

## BENIN – KEY COUNTRY STATISTICS



### FGM PREVALENCE RATE

The estimated prevalence of FGM in girls and women (15-49 years) is 12.9% (DHS 2006). This appears to have decreased by 3.9% from 16.8% in 2001 (DHS 2001).

The prevalence of FGM in girls and women within the 15-19 age group is estimated at 7.9%, which appears to be 8.4% less than FGM prevalence in the 35-39 age group which is estimated at 16.3% (DHS 2006). There seems to have been a 4.2% reduction in prevalence for girls and women in the age group of 15-19 when compared with figures from 2001 (DHS 2001), which estimated FGM prevalence to be at 12.1%. There is also a suggested 2% decrease in prevalence for women in the age group of 35-39 from 2001 which estimated FGM prevalence to be at 18.3% (DHS 2001).

Figures also suggest a 6.1% difference in FGM prevalence between girls and women (15-49 years) who live in urban and rural areas, with estimated FGM prevalence at 9.3% and 15.4% respectively (DHS 2006).

The most prevalent type of FGM practised in Benin is 'flesh removed' (Types I and II) (97%), with 3.6% having Type III (DHS 2006).

The government of Benin has passed legislation that specifically prohibits the practice of FGM (DHS 2006).

### POPULATION

9,877,292 (July 2013 est.)

Median age: 17.6 Years

Growth rate: 2.877% (2012 est.) (World Factbook)

### HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Rank: 166 out of 186 in 2012 (UNDP)

### HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth (years): 56.5 (UNDP) or 60.26 years (World Factbook)

Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births): 60.03 deaths

Maternal mortality rate 350 deaths/100,000 live births (2010); country comparison to the world: 30

Fertility rate, total (births per women): 5.13 (2013 est.)

HIV/AIDS – adult prevalence rate: 1.2% (2009 est.)

HIV/AIDS – people living with HIV/AIDS: 60,000 (2009 est.); country comparison to the world: 55

HIV/AIDS – deaths: 2,700 per annum (2009 est.)

(World Factbook)

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

Total population: 42.4%

Female: 30.3%; male: 55.2% (2010 Census) (World Factbook)

Total Youth Population: 55%

Female youth (15-24 years): 44.6%; male youth: 65.6% (2010) (World Bank)

## GDP

GDP (official exchange rate): \$7.541 billion (2012 est.)

GDP per capita (PPP): \$1,700 (2012 est.)

GDP (real growth rate): 3.5% (2012 est.)

## URBANISATION

Urban population: 42% of total population (2010)

Rate of urbanisation: 4% annual rate of change (2010-15 est.)

## ETHNIC GROUPS

Fon and related 39.2%, Adja and related 15.2%, Yoruba and related 12.3%, Bariba and related 9.2%, Peulh and related 7%, Ottamari and related 6.1%, Yoa-Lokpa and related 4%, Dendi and related 2.5%, other 1.6% (includes Europeans), unspecified 2.9% (2002 census)

## RELIGIONS

Catholic 27.1%, Muslim 24.4%, Vodoun 17.3%, Protestant 10.4% (Celestial 5%, Methodist 3.2%, other Protestant 2.2%), other Christian 5.3%, other 15.5% (2002 census).

## LANGUAGES

French (official), Fon and Yoruba (most common vernaculars in south), tribal languages (at least six major ones in north)

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