Fertility

Women in Nigeria have an average of 5.5 children. TFR in Western African countries ranges from 4.0 in Ghana to 7.6 in Niger.

Total Fertility Rates of Western African Countries

Births per woman for the 3 years prior to the survey

Ghana 2008 DHS
Benin 2011-12 DHS
Cote d'Ivoire 2011-12 DHS
Senegal 2010-11 DHS
Sierra Leone 2008 DHS
Libera 2007 DHS
Nigeria 2013 DHS
Burkina Faso 2010 DHS
Mali 2006 DHS
Niger 2012 DHS

Family Planning

Only 15% of married women use any method of family planning. Contraceptive use ranges from 3% in North East Zone to 38% in South West Zone.

Reproductive Health

Nearly 4 in 10 births is attended by a skilled provider.

Assistance during Delivery

- Doctor: 10%
- Nurse/midwife: 25%
- Auxiliary nurse/midwife: 22%
- Community extension health worker: 2%
- Traditional birth attendant: 23%
- Relative/other: 13%
- No one: 1%
- Don’t know: 1%

38% of births were assisted by a skilled provider*

*Skilled provider includes doctor, nurse, midwife, and auxiliary nurse/midwife.

Vaccination Coverage

Vaccination coverage has gradually increased in Nigeria. One in four children age 12-23 months are fully vaccinated.

Trends in Vaccination Coverage

Percent of children age 12-23 months vaccinated

- 2003 NDHS
- 2008 NDHS
- 2013 NDHS

Child Mortality

Data show a decline in all levels of childhood mortality since 2003.

Trends in Childhood Mortality

Deaths per 1,000 live births

- 2003 NDHS
- 2008 NDHS
- 2013 NDHS

Neonatal mortality: 48, 40, 37
Infant mortality: 100, 75, 69
Under-five mortality: 201, 157, 128