

## MAURITANIA - KEY COUNTRY STATISTICS



### FGM PREVALENCE RATE

The estimated prevalence of FGM in girls and women (15-49 years) is 72.2% (MICS 2007). This appears to have slightly increased by 0.9% from 71.3% in 2000/01 (DHS 2000-01).

The prevalence of FGM in girls and women within the 15-19 age group is estimated at 68%, which appears to be 7.4% less than FGM prevalence in the 35-39 age group which is estimated at 75.4% (MICS 2007). However there seems to have been a 2.1% increase in prevalence for girls and women in the age group of 15-19 when compared with figures from 2000/01 (DHS 2000-01), which estimated FGM prevalence to be at 65.9%. Similarly, figures suggest an increase (3.7%) in prevalence for women in the age group of 35-39 from 71.7% in 2000/01 (DHS 2000-01).

Figures also suggest a 24.4% difference in FGM prevalence between girls and women (15-49 years) who live in urban and rural areas, with estimated FGM prevalence at 59.7% and 84.1% respectively (MICS 2007).

The most prevalent type of FGM practised in Mauritania is 'flesh removed' (Types I and II) (73.9%), with 3.2% having Type III (DHS 2007).

The Mauritanian government has passed legislation that specifically prohibits the practice of FGM (MICS 2007).

### POPULATION

3,437,610 (July 2013 est.)

Median age: 19.6 Years

Growth rate: 2.323% (2012 est.) (World Factbook)

### HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX

Rank: 155 out of 186 in 2012 (UNDP)

## HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth (years): 58.9 (UNDP) or 61.53 years (World Factbook)

Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births): 58.93 deaths

Maternal mortality rate 510 deaths/100,000 live births (2010); country comparison to the world: 18

Fertility rate, total (births per women): 4.15 (2013 est.)

HIV/AIDS – adult prevalence rate: 0.7% (2009 est.)

HIV AIDS – people living with HIV/AIDS: 14,000 (2009 est.); country comparison to the world: 88

HIV/AIDS – deaths: fewer than 1,000 per annum (2009 est.)

(World Factbook)

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

Total population: 58%

Female: 51.2%; male: 64.9% (2010 est.) (World Factbook)

Total Youth Population: 68.3%

Female youth (15-24 years): 65.3%; male youth: 71.3% (2010) (World Bank)

## GDP

GDP (official exchange rate): \$4.096 billion (2012 est.)

GDP per capita (PPP): \$2,100 (2012 est.)

GDP (real growth rate): 5.3% (2012 est.)

## URBANISATION

Urban population: 41% of total population (2010)

Rate of urbanisation: 2.9% annual rate of change (2010-15 est.)

## ETHNIC GROUPS

Mixed Moor/black 40%, Moor 30%, black 30%

## RELIGIONS

Muslim (official) 100%

## LANGUAGES

Arabic (official and national), Pulaar, Soninke, Wolof (all national languages), French, Hassaniya

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