



ACCESS TO WASH IN GHANA

SUMMARY SHEET 2024

INTRODUCTION

This sheet contains basic information about access to improved sanitation, drinking water, and hygiene in Ghana. Data used to produce this brief were the latest obtained from available national sources. The sheet contains both national aggregates and regional disaggregation and it is meant to provide an at-a-glance overview of the WASH situation in Ghana as at 2024.

ACCESS TO HOUSEHOLD TOILETS

Proportion of households using improved toilets or otherwise

NATIONAL SUMMARY



Use of at least basic Household Toilets

National **25.3%**

Urban **29.0%**

Rural **19.4%**



Open defecation

National **17.7%**

Urban **8.9%**

Rural **31.3%**

ACCESS TO IMPROVED DRINKING WATER

Proportion of households using improved drinking water

NATIONAL SUMMARY



Access to at least basic drinking water

National **93%**

Urban **97.8%**

Rural **83%**



Distance to access water (minutes)

National **19min.**

Urban **13min.**

Rural **22min.**

REGIONAL DISAGGREGATION

Region	At least basic household toilets (%)	Open defecation (%)
Ahafo	22.6	7
Ashanti	26	7
Bono	25	11
Bono East	15.1	36
Central	24	12
Eastern	25.6	9
Greater Accra	35.5	6
North East	15.2	58
Northern	12.1	55
Oti	14.1	40
Savannah	9.6	68
Upper East	11.5	68
Upper West	15	50
Volta	19.9	21
Western	23.4	11
Western North	31.1	9

Source: Population and Housing Census (Ghana Statistical Service 2021)

REGIONAL DISAGGREGATION

Region	At least basic drinking water (%)	Average distance to access water (minutes)
Ahafo	85.5	16
Ashanti	94.5	13
Bono	93.3	15
Bono East	77.5	23
Central	93.8	13
Eastern	87.7	15
Greater Accra	97.6	15
North East	54.8	32
Northern	65.4	32
Oti	69.7	21
Savannah	55.1	33
Upper East	79.8	24
Upper West	78.0	26
Volta	80.7	19
Western	87.8	15
Western North	76.9	17

Source: Population and Housing Census (Ghana Statistical Service 2021)

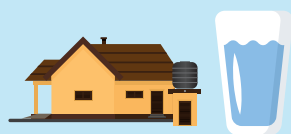
ACCESS TO WASH IN SCHOOLS

NATIONAL SUMMARY



74%

Public basic schools
with access to toilets



75%

Public basic schools
with access to
drinking water

REGIONAL DISAGGREGATION

Region	Access to toilet (%)	Access to water (%)
Ahafo	66	79
Ashanti	69	74
Bono	70	71
Bono East	63	71
Central	88	77
Eastern	78	76
Greater Accra	90	71
North East	79	63
Northern	71	64
Oti	74	81
Savannah	72	74
Upper East	78	80
Upper West	75	78
Volta	84	78
Western	65	76
Western North	62	82

Source: Ghana Education Service (EMIS 2020)

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HOUSEHOLDS WITH ACCESS TO BASIC HYGIENE FACILITIES

NATIONAL SUMMARY



Basic (with facility,
water, and soap)

National 43.5%

Urban 33.3%

Rural 52.8%



Limited (without
water or soap)

National 45.7%

Urban 53.8%

Rural 38.3%

REGIONAL DISAGGREGATION

Region	Basic Service (%)	Limited Service (%)
Ahafo	39.5	37.1
Ashanti	42.9	49.1
Bono	32.6	49.5
Bono East	32.5	34.1
Central	33.1	53.1
Eastern	53.8	44.7
Greater Accra	68.5	30.0
North East	3.2	74.7
Northern	19.8	58.7
Oti	26.4	60.5
Savannah	39.5	51.9
Upper East	32.4	40.6
Upper West	25.7	65.6
Volta	54.6	43.1
Western	83.6	15.9
Western North	20.1	72.2

Source: Demographic and Health Survey (Ghana Statistical Service 2022)

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