KENYA - KEY COUNTRY STATISTICS



FGM PREVALENCE RATE

The estimated prevalence of FGM in girls and women (15-49 years) is 27.1% (DHS 2008-09). This appears to be a 5.1% decrease from 32.2% in 2003 (DHS 2003).

The prevalence of FGM in girls and women within the 15-19 age group is estimated at 14.6%, which appears to be 20.5% less than FGM prevalence in the 35-39 age group which is estimated at 35.1% (DHS 2008-09). There seems to have been a 5.7% reduction 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 20.3%. There is also a suggested 4.6% decrease in prevalence for women in the age group of 35-39 from 2003 which estimated FGM prevalence to be at 39.7% (DHS 2003).

Figures also suggest a 24.1% difference in FGM prevalence between girls and women (15-49 years) who live in urban and rural areas, with estimated FGM prevalence at 16.5% and 40.6% respectively (DHS 2008-09).

The most prevalent type of FGM practised in Kenya is 'flesh removed' (Types I and II) (83%), with 13% having Type III (DHS 2008-09).

The Kenyan government has passed legislation that specifically prohibits the practice of FGM (DHS 2008-09).

POPULATION

43,013,341 (July 2012 est.)

Median age: 18.8 years

Growth rate: 2.444% (2012 est.) (World Factbook)

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Rank: 145 out of 186 in 2013 (UNDP)

HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth (years): 57.7 (UNDP) or 63.07 (World Factbook)

Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births): 43.61

Maternal mortality rate 360 deaths / 100,000 live births (2010); country comparison to the world: 29

Fertility rate, total (births per women): 3.98 (2012 est.)

HIV/AIDS – adult prevalence rate: 6.3% (2009 est.)

HIV AIDS - people living with HIV/AIDS: 1.5 million (2009 est.); country comparison to the world: 4

HIV/AIDS – deaths: 80,000 per annum (World Factbook)

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

Total population: 87.4%

Female: 84.2%; male: 90.6% (2010 est.) (World Factbook)

Female youth (15-24 years): 93.6%; male youth: 91.7% (2009) (World Bank)

MARRIAGE

Girls aged 15 - 19 who are married, divorced, separated, or widowed: 11.7% (DHS 2008-09)

Married girls or women who share their husband with at least one other wife: 14.9% (DHS 2008-09)

GDP

GDP (official exchange rate): US\$41.84 billion (2012 est.)

GDP per capita: US\$1,800 (2012 est.)

GDP (real growth rate): 5.1%

URBANISATION

Urban population: 22% of total population (2010)

Rate of urbanisation: 4.2% annual rate of change (2010-15 est.)

ETHNIC GROUPS

Kikuyu 22%, Luhya 14%, Luo 13%, Kalenjin 12%, Kamba 11%, Kisii 6%, Meru 6%, other African 15%, non-African (Asian, European, and Arab) 1%.

RELIGIONS

Christian 82.5% (Protestant 47.4%, Catholic 23.3%, other 11.8%), Muslim 11.1%, Traditionalists 1.6%, other 1.7%, none 2.4%, unspecified 0.7% (2009 census)

LANGUAGES

English (official), Kiswahili, and numerous indigenous languages

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