM in girls and women (15-49 years) is 76% (DHS 2010, p.291). This is a reduction of 0.6% from 76.6% in DHS 2003 (p.204), although in 2006, MICS (in UNFPA, 2013, p.1) recorded a figure of 72.5%, which suggests there was a slight increase between 2006 and 2010.

The prevalence of FGM in girls and women within the 15 to 19 age-group is estimated at 58%, which is significantly less than FGM prevalence in the 45 to 49 age-group, which is estimated at 89% (UNICEF, 2013, p.101). There is a 7% reduction in prevalence for girls and women in the age group of 15 to 19 when compared with figures from DHS 2003 (p.205), which estimated FGM prevalence to be 65%.

Figures also suggest a 9.7% difference in FGM prevalence between girls and women (15-49 years) who live in urban and rural areas, with estimated FGM prevalence at 68.7% and 78.4% respectively (DHS 2010, p.291).

The most prevalent type of FGM practised in Burkina Faso is 'cut, flesh removed' (Type II) (77%). 17% have had Type I (cut, no flesh removed) and 1% have had Type III (sewn closed). 5% did not know what type of FGM they had undergone (DHS 2010, p.291).

The Government of Burkina Faso has passed legislation that specifically prohibits the practice of FGM.

POPULATION

18,480,018 (Country Meters, 19 November 2015)

Median age: 17.1 years (2015 est.)

Growth rate: 3.03% (2015 est.)

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Rank: 181 out of 186 in 2012 (UNDP, 2014)

HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth (years): 55.12

Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births): 75.32 deaths

Maternal mortality rate 400 deaths/100,000 live births (2013) (WHO, 2015, p.58)

Fertility rate, total (births per women): 5.86 (2015 est.)

HIV/AIDS – adult prevalence rate: 0.94% (2014 est.)

HIV AIDS – people living with HIV/AIDS: 107,700 (2014 est.); country comparison to the world: 42

HIV/AIDS – deaths: 3,800 per annum (2014 est.)

LITERACY

Total population: 36%

Female: 29.3%; male: 43% (2015 est.)

Total Youth Population (15-24 years): 39%

Female youth (15-24 years): 33%; male youth: 47% (2014) (World Bank, 2014, p.2)

GDP (IN US DOLLARS)

GDP (official exchange rate): \$12.5 billion (2014 est.)

GDP per capita (PPP): \$1,700 (2014 est.)

GDP (real growth rate): 4% (2014 est.)

URBANISATION

Urban population: 2.9.9% of total population (2015)

Rate of urbanisation: 5.87% annual rate of change (2010-2015 est.)

ETHNIC GROUPS

Mossi over 40%, other approximately 60% (includes Gurunsi, Senufo, Lobi, Bobo and Fulani)

RELIGIONS

Muslim 60.5%, Catholic 19%, animist 15.3%, Protestant 4.2%, other 0.6%, none 0.4% (2006 est.)

LANGUAGES

French (official), native African languages belonging to Sudanic family spoken by 90% of the population, including Mooré/Moré

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