

2010 Population and Housing Census



Summary of Final Results



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Background to the 2010 PHC

- The 2010 PHC was conducted with reference to 26th September, 2010 (Census Night).
- All persons who were found within the borders of Ghana on Census Night, irrespective of their nationality and status, were enumerated.
- All residential structures (both occupied and unoccupied) were also enumerated.

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Questions asked in the 2010 PHC

▸ Questions for Individual Persons

- Nationality
- Religion
- Marital Status
- Age and Sex
- Migration
- Birthplace
- Literacy and Education
- Economic Activity
- Disability
- ICT
- Fertility

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Questions asked in the 2010 PHC (cont'd)

- ▶ Questions for Household
 - Mortality (death in households in last 12 months before census night)
 - Agricultural activities
 - Housing conditions
- ▶ Community Facility Questions
 - Telecommunication
 - Public toilet
 - Health
 - Education

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Final Census Results

- The final census results are presented for the 10 Administrative Regions and the 170 Districts that existed at the time of the census.
- Information on some selected topics at the national and regional levels will be highlighted in this presentation.
- However, detailed information on all topics in the census will be provided in the summary report and other reports to be released subsequently.

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Population Characteristics

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Population Size and Sex Ratio

- The final results of the 2010 PHC show that the total population of Ghana as at 26 September 2010 was 24,658,823.
- There were 12,633,978 females and 12,024,845 males.
- Females constituted 51.2 percent of the population and males 48.8 percent.
- The sex ratio was 95 males per 100 females.

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Table 1: Population by Region and Sex, 2010

Region	Total	Male	Female
All Regions	24,658,823	12,024,845	12,633,978
Western	2,376,021	1,187,774	1,188,247
Central	2,201,863	1,050,112	1,151,751
Greater Accra	4,010,054	1,938,225	2,071,829
Volta	2,118,252	1,019,398	1,098,854
Eastern	2,633,154	1,290,539	1,342,615
Ashanti	4,780,380	2,316,052	2,464,328
Brong Ahafo	2,310,983	1,145,271	1,165,712
Northern	2,479,461	1,229,887	1,249,574
Upper East	1,046,545	506,405	540,140
Upper West	702,110	341,182	360,928

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Table 2: Percentage Distribution of Population, 2000-2010

Region	Percent Share	
	2010	2000
All Regions	100.0	100.0
Western	9.6	10.2
Central	8.9	8.4
Greater Accra	16.3	15.4
Volta	8.6	8.6
Eastern	10.7	11.1
Ashanti	19.4	19.1
Brong Ahafo	9.4	9.6
Northern	10.1	9.6
Upper East	4.2	4.9
Upper West	2.8	3.0

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Table 3: Population Growth, 2000-2010

Region	2010	2000	% increase	Intercensal Growth Rate
All Regions	24,658,823	18,912,079	30.4	2.5
Western	2,376,021	1,924,577	23.5	2.0
Central	2,201,863	1,593,823	38.1	3.1
Greater Accra	4,010,054	2,905,726	38.0	3.1
Volta	2,118,252	1,635,421	29.5	2.5
Eastern	2,633,154	2,106,696	25.0	2.1
Ashanti	4,780,380	3,612,950	32.3	2.7
Brong Ahafo	2,310,983	1,815,408	27.3	2.3
Northern	2,479,461	1,820,806	36.2	2.9
Upper East	1,046,545	920,089	13.7	1.2
Upper West	702,110	576,583	21.8	1.9

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Table 4: Population Densities by Region, 1984-2010

Region	Area (sq km)	Population Density		
		2010	2000	1984
All Regions	238,533	103	79	52
Western	23,921	99	80	48
Central	9,826	224	162	116
Greater Accra	3,245	1,236	895	441
Volta	20,570	103	80	59
Eastern	19,323	136	109	87
Ashanti	24,389	196	148	86
Brong Ahafo	39,557	58	46	31
Northern	70,384	35	26	17
Upper East	8,842	118	104	87
Upper West	18,476	38	31	24

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Table 5: Selected Demographic Characteristics of Population

Characteristics	Total	Male	Female
0-14	9,450,398	4,798,944	4,651,454
15-64	14,040,893	6,727,948	7,312,945
65+	1,167,532	497,953	669,579
Adult population (18+)	13,632,299	6,431,820	7,200,479
Dependent population (<15 plus 65+)	10,617,930	5,296,897	5,321,033

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Summary

- Ghana's population has increased by 30.4 percent from 18,912,079 in 2000 to 24,658,823 in 2010.
- Females account for 51.2 percent of the enumerated population.
- The recorded annual intercensal growth rate in 2010 is 2.5 percent.
- Greater Accra (16.3%) and Ashanti (19.4%) regions have the greater share of the population.
- Population density has increased from 79 in 2000 to 103 in 2010.

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