

LIBERIA - KEY COUNTRY STATISTICS



FGM PREVALENCE RATE

The estimated prevalence of FGM in girls and women (15-49 years) is 58.2% (DHS 2007). This appears to be a slight (1.8%) decrease from an estimated 60% prevalence in 1984 (Marshall R5 1984).

The prevalence of FGM in girls and women within the 15-19 age group is estimated at 35.9%, which appears to be 30.8% less than FGM prevalence in the 35-39 age group which is estimated at 66.7% (DHS 2007).

Figures also suggest a 32.5% difference in FGM prevalence between girls and women (15-49 years) who live in urban and rural areas, with estimated FGM prevalence at 39.5% and 72% respectively (DHS 2007).

The most prevalent type of FGM practised in Liberia is Type II. (US Department of State, 2001). *The DHS does not collect data on type of FGM performed in Liberia.*

The Liberian government has not yet passed legislation that prohibits the practice of FGM (DHS 2007).

POPULATION

3,989,703 (July 2013 est.)

Median age: 18.2 Years

Growth rate: 2.609% (2012 est.) (World Factbook)

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Rank: 174 out of 186 in 2012 (UNDP)

HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth (years): 57.3 (UNDP) or 57.41 years (World Factbook)

Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births): 72.71 deaths

Maternal mortality rate 770 deaths/100,000 live births (2010); country comparison to the world: 7

Fertility rate, total (births per women): 4.92 (2013 est.)

HIV/AIDS – adult prevalence rate: 1.5% (2009 est.)

HIV AIDS – people living with HIV/AIDS: 37,000 (2009 est.); country comparison to the world: 64

HIV/AIDS – deaths: 3,600 (2009 est.) (World Factbook)

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

Total population: 60.8%

Female: 56.8%; male: 64.8% (2010 est.) (World Factbook)

Total Youth Population: 76.5%

Female youth (15-24 years): 82.1%; male youth: 71% (2010) (World Bank)

GDP

GDP (official exchange rate): \$1.767 billion (2012 est.)

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

GDP (real growth rate): 9% (2012 est.)

URBANISATION

Urban population: 48% of total population (2010)

Rate of urbanisation: 3.4% annual rate of change (2010-15 est.)

ETHNIC GROUPS

Kpelle 20.3%, Bassa 13.4%, Grebo 10%, Gio 8%, Mano 7.9%, Kru 6%, Lorma 5.1%, Kissi 4.8%, Gola 4.4%, other 20.1% (2008 Census)

RELIGIONS

Christian 85.6%, Muslim 12.2%, Traditional 0.6%, other 0.2%, none 1.4% (2008 Census)

LANGUAGES

English 20% (official), some 20 ethnic group languages few of which can be written or used in correspondence

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