

**THE HEALTH
SECTOR
IN GHANA**

**FACTS AND
FIGURES**

2008

3.1 Health Status Indicators

Indicator	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 live births)	77	66	57	64	50
Under 5 Mortality Rate (per 1000 live births)	155	119	108	111	80
Neonatal Mortality Rate (per 1000 live births)	44	41	30	43	NA
Post-Neonatal Mortality Rate (per 1000 live births)	33	26	27	21	NA
Crude Birth Rate (per 1000)	47	44	39	33	NA
Crude Death Rate (per 1000)	17	12.5	10	10	NA
Life Expectancy at birth (in years)	54	55.7	57	58	NA
Total Fertility Rate	6.4	5.5	4.6	4.4	4.0

Source: GDHS, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008

3.2 Total Fertility Rate by Region

Region	1988	1993	1998	2003
Western	6.1	5.5	4.7	4.5
Central	6.6	5.6	4.8	5.0
Greater Accra	4.6	3.6	2.7	2.9
Volta	6.7	5.4	4.4	4.4
Eastern	5.7	5.1	4.4	4.3
Ashanti	5.9	5.6	4.5	4.1
Brong Ahafo	6.9	5.5	5.4	4.8
Northern	6.8	7.4	7.0	7.0
Upper East	6.8	6.4	5.0	4.7
Upper West	6.8	6.0	6.1	5.5
National	6.4	5.5	4.6	4.4
Rural	6.6	6.4	5.4	5.6
Urban	5.1	4.0	3.0	3.1

Source: DHS 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003

3.3 Percentage of Population with no Education

Region	1988	1993		1998		2003	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Western	43.6	17.8	34.1	11.8	29.6	7.3	22.3
Central	47.6	18.5	35.6	13.4	32.7	9.3	25.2
Greater Accra	21.9	9.8	19.4	9.4	19.6	5.8	12.4
Volta	38.0	20.8	34.3	19.3	31.4	7.9	20.7
Eastern	27.6	16.9	27.1	12.1	22.8	7.9	15.9
Ashanti	30.0	17.4	33.0	13.2	30.0	9.4	16.8
Brong Ahafo	42.8	21.7	30.8	20.4	32.6	14.2	27.4
Northern	81.7	62.0	75.9	63.8	79.7	59.5	78.8
Upper East	81.7	50.9	66.5	57.4	69.4	48.9	72.4
Upper West	81.7	56.9	67.9	59.0	68.4	44.9	63.3
National	39.7	26.2	38.3	20.6	34.0	17.6	28.2
Rural	46.4	32.9	46.8	25.5	39.8	25.4	39.5
Urban	26.7	12.2	22.3	10.4	22.4	8.0	16.3

Source: DHS 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003