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### Trends in Total Fertility Rate

**Births per woman for the three-year period before the survey**

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### Education

Percent distribution of women age 15-49 by highest level of education attended

- No education: 18
- Primary: 16
- Middle/JSS/JHS: 40
- Secondary/SSS/SHS: 18
- More than secondary: 8

### Trends in Family Planning Use

**Percent of married women age 15-49 using family planning**

- Any modern method:
  - 1988: 5
  - 1993: 10
  - 1998: 13
  - 2003: 19
  - 2007: 16
  - 2014: 21
  - 2017: 26

- Any traditional method:
  - 1988: 1
  - 1993: 9
  - 1998: 2
  - 2003: 13
  - 2007: 7
  - 2014: 7
  - 2017: 6

### Trends in Antenatal Care Coverage

**Percent of women age 15-49 who had a live birth/stillbirth in the 5 years before the survey (for most recent live birth/stillbirth)**

- ANC by skilled provider:
  - 2007 GMHS: 96
  - 2017 GMHS: 98
- 4+ ANC visits:
  - 2007 GMHS: 77
  - 2017 GMHS: 89
- ANC in first trimester:
  - 2007 GMHS: 53
  - 2017 GMHS: 64

### Trends in Delivery Care

**Percent of most recent live births or stillbirths in the five years before the survey**

- Health facility delivery:
  - 2007 GMHS: 54
  - 2017 GMHS: 79
- Skilled assistance during delivery:
  - 2007 GMHS: 55
  - 2017 GMHS: 79

### Health Facility Deliveries by Region

- **Upper West**: 81%
- **Upper East**: 91%
- **Northern**: 59%
- **Volta**: 63%
- **Brong Ahafo**: 80%
- **Ashanti**: 85%
- **Eastern**: 77%
- **Greater Accra**: 72%
- **Western**: 78%
- **Central**: 76%
- **Volta**: 63%

### Pregnancy Outcomes

- **Stillbirth**: 2%
- **Induced abortion**: 10%
- **Miscarriage**: 12%
- **Live birth**: 76%