

## **OVERVIEW**

The Births and Deaths Registry registered 463,409 of births nationwide for the year 2013. This represents 66 % of targeted 700,000 births for the year under review. The figure shows drop of 2.5% from registered 475731 of births registered in 2012. The drop for 2011 to 2012 was 4%. The trend shows a relative improvement in the drop of registration over the two periods.

51% representing 237,942 births the period under review were males, while 225,467 representing 49 % were females.

From data recorded, the Births and Deaths Registry was unable to capture 34% of delivered births in 2013. The data future indicates Greater Accra registering the highest number of births totaling 85624 representing 19%, closely followed by Ashanti Region which registered 83486 representing 18%. Upper East on the other hand accounted for the least number of births registered with a total of 16037 representing 3% of total recorded and certified births.

Analysis from the recorded data indicate that Western Region registered 59% of its expected births; Central Region registered 79%, Greater Accra 74%, Eastern 53%, Volta 47%, Ashanti 61% Brong Ahafo 58%, Northern 91%, Upper East 68% and Upper West 82% of expected births.

The data under review indicates that mothers within the age range of 25-29 account for the highest number of births of 141483, representing 30% of coverage. This is closely followed by mothers in the 20-24 ages grouping with 112,011 births representing 24%. Mothers under 15 years of age recorded the least number of births 305 making up for 0.07% of the total coverage.

A critical analysis of the data reveals that while 76% of the registered births occurred at health facilities across the country, there was 24% of births recorded outside our health institutions.

On the other hand, Data collected on deaths spanning the 2013 period stood at 51466. Out of the total number of deaths registered 28,681 representing 58% where male while 22,785 representing 44% were female deaths. In 2012 however, 54,551 deaths were registered. This signifies a 6% drop in registration of deaths for 2013. The data on deaths showed that Greater Accra Region registered the highest number of deaths with a total of 15581 representing 30%. Ashanti Region was second with total deaths of 8838 signifying 17% of all reported cases. Upper East registered the lowest reported deaths of 336 representing 0.7% of the national total.

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In terms of death registration coverage, the Births and Deaths Registry registered 26% of its expected 200,000 deaths for the period under review. This implies that the Registry was unable to capture 74% of deaths that occurred in the country with 2013. The regional breakdown showed that Western Region registered 26% of expected deaths; Central 28%, Greater Accra 47%, Eastern 39%, Volta 26%, Ashanti 23%, Brong Ahafo 21%, Northern 8%, Upper East 4% and Upper West 6%.

Again it must be noted that registered deaths by age of the deceased revealed that the highest number of deaths occurred to persons 70 years and above with a total of 17445 representing 34 % of reported deaths for registration. This is closely followed by the 65-69 age groups with 4356 deaths making up for 8% of registered deaths. Infant death registration for the period stood at 515 representing 1% of registered deaths. Deaths occurring among children under 5 years for the year was 702 constituting 1.4% of registered deaths.

Figures obtained from the registered deaths nationwide showed that 75% of recorded deaths occurred in health facilities, while 25% of deaths occurred outside health facilities in the country.

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## APPENDIX 1

REGION	EXPECTED BIRTHS(JAN-DEC) 2013	REGISTERD BIRTHS	% COVERAGE
ALL REGION	700000	463409	66
WESTERN	66363	39232	59
CENTRAL	63505	49861	79
GREATER ACCRA	115742	85624	74
EASTERN	73773	38738	53
VOLTA	60028	28474	47
ASHANTI	136395	83486	61
BRONG AHAFO	65115	37980	58
NORTHERN	71109	64575	91
UPPER EAST	28489	19402	68
UPPER WEST	19481	16037	82

## APPENDIX 2

REGION	EXPECTED DEATHS(JAN-DEC) 2013	REGISTERD BIRTHS	% COVERAGE
ALL REGION	200000	51466	26
WESTERN	18990	3089	16
CENTRAL	18173	5121	28
GREATER ACCRA	33048	15581	47
EASTERN	21068	8155	39
VOLTA	17180	4531	26
ASHANTI	38899	8838	23
BRONG AHAFO	18534	3856	21
NORTHERN	20344	1597	8
UPPER EAST	8169	362	4
UPPER WEST	5595	336	6