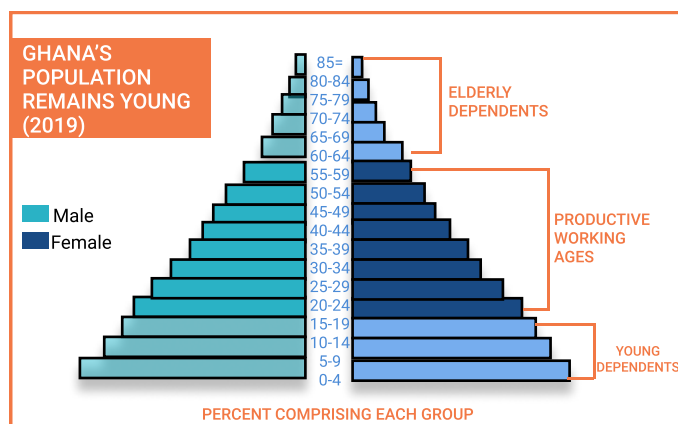


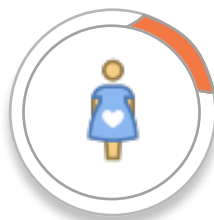
TURNING THE WHEELS TOWARDS ECONOMIC PROSPERITY THROUGH INVESTMENT IN FAMILY PLANNING

INVESTMENT IN FAMILY PLANNING CAN HELP WOMEN AND COUPLES ACHIEVE THEIR FERTILITY GOALS AND PROMOTE HEALTHIER AND MORE PROSPEROUS FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

Ghana's population age structure is young and has not changed much since the 1960s. The age structure is shaped like a pyramid, with almost 38% of Ghanaians younger than age 15. The large population of young people is economically dependent on a smaller population of working adults to provide for their health and education.

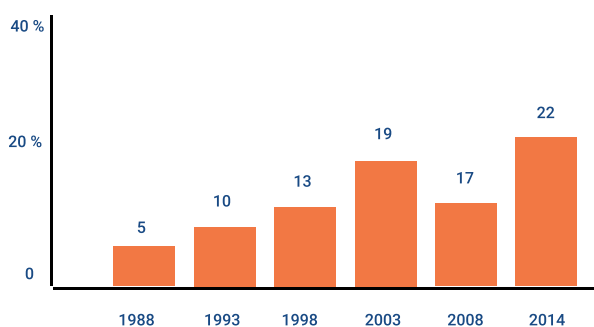


When women and couples have access to voluntary family planning, many choose to have smaller families so they can better invest in the health and education of each child. With fewer births each year, the young, dependent population grows smaller compared to the working-age population. This transformation of the population age structure opens a window of opportunity to achieve a **demographic dividend**—or the accelerated economic growth that can result when more of the population is working-age and employed in well-paying jobs.



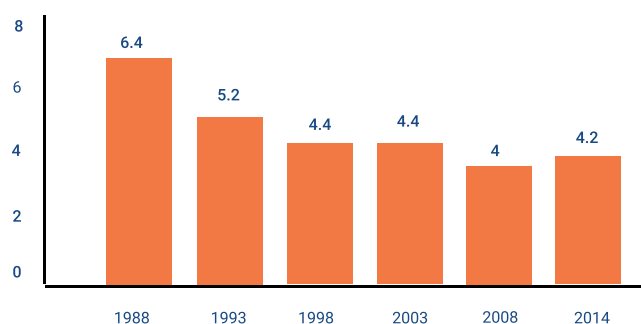
14% of women ages 15-19 have begun childbearing.

Modern Contraceptive Prevalence Rate



About 1 in 4 married women ages 15-49 in Ghana are using a modern method of family planning.

Total Fertility Rate



The total fertility rate has hovered around 4 children since 1998.