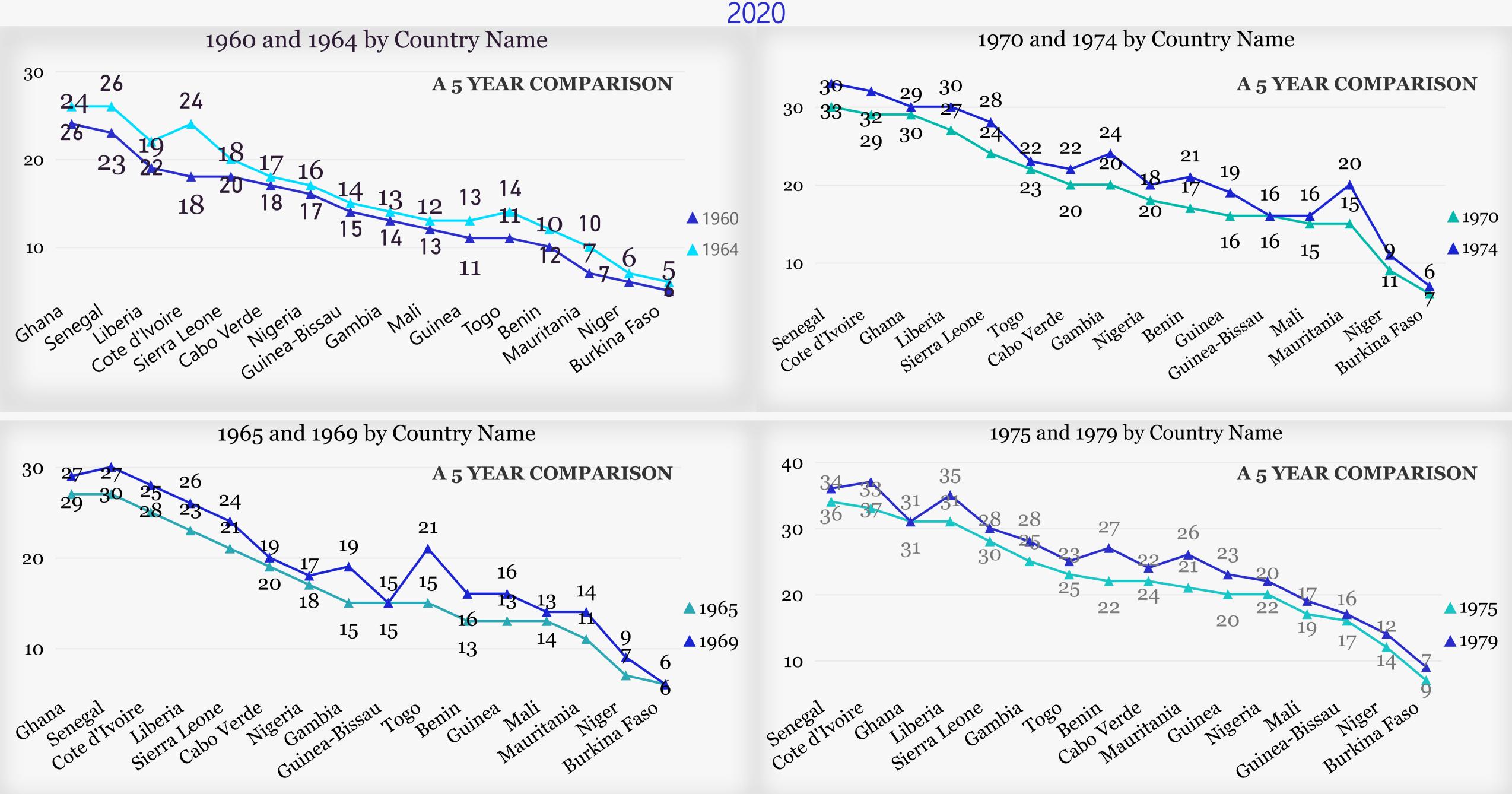
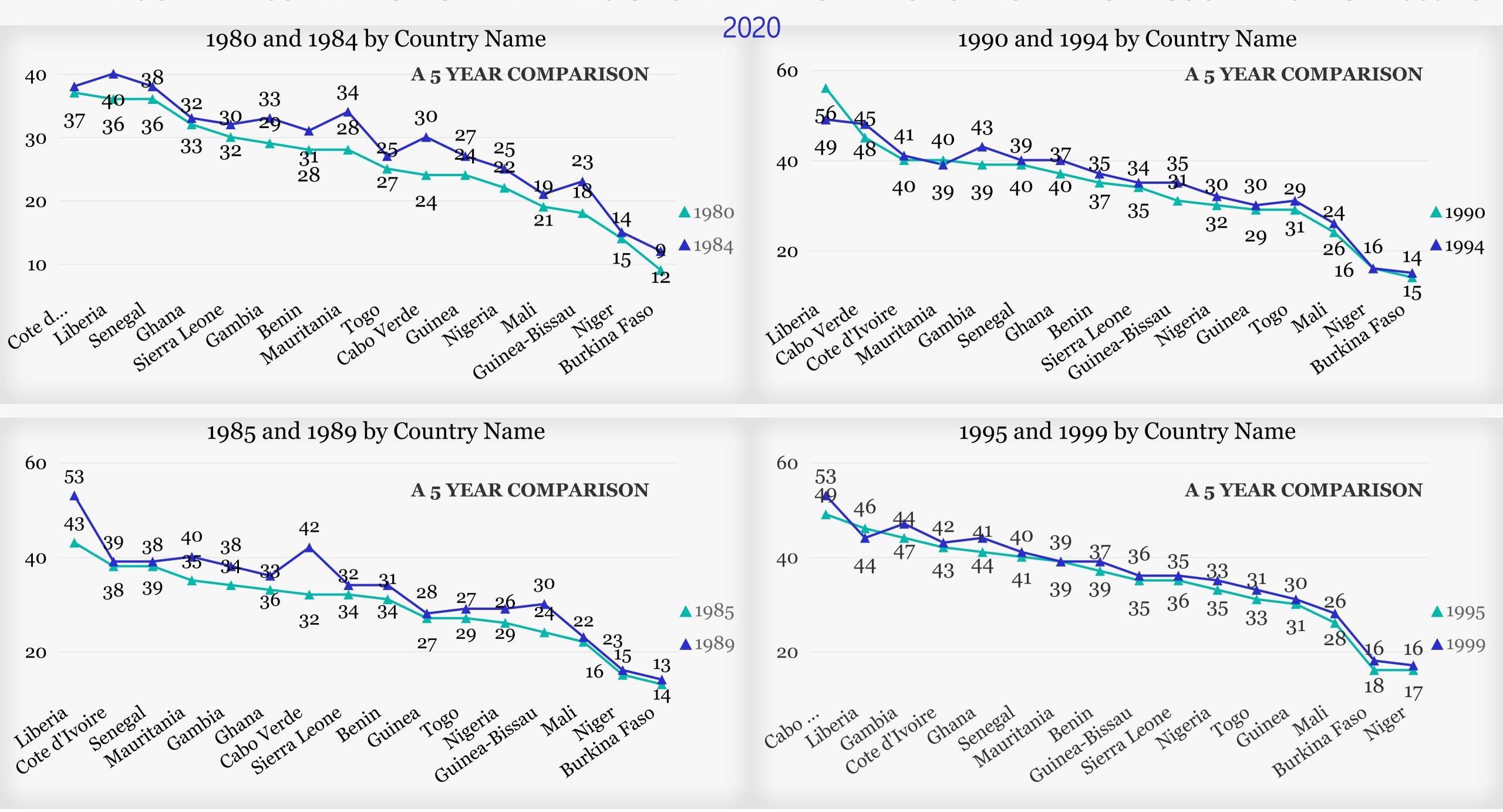
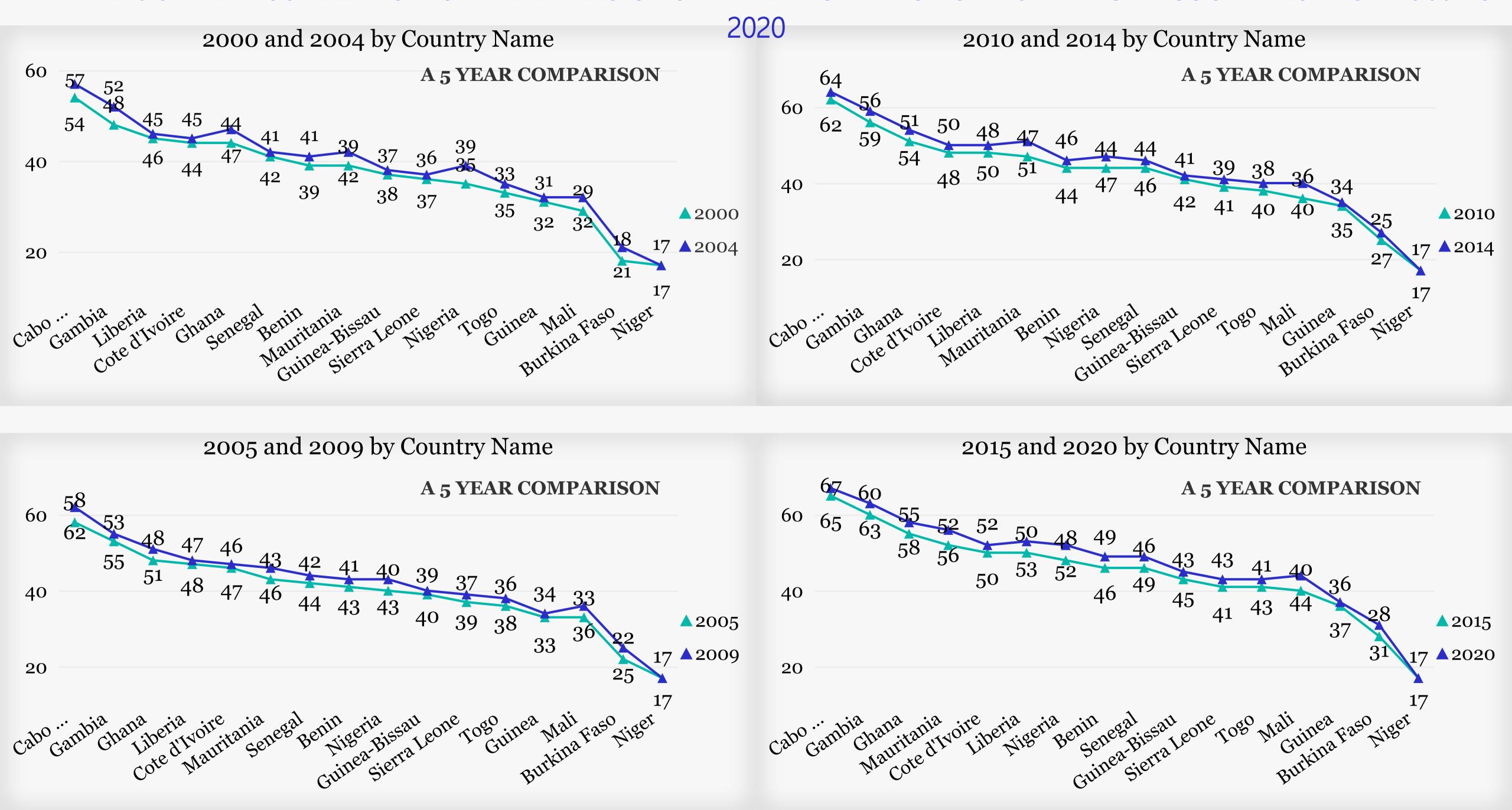
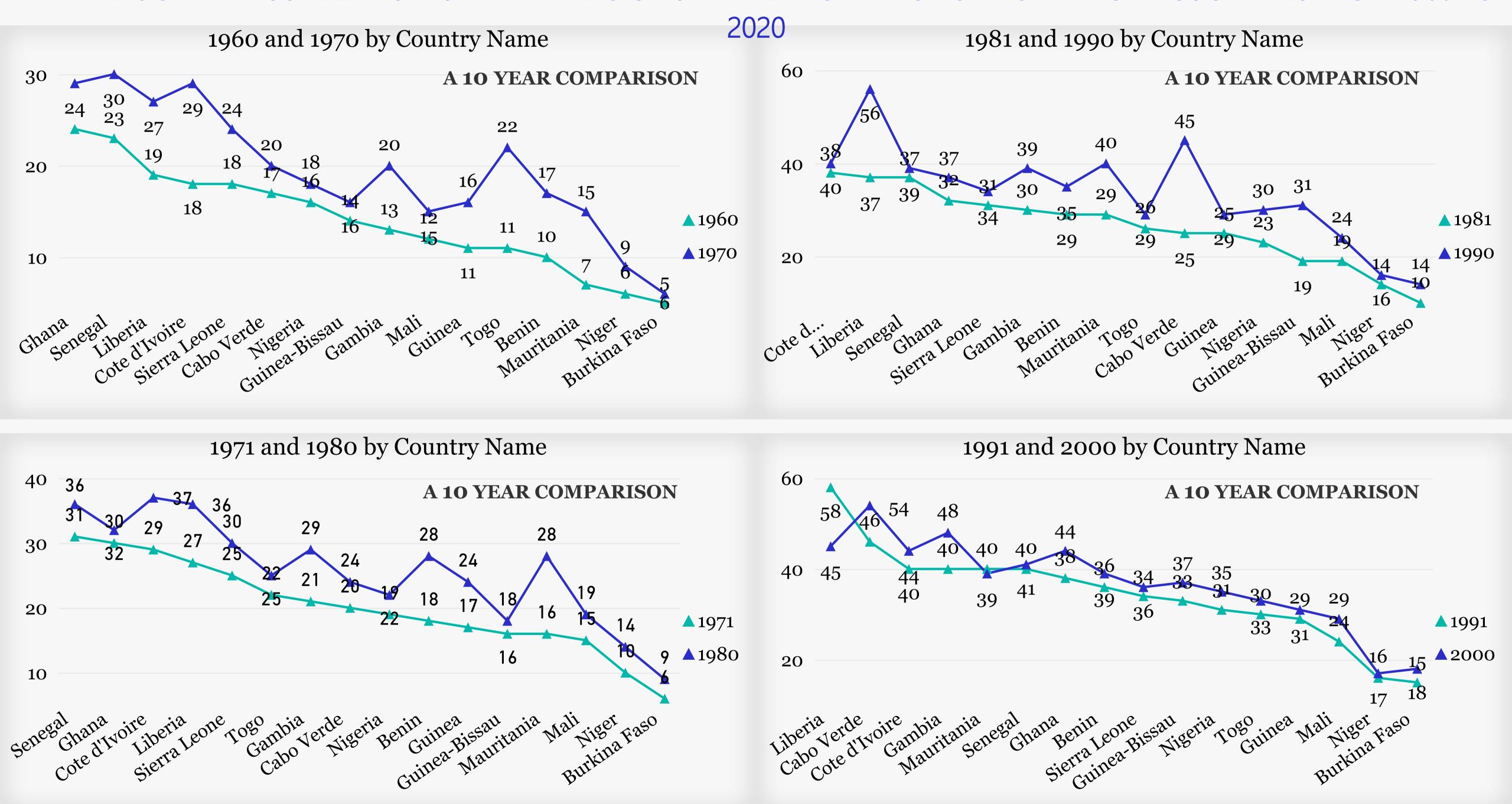
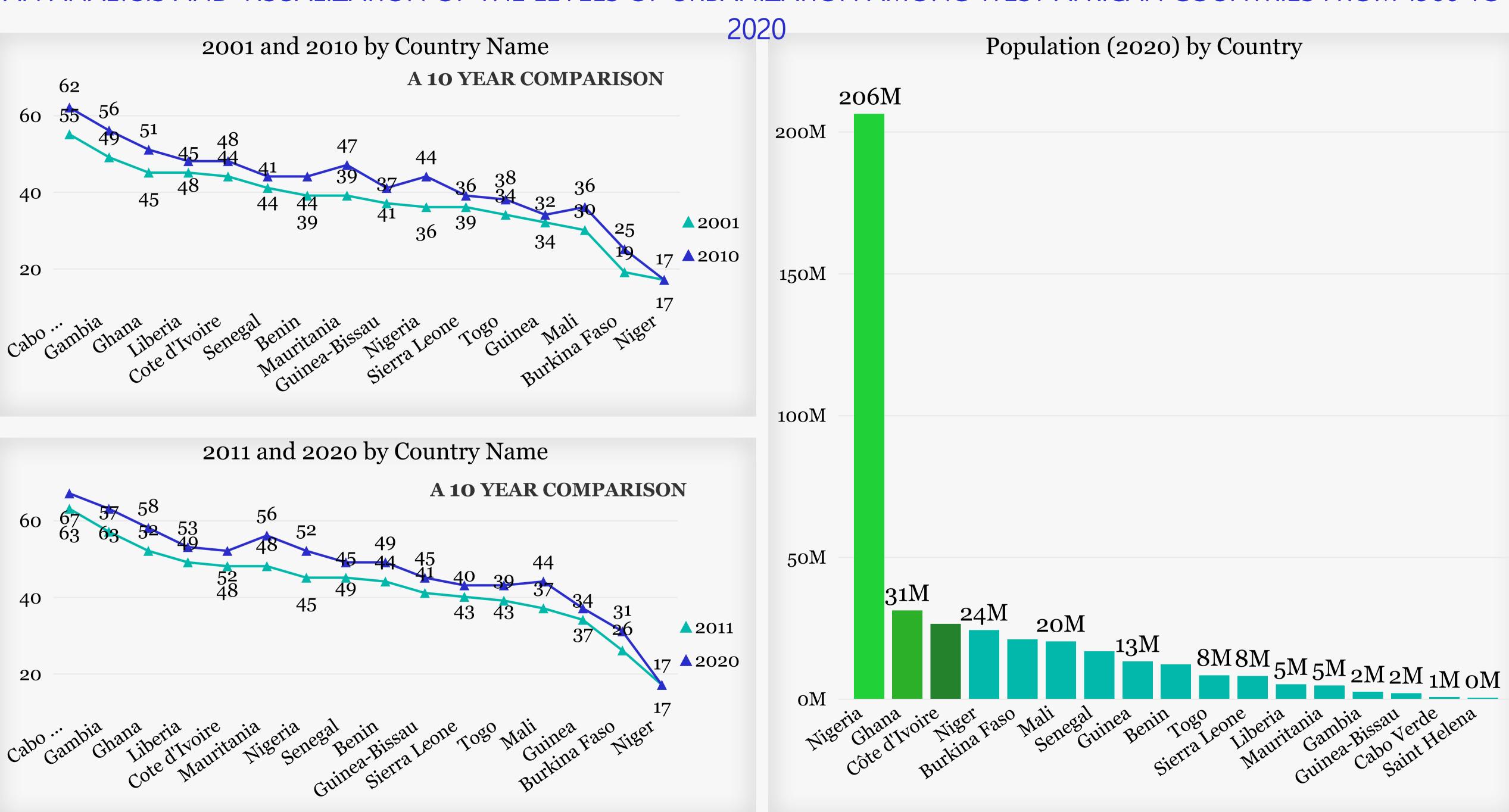
In this report, I examined the trend of urbanization among the countries of west Africa.











## A FIVE YEAR PERIOD COMPARISON OF THE URBANIZATION GROWTH OF THE COUNTRIES.

- 1. Between 1960 and 1964, all the countries had 1% to 3% urbanization growth rates except Cote d'Ivoire with 6% growth rate.
- 2. Between 1965 and 1969, the majority of the countries had growth rates ranging from 1% to 3% except for Togo with 6% rate.
- 3. Between 1970 and 1974, the countries growth rates ranged from 1% to 3% except for Mauritania with 5%.
- 4. Between 1975 and 1979, Mauritania recorded the same 5% increase while the rest remained between 1% to 3%.
- **5.** Mauritania and Cabo Verde had **6%** and **8%** respectively while the rest countries ranged from **1%** to **4%** between 1980 to 1984.
- **6.** Between 1985 to 1989 Liberia and Cabo Verde had **10%** growth rate each while the other countries were between **2%** to **4%** rates.
- 7. Between 1990, 1995 to 1999 there were no significant growth rates among the countries.
- 8. All the countries had urbanization rates ranging from 1% to 4% between and the same applied between 2000 to 2004. This poor growth rate continued till 2020 when examined with a five year period.

## A TEN YEAR PERIOD COMPARISON OF THE COUNTRIES.

- **9.** By a 10 year comparison between 1960 to 1970, the countries had between **3%** to **5%** growth rates except for Cote d'Ivoire and Togo with over **10%** growth rates.
- 10. Between 1971 to 1980, other countries had between 3% to 5% growths while Benin, Cote d' Ivoire, Gambia, and Mauritania had between 8% to 11% growth rates.
- 11. Between 1981 to 1990, Cote d'Ivoire had a decline in urbanization with a growth rate of 2% while Liberia and Cabo Verde had over 20% growth rates each while the rest were between 3% to 5%.
- 12. Between 1991 to 2000, Liberia, Cabo Verde and Gambia had a steady growth rate ranging from 8% to 11% while other countries were between 3% to 5%.
- 13. Between 2002 and 2010, Nigeria and Mauritania had the highest growth rate of 8% each while other countries were between 2% to 5%.
- **14**. Between 2010 and 2020, Mauritania had the highest growth of **8%** followed by Nigeria, Mali and Gambia with **6%** each while other countries were between **2%** to **5%**.
- 7. Overall, <u>Liberia, Mauritania, Cote d'Ivoire, Cabo Verde, Gambia, Nigeria and Togo</u> had significant growth rates while <u>Burkina</u> <u>Faso, Niger, Guinea-Bissau and Sierra Leone</u> had the lease urbanization rates when examined over a 10 year period.

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Country

Nigeria

Ghana

Niger

Mali

Senegal

Guinea

Benin

Togo

Liberia

Gambia

Total

Côte d'Ivoire

Burkina Faso

Sierra Leone

Mauritania

Cabo Verde

Saint Helena

Guinea-Bissau