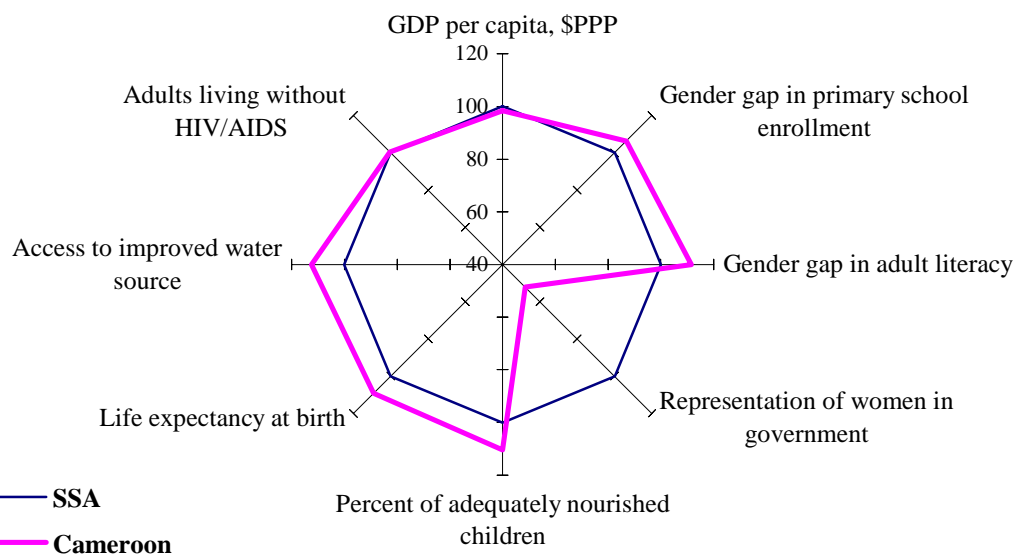


Cameroon

Summary Gender Profile



Note: This figure indicates that although Cameroon has an average economic development, it ranks above average in all selected development indicators, with the exception of the HIV/AIDS infection rate, which is average, and the representation of women in parliament, where it shows a gender gap that is far greater than the SSA averages.

Technical notes: this spider web is constructed to show where the country is in relation to the Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) average in the aspects of economic development, health and education. The SSA average was normalized to 100. The indicators were constructed in a way that a higher magnitude of an indicator indicates a higher level of development. To achieve this consistency, we inverted the percent of malnourished children and the HIV/AIDS prevalence to percent of children being adequately nourished and adult living without HIV/AIDS, respectively. If a country line is inside the SSA line, the country's development level is below the SSA average, and vice versa.

Definition of indicators:

- GDP per capita, \$PPP = GDP per capita converted to international dollars using purchasing power parity rates;
- Primary school enrollment gap = the ratio of female to male gross primary school enrollment rate;
- Literacy gap = the ratio of female to male literacy rate for people aged 15+;
- Life expectancy = life expectancy at birth in years;
- Representation of women in parliament = percent of women in parliament;
- Adult living without HIV/AIDS = percent of adults living without HIV/AIDS;
- Access to improved water source = percentage of the total population with reasonable access to an adequate amount of water from an improved source;
- Percent of adequately nourished children = 100 minus the percent of under-five children suffering from moderate & severe underweight, below minus two standard deviations from median weight for age of reference population.

Sources: *Africa Country Gender Database (ACGD)*

Indicator	Data (early period)				Data (most recent period)				Source ¹
	Female	year	Male	year	Female	year	Male	year	
HUMAN ASSETS: CAPABILITY									
Health									
Life Expectancy at Birth	46	1970	43	1970	52	1999	50	1999	1
Crude Birth Rate (per 1,000 people)	45 (1970)				38 (1999)				1
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	126 (1970)				77 (1999)				1
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births) richest quintile	51 (1991)								2
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births) poorest quintile	104 (1991)								2
Under 5 mortality rate (%)	215 (1970)				154 (1999)				1
Total Fertility Rate (births per woman)	6	1970			5	1999			1
Total Fertility Rate (births per woman) richest quintile					5	1991			2
Total Fertility Rate (births per woman) poorest quintile					6	1991			2
Adolescent Fertility Rate (births per 1,000 women aged 15-19)	140	1997			134	1999			1
Maternal Mortality Ratio (per 100,000 live births)	720	1995			430	1999			2
Risk of unintended pregnancy (% of married women aged 15-19)					13	1999			2
Contraceptive Prevalence (% women aged 15-49)	3	1978			19	1998			1
Births Attended by Skilled Health Staff (% of Total)	52	1975			55	1998			1
Education									
Adult Illiteracy Rate (15+)	82	1970	55	1970	30	2000	6	2000	1
Young adult illiteracy rate (15-25 years old)	59	1970	30	1970	18	2000	6	2000	1
Net Primary Enrollment Rate Rural (% of age group)	NA								-
Net Primary Enrollment Rate Urban (% of age group)	NA								-
Net Primary Enrollment Rate (% of age group)	56	1970	72	1970	71	1989	81	1989	1
Gross primary enrollment rate (% of age group)	78	1970	106	1970	84	1994	93	1994	1
Gross secondary enrollment rate (% of age group)	5	1970	12	1970	22	1994	32	1994	1
Share of Secondary Enrollments net (%)	4	1970	10	1970	11	1980	19	1980	1
Share of Tertiary Enrollments gross (%)	0	1970	1	1970	0	1975	2	1975	1
Progression to Grade 5 (% of cohort)	57	1975	57	1975	69	1989	64	1989	1
HIV/AIDS									
Adult HIV Prevalence (% of age group 15-49)					8 (1999)				4
Females % of infected adults population					56	1999			4
HIV Prevalence Rate in Young People (15-24)					8	1999	4	1999	4
Adults (15-49) Living with HIV/AIDS					520,000 (1999)				4
Percent infected in age group 15-19					NA				4
Percent infected in age group 20-29					NA				4
Percent infected in age group 30-39					NA				4
Total Number of People Currently Infected					520,000 (1999)				4
AIDS Orphans (Cumulative)					270,000 (1999)				4
Women Attending Antenatal Clinics in major urban areas (% infected)					6	1998			4

Indicator	Data (early period)				Data (most recent period)				Source ¹
	Female	year	Male	year	Female	year	Male	year	
HUMAN ASSETS: CAPABILITY									
Women Attending Antenatal Clinics outside major urban areas (% infected)					9	1998			4
Female Sex Workers / Male STD patients in major urban areas (% infected)					17	1996	16	1996	4
ECONOMIC ASSETS: OPPORTUNITY									
Labor Force Participation									
Adult economic activity rate					49	1998	NA		5
Agricultural Labor Force % of total female/male labor force	87	1980	65	1980	83	1990	62	1990	9
Industry Sector Labor Force % of total female/male labor force	2	1980	11	1980	3	1990	12	1990	9
Services Labor Force % of total female/male labor force	11	1980	24	1980	14	1990	26	1990	9
Gender Intensity of Production									
Agriculture labor force (% female-male)	NA		NA						6
Industry labor force (% female-male)	NA		NA						6
Services labor force (% female-male)	NA		NA						6
Informal Sector employment (% female-male)	NA		NA						6
Contribution to GDP (%)									
PHYSICAL ASSETS: SECURITY									
Access to improved drinking water source (%)		36 (1985)				52 (1990)			1
Access to improved drinking water source (%) Rural		30 (1985)				42 (1985)			1
Access to improved drinking water source (%) Urban		46 (1985)				82 (2000)			1
Access to improved sanitation (%)		36 (1985)				92 (2000)			1
Access to improved sanitation (%) Rural		79 (1990)				85 (2000)			1
Access to improved sanitation (%) Urban		99 (1990)				99 (2000)			1
Traditional energy use (%)		79 (1971)				69 (1997)			1
Total Time Allocation (hours/week)	NA								-
Time Allocated to Water/Energy Provision (hrs/day)	NA								-
Transport Tasks (hours/week)	NA								-
Share of earned income (% of total)	NA								-
Land Ownership (%)	NA								-
Access to Financial Services (%)	NA								-
SOCIAL ASSETS: EMPOWERMENT									
Representation in Parliament, 1999 (%)					6	1997			7
Representation in Cabinet, 1999 (%)					NA				7
Representation at Ministerial Level	3	1994				1998			2
Country Policy on Gender Equality ²					1	2000			8
Household Headship (%)					NA				3
Household Headship, Rural (%)					NA				3
Household Headship, Urban (%)					NA				3

¹ Sources: 1 GDF/WDI, 2 WDI 2001, 3 Human Welfare Indicators, 4 UNAIDS, 5 ILO/UNSD, 6 Standardized Data Files, 7 IPU, 8 UNDP-HDR, 9 genderstats

² Convention on the Elimination of all forms of discrimination against women (1979): 1=ratified, 2=signed