

2010 POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS



PROVISIONAL RESULTS

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PREFACE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The 2010 Population and Housing Census was conducted with 26th September, 2010 as the reference point (Census Night). All persons who were found within the borders of Ghana on Census Night, irrespective of their nationality and status were enumerated. In addition, all living structures and community level facilities were enumerated.

The Ghana Statistical Service (GSS) plans to release a series of data from the Census aimed at increasing the utility of the census data. This publication is the first of such series of data releases with the object of furnishing the general public with summarized information about the country. Subsequent releases on the 2010 Population and Housing Census will present more detailed information about the population and residential structures as well as community level facilities.

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

1. Total Population

The provisional results of the 2010 Population and Housing Census show that the total population is 24,223,431 (11,801,661 males and 12,421,770 females). Thus, males form 48.7 percent of the population and females constitute 51.3 percent (Table 1).

Table 1: Population by Region and Sex, 1984 – 2010

Region	2010			2000			1984		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Ghana	24,223,431	11,801,661	12,421,770	18,912,079	9,357,382	9,554,697	12,296,081	6,063,848	6,232,233
Western	2,325,597	1,176,189	1,149,408	1,924,577	978,176	946,401	1,157,807	586,288	571,519
Central	2,107,209	998,409	1,108,800	1,593,823	760,221	833,602	1,142,335	559,312	583,023
Greater Accra	3,909,764	1,884,127	2,025,637	2,905,726	1,436,135	1,469,591	1,431,099	700,952	730,147
Volta	2,099,876	999,190	1,100,686	1,635,421	790,886	844,535	1,211,907	586,940	624,967
Eastern	2,596,013	1,252,688	1,343,325	2,106,696	1,036,371	1,070,325	1,680,890	834,962	845,928
Ashanti	4,725,046	2,288,325	2,436,721	3,612,950	1,818,216	1,794,734	2,090,100	1,028,904	1,061,196
Brong Ahafo	2,282,128	1,161,537	1,120,591	1,815,408	911,263	904,145	1,206,608	613,721	592,887
Northern	2,468,557	1,210,702	1,257,855	1,820,806	907,177	913,629	1,164,583	576,825	587,758
Upper East	1,031,478	497,139	534,339	920,089	442,492	477,597	772,744	368,192	404,552
Upper West	677,763	333,355	344,408	576,583	276,445	300,138	438,008	207,752	230,256

Figure 1 depicts the regional distribution of the population by sex. In all regions, females outnumber males.

Figure 1: Population by Region and Sex, 2010

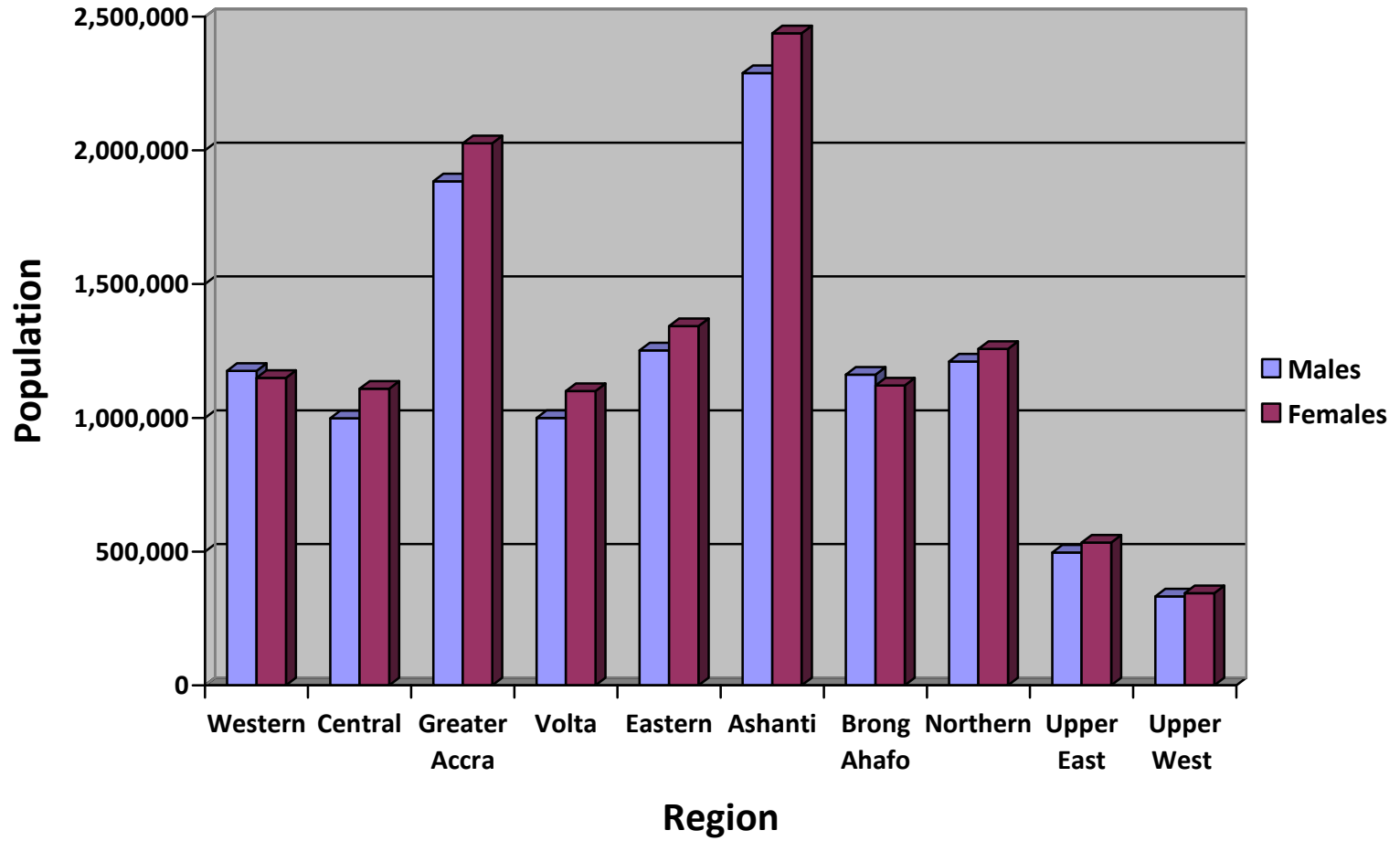
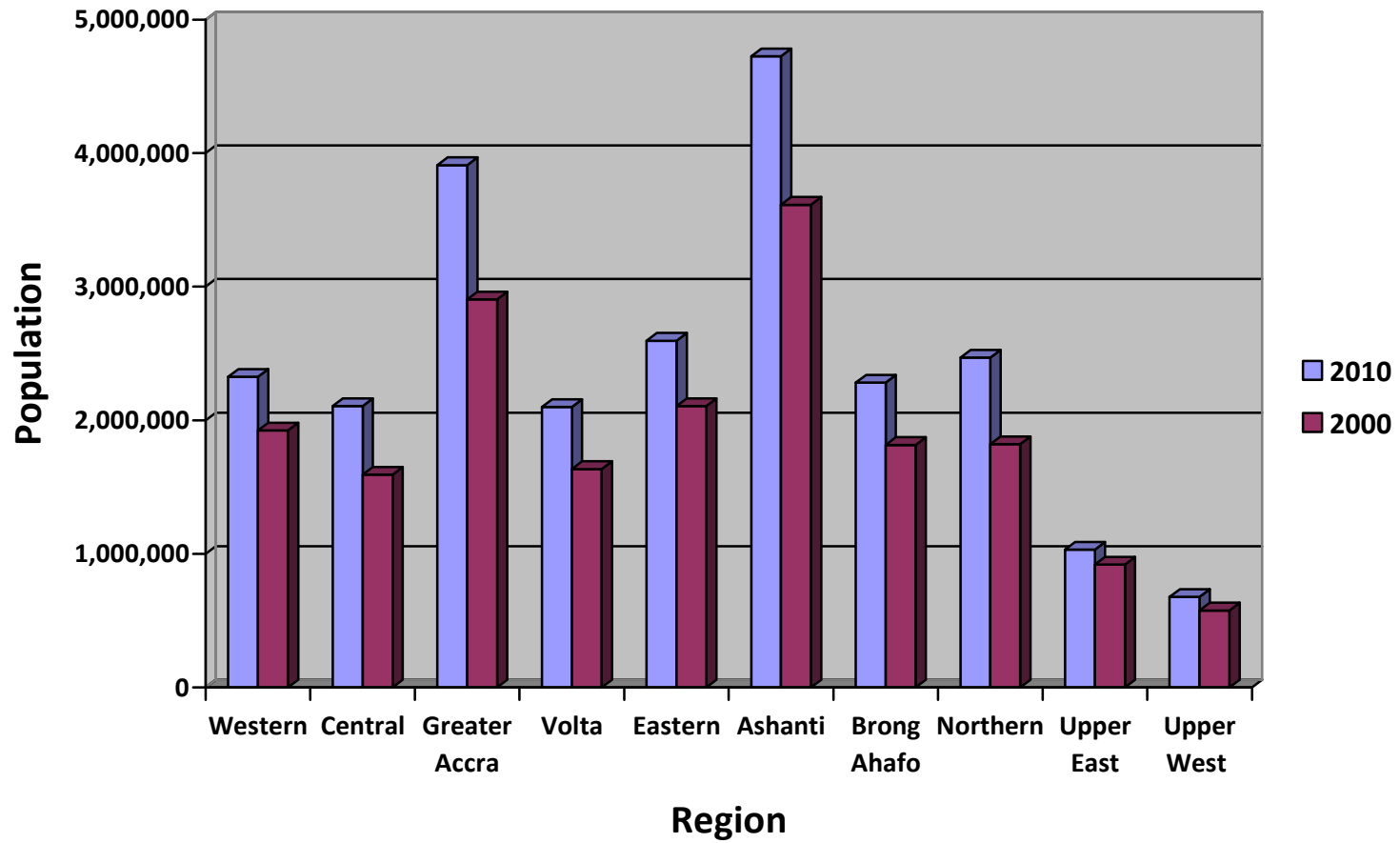


Figure 2 presents the regional distribution of the population in 2000 and 2010. All the regions experienced increases in population with Northern (35.6%) and Greater Accra (34.6%) recording the highest percentages.

Figure 2: Population by Region, 2000 and 2010



2. Population Indicators

The results show that overall, Ghana's population increased by 28 percent. The population in the Northern region increased by 35.6 percent while that of Greater Accra, Central and Ashanti regions increased by 34.6, 32.2 and 30.8 percent respectively. The intercensal growth rate for the country has declined from 2.7 percent to 2.4 percent per annum. Growth rates in Central, Greater Accra, Ashanti and Northern Regions were significantly above the national figure of 2.4 percent. The least growth rate (1.1%) was recorded in the Upper East Region (Table 2).

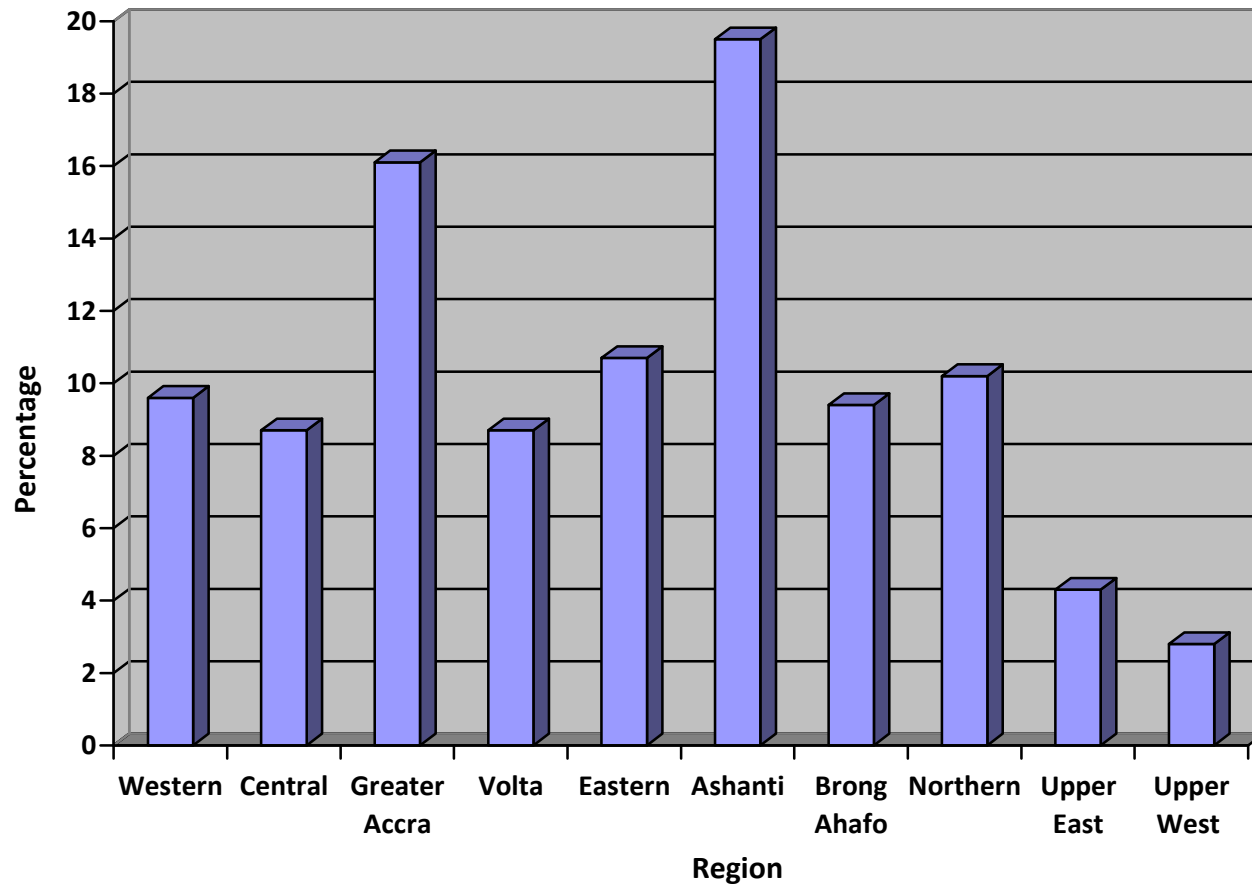
Table 2: Population Indicators by Region, 2000 and 2010

Region	2010				2000			
	Population share	Sex ratio	Percentage increase over 2000	Intercensal growth rate	Population share	Sex ratio	Percentage increase over 1984	Intercensal growth rate
Ghana	100.0	95	28.1	2.4	100.0	98	35.0	2.7
Western	9.6	102	20.8	1.8	10.2	103	39.8	3.2
Central	8.7	90	32.2	2.7	8.4	91	28.3	2.1
Greater Accra	16.1	93	34.6	2.8	15.4	98	50.7	4.4
Volta	8.7	91	28.4	2.4	8.6	94	25.9	1.9
Eastern	10.7	93	23.2	2.0	11.1	97	20.2	1.4
Ashanti	19.5	94	30.8	2.6	19.1	101	42.1	3.4
Brong Ahafo	9.4	104	25.7	2.2	9.6	101	33.5	2.5
Northern	10.2	96	35.6	2.9	9.6	99	36.0	2.8
Upper East	4.3	93	12.1	1.1	4.9	93	16.0	1.1
Upper West	2.8	97	17.5	1.5	3.0	92	24.0	1.7

The provisional results also indicate that the sex ratio for the country is low. For every 100 females, there are 95 males. The distribution by region suggests that Brong Ahafo and Western regions have sex ratios above 100 (Table 2).

Figure 3 indicates that Ashanti (19.5%) and Greater Accra (16.1%) constitute 35.6 percent of the total population. Compared with 2000, this proportionate share of the population has increased by about 1 percentage point.

Figure 3: Percentage Regional Distribution of the Population, 2010



3. Population Density

The results show that there is increasing pressure on land by the population. The number of persons per one square kilometre (population density) is almost doubled from 52 in 1984 to 102 in 2010. Consistently, the population pressure has been much more intense on Greater Accra and Ashanti. Within the same period, less than 50 persons were recorded per square kilometre in the Northern and Upper West regions (Table 3).

Table 3: Population Density by Region, 1984 - 2010

Region	Area Sq Km	2010		2000		1984	
		Population	Density	Population	Density	Population	Density
Ghana	238,533	24,223,431	102	18,912,079	79	12,296,081	52
Western	23,921	2,325,597	97	1,924,577	80	1,157,807	48
Central	9,826	2,107,209	214	1,593,823	162	1,142,335	116
Greater Accra	3,245	3,909,764	1,205	2,905,726	895	1,431,099	441
Volta	20,570	2,099,876	102	1,635,421	80	1,211,907	59
Eastern	19,323	2,596,013	134	2,106,696	109	1,680,890	87
Ashanti	24,389	4,725,046	194	3,612,950	148	2,090,100	86
Brong Ahafo	39,557	2,282,128	58	1,815,408	46	1,206,608	31
Northern	70,384	2,468,557	35	1,820,806	26	1,164,583	17
Upper East	8,842	1,031,478	117	920,089	104	772,744	87
Upper West	18,476	677,763	37	576,583	31	438,008	24