

Western Africa

| Indicator | Age | 1950 | 1975 | 2000 | 2025 | 2050 | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Population (thousands) | | | | | | | |
| Total | Total | 60 411.4 | 110 238.4 | 224 188.9 | 411 113.6 | 608 125.4 | |
| | 0 - 14 | 25 386.5 | 49 958.2 | 100 462.3 | 157 804.4 | 168 779.3 | |
| | 15 - 59 | 31 913.8 | 55 090.5 | 113 093.9 | 230 783.2 | 381 412.3 | |
| | 60 - 64 | 1 256.6 | 2 004.7 | 3 817.4 | 7 671.0 | 19 577.1 | |
| | 65 - 69 | 889.2 | 1 439.9 | 2 874.5 | 5 909.1 | 15 265.9 | |
| | 70 - 74 | 554.3 | 935.2 | 1 981.1 | 4 229.1 | 10 685.2 | |
| | 75 - 79 | 282.1 | 533.6 | 1 178.5 | 2 568.2 | 6 651.4 | |
| | 80 - 84 | | | 554.7 | 1 388.2 | 3 616.3 | |
| | 85 - 89 | } | 128.9 | 276.2 | 179.3 | 561.1 | 1 570.0 |
| | 90 - 94 | | | | 39.5 | 157.0 | 467.6 |
| | 95 - 99 | | | | 6.7 | 32.8 | 88.3 |
| | 100+ | | | | 1.2 | 9.5 | 11.9 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Female | Total | 30 741.2 | 55 521.8 | 111 800.7 | 203 731.1 | 302 065.8 | |
| | 0 - 14 | 12 706.8 | 24 850.8 | 49 650.0 | 77 838.0 | 83 429.3 | |
| | 15 - 59 | 16 281.2 | 27 843.1 | 56 457.3 | 113 968.1 | 188 676.4 | |
| | 60 - 64 | 689.8 | 1 064.9 | 2 003.1 | 3 946.1 | 9 856.8 | |
| | 65 - 69 | 498.3 | 779.3 | 1 527.8 | 3 102.5 | 7 791.8 | |
| | 70 - 74 | 318.2 | 515.7 | 1 071.1 | 2 269.7 | 5 556.1 | |
| | 75 - 79 | 167.3 | 302.2 | 644.4 | 1 394.4 | 3 540.4 | |
| | 80 - 84 | | | 310.9 | 769.9 | 1 981.8 | |
| | 85 - 89 | } | 79.6 | 165.8 | 105.8 | 321.5 | 892.4 |
| | 90 - 94 | | | | 24.8 | 93.8 | 278.1 |
| | 95 - 99 | | | | 4.5 | 20.7 | 55.2 |
| | 100+ | | | | 0.8 | 6.3 | 7.7 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Male | Total | 29 670.1 | 54 716.6 | 112 388.2 | 207 382.5 | 306 059.7 | |
| | 0 - 14 | 12 679.7 | 25 107.4 | 50 812.3 | 79 966.4 | 85 350.0 | |
| | 15 - 59 | 15 632.6 | 27 247.4 | 56 636.7 | 116 815.0 | 192 735.9 | |
| | 60 - 64 | 566.8 | 939.8 | 1 814.3 | 3 724.9 | 9 720.4 | |
| | 65 - 69 | 390.8 | 660.6 | 1 346.7 | 2 806.6 | 7 474.1 | |
| | 70 - 74 | 236.1 | 419.5 | 909.9 | 1 959.4 | 5 129.1 | |
| | 75 - 79 | 114.7 | 231.5 | 534.1 | 1 173.7 | 3 111.0 | |
| | 80 - 84 | | | 243.7 | 618.3 | 1 634.5 | |
| | 85 - 89 | } | 49.3 | 110.4 | 73.4 | 239.5 | 677.7 |
| | 90 - 94 | | | | 14.7 | 63.3 | 189.5 |
| | 95 - 99 | | | | 2.2 | 12.2 | 33.1 |
| | 100+ | | | | 0.4 | 3.2 | 4.3 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Percentage in older ages | | | | | | | |
| Total | 60+ | 5.1 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 9.5 | |
| | 65+ | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.6 | 6.3 | |
| | 80+ | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.9 | |
| Female | 60+ | 5.7 | 5.1 | 5.1 | 5.9 | 9.9 | |
| | 65+ | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 6.7 | |
| | 80+ | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 1.1 | |
| Male | 60+ | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 5.1 | 9.1 | |
| | 65+ | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 6.0 | |
| | 80+ | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.8 | |
| Ageing index | | | | | | | |
| | | 12.3 | 10.4 | 10.6 | 14.3 | 34.3 | |
| Broad age groups (percentage) | | | | | | | |
| | 0 - 14 | 42.0 | 45.3 | 44.8 | 38.4 | 27.8 | |
| | 15 - 59 | 52.8 | 50.0 | 50.4 | 56.1 | 62.7 | |
| | 60+ | 5.1 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 9.5 | |
| Median age (years) | | | | | | | |
| | | 19.0 | 17.3 | 17.3 | 20.3 | 27.6 | |
| Dependency ratio | | | | | | | |
| | Total | 82.1 | 93.1 | 91.8 | 72.4 | 51.7 | |
| | Youth | 76.5 | 87.5 | 85.9 | 66.2 | 42.1 | |
| | Old Age | 5.6 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 9.6 | |
| Potential support ratio | | | | | | | |
| | | 17.9 | 17.9 | 17.2 | 16.1 | 10.5 | |
| Parent support ratio | | | | | | | |
| | | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 3.0 | |
| Sex ratio (per 100 women) | | | | | | | |
| | 60+ | 77.4 | 83.5 | 86.8 | 88.9 | 93.4 | |
| | 65+ | 74.4 | 80.7 | 84.7 | 86.2 | 90.8 | |
| | 80+ | 61.9 | 66.6 | 74.8 | 77.2 | 79.0 | |

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| Indicator | Age | 1950-1955 | 1975-1980 | 2000-2005 | 2025-2030 | 2045-2050 |
|--|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Growth rate (percentage) | Total | 2.1 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 1.9 | 1.3 |
| | 60+ | 1.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 4.0 |
| | 65+ | 1.9 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 4.4 |
| | 80+ | 2.3 | 3.9 | 4.8 | 3.4 | 4.1 |
| Total fertility rate (per woman) | | 6.8 | 7.0 | 5.6 | 3.3 | 2.4 |
| Life expectancy (years) | | | | | | |
| Total | Birth | 35.5 | 45.5 | 51.3 | 61.9 | 69.0 |
| | 60 | .. | .. | 16.3 | 18.3 | 19.9 |
| | 65 | .. | .. | 13.2 | 14.9 | 16.1 |
| | 80 | .. | .. | 6.1 | 6.6 | 7.1 |
| Female | Birth | 36.9 | 46.6 | 51.8 | 62.8 | 70.4 |
| | 60 | .. | .. | 16.9 | 19.0 | 20.7 |
| | 65 | .. | .. | 13.6 | 15.3 | 16.8 |
| | 80 | .. | .. | 6.3 | 6.8 | 7.4 |
| Male | Birth | 34.2 | 44.5 | 50.7 | 61.1 | 67.7 |
| | 60 | .. | .. | 15.7 | 17.7 | 19.0 |
| | 65 | .. | .. | 12.7 | 14.3 | 15.4 |
| | 80 | .. | .. | 5.8 | 6.4 | 6.8 |
| Survival rate (percentage) | | | | | | |
| Total | 60 | .. | .. | 48.8 | 64.7 | 76.1 |
| | 65 | .. | .. | 42.9 | 59.0 | 71.0 |
| | 80 | .. | .. | 17.1 | 28.8 | 39.2 |
| Female | 60 | .. | .. | 49.9 | 66.1 | 78.0 |
| | 65 | .. | .. | 44.5 | 61.0 | 73.6 |
| | 80 | .. | .. | 18.6 | 31.2 | 42.9 |
| Male | 60 | .. | .. | 47.6 | 63.4 | 74.3 |
| | 65 | .. | .. | 41.2 | 57.0 | 68.5 |
| | 80 | .. | .. | 15.6 | 26.4 | 35.6 |
| | | 1950 | 1970 | 1990 | 2000 | 2010 |
| Labour force participation (percentage) | | | | | | |
| Total | 65+ | 59.3 | 55.4 | 50.9 | 49.3 | 47.9 |
| Female | 65+ | 44.7 | 39.1 | 33.1 | 31.1 | 29.5 |
| Male | 65+ | 77.6 | 75.5 | 72.4 | 71.1 | 69.9 |
| | | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 | 2005 | 2010 |
| Illiteracy rate (percentage) | | | | | | |
| Total | 60 - 64 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | 65 - 69 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | 70+ | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Female | 60 - 64 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | 65 - 69 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | 70+ | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Male | 60 - 64 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | 65 - 69 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| | 70+ | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |

