

NIGERIA - KEY COUNTRY STATISTICS



FGM PREVALENCE RATE

The estimated prevalence of FGM in girls and women (15-49 years) is 29.6% (DHS 2008)(*FGM/C data from the 2008 Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey should be used with caution as the definition of FGM/C was not used consistently by interviewers across regions*). This appears to have increased by 10.6% from 19% in 2003 (DHS 2003).

The prevalence of FGM in girls and women within the 15-19 age group is estimated at 21.7%, which appears to be 12.2% less than FGM prevalence in the 35-39 age group which is estimated at 33.9% (DHS 2008). There seems to have been an 8.8% increase in prevalence for girls and women in the age group of 15-19 when compared with figures from 2003 (DHS 2003), which estimated FGM prevalence to be at 12.9%. Similarly, figures suggest an increase (11.7%) in prevalence for women in the age group of 35-39 from 22.2% in 2003 (DHS 2003).

Figures also suggest an 11.2% difference in FGM prevalence between girls and women (15-49 years) who live in urban and rural areas, with estimated FGM prevalence at 36.8% and 25.6% respectively (DHS 2008).

The most prevalent type of FGM practised in Nigeria is 'flesh removed' (Types I and II) (45.4%), with 5.3% having Type III (DHS 2008).

The Nigerian federal government to date has not passed legislation that prohibits the practice of FGM (DHS 2008), however, the practice has been banned in the states of Edo, Ogun, Cross River, Osun, Rivers and Bayelsa (US Department of state).

POPULATION

174,507,539 (July 2013 est.)

Median age: 17.9 Years

Growth rate: 2.553% (2012 est.) (World Factbook)

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Rank: 153 out of 186 in 2012 (UNDP)

HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth (years): 52.3 (UNDP) or 52.05 years (World Factbook)

Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births): 74.36 deaths

Maternal mortality rate 630 deaths/100,000 live births (2010); country comparison to the world: 10

Fertility rate, total (births per women): 5.31 (2013 est.)

HIV/AIDS – adult prevalence rate: 3.6% (2009 est.)

HIV AIDS – people living with HIV/AIDS: 3.3 million (2009 est.); country comparison to the world: 2

HIV/AIDS – deaths: 220,000 per annum (2009 est.)

(World Factbook)

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

Total population: 61.3%

Female: 50.4%; male: 72.1% (2010 est.) (World Factbook)

Total Youth Population: 72.1%

Female youth (15-24 years): 66.1%; male youth: 78% (2010) (World Bank)

GDP

GDP (official exchange rate): \$272.6 billion (2012 est.)

GDP per capita (PPP): \$2,700 (2012 est.)

GDP (real growth rate): 7.1% (2012 est.)

URBANISATION

Urban population: 50% of total population (2010)

Rate of urbanisation: 3.5% annual rate of change (2010-15 est.)

ETHNIC GROUPS

Nigeria, Africa's most populous country, is composed of more than 250 ethnic groups; the following are the most populous and politically influential: Hausa and Fulani 29%, Yoruba 21%, Igbo (Ibo) 18%, Ijaw 10%, Kanuri 4%, Ibibio 3.5%, Tiv 2.5%

RELIGIONS

Muslim 50%, Christian 40%, indigenous beliefs 10%

LANGUAGES

English (official), Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo (Ibo), Fulani, over 500 additional indigenous languages

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