

FEMALE GENITAL CUTTING

Table FGC.1 Knowledge of female circumcision

Percentage of women 15-49 and men age 15-59 who have heard of female circumcision, according to background characteristics, Model DHS 6 data

Background characteristic	Women		Men	
	Have heard of female circumcision	Number of respondents	Have heard of female circumcision	Number of respondents
Age				
15-19	99.6	1,958	96.4	771
20-24	99.8	1,428	98.8	523
25-29	100.0	1,419	99.1	502
30-34	99.7	1,100	99.4	397
35-39	99.9	1,099	99.2	485
40-44	99.9	660	99.8	332
45-49	99.7	684	98.4	290
Religion				
Religion 1	99.6	1,915	99.0	711
Religion 2	99.8	6,379	98.3	2,573
Religion 3	(100.0)	23	*	10
Religion 4	*	2	*	0
No religion	*	4	*	1
Residence				
Urban	99.8	3,766	97.7	1,631
Rural	99.8	4,582	99.2	1,668
Region				
Region 1	99.9	2,863	98.6	1,058
Region 2	99.8	1,610	99.4	607
Region 3	99.7	2,300	97.3	1,023
Region 4	99.8	1,574	99.4	611
Education				
No education	99.8	4,397	99.2	1,232
Primary	99.8	1,146	97.1	396
Secondary or higher	99.7	2,805	98.3	1,672
Wealth quintile				
Lowest	99.9	1,490	99.1	549
Second	99.9	1,503	100.0	564
Middle	99.8	1,568	98.9	583
Fourth	99.6	1,784	97.8	679
Highest	99.7	2,003	97.5	925
Total 15-49	99.8	8,348	98.5	3,299
50-59	na	na	99.5	322
Total 15-59	na	na	98.6	3,621

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.
na = Not applicable

Table FGC.2 Prevalence of female circumcision

Percentage of women 15-49 circumcised, and percent distribution of circumcised women by type of circumcision according to background characteristics, Model DHS 6 data

Background characteristic	Percentage of women circumcised	Number of women	Type of circumcision				Total	Number of circumcised women
			Cut, no flesh removed	Cut, flesh removed	Sewn closed	Don't know/missing		
Age								
15-19	73.8	1,958	0.5	70.9	12.1	16.5	100.0	1,446
20-24	84.0	1,428	1.1	71.8	11.8	15.3	100.0	1,200
25-29	90.4	1,419	0.4	75.3	9.0	15.3	100.0	1,284
30-34	93.7	1,100	0.8	71.3	10.9	17.1	100.0	1,031
35-39	95.5	1,099	0.8	70.1	10.9	18.2	100.0	1,050
40-44	96.8	660	0.5	69.5	11.8	18.1	100.0	639
45-49	96.5	684	0.7	71.8	8.4	19.0	100.0	660
Religion								
Religion 1	72.7	1,915	0.7	70.7	12.2	16.4	100.0	1,393
Religion 2	91.9	6,379	0.7	72.0	10.4	16.9	100.0	5,866
Religion 3	(97.2)	23	(4.5)	(68.4)	(9.2)	(17.9)	100.0	22
Religion 4	*	2	*	*	*	*	100.0	2
No religion	*	4	*	*	*	*	100.0	4
Residence								
Urban	79.2	3,766	0.5	70.0	11.7	17.7	100.0	2,984
Rural	94.4	4,582	0.8	72.9	10.2	16.1	100.0	4,324
Region								
Region 1	95.4	2,863	0.7	71.9	8.8	18.6	100.0	2,732
Region 2	88.8	1,610	1.1	77.0	12.4	9.6	100.0	1,430
Region 3	74.2	2,300	0.6	68.1	14.7	16.6	100.0	1,707
Region 4	91.4	1,574	0.5	70.6	8.3	20.6	100.0	1,439
Education								
No education	96.4	4,397	0.8	71.3	10.4	17.5	100.0	4,240
Primary	86.7	1,146	0.6	73.3	12.7	13.4	100.0	994
Secondary or higher	74.0	2,805	0.5	71.8	10.8	16.9	100.0	2,075
Wealth quintile								
Lowest	94.7	1,490	0.6	70.8	10.1	18.4	100.0	1,411
Second	95.0	1,503	1.0	70.9	10.8	17.3	100.0	1,428
Middle	93.3	1,568	0.6	71.1	11.7	16.5	100.0	1,464
Fourth	85.9	1,784	0.6	75.7	8.5	15.2	100.0	1,533
Highest	73.6	2,003	0.7	69.9	12.9	16.5	100.0	1,474
Total	87.6	8,348	0.7	71.7	10.8	16.8	100.0	7,309

Note: Figures in parentheses are based on 25-49 unweighted cases. An asterisk indicates that a figure is based on fewer than 25 unweighted cases and has been suppressed.

Table FGC.3 Age at circumcision

Percent distribution of circumcised women age 15-49 by age at circumcision according to background characteristics, Model DHS 6 data

Background characteristic	Age at circumcision					Total	Number of circumcised women
	<5 ¹	5-9	10-14	15+	Don't know/ Missing		
Age							
15-19	17.6	16.2	43.1	18.2	4.9	100.0	1,446
20-24	16.3	13.0	39.4	26.1	5.2	100.0	1,200
25-29	16.3	12.2	40.2	23.4	7.9	100.0	1,284
30-34	19.0	12.8	39.5	20.2	8.5	100.0	1,031
35-39	18.0	11.7	38.3	22.4	9.7	100.0	1,050
40-44	17.7	11.6	35.7	26.2	8.7	100.0	639
45-49	15.7	11.8	35.7	28.4	8.3	100.0	660
Religion							
Religion 1	13.6	9.5	44.5	26.3	6.1	100.0	1,393
Religion 2	18.2	13.9	38.3	22.0	7.6	100.0	5,866
Religion 3	4.6	22.6	39.1	31.1	2.6	100.0	22
Religion 4	*	*	*	*	*	100.0	2
No religion	*	*	*	*	*	100.0	4
Residence							
Urban	16.1	14.9	38.4	24.6	6.1	100.0	2,984
Rural	18.1	11.8	40.2	21.8	8.2	100.0	4,324
Region							
Region 1	22.2	15.0	40.5	14.2	8.1	100.0	2,732
Region 2	13.2	6.3	39.9	30.7	9.9	100.0	1,430
Region 3	13.4	17.3	39.9	24.5	4.9	100.0	1,707
Region 4	16.5	11.1	36.6	29.8	6.0	100.0	1,439
Education							
No education	18.9	13.0	38.0	20.6	9.5	100.0	4,240
Primary	16.2	12.3	41.5	23.0	7.0	100.0	994
Secondary or higher	14.5	13.6	41.5	27.5	2.9	100.0	2,075
Wealth quintile							
Lowest	15.7	10.6	41.2	24.5	8.0	100.0	1,411
Second	17.3	13.2	39.4	20.7	9.3	100.0	1,428
Middle	21.4	11.2	39.5	20.7	7.2	100.0	1,464
Fourth	18.4	14.2	38.9	20.8	7.7	100.0	1,533
Highest	13.4	15.9	38.3	28.0	4.4	100.0	1,474
Total	17.3	13.1	39.5	22.9	7.3	100.0	7,309

¹ Include women who reported they were circumcised during infancy but did not provide a specific age.

Table FGC.4 Opinion of women and men about whether circumcision is required by religion

Percentage of women 15-49 and men age 15-59 who have heard of female circumcision, by opinion on whether their religion requires female circumcision, according to background characteristics, Model DHS 6 data

Background characteristic	Women				Number of women who have heard of female circum-cision	Men				Number of men who have heard of female circum-cision
	Required	Not required	Don't know/missing	Total		Required	Not required	Don't know/missing	Total	
Female circumcision status										
Circumcised	57.5	31.8	10.7	100.0	7,309	na	na	na	na	na
Not circumcised	22.0	61.1	16.9	100.0	1,019	na	na	na	na	na
Don't know/missing	*	*	*	100.0	3	na	na	na	na	na
Age										
15-19	48.8	35.8	15.4	100.0	1,950	39.3	43.9	16.8	100.0	744
20-24	50.1	37.4	12.5	100.0	1,424	50.4	39.7	10.0	100.0	517
25-29	50.9	38.7	10.5	100.0	1,419	48.0	43.2	8.8	100.0	497
30-34	54.9	34.0	11.1	100.0	1,097	44.2	43.8	12.0	100.0	394
35-39	57.5	32.9	9.6	100.0	1,098	51.9	40.6	7.5	100.0	481
40-44	58.8	33.4	7.9	100.0	660	47.9	43.4	8.6	100.0	331
45-49	61.6	31.1	7.3	100.0	682	52.1	38.1	9.8	100.0	285
Religion										
Religion 1	30.8	59.1	10.1	100.0	1,908	34.9	55.1	10.0	100.0	704
Religion 2	59.8	28.4	11.9	100.0	6,369	50.0	38.7	11.3	100.0	2,530
Religion 3	(79.5)	(19.0)	(1.5)	100.0	23	*	*	*	100.0	10
Religion 4	*	*	*	100.0	2	*	*	*	100.0	0
No religion	*	*	*	100.0	4	*	*	*	100.0	1
Residence										
Urban	42.8	44.0	13.2	100.0	3,758	44.2	44.7	11.0	100.0	1,594
Rural	61.7	28.3	10.0	100.0	4,573	49.4	39.5	11.1	100.0	1,656
Region										
Region 1	62.9	29.4	7.6	100.0	2,859	52.6	35.1	12.3	100.0	1,043
Region 2	46.5	35.1	18.4	100.0	1,606	44.9	46.6	8.4	100.0	604
Region 3	35.7	51.2	13.1	100.0	2,294	41.8	50.3	7.9	100.0	995
Region 4	67.7	23.3	9.0	100.0	1,571	47.2	35.9	16.9	100.0	608
Education										
No education	61.0	28.1	10.9	100.0	4,390	49.4	38.6	12.0	100.0	1,222
Primary	55.7	33.7	10.6	100.0	1,144	45.8	40.3	14.0	100.0	384
Secondary or higher	39.8	47.5	12.7	100.0	2,797	45.2	45.0	9.8	100.0	1,643
Wealth quintile										
Lowest	63.2	27.4	9.3	100.0	1,489	45.3	44.3	10.5	100.0	544
Second	63.8	25.5	10.7	100.0	1,502	50.0	37.3	12.8	100.0	564
Middle	63.2	27.9	8.9	100.0	1,565	53.5	35.9	10.6	100.0	576
Fourth	51.2	36.0	12.8	100.0	1,778	47.6	39.2	13.2	100.0	664
Highest	31.6	54.0	14.4	100.0	1,997	41.1	49.8	9.2	100.0	902
Total 15-49	53.2	35.4	11.5	100.0	8,330	46.9	42.1	11.1	100.0	3,250
50-59	na	na	na	na	na	52.0	34.2	13.9	100.0	320
Total 15-59	na	na	na	na	na	47.3	41.4	11.3	100.0	3,570

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Table FGC.5 Opinion of women and men about whether the practice of circumcision should continue

Percent distribution of women age 15-49 and men age 15-59 who have heard of female circumcision by their opinion on whether the practice of circumcision should be continued, by background characteristics, Model DHS 6 data

Background characteristic	Women				Number of women who have heard of female circum-cision	Men				Number of men who have heard of female circum-cision
	Continued	Not continued	Don't know/missing/depends	Total		Continued	Not continued	Don't know/missing/depends	Total	
Female circumcision status										
Circumcised	71.4	20.8	7.8	100.0	7,309	na	na	na	na	na
Not circumcised	25.4	62.5	12.1	100.0	1,019	na	na	na	na	na
Don't know/missing	*	*	*	100.0	3	na	na	na	na	na
Age										
15-19	56.4	31.7	11.9	100.0	1,950	40.4	42.4	17.2	100.0	744
20-24	57.2	35.0	7.8	100.0	1,424	48.9	40.2	10.9	100.0	517
25-29	65.9	26.1	8.1	100.0	1,419	43.1	41.7	15.2	100.0	497
30-34	71.1	22.1	6.8	100.0	1,097	45.6	42.5	11.9	100.0	394
35-39	73.2	18.7	8.1	100.0	1,098	48.3	36.2	15.5	100.0	481
40-44	77.6	17.4	5.0	100.0	660	47.2	39.9	12.9	100.0	331
45-49	78.8	15.7	5.5	100.0	682	51.0	34.8	14.2	100.0	285
Religion										
Religion 1	42.3	48.3	9.5	100.0	1,908	35.0	51.6	13.4	100.0	704
Religion 2	72.8	19.2	8.0	100.0	6,369	48.5	37.1	14.4	100.0	2,530
Religion 3	(85.1)	(9.5)	(5.4)	100.0	23	*	*	*	100.0	10
Religion 4	*	*	*	100.0	2	*	*	*	100.0	0
No religion	*	*	*	100.0	4	*	*	*	100.0	1
Residence										
Urban	53.0	37.9	9.1	100.0	3,758	45.8	41.6	12.6	100.0	1,594
Rural	76.3	16.0	7.7	100.0	4,573	45.4	38.7	15.9	100.0	1,656
Region										
Region 1	73.1	19.4	7.6	100.0	2,859	56.4	33.7	9.9	100.0	1,043
Region 2	72.8	15.1	12.1	100.0	1,606	32.0	42.2	25.7	100.0	604
Region 3	45.4	46.5	8.1	100.0	2,294	39.5	46.7	13.8	100.0	995
Region 4	75.2	18.8	6.1	100.0	1,571	50.5	38.3	11.2	100.0	608
Education										
No education	78.4	14.4	7.3	100.0	4,390	50.2	33.7	16.1	100.0	1,222
Primary	68.5	23.8	7.6	100.0	1,144	45.9	38.7	15.4	100.0	384
Secondary or higher	45.0	44.8	10.2	100.0	2,797	42.1	45.2	12.7	100.0	1,643
Wealth quintile										
Lowest	80.5	12.9	6.7	100.0	1,489	50.9	38.1	11.0	100.0	544
Second	75.3	15.6	9.1	100.0	1,502	49.0	35.7	15.3	100.0	564
Middle	74.3	18.2	7.5	100.0	1,565	44.4	37.8	17.8	100.0	576
Fourth	60.5	29.8	9.7	100.0	1,778	46.5	40.6	12.9	100.0	664
Highest	45.8	45.8	8.3	100.0	1,997	40.4	45.2	14.5	100.0	902
Total 15-49	65.8	25.9	8.3	100.0	8,330	45.6	40.1	14.3	100.0	3,250
50-59	na	na	na	na	na	51.5	28.0	20.6	100.0	320
Total 15-59	na	na	na	na	na	46.1	39.0	14.9	100.0	3,570

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