

NIGER - KEY COUNTRY STATISTICS



FGM PREVALENCE RATE

The estimated prevalence of FGM in girls and women (15-49 years) is 2.2% (DHS 2006). This appears to have decreased by 2.3% from 4.5% in 1998 (DHS 1998).

The prevalence of FGM in girls and women within the 15-19 age group is estimated at 1.9%, which appears to be 1% less than FGM prevalence in the 35-39 age group at 2.9% (DHS 2006). There seems to have been a 3.1% reduction in prevalence for girls and women in the age group of 15-19 when compared with figures from 1998 (DHS 1998), which estimated FGM prevalence to be at 5%. There is also a suggested decrease of 0.9% in prevalence for women in the age group of 35-39 from 3.8% 1998 (DHS 1998).

Figures suggest little difference (0.2%) in FGM prevalence between girls and women (15-49 years) who live in urban and rural areas, with estimated FGM prevalence at 2.1% and 2.3% respectively (DHS 2006).

The most prevalent type of FGM practised in Niger is 'flesh removed' (Types I and II) (90.5%), with 13.3% having Type III (DHS 2006).

The government of Niger has passed legislation that specifically prohibits the practice of FGM (DHS 2006).

POPULATION

16,899,327 (July 2013 est.)

Median age: 15.2 Years

Growth rate: 3.36% (2012 est.) (World Factbook)

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Rank: 186 out of 186 in 2012 (UNDP)

HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth (years): 55.1 (UNDP) or 53.8 years (World Factbook)

Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births): 89.7 deaths

Maternal mortality rate 590 deaths/100,000 live births (2010); country comparison to the world: 13

Fertility rate, total (births per women): 7.03 (2013 est.)

HIV/AIDS – adult prevalence rate: 0.8% (2009 est.)

HIV/AIDS – people living with HIV/AIDS: 61,000 (2009 est.); country comparison to the world: 54

HIV/AIDS – deaths: 4,300 per annum (2009 est.)

(World Factbook)

LITERACY (AGE 15 AND OVER THAT CAN READ AND WRITE)

Total population: 28.7%

Female: 15.1%; male: 42.9% (2005 est.) (World Factbook)

Total Youth Population: 36.5%

Female youth (15-24 years): 23.2%; male youth: 52.4% (2005) (World Bank)

GDP

GDP (official exchange rate): \$6.556 billion (2012 est.)

GDP per capita (PPP): \$900 (2012 est.)

GDP (real growth rate): 14.5% (2012 est.)

URBANISATION

Urban population: 17% of total population (2010)

Rate of urbanisation: 4.7% annual rate of change (2010-15 est.)

ETHNIC GROUPS

Haoussa 55.4%, Djerma Sonrai 21%, Tuareg 9.3%, Peuhl 8.5%, Kanouri Manga 4.7%, other 1.2% (2001 census)

RELIGIONS

Muslim 80%, other (includes indigenous beliefs and Christian) 20%

LANGUAGES

French (official), Hausa, Djerma

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