

Indicators to the Convention of the Rights of the Child in Western and Central Africa

Country	Total population (thousands) 2009	Population under 18 (thousands) 2009	Birth registration (%) 2000-2009*		UNDP Development Index, ranking on a total of 182 countries 2010	GDP per capita, average annual growth rate (%), 1990-2009	Life expectancy at birth (years) 2009	Infant mortality rate (under 1) 2009	Under-5 mortality rate 2009	Under-5 mortality rank (on a total of 193 countries) 2009	Maternal mortality ratio, adjusted 2008	Maternal mortality ratio Lifetime risk of maternal death. 1 in: 2008	Infants with low birthweight (%) 2005-2009*	Population using improved drinking water sources, (%) 2008		Population using improved sanitation facilities, (%) 2008		Estimated number of children (0-14 years) living with HIV (thousands) 2009	Primary school enrolment ratio net 2005-2009*		Secondary school enrolment ratio net 2005-2009*		Youth (15-24 years) literacy rate 2004-2008*		Total adult literacy rate 2005-2009*	Child labour (5-14 years) (%) 2000-2009*		Child marriage (%) 2000-2009*		Female genital mutilation/ cutting women (a) (15-49 years) 1997-2009*	Female genital mutilation/ cutting daughters (b) total 1997-2008*	Attitudes towards domestic violence 2002-2009*	Child discipline 2005-2008*	% of households consuming iodized salt 2003-2009	
			urban	rural										urban	rural	male	female		male	female	male	female	male	female		urban	rural	urban	rural						
Benin	8935	4431	68	56	134	1.2	62	75	118	22	410	43	15	84	69	59	4	5.4	99	86	23	13	64	42	41	47	45	19	47	13	2	47	n/a	67	
Burkina Faso	15757	8337	86	58	161	2.4	53	91	166	9	560	28	16	95	72	33	6	17	67	59	18	13	47	33	29	46	48	29	61	73	25	71	83	34	
Cameroon	19522	9306	86	58	131	0.7	51	95	154	13	600	35	11	92	51	56	35	54	94	82	95	94	88	84	76	31	30	23	57	1	1	56	93	49	
Cape Verde	506	220	n/a	n/a	118	4.1	72	23	28	88	94	350	6	85	82	65	38	n/a	85	84	54	60	97	99	65	4	3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	17	0	
Central African Republic	4422	2088	72	36	159	-0.8	47	112	171	8	850	27	13	92	51	43	28	17	77	57	13	8	72	56	55	44	49	57	64	26	7	n/a	89	62	
Chad	11206	5867	36	3	163	3	49	124	209	1	1200	14	22	67	44	23	4	23	72	50	16	5	54	37	33	54	51	65	73	45	21	n/a	n/a	56	
Congo	3683	1716	88	75	126	0.5	54	81	128	19	580	39	13	95	34	31	29	8	62	56	n/a	n/a	87	78	67	24	25	24	40	n/a	n/a	76	n/a	82	
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	66020	35353	33	30	168	-3.5	48	126	199	2	670	24	10	80	28	23	23	n/a	33	32	n/a	n/a	69	62	67	29	34	31	45	n/a	n/a	76	n/a	79	
Côte d'Ivoire	21075	9953	79	41	149	-1	58	83	119	21	470	44	17	93	68	36	11	52	62	50	27	15	72	60	55	36	34	27	43	36	9	65	91	84	
Equatorial Guinea	676	322	43	24	117	19.8	51	88	145	14	280	73	13	45	42	60	46	2	70	63	n/a	n/a	98	98	93	28	28	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	33	
Gabon	1475	636	90	87	93	-0.9	61	52	69	45	260	110	14	95	41	33	30	3	81	80	n/a	n/a	98	96	87	n/a	n/a	30	49	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	36	
Gambia	1705	831	57	54	151	0.6	56	78	103	31	400	49	20	96	86	68	65	1	67	71	42	41	70	58	45	20	29	24	45	78	64	74	87	7	
Ghana	23837	10726	82	65	130	2.2	57	47	69	45	350	66	13	90	74	18	7	27	76	77	49	45	81	78	66	34	34	13	28	4	1	37	90	32	
Guinea	10069	4972	78	33	156	3.3	58	88	142	15	680	26	12	89	61	34	11	9	76	66	34	21	67	51	38	26	24	45	75	96	57	86	n/a	41	
Guinea-Bissau	1611	787	53	33	164	-9.6	48	115	193	4	1000	18	24	83	51	49	9	2	61	43	12	7	78	62	51	41	37	14	32	45	35	52	82	1	
Liberia	3955	1950	5	3	162	1.8	59	80	112	24	990	20	14	79	51	25	4	6	85	66	25	14	70	80	88	21	21	25	49	58	n/a	59	n/a	n/a	
Mali	13010	6649	75	45	160	2.9	49	101	191	6	830	22	19	81	44	45	32	9	79	66	35	22	47	31	26	35	33	60	77	85	69	75	n/a	79	
Mauritania	3291	1514	75	42	136	0.8	57	74	117	23	550	41	34	52	47	50	9	1	74	79	17	15	71	63	57	18	15	27	44	72	66	n/a	n/a	23	
Niger	15290	8611	71	25	167	-0.2	52	76	160	12	820	16	27	96	39	34	4	3	60	48	11	7	52	23	29	43	43	42	84	2	1	70	n/a	46	
Nigeria	154729	75994	49	22	142	1.7	48	86	138	18	840	23	12	75	42	36	28	360	84	58	29	22	78	65	60	n/a	n/a	22	50	30	30	43	n/a	97	
Sao Tome and Principe	163	77	70	67	127	n/a	66	52	78	42	n/a	n/a	8	89	88	30	19	n/a	95	97	36	40	95	96	88	8	7	31	37	n/a	n/a	32	n/a	47	
Senegal	12534	6333	75	44	144	1.1	56	51	93	34	410	46	19	92	52	69	38	3	72	74	28	22	58	45	42	24	21	23	55	28	20	65	n/a	31	
Sierra Leone	5696	2827	59	48	158	0.9	48	123	192	5	970	21	24	86	26	24	6	3	n/a	n/a	30	20	66	46	40	49	48	30	61	91	33	65	92	58	
Togo	6 619	3082	93	69	139	0	63	64	98	32	350	67	12	87	41	24	3	11	98	89	30	15	87	80	65	29	30	15	36	6	1	53	91	25	
World	6 813 327	2 219 545	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.5	69	42	60	n/a	260	140	15	96	78	76	45	2 500	91	88	61	60	91	85	81	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	71	
Least developed countries#	835 486	390 642	44	25	n/a	3	57	78	121	n/a	590	37	16	80	54	50	31	1 100	85	81	33	29	76	67	60	30	27	36	55	n/a	n/a	54	n/a	57	
Developing countries#	5 580 485	1 970 587	64	39	n/a	4.6	67	47	66	n/a	290	120	15	94	76	68	40	2 500	90	87	54	53	91	84	79	17	15	22	45	n/a	n/a	49	n/a	72	
Sub-Saharan Africa#	841 775	414 349	54	30	n/a	1.8	53	81	129	n/a	640	31	14	83	47	44	24	2 300	81	77	32	28	77	67	63	34	32	26	50	40	27	58	n/a	61	
Western and Central Africa#	405 786	202 608	57	33	n/a	1.6	51	92	150	n/a	720	26	13	82	46	35	21	690	71	64	29	22	72	60	57	34	35	26	53	33	24	56	n/a	74	
Eastern and Southern Africa#	392 853	192 017	46	27	n/a	1.8	53	69	108	n/a	550	38	14	87	47	55	28	1 600	88	87	35	33	81	73	68	36	32	26	48	42	28	59	n/a	53	
Middle East and North Africa#	413 313	156 647	87	68	n/a	2.4	70	32	41	n/a	170	190	10	93	76	90	66	19	91	86	66	62	92	86	74	11	9	12	24	n/a	n/a	n/a	90	60	
East Asia and Pacific#	2 012 285	551 312	82	66	n/a	7.2	73	21	26	n/a	88	600	6	96	81	66	55	48	98	97	65	67	98	98	93	11	10	11	23	n/a	n/a	36	n/a	87	
Latin America and Caribbean#	576 790	194 445	92	82	n/a	1.6	74	19	23	n/a	85	480	8	97	80	86	55	58	95	94	72	77	97	98	92	9	7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	89	
South Asia#	1 619 757	621 106	50	31	n/a	4.4	64	55	71	n/a	290	110	27	95	83	57	26	110	88	83	n/a	n/a	86	73	62	13	12	30	55	n/a	n/a	51	n/a	55	
Central and Eastern Europe/CIS#	404 153	96 724	96	95	n/a	2.2	69	19	21	n/a	34	1700	7	98	88	93	82	19	93	92	82	81	99	99	97	5	4	10	13	n/a	n/a	27	n/a	51	
Industrialised countries#	988 390	204 686	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.7	80	5	6	n/a	14	4300	n/a	100	98	100	98	1.3	95	95	91	92	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

**Definition of the indicators**  
**GDP per capita:** Gross domestic product (GDP) is the sum of value added by all resident producers plus any product taxes (less subsidies) not included in the ation of output. GDP per capita is gross domestic product divided by midyear population. Growth is calculated from constant price GDP data in local currency.  
**Life expectancy at birth:** The number of years newborn children would live if subject to the mortality risks prevailing for their cross section of the population at the time of their birth.  
**Infant mortality rate:** Probability of dying between birth and exactly one year of age expressed per 1,000 live births.  
**Under-five mortality rate:** Probability of dying between birth and exactly five years of age expressed per 1,000 live births.  
**Maternal mortality ratio:** Annual number of deaths of women from pregnancy-related causes per 100,000 live births.  
**Lifetime risk of maternal death:** The lifetime risk of maternal death takes into account both the probability of becoming pregnant and the probability of dying as a result of that pregnancy accumulated across a woman's reproductive year.  
**Low birthweight:** Infants who weigh less than 2,500 grams.  
**Primary school net enrolment ratio:** The number of children enrolled in primary school who are of official primary school age, expressed as a percentage of the total number of children of official primary school age.  
**Secondary school net enrolment ratio:** The number of children enrolled in secondary school who are of official secondary school age, expressed as a percentage of the total number of children of official secondary school age.  
**Adult literacy rate:** Percentage of the population aged 15 and older who can read and write.  
**Attitudes towards domestic violence:** Percentage of women 15-49 years old who consider a husband to be justified in hitting or beating his wife for at least one of the specified reasons. Women were asked whether a husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife under a series of circumstances, i.e., if his wife burns the food, argues with him, goes out without telling him, neglects the children or refuses sexual relations.

**Child labour:** Percentage of children aged 5-14 involved in child labour at the moment of the survey. A child is considered to be involved in child labour under the following conditions: (a) children 5-11 years of age who, during the week preceding the survey, did at least one hour of economic activity or at least 28 hours of domestic work and (b) children 12-14 years of age who, during the week preceding the survey, did at least 14 hours of economic activity or at least 28 hours of domestic work.  
**Child marriage:** Percentage of women 20-24 who were married or in union before they were 18 years old.  
**Female genital mutilation/cutting:**  
 (a) Women - the percentage of women aged 15-49 years of age who have been mutilated/cut.  
 (b) Daughters - the percentage of women aged 15-49 with at least one mutilated/cut daughter.  
 Female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) involves the cutting or alteration of the female genitalia for social reasons. Generally, there are three types of FGM/C: clitoridectomy, excision and infibulation. Clitoridectomy is the removal of the prepuce with or without excision of all or part of the clitoris. Excision is the removal of the prepuce and clitoris along with all or part of the labia minora. Infibulation is the most severe form and consists of removal of all or part of the external genitalia, followed by joining together of the two sides of the labia minora using threads, thorns or other materials to narrow the vaginal opening.  
**UNDP Index:** The human development index (HDI) is a summary measure of a country's human development.  
**Child discipline:** Percentage of children 2-14 years old who experience any violent discipline methods (psychological aggression and/or physical punishment).  
 (See the source link for further details)

**Colors definition**  
 Baseline used to compare the performance of each country  
 Country data is better than the regional baseline  
 Country data is worse than the regional baseline  
**Source:**  
 The State of the World's Children 2011 - UNICEF <http://www.unicef.org/sowc2011/statistics.php>  
 The State of the World's Children 2009 - UNICEF <http://www.unicef.org/rightsite/sowc/statistics.php>  
 Human Development Report 2010 - United Nations Development Programme <http://hdr.undp.org/en/statistics/>  
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**Acronyms and symbols**  
 n/a: Not available ; **Bold Italic:** data from previous report  
 CIS: Commonwealth of Independent States  
 UNDP: United Nations Development Programme  
 \* data refer to the most recent year available  
 § Includes territories as well as countries within each category or regional group  
 # countries and territories in each category or regional group are classified according to UNICEF's State of the World's Children report