

ERITREA - KEY COUNTRY STATISTICS



FGM PREVALENCE RATE

The estimated prevalence of FGM in girls and women (15-49 years) is 88.7% (DHS 2002).

The prevalence of FGM in girls and women within the 15-19 age range is estimated at 78.3%, which appears to be 14.3% less than the estimated FGM prevalence in the 35-39 age range which is estimated at 92.6% (DHS 2002).

Figures also suggest a 4.1% difference in FGM prevalence between girls and women (15-49 years) who live in urban and rural areas, with estimated FGM prevalence at 86.4%, and 90.5% respectively (DHS 2002).

The most prevalent type of FGM practised in Eritrea is Type IV 'flesh removed' (46%), with 38.6 having Type II and 4.1% Types I or II (DHS 2002).

The Eritrean government has passed legislation that specifically prohibits the practice of FGM (DHS 2002).

POPULATION

6,233,682 (July 2013 est.)

Median age: 18.9 years

Growth rate: 2.418% (2012 est.) (World Factbook)

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Rank: 181 out of 186 in 2012 (UNDP)

HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth (years): 62 (UNDP) or 62.86 years (World Factbook)

Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births): 40.34 deaths

Maternal mortality rate 240 deaths/100,000 live births (2010); country comparison to the world: 47

Fertility rate, total (births per women): 4.25 (2013 est.)

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

HIV AIDS – people living with HIV/AIDS: 25,000 (2009 est.); country comparison to the world: 72

HIV/AIDS – deaths: 1,700 per annum (2009 est.)

(World Factbook)

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

Total population: 67.8%

Female: 57.5%; male: 78.7% (2010 est.) (World Factbook)

Total Youth Population: 89.3%

Female youth (15-24 years): 86.7%; male youth: 92% (2010) (World Bank)

GDP

GDP (official exchange rate): \$3.108 billion (2012 est.)

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

GDP (real growth rate): 7.5% (2012 est.)

URBANISATION

Urban population: 22% of total population (2010)

Rate of urbanisation: 5.2% annual rate of change (2010-15 est.)

ETHNIC GROUPS

nine recognized ethnic groups: Tigrinya 55%, Tigre 30%, Saho 4%, Kunama 2%, Rashaida 2%, Bilen 2%, other (Afar, Beni Amir, Nera) 5% (2010 est.)

RELIGIONS

Muslim, Coptic Christian, Roman Catholic, Protestant

LANGUAGES

Tigrinya (official), Arabic (official), English (official), Tigre, Kunama, Afar, other Cushitic languages

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