

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC - KEY COUNTRY STATISTICS



FGM PREVALENCE RATE

The estimated prevalence of FGM in girls and women (15-49 years) is 25.7% (MICS 2008). This appears to have decreased by 10.2% from 35.9% in 2000 (MICS 2000).

The prevalence of FGM in girls and women within the 15-19 age group is estimated at 18.7%, which appears to be 11.1% less than FGM prevalence in the 35-39 age group which is estimated at 29.8% (MICS 2008). There seems to have been an 8.5% reduction in prevalence for girls and women in the age group of 15-19 when compared with figures from 2000 (MICS 2000), which estimated FGM prevalence to be at 27.2%. There is also a suggested 13.5% decrease in prevalence for women in the age group of 35-39 from 43.3% in 2000 (MICS 2000).

Figures also suggest an 8.4% difference in FGM prevalence between girls and women (15-49 years) who live in urban and rural areas, with estimated FGM prevalence at 20.9% and 29.3% respectively (MICS 2008).

The most prevalent type of FGM practised in the Central African Republic is 'flesh removed' (Types I and II) (92.4%), with 3.3% having Type III (MICS 2008).

The government of the Central African Republic has passed legislation that specifically prohibits the practice of FGM (MICS 2008).

POPULATION

5,166,510 (July 2013 est.)

Median age: 19.3 Years

Growth rate: 2.142% (2012 est.) (World Factbook)

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Rank: 180 out of 186 in 2012 (UNDP)

HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth (years): 49.1 (UNDP) or 50.48 years (World Factbook)

Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births): 97.17 deaths

Maternal mortality rate 890 deaths/100,000 live births (2010); country comparison to the world: 4

Fertility rate, total (births per women): 4.52 (2013 est.)

HIV/AIDS – adult prevalence rate: 4.7% (2009 est.)

HIV AIDS – people living with HIV/AIDS: 130,000 (2009 est.); country comparison to the world: 36

HIV/AIDS – deaths: 11,000 per annum (2009 est.)

(World Factbook)

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

Total population: 56%

Female: 43.2%; male: 69.3% (2010 est.) (World Factbook)

Total Youth Population: 65.2%

Female youth (15-24 years): 58.2%; male youth: 72.3% (2010) (World Bank)

GDP

GDP (official exchange rate): \$2.168 billion (2012 est.)

GDP per capita (PPP): \$800 (2012 est.)

GDP (real growth rate): 4.1% (2012 est.)

URBANISATION

Urban population: 39% of total population (2010)

Rate of urbanisation: 2.5% annual rate of change (2010-15 est.)

ETHNIC GROUPS

Baya 33%, Banda 27%, Mandjia 13%, Sara 10%, Mboum 7%, M'Baka 4%, Yakoma 4%, other 2%

RELIGIONS

indigenous beliefs 35%, Protestant 25%, Roman Catholic 25%, Muslim 15%

note: animistic beliefs and practices strongly influence the Christian majority

LANGUAGES

French (official), Sangho (lingua franca and national language), tribal languages

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