

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

Country	Total population (thousands) 2008	Population under 18 (thousands) 2008	Birth registration (%) 2000-2008*		UNDP Development Index, ranking on a total of 182 countries 2009	GDP per capita, average annual growth rate (%), 1990-2008	Life expectancy at birth (years) 2008	Infant mortality rate (under 1) 2008	Under-5 mortality rate 2008	Under-5 mortality rank (on a total of 193 countries) 2008	Maternal mortality ratio, adjusted 2005	Maternal mortality ratio Lifetime risk of maternal death. 1 in: 2005	Infants with low birthweight (%) 2003-2008*	Population using improved drinking water sources, (%) 2006		Population using improved sanitation facilities, (%) 2006		Estimated number of children (0-14 years) living with HIV (thousands) 2007	Primary school enrolment ratio net 2003-2008*		Secondary school enrolment ratio net 2003-2008*		Youth (15-24 years) literacy rate 2003-2007*		Total adult literacy rate 2003-2008*	Child labour (5-14 years) (%) 1999-2008*		Child marriage (%) 2000-2008*		Female genital mutilation/ cutting women (a) (15-49 years) 2002-2007*		Female genital mutilation/ cutting daughters (b) total 2002-2007*		
			urban	rural										urban	rural	male	female		male	female	male	female	male	female		male	female	male	female	urban	rural	urban	rural	urban
Benin	8662	4309	68	56	161	1.2	61	76	121	23	840	20	15	78	57	59	11	5	87	73	23	11	63	41	41	47	45	19	47	9	15	2		
Burkina Faso	15234	8043	86	58	177	2.5	53	92	169	11	700	22	16	97	66	41	6	10	52	42	14	10	47	33	29	46	48	29	61	76	71	25		
Cameroun	19088	9142	86	58	153	0.7	51	82	131	19	1000	24	11	88	47	58	42	45	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	72	59	68	31	30	23	57	1	2	1		
Cape Verde	499	221	n/a	n/a	121	3.8	71	24	29	88	210	120	6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	85	84	56	63	97	98	84	4	3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Central African Republic	4339	2061	72	36	179	-0.7	47	115	173	10	980	25	13	90	51	40	25	14	63	45	13	9	70	47	49	44	49	57	64	21	29	7		
Chad	10914	5724	36	3	175	2.4	49	124	209	3	1500	11	22	71	40	23	4	19	71	50	16	5	56	23	26	54	51	65	73	47	44	21		
Congo	3615	1716	88	75	136	-0.4	54	80	127	22	740	22	13	95	35	19	21	7	58	52	n/a	n/a	99	98	87	24	25	24	40	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	64257	34575	33	30	176	-3.7	48	126	199	5	1100	13	12	82	29	42	25	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	76	63	67	29	34	31	45	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Côte d'Ivoire	20591	9768	79	41	163	-1	57	81	114	25	810	27	17	98	66	38	12	52	61	49	25	14	n/a	40	49	36	34	27	43	34	39	9		
Equatorial Guinea	659	317	43	24	118	20.6	50	124	148	14	680	28	13	45	42	60	46	1	91	83	n/a	n/a	95	95	87	28	28	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Gabon	1448	633	90	87	103	-1	60	57	77	46	520	53	14	95	47	37	30	2	88	88	n/a	n/a	98	96	86	n/a	n/a	30	49	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Gambia	1660	811	57	54	168	0.4	56	80	106	30	690	32	20	91	81	50	55	1	59	64	40	37	63	41	n/a	20	29	24	45	72	83	64		
Ghana	23351	10585	69	42	152	2.1	57	51	76	47	560	45	9	90	71	15	6	17	73	71	47	43	80	76	65	34	34	15	28	2	6	1		
Guinea	9833	4872	78	33	170	1.3	58	90	146	16	910	19	12	91	59	33	12	6	79	69	35	20	59	34	30	26	24	45	75	94	96	57		
Guinea-Bissau	1575	769	53	33	173	-2.6	48	117	195	6	1100	13	24	82	47	48	26	2	53	37	11	6	94	87	65	41	37	14	32	39	48	35		
Liberia	3793	1878	5	3	n/a	1.8	58	100	145	17	1200	12	14	72	52	49	7	3	32	30	6	5	68	76	56	21	21	25	49	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Mali	12706	6507	75	45	178	2.2	48	103	194	7	970	15	19	86	48	59	39	9	70	56	n/a	n/a	36	23	23	35	33	60	77	81	87	69		
Mauritania	3215	1489	75	42	154	0.6	57	75	118	24	820	22	34	70	54	44	10	1	78	83	16	15	70	63	56	18	15	27	44	60	84	66		
Niger	14704	8249	71	25	182	-0.4	51	79	167	13	1800	7	27	91	32	27	3	3	61	46	12	7	53	26	30	43	43	42	84	2	2	1		
Nigeria	151212	74519	50	21	158	1.4	48	96	186	9	1100	18	14	65	30	35	25	220	68	59	28	23	89	85	72	n/a	n/a	27	52	28	14	10		
Sao Tome and Principe	160	77	70	67	131	n/a	66	64	98	35	n/a	n/a	8	88	83	29	18	n/a	98	97	31	34	95	96	88	8	7	31	37	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Senegal	12211	6198	75	44	166	1.1	56	57	108	29	980	21	19	93	65	54	9	3	72	72	23	18	59	44	43	24	21	23	55	22	34	20		
Sierra Leone	5560	2753	62	44	180	0.6	48	123	194	7	2100	8	24	83	32	20	5	4	n/a	n/a	27	19	64	44	38	49	48	34	66	86	97	35		
Togo	6,459	3032	93	69	159	0	63	64	98	35	510	38	12	86	40	24	3	3	10	82	72	30	14	84	64	53	29	30	15	36	4	7	1	
World	6,734,149	2,218,192	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.4	69	47	64	n/a	400	92	16	96	78	79	45	2,100	90	87	61	60	91	86	82	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Least developed countries\$	816,593	384,442	42	25	n/a	2.8	57	84	112	n/a	870	24	17	81	55	49	27	970	81	76	31	27	73	63	52	31	28	37	54	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Developing countries\$	5,505,373	1,967,974	65	39	n/a	4.3	67	51	71	n/a	450	76	16	94	76	71	39	2,000	89	86	53	52	91	86	80	17	16	23	47	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Sub-Saharan Africa#	821,614	405,963	51	28	n/a	1.7	52	89	148	n/a	920	22	15	81	45	42	24	1,800	76	70	30	26	77	69	62	34	32	27	49	30	37	19		
Western and Central Africa*	395,745	198,248	57	32	n/a	1.5	51	96	169	n/a	1100	17	16	77	41	37	20	520	68	58	26	20	77	68	60	34	35	28	53	28	29	14		
Eastern and Southern Africa#	383,672	188,246	40	24	n/a	1.6	53	80	123	n/a	760	29	14	88	48	48	28	1,300	83	82	32	29	78	69	64	36	32	27	45	36	46	28		
Middle East and North Africa#	405,642	155,844	86	68	n/a	2.2	70	36	46	n/a	210	140	11	94	78	71	39	18	92	88	63	58	94	87	77	11	9	12	23	n/a	n/a	n/a		
East Asia and Pacific\$	1,996,426	558,310	81	67	n/a	7.4	72	22	27	n/a	150	350	6	96	81	75	59	61	98	97	61	64	99	98	93	10	10	12	25	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Latin America and Caribbean*	570,505	195,055	92	82	n/a	1.6	74	22	26	n/a	130	280	9	97	73	86	52	42	95	95	69	74	97	97	91	11	10	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		
South Asia*	1,595,435	619,590	52	30	n/a	4.3	64	59	78	n/a	500	59	27	94	84	57	23	99	87	82	n/a	n/a	84	74	64	13	12	33	58	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Central and Eastern Europe/CIS*	403,528	97,938	93	92	n/a	2	69	22	25	n/a	46	1300	6	99	86	94	81	20	92	90	79	75	99	98	97	5	5	11	13	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Industrialised countries\$	983,196	204,961	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	80	5	6	n/a	8	8000	n/a	100	98	100	99	6	94	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

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 valuation 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.

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. (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 2009 – UNICEF
<http://www.unicef.org/rightsite/sowc/statistics.php>
 Human Development Report 2009 – United Nations Development Programme
<http://hdr.undp.org/en/statistics/>

Acronyms and symbols

n/a: Not available
 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