

# WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA

INDICATOR	REGION	WORLD
<b>Demographic indicators</b>		
Total population (2006)	378,525,000	6,577,236,000
Population under 18 (2006)	192,816,000	2,212,024,000
Population under 5 (2006)	65,057,000	625,781,000
<b>Survival</b>		
Life expectancy at birth (2006)	50	68
Neonatal mortality rate (under 28 days), per 1,000 live births (2000)	48	30
Infant mortality rate (under 1), per 1,000 live births (2006)	107	49
Under-5 mortality rate, per 1,000 live births (2006)	186	72
Under-5 mortality rate, average annual rate of reduction (1990-2006)	0.7	1.6
Maternal mortality ratio, per 100,000 live births (2005, adjusted)	1,100	400
<b>Health and nutrition</b>		
Percentage of infants with low birthweight (1999-2006*)	14	15
Percentage of under-5s who are moderately or severely underweight (2000-2006*)	28	25
Percentage of population using improved drinking-water sources (2004)	55	83
Urban	76	95
Rural	40	73
Percentage of population using adequate sanitation facilities (2004)	36	59
Percentage of 1-year-old children immunized (2006) against:		
Tuberculosis (BCG)	79	87
Diphtheria/pertussis/tetanus (DPT1)	81	89
Diphtheria/pertussis/tetanus (DPT3)	67	79
Polio (polio3)	70	80
Measles	68	80
Hepatitis B (hepB3)	38	60
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib3)	13	22
<b>Education</b>		
Percentage of primary school entrants reaching grade 5 (administrative data; 2000-2006*)	71	78 **
Net primary school attendance ratio (2000-2006*)		
Male	62	80
Female	55	78
Net secondary school attendance ratio (2000-2006*)		
Male	30	50 **
Female	25	47 **
Adult literacy rate (2000-2005*)	57	78

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<b>Economic indicators</b>		
GNI per capita (US\$, 2006)	553	7,406
Percentage of population living on less than \$1 a day (1995-2005*)	52	19
Percentage share of central government expenditure (1995-2005*) allocated to:		
Health	-	14
Education	-	5
Defence	-	11
Percentage share of household income (1995-2005*):		
Lowest 40 per cent	16	20
Highest 20 per cent	49	42
<b>HIV/AIDS</b>		
Adult prevalence rate (15-49 years, end 2005)	3.5	1.0
Estimated number of people (all ages) living with HIV (2005)	6,900,000	38,600,000
Estimated number of children (0-14 years) living with HIV (2005)	650,000	2,300,000
Estimated number of children (0-17 years) orphaned by AIDS (2005)	3,300,000	15,200,000
<b>Child protection</b>		
Birth registration <sup>◇</sup> (1999-2006*)	41	-
Urban	58	-
Rural	35	-
Child marriage (1987-2006*)	44	-
Urban	27	-
Rural	53	-
Child labour (5-14 years, 1999-2006*)	34	-
Male	33	-
Female	34	-
<b>Women</b>		
Adult literacy parity rate (females as a percentage of males, 2000-2006*)	69	86
Antenatal care coverage (percentage, 2000-2006*)	67	75
Skilled attendant at delivery (percentage, 2000-2006*)	46	63
Lifetime risk of maternal death (2005)	1 in: 17	92

**NOTES:**

\* Data refer to the most recent year available during the period specified.

\*\* Excludes China.

- Data not available.

◇ The global and regional estimates for birth registration included in this table are based on the subset of countries for which data are available for the period 1999-2006. Global and regional estimates for a wider set of countries are available for the period 1997-2006 and can be found at [www.childinfo.org/areas/birthregistration](http://www.childinfo.org/areas/birthregistration).