

# WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA

INDICATOR	REGION	WORLD
<b>Demographic indicators</b>		
Total population (2005)	357,331,000	6,449,371,000
Population under 18 (2005)	183,906,000	2,183,143,000
Population under 5 (2005)	61,885,000	616,219,000
<b>Survival</b>		
Life expectancy at birth (2005)	46	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 (2005)	108	52
Under-5 mortality rate, per 1,000 live births (2005)	190	76
Under-5 mortality rate, average annual rate of reduction (1990-2005)	0.6	1.5
Maternal mortality ratio, per 100,000 live births (2000, adjusted)	900	400
<b>Health and nutrition</b>		
Percentage of infants with low birthweight (1998-2005*)	15	15
Percentage of under-5s who are moderately or severely underweight (1996-2005*)	28	25
Percentage of population using improved drinking water sources (2004)	56	83
Urban	86	95
Rural	42	73
Percentage of population using adequate sanitation facilities (2004)	38	59
Percentage of 1-year-old children immunized (2005) against:		
Tuberculosis (BCG)	71	83
Diphtheria/pertussis/tetanus (DPT1)	70	88
Diphtheria/pertussis/tetanus (DPT3)	57	78
Polio (polio3)	62	78
Measles	58	77
Hepatitis B (hepB3)	19	55
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> (Hib3)	-	-
<b>Education</b>		
Percentage of primary school entrants reaching grade 5 (administrative data; 2000-2004*)	55	83
Net primary school attendance ratio (1996-2005*)		
Male	59	78
Female	52	75
Net secondary school attendance ratio (1996-2005*)		
Male	26	46 **
Female	22	43 **
Adult literacy rate (2000-2004*)	49	80

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<b>Economic indicators</b>		
GNI per capita (US\$, 2005)	491	7,002
Percentage of population living on less than \$1 a day (1994-2004*)	54	21
Percentage share of central government expenditure (1994-2004*) allocated to:		
Health	-	13
Education	-	6
Defence	-	12
Percentage share of household income (1994-2004*):		
Lowest 40 per cent	14	20
Highest 20 per cent	51	42
<b>HIV/AIDS</b>		
Adult prevalence rate (15+ 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 (1999-2005*)	44	-
Urban	59	-
Rural	34	-
Child marriage (1987-2005*)	44	-
Urban	28	-
Rural	56	-
Child labour (5-14 years, 1999-2005*)	42	-
Male	41	-
Female	42	-
<b>Women</b>		
Adult literacy parity rate (females as a percentage of males, 2000-2004*)	63	86
Antenatal care coverage (percentage, 1997-2005*)	66	71
Skilled attendant at delivery (percentage, 1997-2005*)	45	63
Lifetime risk of maternal death (2000)	1 in... 16	74

**NOTES:**

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

\*\* Excludes China.

- Data not available.