2017 Ghana Maternal Health Survey

Fertility

Women in Ghana have an average of 3.9 children. Fertility has declined from 6.4 children per woman in 1988.

Family Planning

1 in 4 married women use a modern method of family planning. Use of modern family planning methods ranges from a low of 17% in Northern region to a high of 32% in Upper East region.

Antenatal Care

Since 2007, more women in Ghana are receiving antenatal care (ANC) from a skilled provider, making 4+ ANC visits, and attending ANC in their first trimester.

Delivery Care

79% of live births or stillbirths are delivered in a health facility, while 1 in 5 births or stillbirths are delivered at home. Health facility deliveries have markedly improved from 54% in 2007 to 79% in 2017.

Maternal Mortality

The maternal mortality ratio (MMR) is 310 deaths per 100,000 live births for the 7-year period before the survey. The confidence interval ranges from 217 to 402 deaths per 100,000 live births. The differences in the zonal MMR point estimates are negligible.