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PREFACE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

No meaningful developmental activity can be undertaken without taking into account the characteristics of the population for whom the activity is targeted. The size of the population and its spatial distribution, growth and change over time, in addition to its socio-economic characteristics are all important in development planning.

A population census is the most important source of data on the size, composition, growth and distribution of a country's population at the national and sub-national levels. Data from the 2010 Population and Housing Census (PHC) will serve as reference for equitable distribution of national resources and government services, including the allocation of government funds among various regions, districts and other sub-national populations to education, health and other social services.

The Ghana Statistical Service (GSS) is delighted to provide data users, especially the Metropolitan, Municipal and District Assemblies, with district-level analytical reports based on the 2010 PHC data to facilitate their planning and decision-making.

The District Analytical Report for the Wa Municipality is one of the 216 district census reports aimed at making data available to planners and decision makers at the district level. In addition to presenting the district profile, the report discusses the social and economic dimensions of demographic variables and their implications for policy formulation, planning and interventions. The conclusions and recommendations drawn from the district report are expected to serve as a basis for improving the quality of life of Ghanaians through evidence-based decision-making, monitoring and evaluation of developmental goals and intervention programmes.

For ease of accessibility to the census data, the district report and other census reports produced by the GSS will be disseminated widely in both print and electronic formats. The report will also be posted on the GSS website: www.statsghana.gov.gh.

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

| | |
|--------|--|
| CIDA | Canadian International Development Agency |
| DANIDA | Danish International Development Agency |
| DFID | Department for International Development |
| ECOWAS | Economic Community of West African States |
| EA | Enumeration Area |
| GSS | Ghana Statistical Service |
| GES | Ghana Education Service |
| ICT | Information Communication Technology |
| ISSER | Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research |
| JSS | Junior Secondary School |
| JHS | Junior High School |
| SSS | Senior Secondary School |
| SHS | Senior High School |
| NGOs | Non-governmental Organisations |
| PHC | Population and Housing Census |
| PPP | Public-Private Partnerships |
| PNDC | Provisional National Defence Council |
| PAS | Population Analysis Spread sheet |
| PES | Post Enumeration Survey |
| PWDs | Persons with Disabilities |
| PASEX | Population Analysis System |
| SADA | Savannah Accelerated Development Authority |
| SAP | Structural Adjustment Programme |
| SMAM | Singulate Mean Age at Marriage |
| UNICEF | United Nations International Children's Education Fund |
| UN | United Nations |
| UNDP | United Nations Development Programme |
| UNFPA | United Nations Population Fund |
| WHO | World Health Organization |
| W.C | Water Closet |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

The Municipal census report is the first of its kind since the first post-independence census was conducted in 1960. The report provides basic information about the Municipality. It gives a brief background of the Municipality, describing its physical features, political and administrative structure, socio-cultural structure and economy. Using data from the 2010 Population and Housing Census (2010 PHC), the report discusses the population characteristics of the Municipality, fertility, mortality, migration, marital status, literacy and education, economic activity status, occupation, employment; Information Communication Technology (ICT), disability, agricultural activities and housing conditions of the municipality. The key findings of the analysis are as follows (references are to the relevant sections of the report):

Population size, structure and composition

The population of Wa Municipal, according to the 2010 Population and Housing Census, is 107,214 representing 15.3 percent of the region's total population. Males constitute 49.7 percent and females represent 50.6 percent. About 34 + percent of the population reside in rural localities. The Municipal has a sex ratio of 97.7. The population of the district is youthful (35% of the population is below 15 years) depicting a broad base population pyramid which tapers off with a small number of elderly persons (60 years and older) representing 6.2 percent. The total age dependency ratio for the Municipality is 65.1, the age dependency ratio for rural localities is higher (77.5) than that of urban localities (59.4).

Fertility, mortality and migration

The Total Fertility Rate for the Municipality (3.3) is slightly lower, compared to the regional fertility rate of 3.5. The General Fertility Rate is 82.6 births per 1000 women aged 15-49 years. The Crude Birth Rate (CBR) is 22.7 per 1000 population. The crude death rate for the Municipality is 5.0 deaths per 1000. Accident/violence/homicide/suicide account for 7.4 percent of all deaths while other causes constitute 92.6 percent of deaths in the Municipality. Majority of migrants (64.6 percent) living in the district were born in another region while 35.4 percent were born elsewhere in the Upper West Region. For migrants born in another region, those born in Ashanti has the highest proportion (25.3%) followed by that of Northern which is 21.2 percent.

Household size, composition and structure

The Municipality has a household population of 102,264 with a total of 9,592 houses. The average household size in the district is 5 persons per household. Children constitute the largest proportion of the household structure accounting for 42.0 percent of the household population. Spouses form about 9.7 percent. Nuclear households (head, spouse(s) and children) constitute only 9.5 percent.

Marital status

About four in ten (45.4%) of the population aged 12 years and older are married, 48.2 percent have never married, 0.5 percent are in consensual unions. Those who are widowed constitute 4.0 percent and those who are divorced constitute 1.1 percent. Among the married, 55.0 percent have no education.

Nationality

The proportion of Ghanaians by birth in the Municipality is 93.9 percent. Those who have naturalised constitute just one percent while the non-Ghanaian population is 2.5 percent of the total population of the Municipality.

Literacy and education

Of the population 11 years and above, 65.2 percent are literates and 34.8 percent are non-literates. The proportion of literate males (74.1%) is higher than that of females (56.7%). Six out of ten people (60.7%) indicate they can speak and write both English and Ghanaian languages. Of the population aged 3 years and above (48,131) in the Municipality, 22.2 percent has ever attended primary school in the past and 37.0 percent are currently attending.

Economic activity status

About 54.8 percent of the population aged 15 years and older are economically active and 45.2 percent are economically not active. Of the economically active population, 91.5 percent are employed while 8.5 percent are unemployed. For those who are economically not active, a larger percentage of them are students (66.6%), 14.8% perform household duties and 9.9 percent are either too young or old to work. Five out of ten (51.5%) of unemployed persons in the Municipal are seeking work for the first time.

Occupation

Of the employed population, the highest proportion (29.3%) are engaged as skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers. About 25.7 percent are engaged in service and sales; 18.5 percent in craft and related trades, 8.5 percent are engaged as professionals.

Employment status and sector

Of the population 15 years and older, highest proportion (53.1%) are self-employed without employees, 22.1 percent are employees, 12.4 percent are contributing family workers and 5.0 percent are self-employed with employees. Higher proportion of females are self-employed without employees (57.9%) compared to 48.0 percent for males. The proportion of females who are employees (14.6%) is however smaller than that of male employees (30.1%). The private informal sector is the largest employer in the Municipality, employing 80.1 percent of the population. Public sector is the next highest employer, engaging 14.1 percent of the employed population.

Information Communication Technology

Of the population 12 years and above, 48.0 percent have mobile phones. Males who own mobile phones constitute 27.5 percent as compared to 20.5 percent of females. Only about 13.4 percent of the population 12 years and older use internet facilities in the Municipality and a 12.9 percent of the total households in the Municipal have desktop/laptop computers.

Disability

About 2.6 percent of the total population of the Municipality has one form of disability or the other. Equal proportions of both female and male in the population suffer disability. The types of disability in the Municipality include sight, hearing, speech, physical, intellect, and emotion. Persons with emotional disability recorded the highest of 22.8 percent followed by sight disability (18.2%). On one hand, the occurrences of sight and physical disabilities are much higher in rural localities than in the urban localities. On the other hand, emotional

disability is much more prevalent among the urban population than rural. Fifty percent of the population with disability are employed, 4.7 are unemployed. About 45 percent of them are economically not active. A 41.9 percent of them in the Municipality have never attended school.

Agriculture

About 30.9 percent of households in the Municipality are engage in agriculture. In the rural localities, about 58 percent of households are agricultural households while in the urban localities, 20.3 percent of households are into agriculture. Most (82.9%) of the agricultural households in the Municipality are involved in crop farming. Poultry (chicken) is the dominant animal (29.5 percent of all animals) kept by the highest proportion (27.3%) of households in the Municipality.

Housing

The housing stock of Wa Municipality is 9,592 representing 11.7 percent of the total number of houses in the Upper West Region. The average number of persons per house is about 11, compared to 8 persons for the entire region.

Type, tenancy arrangement and ownership of dwelling units

The highest proportion (58.3%) of dwelling units in the Municipality are compound houses; 23.0 percent are separate houses and 10.2 percent are semi-detached houses. More than half (55.4%) of the dwelling units in the Municipality are owned by members of the household; 26.6 percent are owned by private individuals; 10.7 percent are owned by a relative who is not a member of the household and only 3.6 percent are owned by public or government.

Material for construction of outer wall, floor and roof

The main construction material for outer walls of dwelling units in the Municipality is cement/concrete accounting for 60.0 percent of outer walls of dwelling units and mud/brick/earth making 35.7 percent. Cement (89.7%) and mud/earth (6.8%) are the two main materials used in the construction of floors of dwelling units in the Municipality. Metal sheets are the commonest main roofing materials, constituting about 92.0 percent of roofing materials of dwellings. The second commonest is mud/mud brick/earth which are used to roof 2.2 percent of dwellings.

Room occupancy

One sleeping room occupancy is the commonest among all households with sizes between one and four. About 85.0 percent of single member households occupy dwelling units with one sleeping room. The highest proportions of households of any sizes between one and four occupy dwelling units with one sleeping room than any number of sleeping rooms. About 4.2 percent of households with 10 or more members occupy single rooms in the Municipality.

Utilities and household facilities

The three main sources of lighting in dwelling units in the Municipality are electricity (72.1%), flashlight/torch (15.1%), and kerosene lamp (10.9%). The main sources of fuel for cooking for most households in the Municipality are charcoal (55.2%) and wood (22.9%). About 16 percent of households also use gas as their main source of fuel for cooking. The proportion rural households which use wood as their main source of cooking fuel is 56.2 percent, compared to 9.8 percent of urban households in the Municipality. There are four main sources of drinking water in the Municipality which include borehole//pump/tube well

used by 36.1 percent of households, pipe-borne outside dwelling used by 27.8 percent of households and public tap/standpipe which is used by 8.4 percent of households.

The commonest toilet facility is used by 37.0 percent of households in the Municipality and that is public toilet. The use of WC is the second commonest. About 41.8 percent of the households in the Municipality has no toilet facility. As high as 42.7 percent of households in the Municipality share separate bathrooms in the same house while only 299.4 percent own bathrooms for their exclusive use.

Waste disposal

The most widely used method of solid waste disposal is by public dump (container) accounting for 44.6 percent households in the Municipal. Twenty four percent of households also use public dump (container) which constitute the second widely used method of solid waste disposal. As high as a proportion of 17.6 percent of households dump their solid waste indiscriminately. House to house waste collection accounts for 4.3 percent of households. For liquid waste disposal, throwing waste onto the street (53.5%) and onto the compound (17.7%) are the two most common methods used by households in the Municipality.

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Wa Municipality is one of the eleven District/Municipalities that make up the Upper West Region (UWR) of Ghana (however, at the 2010 Population and Housing Census period, there were nine District/Municipalities in the region). Wa District was upgraded to now Wa Municipality in 2004 with Legislative Instrument (LI) 1800 in pursuant of the policy of decentralization which started in 1988. Under section 10 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Act 426), the Assembly exercises deliberative, legislative and executive functions in the Municipality. The Wa Municipality shares administrative boundaries with Nadowli District to the north, Wa East District to the east and to the west and the south Wa- West District. It lies within latitudes 1°40'N to 2°45'N and longitudes 9°32'W to 10°20'W.

Wa Municipality has its capital as Wa, which also serves as the Regional capital of Upper West Region. It has a land area of approximately 579.86 square kilometres, which is about 6.4% of the Region. The Assembly is empowered as the highest political and administrative body charged with the responsibility of facilitating the implementation of national policies. Figure 1.1 presents a map depicting the Wa Municipality boundaries and selected major towns.

1.2 Physical Features

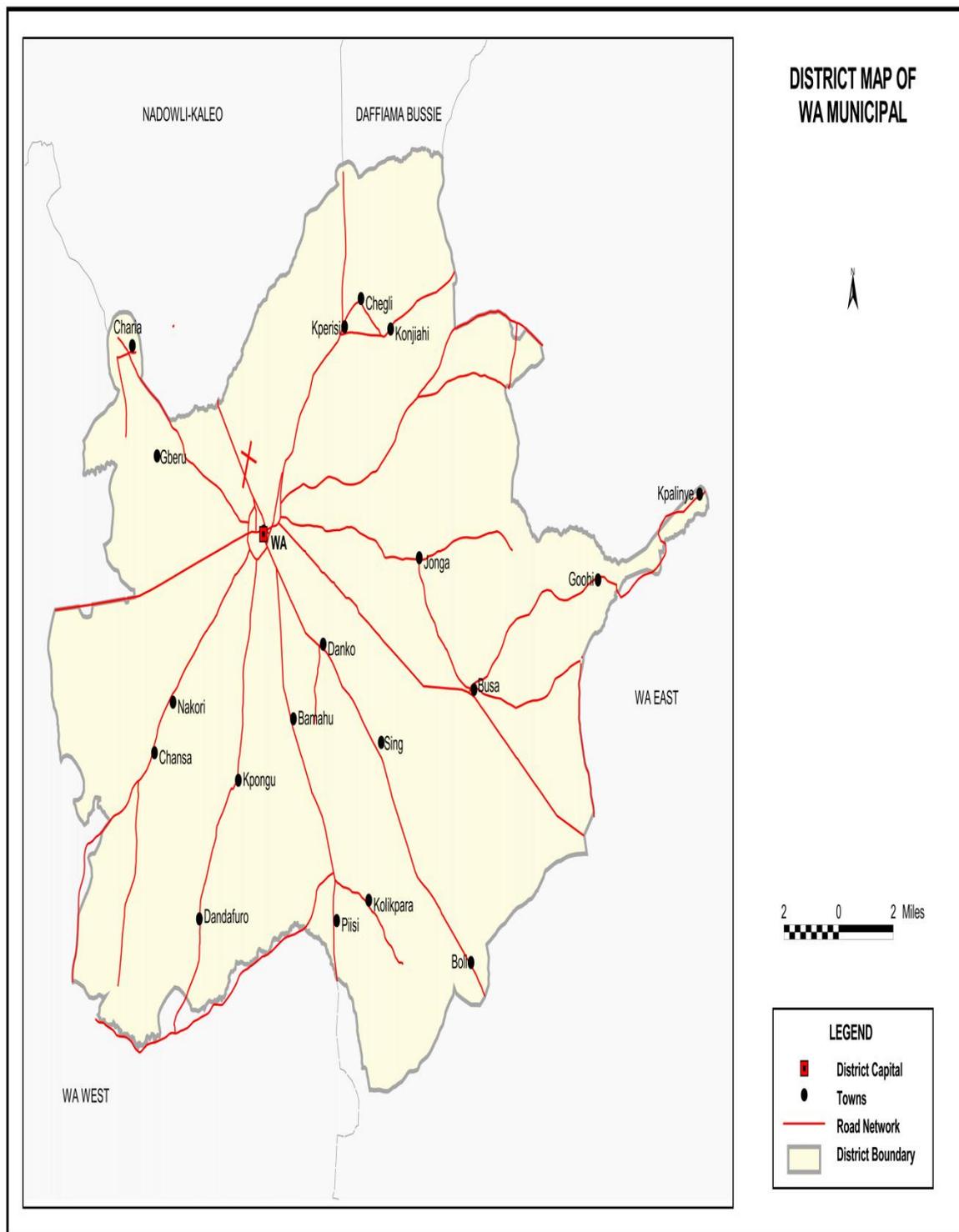
Wa Municipality lays in the Savannah high plains, which generally, is gently undulating with an average height between 160 m and 300m above sea level. Low lying areas are found in the following localities; Charia, Zingu, Kperisi to the north and Piisi, Dapouha, Boli, Sing, Biihe and Busa to the south. Valleys in the low lying areas collect and retain water over long period during the rainy season. They also constitute the two main drainage systems in the capital. These are the Sing-Bakpong and its tributaries to the south and Billi and its tributaries to the north. The streams are seasonal and thus dry up during the long dry season thereby reducing available water for agriculture and other uses such as domestic, industrial and construction (Wa Municipal, 2012).

1.2.1 Geology and soils

Underlying the Municipality are predominantly Pre-Cambrian, granite and metamorphic rocks that have seen lesser weathering than similar rock types elsewhere in the country due to low rainfall, high evapo-transpiration and less vegetation. Nevertheless, sourcing water from boreholes has been successful because the rocks have well-developed fracture systems. This situation has created the opportunity for the development of a quarry on the Wa Busa road.

There are two main types of soil, the laterite and the savannah ochrosols. The others are clay found in the Charia community which is famous for pottery and sand found in Nakore. The laterite soil occurs abundantly all over the Municipality and is excavated for roads and housing construction. The savannah ochrosols on the other hand are shallow but support the growth of a variety of crops including millet, sorghum, soya beans, groundnuts, rice and yams.

Figure 1.1: Wa Municipal map



Source: Ghana Statistical Service, GIS

1.2.2 Vegetation

The vegetation is one of the guinea savannah grassland type, made up of short trees with little or no canopy and shrubs of varying heights and luxuriance, with grass ground cover in the wet season. Commonly occurring trees are shea, dawadawa, kapok and baobab. Cashew and mango are exotic species that grow well in the area.

1.2.3 Climate

Wa Municipality has two marked seasons, namely, the wet and dry seasons. The South-Western Monsoon winds from the Atlantic Ocean bring rains between April and October, while the North-Eastern Trade winds from the Sahara Desert bring the long dry season between November and March. The mean annual rainfall varies between 840mm and 1400mm.

Most of the rainfall occurs between June and September and it is not unusual to have very high rainfall figures concentrated in a few rainy days. One feature of the rainfall pattern is that it tends to occur in heavy downpours thus, that encourages run-off rather than soil moisture retention. Erratic rainfall regime is clearly shown in the water balance, which is a reflection of the poor soil moisture condition in the area. It has been calculated that there are four humid months, in terms of soil moisture conditions and the period is only adequate for the cultivation of crops such as millet, guinea corn, yam, groundnuts and beans. The rainfall pattern is irregular and unreliable. Sometimes, it results as long period of no rain during the farming season which affects harvest.

1.3 Political Administration

In its quest to promote participatory planning and decision making at the local level Wa Municipality has five Zonal Councils (Wa, Busa, Kperisi, Kpongu and Boli), and 73 Unit Committees. Each community in the Municipality has a unit committee that works through the Area/Urban Councils to the Assembly level. The Wa Municipality is currently composed of 44 Assembly members (40 males and 4 females): two-thirds are elected and the remaining one-third appointed by the president in consultation with opinion leaders of the Municipality. There are five mandatory sub-committees namely development planning sub-committee, finance and administration sub-committee, social services sub-committee, works sub-committee and justice and security sub-committee.

1.4 Social and Cultural Structure

The 2010 Population and Housing Census show that 80.4 percent of the people in the Wa Municipality belong to the Mole-Dagbani group which comprises the Waalas who are the indigenous people, Dagaabas and the Sissalas. There have been considerable inter-marriages between the Waalas, Dagaabas and the Sissalas. This has removed language barriers to a matter of linguistically and semantic variations especially between the Waalas and the Dagaabas. Peaceful co-existence is further enhanced by commerce. However, the adoption of Islam by the Waalas on one hand and Christianity the Dagaabas on the other remains a factor of value differences between the two groups. Nevertheless, education and the continuous influence of technology and information is fast promoting tolerance and eroding the dividing forces.

Other ethnic groups found in the Municipality include the Frafra, Akan, Ewe, Ga, Dagomba, Grushi, Gonja and Moshies who are engaged in secular work and commercial activities. The role of the peace and security agencies, NGOs (Non-Governmental Organisations), the

Municipal Security Council, the Regional House of Chiefs, Family Tribunals, Imams, Juvenile court have helped to maintain the needed social cohesion to support development.

1.5 Economy

The structure of the economy of the Municipality is dominated by agriculture sector in the previous years. However, the situation changed in the year 2010 when the Population and Housing Census was undertaken, with the service sector employing about 51.3 percent of the working population, agriculture 30.2 percent and industry 18.4 percent (GSS,2010). Other key sectors of the economy are transport, tourism, communication and energy. Under the agriculture sector, most of the farmers are engaged in peasant farming and the main crops grown include millet, sorghum, maize, rice, cowpea and groundnut cultivated on subsistence basis. However, soya beans, groundnuts, bambara beans are produced as cash crops. Economic trees within the municipality include sheanuts, dawadwa, mango, baobab, and teak among others.

1.6 Census Methodology, Concepts and Definitions

1.6.1 Introduction

Ghana Statistical Service (GSS) was guided by the principle of international comparability and the need to obtain accurate information in the 2010 Population and Housing Census (2010 PHC). The Census was, therefore, conducted using all the essential features of a modern census as contained in the United Nations Principles and Recommendations for countries taking part in the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses.

Experience from previous post independence censuses of Ghana (1960, 1970, 1984 and 2000) was taken into consideration in developing the methodologies for conducting the 2010 PHC. The primary objective of the 2010 PHC was to provide information on the number, distribution and social, economic and demographic characteristics of the population of Ghana necessary to facilitate the socio-economic development of the country.

1.6.2 Pre-enumeration activities

Development of census project document and work plans

A large scale statistical operation, such as the 2010 Population and Housing Census required meticulous planning for its successful implementation. A working group of the Ghana Statistical Service prepared the census project document with the assistance of two consultants. The document contains the rationale and objectives of the census, census organisation, a work plan as well as a budget. The project document was launched in November 2008 as part of the Ghana Statistics Development Plan (GSDP) and reviewed in November 2009.

Census secretariat and committees

A well-structured management and supervisory framework that outlines the responsibilities of the various stakeholders is essential for the effective implementation of a population and housing census. To implement the 2010 PHC, a National Census Secretariat was set up in January 2008 and comprised professional and technical staff of GSS as well as staff of other Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) seconded to GSS. The Census Secretariat was primarily responsible for the day-to-day planning and implementation of the census activities. The Secretariat had seven units, namely; census administration, cartography, recruitment and

training, publicity and education, field operations and logistics management, data processing, and data analysis and dissemination.

The Census Secretariat was initially headed by an acting Census Coordinator engaged by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in 2008 to support GSS in the planning of the Census. In 2009, the Census Secretariat was re-organised with the Government Statistician as the National Chief Census Officer and overall Coordinator, assisted by a Census Management Team and a Census Coordinating Team. The Census Management Team had oversight responsibility for the implementation of the Census. It also had the responsibility of taking critical decisions on the census in consultation with other national committees. The Census Coordinating Team, on the other hand, was responsible for the day-to-day implementation of the Census programme.

A number of census committees were also set up at both national and sub-national levels to provide guidance and assistance with respect to resource mobilization and technical advice. At the national level, the committees were the National Census Steering Committee (NCSC), the National Census Technical Advisory Committee (NCTAC) and the National Census Publicity and Education Committee (NCPEC). At the regional and district levels, the committees were the Regional Census Implementation Committee and the District Census Implementation Committee, respectively.

The Regional and District Census Implementation Committees were inter-sectoral in their composition. Members of the Committees were mainly from decentralized departments with the Regional and District Coordinating Directors chairing the Regional Census Implementation Committee and District Census Implementation Committee, respectively. The Committees contributed to the planning of district, community and locality level activities in areas of publicity and field operations. They supported the Regional and District Census Officers in the recruitment and training of field personnel (enumerators and supervisors), as well as mobilizing logistical support for the census.

Selection of census topics

The topics selected for the 2010 Population and Housing Census were based on recommendations contained in the UN Principles and Recommendations for 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses and the African Addendum to that document as well as the needs of data users. All the core topics recommended at the global level, i.e., geographical and internal migration characteristics, international migration, household characteristics, demographic and social characteristics such as age, date of birth, sex, and marital status, fertility and mortality, educational and economic characteristics, issues relating to disability and housing conditions and amenities were included in the census.

Some topics that were not considered core by the UN recommendations but which were found to be of great interest and importance to Ghana and were, therefore, included in the 2010 PHC are religion, ethnicity, employment sector and place of work, agricultural activity, as well as housing topics, such as, type of dwelling, materials for outer wall, floor and roof, tenure/holding arrangement, number of sleeping rooms, cooking fuel, cooking space and Information Communication Technology (ICT).

Census mapping

A timely and well implemented census mapping is pivotal to the success of any population and housing census. Mapping delineates the country into enumeration areas to facilitate smooth enumeration of the population. The updating of the 2000 Census Enumeration Area

(EA) maps started in the last quarter of 2007 with the acquisition of topographic sheets of all indices from the Survey and Mapping Division of the Lands Commission. In addition, digital sheets were also procured for the Geographical Information System Unit.

The Cartography Unit of the Census Secretariat collaborated with the Survey and Mapping Division of the Lands Commission and the Centre for Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Services (CERSGIS) of the Department of Geography and Resource Development, University of Ghana, to determine the viability of migrating from analog to digital mapping for the 2010 PHC, as recommended in the 2000 PHC Administrative Report. Field cartographic work started in March 2008 and was completed in February 2010.

Development of questionnaire and manuals

For effective data collection, there is the need to design appropriate documents to solicit the required information from respondents. GSS consulted widely with main data users in the process of the questionnaire development. Data users including MDAs, research institutions, civil society organisations and development partners were given the opportunity to indicate the type of questions they wanted to be included in the census questionnaire.

Documents developed for the census included the questionnaire and manuals, and field operation documents. The field operation documents included Enumerator's Visitation Record Book, Supervisor's Record Book, and other operational control forms. These record books served as operational and quality control tools to assist enumerators and supervisors to control and monitor their field duties respectively.

Pre-tests and trial census

It is internationally recognized that an essential element in census planning is the pre-testing of the questionnaire and related instructions. The objective of the pre-test is to test the questionnaire, the definition of its concepts and the instructions for filling out the questionnaire.

The census questionnaire was pre-tested twice in the course of its development. The first pre-test was carried out in March 2009 to find out the suitability of the questions and the instructions provided. It also tested the adequacy and completeness of the responses and how respondents understood the questions. The second pre-test was done in 10 selected enumeration areas in August, 2009. The objective of the second pre-test was to examine the sequence of the questions, test the new questions, such as, date of birth and migration, and assess how the introduction of 'date of birth' could help to reduce 'age heaping'. With regard to questions on fertility, the pre-tests sought to find out the difference, if any, between proxy responses and responses by the respondents themselves. Both pre-tests were carried in the Greater Accra Region. Experience from the pre-tests was used to improve the final census questionnaire.

A trial census which is a dress rehearsal of all the activities and procedures that are planned for the main census was carried out in October/November 2009. These included recruitment and training, distribution of census materials, administration of the questionnaire and other census forms, enumeration of the various categories of the population (household, institutional and floating population), and data processing. The trial census was held in six selected districts across the country namely; Saboba (Northern Region), Chereponi (Northern Region), Sene (Brong Ahafo Region), Bia (Western Region), Awutu Senya (Central Region), and Osu Klotey Sub-Metro (Greater Accra Region). A number of factors were considered in selecting the trial census districts. These included: administrative boundary

issues, ecological zone, and accessibility, enumeration of floating population/outdoor-sleepers, fast growing areas, institutional population, and enumeration areas with scattered settlements.

The trial census provided GSS with an opportunity to assess its plans and procedures as well as the state of preparedness for the conduct of the 2010 PHC. The common errors found during editing of the completed questionnaires resulted in modifications to the census questionnaire, enumerator manuals and other documents. The results of the trial census assisted GSS to arrive at technically sound decisions on the ideal number of persons per questionnaire, number of persons in the household roster, migration questions, placement of the mortality question, serial numbering of houses/housing structures and method of collection of information on community facilities. Lessons learnt from the trial census also guided the planning of the recruitment process, the procedures for training of census field staff and the publicity and education interventions.

1.6.3 Census enumeration

Method of enumeration and field work

All post- independence censuses (1960, 1970, 1984, and 2000) conducted in Ghana used the de facto method of enumeration where people are enumerated at where they were on census night and not where they usually reside. The same method was adopted for the 2010 PHC. The de facto count is preferred because it provides a simple and straight forward way of counting the population since it is based on a physical fact of presence and can hardly be misinterpreted. It is thought that the method also minimizes the risks of under-enumeration and over enumeration. The canvasser method, which involves trained field personnel visiting houses and households identified in their respective enumeration areas, was adopted for the 2010 PHC.

The main census enumeration involved the canvassing of all categories of the population by trained enumerators, using questionnaires prepared and tested during the pre-enumeration phase. Specific arrangements were made for the coverage of special population groups, such as the homeless and the floating population. The fieldwork began on 21st September 2010 with the identification of EA boundaries, listing of structures, enumeration of institutional population and floating population.

The week preceding the Census Night was used by field personnel to list houses and other structures in their enumeration areas. Enumerators were also mobilized to enumerate residents/inmates of institutions, such as, schools and prisons. They returned to the institutions during the enumeration period to reconcile the information they obtained from individuals and also to cross out names of those who were absent from the institutions on Census Night. Out-door sleepers (floating population) were also enumerated on the Census Night.

Enumeration of the household population started on Monday, 27th September, 2010. Enumerators visited houses, compounds and structures in their enumeration areas and started enumerating all households including visitors who spent the Census Night in the households. Enumeration was carried out in the order in which houses/structures were listed and where the members of the household were absent, the enumerator left a call-back-card indicating when he/she would come back to enumerate the household. The enumeration process took off smoothly with enumerators poised on completing their assignments on schedule since many

of them were teachers and had to return to school. However, many enumerators ran short of questionnaires after a few days' work.

Enumeration resumed in all districts when the questionnaire shortage was resolved and by 17th October, 2010, enumeration was completed in most districts. Enumerators who had finished their work were mobilized to assist in the enumeration of localities that were yet to be enumerated in some regional capitals and other fast growing areas. Flooded areas and other inaccessible localities were also enumerated after the end of the official enumeration period. Because some enumeration areas in fast growing cities and towns, such as, Accra Metropolitan Area, Kumasi, Kasafo and Techiman were not properly demarcated and some were characterized by large EAs, some enumerators were unable to complete their assigned tasks within the stipulated time.

1.6.4 Post enumeration survey

In line with United Nations recommendations, GSS conducted a Post Enumeration Survey (PES) in April, 2011 to check content and coverage error. The PES was also to serve as an important tool in providing feedback regarding operational matters such as concepts and procedures in order to help improve future census operations. The PES field work was carried out for 21 days in April 2011 and was closely monitored and supervised to ensure quality output. The main findings of the PES were that:

- 97.0 percent of all household residents who were in the country on Census Night (26th September, 2010) were enumerated.
- 1.3 percent of the population was erroneously included in the census.
- Regional differentials are observed. Upper East region recorded the highest coverage rate of 98.2 percent while the Volta region had the lowest coverage rate of 95.7 percent.
- Males (3.3%) were more likely than females (2.8%) to be omitted in the census. The coverage rate for males was 96.7 percent and the coverage rate for females was 97.2 percent. Also, the coverage rates (94.1%) for those within the 20-29 and 30-39 age groups are relatively lower compared to the coverage rates of the other age groups.
- There was a high rate of agreement between the 2010 PHC data and the PES data for sex (98.8%), marital status (94.6%), relationship to head of household (90.5%) and age (83.0%).

1.6.5 Release and dissemination of results

The provisional results of the census were released in February 2011 and the final results in May 2012. A National Analytical report, six thematic reports, a Census Atlas, 10 Regional Reports and a report on Demographic, Social, Economic and Housing were prepared and disseminated in 2013.

1.6.6 Concepts and definitions

Introduction

The 2010 Population and Housing Census of Ghana followed the essential concepts and definitions of a modern Population and Housing Census as recommended by the United Nations (UN). It is important that the concepts, definitions and recommendations are adhered

to since they form the basis upon which Ghana could compare her data with that of other countries.

The concepts and definitions in this report cover all sections of the 2010 Population and Housing Census questionnaires (PHC1A and PHC1B). The sections were: geographical location of the population, Household and Non-household population, Literacy and Education, Emigration, Demographic and Economic Characteristics, Disability, Information Communication Technology (ICT), Fertility, Mortality, Agricultural Activity and Housing Conditions.

The concepts and definitions are provided to facilitate understanding and use of the data presented in this report. Users are therefore advised to use the results of the census within the context of these concepts and definitions.

Region

There were ten (10) administrative regions in Ghana during the 2010 Population and Housing Census as they were in 1984 and 2000.

District

In 1988, Ghana changed from the local authority system of administration to the district assembly system. In that year, the then existing 140 local authorities were demarcated into 110 districts. In 2004, 28 new districts were created; this increased the number of districts in the country to 138. In 2008, 32 additional districts were created bringing the total number of districts to 170. The 2010 Population and Housing Census was conducted in these 170 administrative districts (these are made-up of 164 districts/municipals and 6 metropolitan areas). In 2012, 46 new districts were created to bring the total number of districts to 216. There was urgent need for data for the 46 newly created districts for planning and decision-making. To meet this demand, the 2010 Census data was re-programmed into 216 districts after carrying out additional fieldwork and consultations with stakeholders in the districts affected by the creation of the new districts.

Locality

A locality was defined as a distinct population cluster (also designated as inhabited place, populated centre, settlement) which has a NAME or LOCALLY RECOGNISED STATUS. It included fishing hamlets, mining camps, ranches, farms, market towns, villages, towns, cities and many other types of population clusters, which meet the above criteria. There were two main types of localities, rural and urban. As in previous censuses, the classification of localities into 'urban' and 'rural' was based on population size. Localities with 5,000 or more persons were classified as urban while localities with less than 5,000 persons were classified as rural.

Population

The 2010 Census was a "de facto" count and each person present in Ghana, irrespective of nationality, was enumerated at the place where he/she spent the midnight of 26th September 2010.

Household

A household was defined as a person or a group of persons, who lived together in the same house or compound and shared the same house-keeping arrangements. In general, a household consisted of a man, his wife, children and some other relatives or a house help who

may be living with them. However, it is important to remember that members of a household are not necessarily related (by blood or marriage) because non-relatives (e.g. house helps) may form part of a household.

Head of household

The household head was defined as a male or female member of the household recognised as such by the other household members. The head of household is generally the person who has economic and social responsibility for the household. All relationships are defined with reference to the head.

Household and non-household population

Household population comprised of all persons who spent the census night in a household setting. All persons who did not spend the census night in a household setting (except otherwise stated) were classified as non-household population. Persons who spent census night in any of the under listed institutions and locations were classified as non-household population:

- a) Educational institutions
- b) Children's and old people's homes
- c) Hospitals and healing centres
- d) Hotels
- e) Prisons
- f) Service Barracks
- g) Soldiers on field exercise
- h) Floating population: The following are examples of persons in this category:
 - i. All persons who slept in lorry parks, markets, in front of stores and offices, public bathrooms, petrol filling stations, railway stations, verandas, pavements, and all such places which are not houses or compounds.
 - ii. Hunting and fishing camps.
 - iii. Beggars and vagrants (mentally sick or otherwise).

Age

The age of every person was recorded in completed years disregarding fractions of days and months. For those persons who did not know their birthdays, the enumerator estimated their ages using a list of district, regional and national historical events.

Nationality

Nationality is defined as the country to which a person belongs. A distinction is made between Ghanaians and other nationals. Ghanaian nationals are grouped into Ghanaian by birth, Ghanaian with dual nationality and Ghanaian by naturalization. Other nationals are grouped into ECOWAS nationals, Africans other than ECOWAS nationals, and non-Africans.

Ethnicity

Ethnicity refers to the ethnic group that a person belonged to. This information is collected only from Ghanaians by birth and Ghanaians with dual nationality. The classification of ethnic groups in Ghana is that officially provided by the Bureau of Ghana Languages and which has been in use since the 1960 census.

Birthplace

The birthplace of a person refers to the locality of usual residence of the mother at the time of birth. If after delivery a mother stayed outside her locality of usual residence for six months or more or had the intention of staying in the new place for six or more months, then the actual town/village of physical birth becomes the birthplace of the child.

Duration of residence

Duration of residence refers to the number of years a person has lived in a particular place. This question is only asked of persons not born in the place where enumeration took place. Breaks in duration of residence lasting less than 12 months are disregarded. The duration of residence of persons who made multiple movements of one (1) year or more is assumed to be the number of years lived in the locality (town or village) since the last movement.

Religion

Religion refers to the individual's religious affiliation as reported by the respondent, irrespective of the religion of the household head or the head's spouse or the name of the person. No attempt was made to find out if respondents actually practiced the faith they professed.

Marital status

Marital status refers to the respondent's marital status as at Census Night. The question on marital status was asked only of persons 12 years and older. The selection of the age limit of 12 years was based on the average age at menarche and also on the practice in some parts of the country where girls as young as 12 years old could be given in marriage.

Literacy

The question on literacy referred to the respondent's ability to read and write in any language. A person was considered literate if he/she could read and write a simple statement with understanding. The question on literacy was asked only of persons 11 years and older.

Education

School attendance

Data was collected on school attendance for all persons three (3) years and older. School attendance refers to whether a person has ever attended, was currently attending or has never attended school. In the census, school meant an educational institution where a person received at least four hours of formal education.

Although the lower age limit of formal education is six years for primary one, eligibility for the school attendance question was lowered to three years because pre-school education has become an important phenomenon in the country.

Level of education

Level of education refers to the highest level of formal school that a person ever attended or was attending. This information was obtained for persons 3 years and older.

Activity status

Activity status refers to economic or non-economic activity of respondents during the 7 days preceding census night. Information on type of activity was collected on persons 5 years and older. A person was regarded as economically active if he/she:

- a. Worked for pay or profit or family gain for at least 1 hour within the 7 days preceding Census Night. This included persons who were in paid employment or self-employment or contributing family workers.
- b. Did not work, but had jobs to return to.
- c. Were unemployed.

The economically not active were persons who did not work and were not seeking for work. They were classified by reasons for not being economically active. Economically not active persons included homemakers, students, retired persons, the disabled and persons who were unable to work due to their age or ill-health.

Occupation

This referred to the type of work the person was engaged in at the establishment where he/she worked. This was asked only of persons 5 years and older who worked 7 days before the census night, and those who did not work but had a job to return to as well as those unemployed who had worked before. All persons who worked during the 7 days before the census night were classified by the kind of work they were engaged in. The emphasis was on the work the person did during the reference period and not what he/she was trained to do. For those who did not work but had a job to return to, their occupation was the job they would go back to after the period of absence. Also, for persons who had worked before and were seeking for work and available for work, their occupation was on the last work they did before becoming unemployed. If a person was engaged in more than one occupation, only the main one was considered.

Industry

Industry referred to the type of product produced or service rendered at the respondent's work place. Information was collected only on the main product produced or service rendered in the establishment during the reference period.

Employment status

Employment status refers to the status of a person in the establishment where he/she currently works or previously worked. Eight employment status categories were provided: employee, self-employed without employees, self-employed with employees, casual worker, contributing family worker, apprentice, domestic employee (house help). Persons who could not be classified under any of the above categories were classified as "other".

Employment sector

This refers to the sector in which a person worked. The employment sectors covered in the census were public, private formal, private informal, semi-public/parastatal, NGOs and international organizations.

Disability

Persons with disability were defined as those who were unable to or were restricted in the performance of specific tasks/activities due to loss of function of some part of the body as a result of impairment or malformation. Information was collected on persons with visual/sight impairment, hearing impairment, mental retardation, emotional or behavioural disorders and other physical challenges.

Information Communication Technology (ICT)

Information Communication Technology (ICT) questions were asked for both individuals and households. Persons having mobile phones refer to respondents 12 years and older who owned mobile phones (irrespective of the number of mobile phones owned by each person). Persons using internet facility refers to those who had access to internet facility at home, internet cafe, on mobile phone or other mobile device. Internet access is assumed to be not only via computer, but also by mobile phones, PDA, game machine and digital television.

Households having Personal Computers/Laptops refer to households who own desktops/laptop computers. The fixed telephone line refers to a telephone line connecting a customer's terminal equipment (e.g. telephone set, facsimile machine) to the public switch telephone network.

Fertility

Two types of fertility data were collected: lifetime fertility and current fertility. Lifetime fertility refers to the total number of live births that females 12 years and older had ever had during their life time. Current fertility refers to the number of live births that females 12-54 years old had in the 12 months preceding the Census Night.

Mortality

Mortality refers to all deaths that occurred in the household during the 12 months preceding the Census Night. The report presents information on deaths due to accidents, violence, homicide and suicide. In addition, data were collected on pregnancy-related deaths of females 12-54 years.

Agriculture

The census sought information on household members who are engaged in agricultural activities, including the cultivation of crops or tree planting, rearing of livestock or breeding of fish for sale or family consumption. Information was also collected on their farms, types of crops and number and type of livestock.

Housing conditions and facilities

The UN recommended definition of a house as "a structurally separate and independent place of abode such that a person or group of persons can isolate themselves from the hazards of climate such as storms and the sun" was adopted. The definition, therefore, covered any type of shelter used as living quarters, such as separate houses, semi-detached houses, flats/apartments, compound houses, huts, tents, kiosks and containers.

Living quarters or dwelling units refer to a specific area or space occupied by a particular household and therefore need not necessarily be the same as the house of which the dwelling unit may be a part.

Information collected on housing conditions included the type of dwelling unit, main construction materials for walls, floor and roof, holding/tenure arrangement, ownership type, type of lighting, source of water supply and toilet facilities. Data was also collected on method of disposal of solid and liquid waste.

1.7 Organization of the report

The report consists of nine chapters. Chapter one provides basic information about the district. It gives a brief background of the district, describing its physical features, political and administrative structure, social and cultural structure, economy and the methodology and concepts used in the report. Chapter two discusses the population size, composition and age structure. It further discusses the migratory pattern in the district as well as fertility and mortality.

In chapter three, the focus is on household size, composition and headship as well as the marital characteristics and nationality of the inhabitants of the district. The Chapter also discusses the religious affiliations and the educational statuses of the members of the Municipality. Chapter four focuses on economic characteristics such as economic activity status, occupation, industries and the employment status and sectors that the people are employed.

Information Communication Technology (ICT) is discussed in Chapter five. It analyses mobile phone ownership, internet use and ownership of desktop/laptop computers while chapter six is devoted to Persons living with disabilities (PWDs) and their socio-demographic characteristics. Chapter seven concentrates on the agricultural activities of the households, describing the types of farming activities, livestock rearing and numbers of livestock reared.

In chapter eight, housing conditions such as housing stock, type of dwelling and construction materials, room occupancy, holding and tenancy, lighting and cooking facilities, bathing and toilet facilities, waste disposal and source of water for drinking or for other domestic use in the district are discussed and analyzed in detail. The final chapter, Chapter nine presents the summary of findings and conclusions. It also discusses the policy implications of the findings for the Municipality.

CHAPTER TWO

DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

2.1 Introduction

This Chapter gives a brief description of demographic characteristics collected during the census period for the Wa Municipality. It covers the population size and distribution, the age-sex structure, fertility, mortality, dependency ratios, rural-urban place of residence, mortality, birthplace and migratory movements, which are very important in understanding the fertility, mortality and migration, dynamics of the people.

2.2 Population Size and Distribution

Table 2.1 shows the population of the Municipality by sex, age, and locality. The Table shows that the total population of the Wa Municipality is 107,214 and forms 15.3 percent of the population of Upper West Region. The males make up 52,996(49.74%) while the females constitute 54,218 (50.6%) of the population of the Municipality. The sex ratio is 97.7 percent. The Table shows that at early ages there are more males than females while in the older ages there were more females than males. For instance, the age group with the highest sex ratio (110.0) is 20-24 years and that with the lowest (62.3) is 80-84 years. The sex ratio for the age group 0-4 is 101.9% meaning that for every 100 females there are about 102 males. On the other hand, for every 100 females there are only about 64 males for age group 70-74. The most striking feature here is that the largest population belongs to age 20-24 years (14.7%).

Table 2.1: Age structure by sex

| Age Group | Both Sexes | | Males | | Females | | Sex Ratio |
|-----------|------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | |
| All Ages | 107,214 | 100.0 | 52,996 | 100.0 | 54,218 | 100.0 | 97.7 |
| 0 - 4 | 13,179 | 12.3 | 6,651 | 12.6 | 6,528 | 12.0 | 101.9 |
| 5 - 9 | 12,803 | 11.9 | 6,414 | 12.1 | 6,389 | 11.8 | 100.4 |
| 10 - 14 | 11,485 | 10.7 | 5,602 | 10.6 | 5,883 | 10.9 | 95.2 |
| 15 - 19 | 12,499 | 11.7 | 6,147 | 11.6 | 6,352 | 11.7 | 96.8 |
| 20 - 24 | 15,733 | 14.7 | 8,242 | 15.6 | 7,491 | 13.8 | 110.0 |
| 25 - 29 | 9,830 | 9.2 | 4,840 | 9.1 | 4,990 | 9.2 | 97.0 |
| 30 - 34 | 7,014 | 6.5 | 3,375 | 6.4 | 3,639 | 6.7 | 92.7 |
| 35 - 39 | 5,647 | 5.3 | 2,738 | 5.2 | 2,909 | 5.4 | 94.1 |
| 40 - 44 | 4,390 | 4.1 | 2,115 | 4.0 | 2,275 | 4.2 | 93.0 |
| 45 - 49 | 3,355 | 3.1 | 1,615 | 3.0 | 1,740 | 3.2 | 92.8 |
| 50 - 54 | 2,818 | 2.6 | 1,369 | 2.6 | 1,449 | 2.7 | 94.5 |
| 55 - 59 | 1,784 | 1.7 | 958 | 1.8 | 826 | 1.5 | 116.0 |
| 60 - 64 | 1,887 | 1.8 | 894 | 1.7 | 993 | 1.8 | 90.0 |
| 65 - 69 | 1,177 | 1.1 | 548 | 1.0 | 629 | 1.2 | 87.1 |
| 70 - 74 | 1,341 | 1.3 | 523 | 0.99 | 818 | 1.5 | 63.9 |
| 75 - 79 | 820 | 0.8 | 328 | 0.6 | 492 | 0.9 | 66.7 |
| 80 - 84 | 758 | 0.7 | 291 | 0.5 | 467 | 0.86 | 62.3 |
| 85 + | 694 | 0.65 | 346 | 0.65 | 348 | 0.6 | 99.4 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

2.2.1 Age dependency ratio by locality

Table 2.2 shows that the dependency ratio of Wa Municipality is 65.1, in other words for every 100 people aged 15-65 years, there are approximately 65 people depending on them for survival. Dependency ratio is less in urban localities (59.4) than in rural localities of 77.5. The age group 15-64 is the group that is theoretically expected to be economically active and it contributes to household income in one way or the other. The population in this age constitutes 64,957 (60.6%) percent of the total population.

Table 2.2: Age dependency ratio by locality

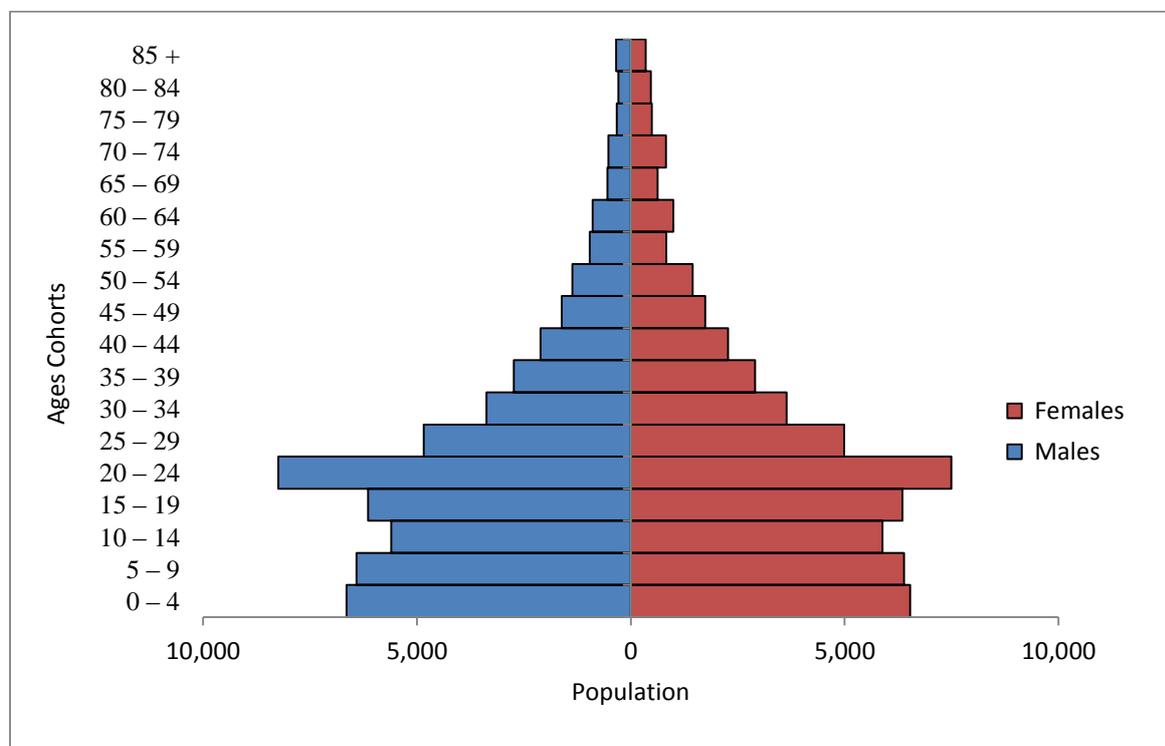
| Age group/ratio | Total | Urban | Rural |
|--------------------------|---------|--------|--------|
| All Ages | 107,214 | 71,051 | 36,163 |
| 0-14 | 37,467 | 23,575 | 13,892 |
| 15-64 | 64,957 | 44,578 | 20,379 |
| 65+ | 4,790 | 2,898 | 1,892 |
| Total dependency ratio | 65.1 | 59.4 | 77.5 |
| Child dependency ratio | 57.7 | 52.9 | 68.2 |
| Old age dependency ratio | 7.4 | 6.5 | 9.3 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

2.3 Age-Sex Structure

Wa Municipality has a youthful population structure with a broad base which consists of a large number of the population that belong to ages 0-24 years however persons in the age group 20-24 years broaden out more. The age-sex structure is similar to those observed in developing countries. It also shows that survival rate per age are constant throughout life from age 15 or to the highest age of 85+.

Figure 2.1: Population pyramid for Wa Municipal



Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

2.4 Fertility, Mortality and migration

Fertility, mortality and migration are important components of population change in an area. Redistribution of the population through migration is shaped by a variety of demographic and socio-economic factors.

2.4.1 Fertility

Total fertility rate, general fertility rate and crude birth rate by Districts/Municipality in the Upper West Region are presented in Table 2.3. Total fertility is the average number of live births among 1,000 women in their child-bearing years (15-49). In other words, it is the average number of children a woman would bear throughout the whole of her productive years. The Table indicates that Wa Municipality has a Total Fertility Rate (TFR) of 3.30 as compared to the Regional figure of 3.45.

The General Fertility Rate is the number of births in a given year divided by the mid-year population of women in the age groups 15-49. The crude birth rate (CBR) is also defined as the number of births in a given year divided by the number of people in the population in the middle of that year. From the Table, the General Fertility Rate (GFR) of Wa Municipality is 82.63, which is lower than the regional GFR (97.41). It is also observed that the Crude Birth Rate of the Wa Municipality is 22.66 which is lower than the Regional crude birth rate of 23.06.

Table 2.3: Reported total fertility rate, general fertility and crude birth rate by district

| District | Population | Number of women 15-49 years | Number of births in last 12 months | Total Fertility Rate | General Fertility Rate | Crude Birth Rate |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| All Districts | 702,110 | 166,230 | 16,193 | 3.45 | 97.41 | 23.06 |
| Wa West | 81,348 | 17,796 | 1,978 | 4.06 | 111.15 | 24.32 |
| Wa Municipal | 107,214 | 29,396 | 2,429 | 3.3 | 82.63 | 22.66 |
| Wa East | 72,074 | 15,523 | 1,776 | 3.88 | 114.41 | 24.64 |
| Sissala East | 56,528 | 14,216 | 1,219 | 2.89 | 85.75 | 21.56 |
| Nadowli | 94,388 | 21,895 | 1,998 | 3.37 | 91.25 | 21.17 |
| Jirapa | 88,402 | 20,604 | 2,064 | 3.48 | 100.17 | 23.35 |
| Sissala West | 49,573 | 11,264 | 1,397 | 4.33 | 124.02 | 28.18 |
| Lambussie Karni | 51,654 | 11,990 | 1,339 | 3.87 | 111.68 | 25.92 |
| Lawra | 100,929 | 23,546 | 1,993 | 3.02 | 84.64 | 19.75 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

From Table 2.4 the number of children ever born per woman measures the life time and cumulative fertility performance of females in the reproductive age group 15-49 years. About 81,013 children have ever been born and 65,564 are surviving by females aged 12 years and older in the Municipality. Table 2.4 shows that the number of children ever born increases with age and gets to highest point at age 39. Children surviving include all children (male and female) born alive by females 12 years and older who are still living. Females aged (12-14) years old have zero births. Discounting females aged 60 years and older, females aged 35-39 have highest proportion for both sexes (13.1%) with Children Ever Born (CEB) 12 percent (male 13.3% and female 13.0%). Also for children surviving the highest proportion for both sexes are (14.0%), while male (14.2%) and female (13.8%). They are followed closely by those aged 30-34 years.

Table 2.4: Female population 12 years and older by age, children ever born, children surviving and sex of child

| Age Group | Number of Female | | Children Ever Born | | | | | | Children Surviving | | | | | |
|-----------|------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| | | | Both Sexes | | Male | | Female | | Both Sexes | | Male | | Female | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| All | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ages | 38,809 | 100.0 | 81,013 | 100.0 | 41,180 | 100.0 | 39,833 | 100.0 | 65,564 | 100.0 | 33,085 | 100.0 | 32,479 | 100.0 |
| 12-14 | 3,391 | 8.7 | 17 | 0.0 | 8 | 0.0 | 9 | 0.0 | 17 | 0.0 | 8 | 0.0 | 9 | 0.0 |
| 15-19 | 6,352 | 16.4 | 365 | 0.5 | 189 | 0.5 | 176 | 0.4 | 314 | 0.5 | 159 | 0.5 | 155 | 0.5 |
| 20-24 | 7,491 | 19.3 | 2,936 | 3.6 | 1,441 | 3.5 | 1,495 | 3.8 | 2,577 | 3.9 | 1,273 | 3.8 | 1,304 | 4.0 |
| 25-29 | 4,990 | 12.9 | 6,918 | 8.5 | 3,469 | 8.4 | 3,449 | 8.7 | 6,182 | 9.4 | 3,060 | 9.2 | 3,122 | 9.6 |
| 30-34 | 3,639 | 9.4 | 9,592 | 11.8 | 4,837 | 11.7 | 4,755 | 11.9 | 8,450 | 12.9 | 4,196 | 12.7 | 4,254 | 13.1 |
| 35-39 | 2,909 | 7.5 | 10,615 | 13.1 | 5,456 | 13.2 | 5,159 | 13.0 | 9,181 | 14.0 | 4,706 | 14.2 | 4,475 | 13.8 |
| 40-44 | 2,275 | 5.9 | 9,889 | 12.2 | 5,031 | 12.2 | 4,858 | 12.2 | 8,307 | 12.7 | 4,218 | 12.7 | 4,089 | 12.6 |
| 45-49 | 1,740 | 4.5 | 8,384 | 10.3 | 4,303 | 10.4 | 4,081 | 10.2 | 6,733 | 10.3 | 3,399 | 10.3 | 3,334 | 10.3 |
| 50-54 | 1,449 | 3.7 | 7,305 | 9.0 | 3,750 | 9.1 | 3,555 | 8.9 | 5,785 | 8.8 | 2,948 | 8.9 | 2,837 | 8.7 |
| 55-59 | 826 | 2.1 | 4,283 | 5.3 | 2,201 | 5.3 | 2,082 | 5.2 | 3,313 | 5.1 | 1,714 | 5.2 | 1,599 | 4.9 |
| 60+ | 3,747 | 9.7 | 20,709 | 25.6 | 10,495 | 25.5 | 10,214 | 25.6 | 14,705 | 22.4 | 7,404 | 22.4 | 7,301 | 22.5 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

2.2 Mortality

This section discusses the data gathered on mortality including deaths in households, crude death rates, causes of deaths and age-specific deaths in the Municipality. Information on mortality or death rates is essential to determining the natural increase and its effect on population growth. Table 2.5 shows that a total of 538 deaths are accounted for in the households over the last twelve months preceding the enumeration in the Municipality. The crude death rate which is the number of deaths per 1000 of the population in a given year in the Wa Municipality is 5.02. This implies that five out of 1000 persons died over the past 12 months before the census enumeration.

Table 2.5: Total Population, Deaths in households and crude death rate, by districts

| District | Total population | Deaths in households | Crude death rate (per 1000) |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| All Districts | 702,110 | 6,346 | 9.04 |
| Wa Municipal | 107,214 | 538 | 5.02 |
| Lawra | 100,929 | 954 | 9.45 |
| Nadowli | 94,388 | 1,108 | 11.74 |
| Jirapa | 88,402 | 938 | 10.61 |
| Wa West | 81,348 | 738 | 9.07 |
| Wa East | 72,074 | 761 | 10.56 |
| Sissala East | 56,528 | 346 | 6.12 |
| Lambussie Karni | 51,654 | 590 | 11.42 |
| Sissala West | 49,573 | 373 | 7.52 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

2.2.1 Cause of death

As shown in Table 2.6, deaths due to accident/violence/homicide/suicide constitute 7.4 percent of all the deaths in the Municipality. This is however high considering that the Regional average is at 6.6 percent. This means that though accidents account for a significant cause of death in the Municipality, other factors collectively are responsible for more deaths. Death through all other forms account for 92.6 percent of the causes of deaths in the Municipality.

Table 2.6: Cause of death by district

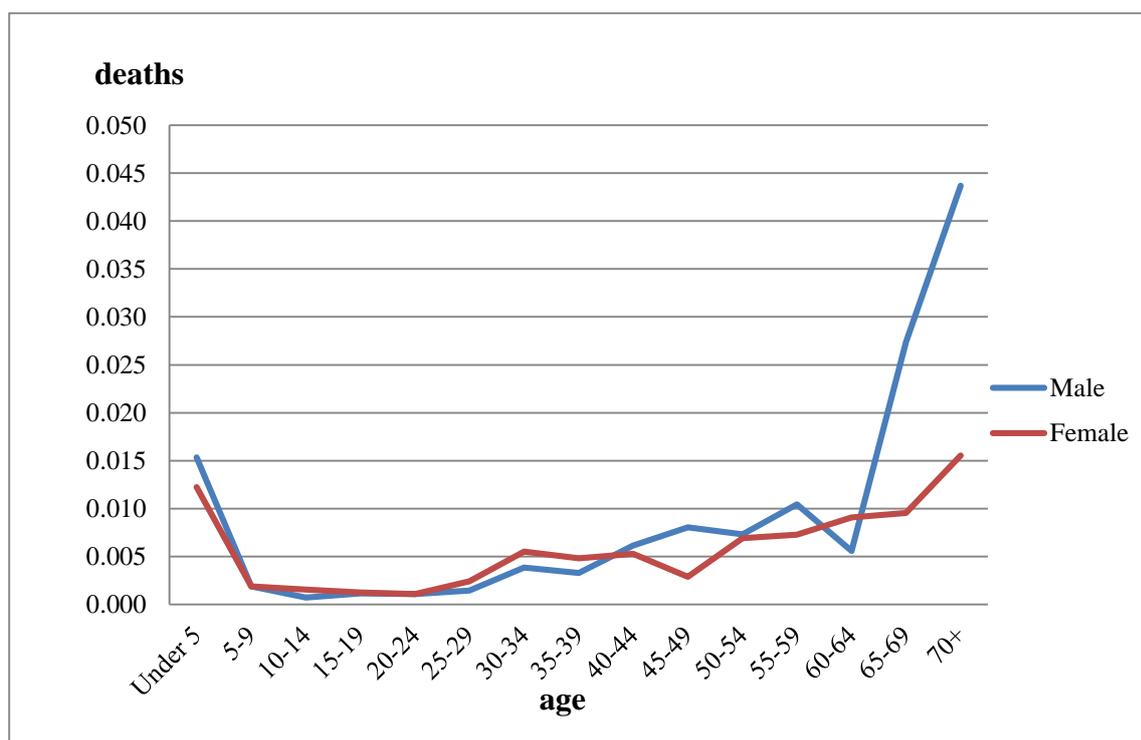
| District | Total deaths | Death due to | |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| | | Accident/ violence/ homicide/ suicide | All other causes |
| Upper West | 6,346 | 6.6 | 93.4 |
| Nadowli | 1,108 | 7.4 | 92.6 |
| Lawra | 954 | 5.1 | 94.9 |
| Jirapa | 938 | 7.8 | 92.2 |
| Wa East | 761 | 5.5 | 94.5 |
| Wa West | 738 | 10.2 | 89.8 |
| Lambussie Karni | 590 | 5.4 | 94.6 |
| Wa Municipal | 538 | 7.4 | 92.6 |
| Sissala West | 373 | 3.8 | 96.2 |
| Sissala East | 346 | 4.3 | 95.7 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

2.2.2 Reported age-specific death rates by sex

The pattern of age-specific death rate (ASDR), which refers to the number of deaths of persons in a specified age group per 1,000 population of that age group, in the Municipality is displayed on Figure 2.2. Death rates are higher among the male and female categories at age group 0-4 years. This declines in the age groups 5-9 and 10-14. It further reduces for age groups 15-19 and 20-24 for both sexes. At this point both sexes experience a steady rise in the death rate but that of the male cohort begins to rise sharply to age group 70 and above. The female cohort as well experiences a much steadier rise from age group 20-24 to age group 70 and above.

Figure 2.2: Reported age-specific death rates by sex



Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

2.4.1 Migration

Table 2.7 discusses migration as a component of population by proxy factors such as birthplace and duration of stay in residence. For the purpose of this analysis, migrants are defined as people born outside the Municipality. The total migrants in the Municipality account for 24,245 (22.6%) out of 107,214 population in the Region.

It is observed that, out of the total of migrants, 8,818 (36.4%) were born elsewhere but within the Upper West Region. Among those born in the Upper West region, but living in the Municipality, 29.2 percent had resided for 1-4 years. The percentage of those born elsewhere in another Region but living in the Municipality which is the difference between the total migrants and migrants born elsewhere in the Region is 24,926 (63.6%). This means that most migrants born elsewhere in another Region tend to stay longer in the Municipality as compared to the proportions of those born elsewhere in the Region but living in the Municipality.

Table 2.7: Birthplace by duration of residence of migrants

| Birthplace | Number | Duration of residence (%) | | | | |
|--|--------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| | | Less than 1 year | 1-4 years | 5-9 years | 10-19 years | 20+ years |
| Total | 24,926 | 29 | 34.7 | 11.6 | 13.1 | 11.7 |
| Born elsewhere in the region | 8,818 | 19.5 | 29.2 | 16 | 18.2 | 17.1 |
| Born elsewhere in another region: | | | | | | |
| Western | 1,092 | 40.7 | 31 | 8.9 | 8.5 | 10.9 |
| Central | 507 | 29.6 | 42.6 | 8.1 | 11.6 | 8.1 |
| Greater Accra | 1,360 | 40.3 | 34.1 | 8.2 | 9.4 | 8 |
| Volta | 708 | 37.9 | 41.1 | 5.8 | 6.5 | 8.8 |
| Eastern | 814 | 37.3 | 35.1 | 6.6 | 10.2 | 10.7 |
| Ashanti | 4,073 | 34.7 | 34.1 | 8.9 | 11.7 | 10.6 |
| Brong Ahafo | 1,981 | 29.3 | 43.7 | 11.2 | 10 | 5.9 |
| Northern | 3,406 | 36.9 | 39.1 | 7.9 | 9 | 7.1 |
| Upper East | 1,486 | 28.1 | 41 | 11.6 | 10.9 | 8.3 |
| Upper west | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Outside Ghana | 681 | 18.2 | 42.6 | 15.1 | 14.5 | 10.6 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

CHAPTER THREE

SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS

3.1 Introduction

The composition of the Ghanaian household is a reflection of the social structure of the country. A household is defined as a person or group of persons who live together in the same house or compound and share the same house-keeping arrangement. In general, a household may consist of a man, his wife or wives and children and some relatives or non-relatives who may be living with them. Members of a household are not necessarily related by blood or marriage. This Chapter therefore discusses some key aspects of the household; composition and structure, marriage pattern, ethnicity, nationality, religious affiliation, educational attainment and literacy level.

3.2 Household size, composition and structure

Table 3.1 shows households population by composition and sex. It looks at the number of household and the relationship of household members to the head and their sex.

3.2.1 Households population and size

This aspect examines the total household population at the national level, Region and Wa Municipal level and goes further to analyse the housing stock in the rural and urban localities.

The country's total household population of 24,076,327 in 2010 lived in a total of 3,392,745 houses. The number of house is 3,392,745 and an average household per house to be 1.6 while the average household size is 4.4 percent. On the other hand, the Upper West Region's total household population of 688,333 resides in 82,293 houses. Average households per house for the Region are 1.3, lower than that of the country (1.6), while the average household size (6.2) is higher than the country's figure.

The total household population for the Wa Municipality is 102,264 who lived in 9,592 houses. The average household per house is (2.0). However, the average household size of 5.4 was better than the Region's (6.2) but again higher than the country's (4.4).

Table 3.1: Households size by type of locality

| Categories | Total | | | | |
|------------------------------|------------|---------|----------|--------|--------|
| | country | Region | District | Urban | Rural |
| Total household population | 24,076,327 | 688,333 | 102,264 | 68,203 | 34,061 |
| Number of houses | 3,392,745 | 82,293 | 9,592 | 5,794 | 3,798 |
| Average households per house | 1.6 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 1.4 |
| Average household size | 4.4 | 6.2 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 6.4 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

3.2.2 Household composition

From Table 3.2 the highest proportions of the household members are children (42.0%) whiles adopted/foster children constitute the lowest proportion of the household population (0.4%). Household heads make up 18.5 percent of the total household membership. Less than 3.0 percent (2.5%) of persons in households are not related to the head of the household.

Table 3.2: Household population by composition and sex

| Household composition | Total | | Male | | Female | |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | 102,264 | 100.0 | 50,357 | 100.0 | 51,907 | 100.0 |
| Head | 18,891 | 18.5 | 13,618 | 27.0 | 5,273 | 10.2 |
| Spouse (wife/husband) | 9,699 | 9.5 | 441 | 0.9 | 9,258 | 17.8 |
| Child (son/daughter) | 42,899 | 42.0 | 22,267 | 44.2 | 20,632 | 39.8 |
| Parent/parent in-law | 1,434 | 1.4 | 198 | 0.4 | 1,236 | 2.4 |
| Son/daughter in-law | 975 | 1.0 | 109 | 0.2 | 866 | 1.7 |
| Grandchild | 6,064 | 5.9 | 2,967 | 5.9 | 3,097 | 6.0 |
| Brother/sister | 5,710 | 5.6 | 3,375 | 6.7 | 2,335 | 4.5 |
| Step child | 1,251 | 1.2 | 618 | 1.2 | 633 | 1.2 |
| Adopted/foster child | 455 | 0.4 | 209 | 0.4 | 246 | 0.5 |
| Other relative | 12,369 | 12.1 | 4,866 | 9.7 | 7,503 | 14.5 |
| Non-relative | 2,517 | 2.5 | 1,689 | 3.4 | 828 | 1.6 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

3.2.3 Household population by structure and sex

Household structure presented in this section refers to the type of relationship among household members who were present on Census Night. Classification of households depends on whether it is nuclear or extended based on different combinations of household members.

Data on household population by structure and sex is shown on Table 3.3. Households with head only (single person household) constitute (2.3%) of the total household population in the Municipality. Twenty-one percent of the total population constitutes single parent Nuclear, while the next higher proportion is Nuclear (Head, spouse(s)) and children. With regards to extended family households it constitutes Extended +non relatives represents (40.6%), the next with the larger proportion is households which constitutes Head and other composition but no spouse (10.6%). For both Nuclear and Extended family lower proportions are associated with Head and spouse only and single parent Extended + non relatives less than one percent each of (0.9%).

Table 3.3: Household composition by type of locality

| Household Composition | Total | | Urban | | Rural | |
|--|---------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | 102,264 | 100.0 | 68,203 | 100.0 | 34,061 | 100.0 |
| Nuclear family | | | | | | |
| Head only | 2,321 | 2.3 | 1,910 | 2.8 | 411 | 1.2 |
| Head and spouse only | 946 | 0.9 | 758 | 1.1 | 188 | 0.6 |
| Nuclear (Head, spouse(s) and children) | 6,629 | 6.5 | 5,064 | 7.4 | 1,565 | 4.6 |
| Single parent Nuclear | 21,435 | 21.0 | 14,693 | 21.5 | 6,742 | 19.8 |
| Extended family | | | | | | |
| Extended +non relatives | 41,523 | 40.6 | 24,498 | 35.9 | 17,025 | 50.0 |
| Head, spouse(s) and other | 1,674 | 1.6 | 1,101 | 1.6 | 573 | 1.7 |
| Single parent Extended | 2,780 | 2.7 | 1,888 | 2.8 | 892 | 2.6 |
| Single parent Extended + non relative | 13,319 | 13.0 | 9,666 | 14.2 | 3,653 | 10.7 |
| Single parent Extended + non relative | 896 | 0.9 | 699 | 1.0 | 197 | 0.6 |
| Head and other composition but no spouse | 10,741 | 10.5 | 7,926 | 11.6 | 2,815 | 8.3 |

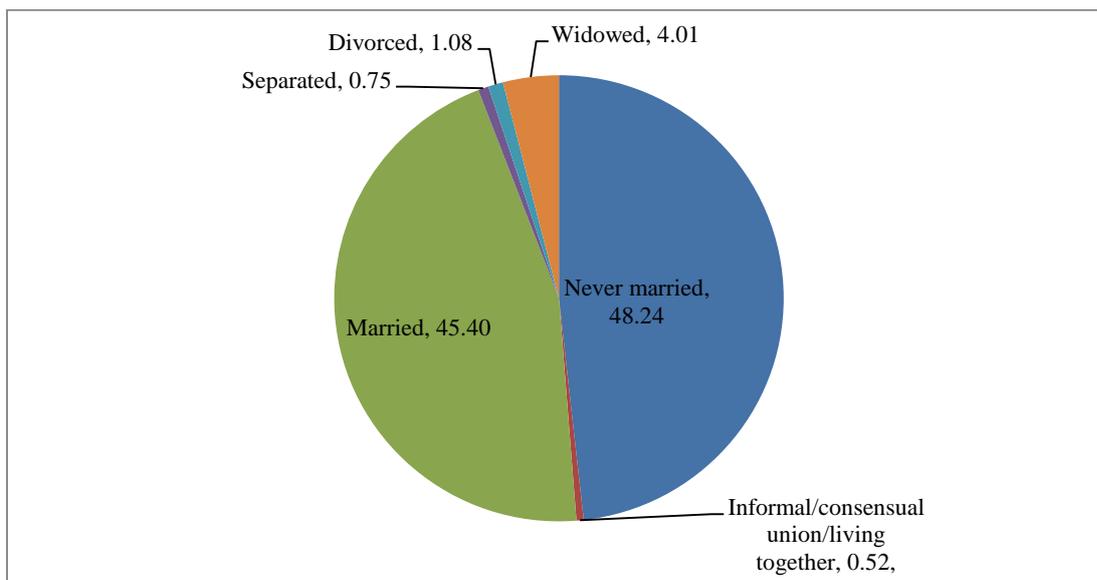
Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

3.3 Marital Status

Distribution of marital status has implications for the size and distribution of households, as well as the demand for housing units and residential related services. Marital status is an important factor in population because it particularly affects contraceptive use and fertility.

Figure 3.1 shows the marital status of persons 12 years and older. From the Figure 45.4 percent is currently married. The proportion never married is 48.2 percent and this forms the highest proportion, with less than one percent (0.5) which constitutes persons in informal/consensual union/living together. The proportion ever married (separated, divorced, widowed) but currently not in any marital union is 5.8 percent.

Figure 3.1: Percentage persons 12 years and older by marital status



Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

Table 3.4 presents the population 12 years and older by sex, marital status and level of education. Of the total population above 12 years, 35.4 percent had no education, 32.0 percent had education up to the basic level and only, 10.9 percent had tertiary education.

Of all married groups, the highest proportion that had no education is from the widowed category (81.8%). The highest proportion of the entire married group that had basic education is divorce (27.0%). This may mean that there is less incidence of divorce among the educated compared to the uneducated (54.0%). Especially because the lowest proportion of the divorced are those who have had vocational, technical, and commercial education (2.6%) and tertiary education (3.3%).

The proportion of married males who have no education is 45.3 percent and that of females is 63.0 percent which shows that the uneducated married females are more, proportionally. In the same vein, the proportion of married females with tertiary education is 2.0 percent compared to the proportion of married males which comprises 8.0 percent.

Table 3.4: Persons 12 years and older by sex, marital status and level of education

| Sex/Marital status | Number | All levels | No Education | Basic ¹ | Secondary ² | Voc/ Tech/ Comm | Post middle/ secondary certificate/ diploma ³ | Tertiary ⁴ |
|---|--------|------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------------|
| Both Sexes | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 76,378 | 100.0 | 35.4 | 32.0 | 11.9 | 1.7 | 8.1 | 10.9 |
| Never married | 36,844 | 100.0 | 12.5 | 42.0 | 17.0 | 1.5 | 9.1 | 17.8 |
| Informal/consensual union/living together | 397 | 100.0 | 29.2 | 24.7 | 14.4 | 4.5 | 11.6 | 15.6 |
| Married | 34,677 | 100.0 | 55.0 | 23.4 | 7.6 | 1.9 | 7.4 | 4.7 |
| Separated | 572 | 100.0 | 51.6 | 23.4 | 9.1 | 1.2 | 9.4 | 5.2 |
| Divorced | 822 | 100.0 | 54.0 | 27.0 | 7.2 | 2.6 | 6.0 | 3.3 |
| Widowed | 3,066 | 100.0 | 81.8 | 11.9 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 3.7 | 0.5 |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 37,569 | 100.0 | 26.3 | 32.9 | 13.8 | 1.7 | 9.9 | 15.4 |
| Never married | 20,923 | 100.0 | 11.0 | 39.1 | 17.2 | 1.2 | 10.2 | 21.2 |
| Informal/consensual union/living together | 175 | 100.0 | 29.7 | 18.3 | 13.1 | 4.6 | 12.6 | 21.7 |
| Married | 15,689 | 100.0 | 45.3 | 25.4 | 9.6 | 2.3 | 9.5 | 8.0 |
| Separated | 211 | 100.0 | 44.5 | 21.8 | 11.8 | 0.5 | 14.2 | 7.1 |
| Divorced | 285 | 100.0 | 45.3 | 28.4 | 9.5 | 2.5 | 9.1 | 5.3 |
| Widowed | 286 | 100.0 | 69.9 | 17.5 | 3.1 | 1.0 | 6.3 | 2.1 |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 38,809 | 100.0 | 44.2 | 31.0 | 10.1 | 1.7 | 6.3 | 6.6 |
| Never married | 15,921 | 100.0 | 14.5 | 45.8 | 16.8 | 2.0 | 7.6 | 13.3 |
| Informal/consensual union/living together | 222 | 100.0 | 28.8 | 29.7 | 15.3 | 4.5 | 10.8 | 10.8 |
| Married | 18,988 | 100.0 | 63.0 | 21.8 | 5.9 | 1.6 | 5.7 | 2.0 |
| Separated | 361 | 100.0 | 55.7 | 24.4 | 7.5 | 1.7 | 6.6 | 4.2 |
| Divorced | 537 | 100.0 | 58.7 | 26.3 | 6.0 | 2.6 | 4.3 | 2.2 |
| Widowed | 2,780 | 100.0 | 83.1 | 11.4 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 3.4 | 0.3 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

3.4 Nationality

Table 3.5 depicts the nationality and sex of the people in Wa Municipality. The Table shows that 93.9 percent of the population are Ghanaians by birth, 2.6 percent have dual nationality (Ghanaian and other nationality), and 1.0 percent are Ghanaian by naturalization. In all, 97.5 percent of the population are Ghanaians.

Table 3.5: Population by nationality and sex

| Nationality | Both sexes | | Male | | Female | |
|----------------------------|------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | 107,214 | 100.0 | 52,996 | 100.0 | 54,218 | 100.0 |
| Ghanaian by birth | 100,708 | 93.9 | 49,787 | 93.9 | 50,921 | 93.9 |
| Dual Nationality | 2,750 | 2.6 | 1,332 | 2.5 | 1,418 | 2.6 |
| Ghanaian by naturalization | 1,036 | 1.0 | 498 | 0.9 | 538 | 1.0 |
| ECOWAS | 1,742 | 1.6 | 907 | 1.7 | 835 | 1.5 |
| Africa other than ECOWAS | 602 | 0.6 | 294 | 0.6 | 308 | 0.6 |
| Other | 376 | 0.4 | 178 | 0.3 | 198 | 0.4 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

3.5 Religious Affiliation

Table 3.6 shows the population of the Wa Municipality in terms of religion and sex. From the Table, Christians grouped together (Catholic, Protestant, Pentecostal/Charismatic, and other Christians) constitutes 29.0 percent. The largest Christian group is the Catholic (19.0 percent), Pentecostal/Charismatic (5.0%), Protestant (Anglican, Lutheran etc.) 5.0 percent and other Christians (1.5%) percent. Muslims make up 65.9% percent of the population, Traditionalists is 4.1 percent and other religions (0.4%). Persons with no religion accounts (0.6%) who has no religion.

Islam has the highest proportion of males (65.4%) and the highest proportion of females (66.3%). There are more females than males in Islam (66.3%). For the rest of the religious groups except Catholic males (18.5%) there are more males than females.

Table 3.6: Population by religion and sex

| Religion | Both sexes | | Male | | Female | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | 107,214 | 100.0 | 52,996 | 100.0 | 54,218 | 100.0 |
| No Religion | 676 | 0.6 | 338 | 0.6 | 338 | 0.6 |
| Catholic | 20,368 | 19.0 | 9,790 | 18.5 | 10,578 | 19.5 |
| Protestant (Anglican Lutheran etc.) | 3,745 | 3.5 | 2,062 | 3.9 | 1,683 | 3.1 |
| Pentecostal/Charismatic | 5,366 | 5.0 | 2,900 | 5.5 | 2,466 | 4.5 |
| Other Christians | 1,593 | 1.5 | 844 | 1.6 | 749 | 1.4 |
| Islam | 70,620 | 65.9 | 34,652 | 65.4 | 35,968 | 66.3 |
| Traditionalist | 4,366 | 4.1 | 2,171 | 4.1 | 2,195 | 4.0 |
| Other (Specify) | 480 | 0.4 | 239 | 0.5 | 241 | 0.4 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

3.6 Literacy and Education

3.6.1 Population 11years and older by sex, age and literacy status

Wa Municipality is endowed with educational facilities and can be seen as an educational hub and hosts some of the finest and best Senior High Schools (SHS) in Ghana. Much is therefore expected from Wa Municipality in terms of education and literacy, for instance it has a campus of the University for Development Studies and a proliferation of SHS, both public and private.

Table 3.7 shows the population 11 years and older by literacy status. Literacy is defined as the ability to read and write with understanding. The Table shows that 51,067 (65.2%) of persons aged 11 years and older are literate and 27,206 (34.8%) is not literate.

Table 3.7 shows that males 28,498(55.8%) males aged 11 years and older are literate and 9,974(36.7%) are not literate. Literate females constitute 22,569 (44.2%) and that of the non-literate (not literate) is 17,232(63.3%)

Table 3.7: Population 11 years and old by sex, age and literacy status

| Age Group/Sex | None (not literate) | Literate | | English only | | Ghanaian language only | | English and Ghanaian language | | English and French | | English, French and Ghanaian language | |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------|---------|--------------|---------|------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 27,206 | 51,067 | 100.0 | 17,197 | 33.7 | 1,429 | 2.8 | 31,000 | 60.7 | 133 | 0.3 | 1,308 | 2.6 |
| 11-14 | 701 | 7,825 | 100.0 | 3,906 | 49.9 | 359 | 4.6 | 3,501 | 44.7 | 7 | 0.1 | 52 | 0.7 |
| 15-19 | 1,523 | 10,976 | 100.0 | 4,174 | 38 | 301 | 2.7 | 6,215 | 56.6 | 28 | 0.3 | 258 | 2.4 |
| 20-24 | 2,868 | 12,865 | 100.0 | 3,194 | 24.8 | 210 | 1.6 | 8,779 | 68.2 | 63 | 0.5 | 619 | 4.8 |
| 25-29 | 3,258 | 6,572 | 100.0 | 1,932 | 29.4 | 151 | 2.3 | 4,362 | 66.4 | 12 | 0.2 | 115 | 1.7 |
| 30-34 | 3,057 | 3,957 | 100.0 | 1,199 | 30.3 | 116 | 2.9 | 2,558 | 64.6 | 7 | 0.2 | 77 | 1.9 |
| 35-39 | 3,085 | 2,562 | 100.0 | 880 | 34.3 | 80 | 3.1 | 1,571 | 61.3 | 4 | 0.2 | 27 | 1.1 |
| 40-44 | 2,638 | 1,752 | 100.0 | 552 | 31.5 | 67 | 3.8 | 1,090 | 62.2 | 2 | 0.1 | 41 | 2.3 |
| 45-49 | 2,112 | 1,243 | 100.0 | 405 | 32.6 | 43 | 3.5 | 756 | 60.8 | 3 | 0.2 | 36 | 2.9 |
| 50-54 | 1,652 | 1,166 | 100.0 | 319 | 27.4 | 22 | 1.9 | 783 | 67.2 | 2 | 0.2 | 40 | 3.4 |
| 55-59 | 1,039 | 745 | 100.0 | 223 | 29.9 | 23 | 3.1 | 477 | 64 | 1 | 0.1 | 21 | 2.8 |
| 60-64 | 1,328 | 559 | 100.0 | 129 | 23.1 | 13 | 2.3 | 410 | 73.3 | 1 | 0.2 | 6 | 1.1 |
| 65+ | 3,945 | 845 | 100.0 | 284 | 33.6 | 44 | 5.2 | 498 | 58.9 | 3 | 0.4 | 16 | 1.9 |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 9,974 | 28,498 | 100.0 | 8,889 | 31.2 | 730 | 2.6 | 18,021 | 63.2 | 79 | 0.3 | 779 | 2.7 |
| 11-14 | 342 | 3,801 | 100.0 | 1,853 | 48.8 | 195 | 5.1 | 1,732 | 45.6 | 2 | 0.1 | 19 | 0.5 |
| 15-19 | 577 | 5,570 | 100.0 | 2,089 | 37.5 | 161 | 2.9 | 3,165 | 56.8 | 20 | 0.4 | 135 | 2.4 |
| 20-24 | 892 | 7,350 | 100.0 | 1,700 | 23.1 | 119 | 1.6 | 5,165 | 70.3 | 34 | 0.5 | 332 | 4.5 |
| 25-29 | 1,042 | 3,798 | 100.0 | 976 | 25.7 | 63 | 1.7 | 2,662 | 70.1 | 6 | 0.2 | 91 | 2.4 |
| 30-34 | 1,031 | 2,344 | 100.0 | 655 | 27.9 | 50 | 2.1 | 1,579 | 67.4 | 6 | 0.3 | 54 | 2.3 |
| 35-39 | 1,114 | 1,624 | 100.0 | 498 | 30.7 | 43 | 2.6 | 1,065 | 65.6 | 1 | 0.1 | 17 | 1 |
| 40-44 | 1,024 | 1,091 | 100.0 | 321 | 29.4 | 32 | 2.9 | 705 | 64.6 | 2 | 0.2 | 31 | 2.8 |
| 45-49 | 848 | 767 | 100.0 | 228 | 29.7 | 23 | 3 | 484 | 63.1 | 1 | 0.1 | 31 | 4 |
| 50-54 | 683 | 686 | 100.0 | 177 | 25.8 | 7 | 1 | 467 | 68.1 | 2 | 0.3 | 33 | 4.8 |
| 55-59 | 440 | 518 | 100.0 | 147 | 28.4 | 9 | 1.7 | 340 | 65.6 | 1 | 0.2 | 21 | 4.1 |
| 60-64 | 480 | 414 | 100.0 | 98 | 23.7 | 6 | 1.4 | 304 | 73.4 | 1 | 0.2 | 5 | 1.2 |
| 65+ | 1,501 | 535 | 100.0 | 147 | 27.5 | 22 | 4.1 | 353 | 66 | 3 | 0.6 | 10 | 1.9 |

Table 3.7: Population 11 years and old by sex, age and literacy status (cont'd)

| Age Group/Sex | None (not literate) | Literate | | English only | | Ghanaian language only | | English and Ghanaian language | | English and French | | English, French and Ghanaian language | |
|---------------|---------------------|----------|---------|--------------|---------|------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 17,232 | 22,569 | 100.0 | 8,308 | 36.8 | 699 | 3.1 | 12,979 | 57.5 | 54 | 0.2 | 529 | 2.3 |
| 11-14 | 359 | 4,024 | 100.0 | 2,053 | 51 | 164 | 4.1 | 1,769 | 44 | 5 | 0.1 | 33 | 0.8 |
| 15-19 | 946 | 5,406 | 100.0 | 2,085 | 38.6 | 140 | 2.6 | 3,050 | 56.4 | 8 | 0.1 | 123 | 2.3 |
| 20-24 | 1,976 | 5,515 | 100.0 | 1,494 | 27.1 | 91 | 1.7 | 3,614 | 65.5 | 29 | 0.5 | 287 | 5.2 |
| 25-29 | 2,216 | 2,774 | 100.0 | 956 | 34.5 | 88 | 3.2 | 1,700 | 61.3 | 6 | 0.2 | 24 | 0.9 |
| 30-34 | 2,026 | 1,613 | 100.0 | 544 | 33.7 | 66 | 4.1 | 979 | 60.7 | 1 | 0.1 | 23 | 1.4 |
| 35-39 | 1,971 | 938 | 100.0 | 382 | 40.7 | 37 | 3.9 | 506 | 53.9 | 3 | 0.3 | 10 | 1.1 |
| 40-44 | 1,614 | 661 | 100.0 | 231 | 34.9 | 35 | 5.3 | 385 | 58.2 | - | 0.0 | 10 | 1.5 |
| 45-49 | 1,264 | 476 | 100.0 | 177 | 37.2 | 20 | 4.2 | 272 | 57.1 | 2 | 0.4 | 5 | 1.1 |
| 50-54 | 969 | 480 | 100.0 | 142 | 29.6 | 15 | 3.1 | 316 | 65.8 | - | 0.0 | 7 | 1.5 |
| 55-59 | 599 | 227 | 100.0 | 76 | 33.5 | 14 | 6.2 | 137 | 60.4 | - | 0.0 | - | 0.0 |
| 60-64 | 848 | 145 | 100.0 | 31 | 21.4 | 7 | 4.8 | 106 | 73.1 | - | 0.0 | 1 | 0.7 |
| 65+ | 2,444 | 310 | 100.0 | 137 | 44.2 | 22 | 7.1 | 145 | 46.8 | - | 0.0 | 6 | 1.9 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

3.6.1 Population 3 years and older by level of education, school attendance and sex

Table 3.8 presents data on the educational level of the persons in the Municipality who are 3 years and older. It describes the educational characteristics of persons who attended school in the past and those currently attending.

The Table indicates that 22.2 percent of population 3 years and older have ever attended primary school. Also 18.7 percent got to the JHS/JSS level and closely followed by those who got to the SSS/SHS level (16.1%). The Table further reveals that 37.0 percent of population 3 years and older are currently attending primary school as at the census night. Those who are currently attending JSS/JHS constitute 16.1 percent, while those who are currently attending vocational/technical/commercial make up the least category (0.7%).

Table 3.8: Population 3 years and older by level of education, school attendance and sex

| Level of education | Currently attending | | | | | | Attending in the past | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|-----------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| | Both sexes | | Male | | Female | | Both sexes | | Male | | Female | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | 48,131 | 100.0 | 25,977 | 100.0 | 22,154 | 100.0 | 21,269 | 100.0 | 11,752 | 100.0 | 9,517 | 100.0 |
| Nursery | 5,355 | 11.1 | 2,791 | 10.7 | 2,564 | 11.6 | - | 0.0 | - | 0.0 | - | 0.0 |
| Kindergarten | 2,329 | 4.8 | 1,175 | 4.5 | 1,154 | 5.2 | - | 0.0 | - | 0.0 | - | 0.0 |
| Primary | 17,813 | 37.0 | 8,863 | 34.1 | 8,950 | 40.4 | 4,731 | 22.2 | 2,247 | 19.1 | 2,484 | 26.1 |
| JSS/JHS | 7,730 | 16.1 | 3,909 | 15.0 | 3,821 | 17.2 | 3,967 | 18.7 | 1,915 | 16.3 | 2,052 | 21.6 |
| Middle | - | 0.0 | - | 0.0 | - | 0.0 | 2,558 | 12.0 | 1,521 | 12.9 | 1,037 | 10.9 |
| SSS/SHS | 4,753 | 9.9 | 2,665 | 10.3 | 2,088 | 9.4 | 3,434 | 16.1 | 1,894 | 16.1 | 1,540 | 16.2 |
| Secondary | - | 0.0 | - | 0.0 | - | 0.0 | 924 | 4.3 | 634 | 5.4 | 290 | 3.0 |
| Vocational/technical/ commercial | 318 | 0.7 | 132 | 0.5 | 186 | 0.8 | 980 | 4.6 | 492 | 4.2 | 488 | 5.1 |
| Post middle/secondary certificate | 463 | 1.0 | 227 | 0.9 | 236 | 1.1 | 1,221 | 5.7 | 641 | 5.5 | 580 | 6.1 |
| Tertiary | 9,370 | 19.5 | 6,215 | 23.9 | 3,155 | 14.2 | 3,454 | 16.2 | 2,408 | 20.5 | 1,046 | 11.0 |

CHAPTER FOUR

ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

4.1 Introduction

This Chapter focuses on data on the economic activity status of the population in Wa Municipality from the from the 2010 PHC.

This Chapter presents information on activity status, occupation, industry, employment status and sector of the Municipality, each of these is classified by age and sex. Data on economic activity and type of locality were collected from persons aged 12 years and older.

4.2 Economic Activity Status

4.2.1 Population 15 years and older by economic activity status and sex

Table 4.1 shows the population 15 years and older by economic activity status and sex. The population aged 15 years and older 69,747(65.1%) of the total population 107,214 in the Municipality.

The Table reveals that 54.8 percent of the total population 15 years and older are economically active. The economically not active (those not working and not seeking employment) is 45.2 percent. The proportion of males who are economically active is 53.7 percent and the female proportion is 55.9 percent.

From the Table, 66.6 percent of the economically not active group is in full time education. The proportion of economically not active males in full time education (77.2%) is higher than that of females (55.6%). The proportion of females who are economically not active due to home duties (household chores) is 22.7 percent and that of males is 7.0 percent. There are more females who are economically not active due to home duties. Also, the Table shows that 1.9 percent of the economically not active are disabled/sick. The proportion of females who are disabled (1.9%) exceeds that of the males (1.8%).

The employed are 91.5 percent of the economically active population. Of the employed, only 0.3 percent does voluntary work without pay and the proportion of both male and female in this category is the same (0.3%). The proportion of employed who are males (92.1%) is slightly higher than females who are employed (90.9%).

The proportion of females who have worked before and are seeking work (50.9%) is more than the proportion of males in this category (45.7%).

Table 4.1: Population 15 years and older by activity status and sex

| Activity status | Total | | Male | | Female | |
|--|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | 69,747 | 100.0 | 34,329 | 100.0 | 35,418 | 100.0 |
| Economically active | 38,239 | 54.8 | 18,423 | 53.7 | 19,816 | 55.9 |
| Employed | 34,984 | 91.5 | 16,963 | 92.1 | 18,021 | 90.9 |
| <i>Worked</i> | 33,290 | 95.2 | 16,122 | 95.0 | 17,168 | 95.3 |
| <i>Did not work but had job to go back to</i> | 1,594 | 4.6 | 797 | 4.7 | 797 | 4.4 |
| <i>Did voluntary work without pay</i> | 100 | 0.3 | 44 | 0.3 | 56 | 0.3 |
| Unemployed | 3,255 | 8.5 | 1,460 | 7.9 | 1,795 | 9.1 |
| <i>Worked before, seeking work and available</i> | 1,580 | 48.5 | 667 | 45.7 | 913 | 50.9 |
| <i>Seeking work for the first time and available</i> | 1,675 | 51.5 | 793 | 54.3 | 882 | 49.1 |
| Economically not active | 31,508 | 45.2 | 15,906 | 46.3 | 15,602 | 44.1 |
| Did home duties (household chore) | 4,661 | 14.8 | 1,114 | 7.0 | 3,547 | 22.7 |
| Full time education | 20,969 | 66.6 | 12,287 | 77.2 | 8,682 | 55.6 |
| Pensioner/retired | 553 | 1.8 | 410 | 2.6 | 143 | 0.9 |
| Disabled/sick | 591 | 1.9 | 290 | 1.8 | 301 | 1.9 |
| Too old/young | 3,111 | 9.9 | 1,052 | 6.6 | 2,059 | 13.2 |
| Other | 1,623 | 5.2 | 753 | 4.7 | 870 | 5.6 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

4.2.2 Employed population 15 years and older by sex, age and activity status

Table 4.2 shows the population 15 years older by sex, age and activity status. From the Table, the total population for both sexes that are employed constitute 50.2 percent, unemployed (4.7%) while economically not active forms 45.2 percent. With regards to the male total population who are employed represents 49.4 percent, unemployed (4.3%) and economically not active (46.3%). Total females that are employed are 50.9 percent, unemployed (5.1%) and economically not active (44.1%).

With regards to persons who are employed those within 40-44 year age group forms the largest proportion of (83.8%) closely followed by persons within 45-49 years age group (83.7%) and the least 15- 19 years age group (18.5%). For those who are unemployed those within the 25-29 years age groups is 8.6 percent, and persons within 20-29 years age(6.1%) while the least are persons 40-44 years (12.1 %).

Table 4.2: Employed population 15 years and older by sex, age and activity status

| Age group | All Status | | Employed | | Unemployed | | Economically not active | |
|-------------------|------------|---------|----------|---------|------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 69,747 | 100.0 | 34,984 | 50.2 | 3,255 | 4.7 | 31,508 | 45.2 |
| 15 - 19 | 12,499 | 100.0 | 2,318 | 18.5 | 254 | 2.0 | 9,927 | 79.4 |
| 20 - 24 | 15,733 | 100.0 | 4,155 | 26.4 | 952 | 6.1 | 10,626 | 67.5 |
| 25 - 29 | 9,830 | 100.0 | 5,606 | 57.0 | 844 | 8.6 | 3,380 | 34.4 |
| 30 - 34 | 7,014 | 100.0 | 5,206 | 74.2 | 385 | 5.5 | 1,423 | 20.3 |
| 35 - 39 | 5,647 | 100.0 | 4,619 | 81.8 | 255 | 4.5 | 773 | 13.7 |
| 40 - 44 | 4,390 | 100.0 | 3,679 | 83.8 | 178 | 4.1 | 533 | 12.1 |
| 45 - 49 | 3,355 | 100.0 | 2,808 | 83.7 | 115 | 3.4 | 432 | 12.9 |
| 50 - 54 | 2,818 | 100.0 | 2,285 | 81.1 | 83 | 2.9 | 450 | 16.0 |
| 55 - 59 | 1,784 | 100.0 | 1,395 | 78.2 | 54 | 3.0 | 335 | 18.8 |
| 60 - 64 | 1,887 | 100.0 | 1,099 | 58.2 | 86 | 4.6 | 702 | 37.2 |
| 65+ | 4,790 | 100.0 | 1,814 | 37.9 | 49 | 1.0 | 2,927 | 61.1 |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 34,329 | 100.0 | 16,963 | 49.4 | 1,460 | 4.3 | 15,906 | 46.3 |
| 15 - 19 | 6,147 | 100.0 | 1,133 | 18.4 | 97 | 1.6 | 4,917 | 80.0 |
| 20 - 24 | 8,242 | 100.0 | 1,715 | 20.8 | 406 | 4.9 | 6,121 | 74.3 |
| 25 - 29 | 4,840 | 100.0 | 2,540 | 52.5 | 385 | 8.0 | 1,915 | 39.6 |
| 30 - 34 | 3,375 | 100.0 | 2,472 | 73.2 | 188 | 5.6 | 715 | 21.2 |
| 35 - 39 | 2,738 | 100.0 | 2,314 | 84.5 | 117 | 4.3 | 307 | 11.2 |
| 40 - 44 | 2,115 | 100.0 | 1,851 | 87.5 | 80 | 3.8 | 184 | 8.7 |
| 45 - 49 | 1,615 | 100.0 | 1,429 | 88.5 | 57 | 3.5 | 129 | 8.0 |
| 50 - 54 | 1,369 | 100.0 | 1,182 | 86.3 | 41 | 3.0 | 146 | 10.7 |
| 55 - 59 | 958 | 100.0 | 812 | 84.8 | 31 | 3.2 | 115 | 12.0 |
| 60 - 64 | 894 | 100.0 | 559 | 62.5 | 37 | 4.1 | 298 | 33.3 |
| 65+ | 2,036 | 100.0 | 956 | 47.0 | 21 | 1.0 | 1,059 | 52.0 |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 35,418 | 100.0 | 18,021 | 50.9 | 1,795 | 5.1 | 15,602 | 44.1 |
| 15 - 19 | 6,352 | 100.0 | 1,185 | 18.7 | 157 | 2.5 | 5,010 | 78.9 |
| 20 - 24 | 7,491 | 100.0 | 2,440 | 32.6 | 546 | 7.3 | 4,505 | 60.1 |
| 25 - 29 | 4,990 | 100.0 | 3,066 | 61.4 | 459 | 9.2 | 1,465 | 29.4 |
| 30 - 34 | 3,639 | 100.0 | 2,734 | 75.1 | 197 | 5.4 | 708 | 19.5 |
| 35 - 39 | 2,909 | 100.0 | 2,305 | 79.2 | 138 | 4.7 | 466 | 16.0 |
| 40 - 44 | 2,275 | 100.0 | 1,828 | 80.4 | 98 | 4.3 | 349 | 15.3 |
| 45 - 49 | 1,740 | 100.0 | 1,379 | 79.3 | 58 | 3.3 | 303 | 17.4 |
| 50 - 54 | 1,449 | 100.0 | 1,103 | 76.1 | 42 | 2.9 | 304 | 21.0 |
| 55 - 59 | 826 | 100.0 | 583 | 70.6 | 23 | 2.8 | 220 | 26.6 |
| 60 - 64 | 993 | 100.0 | 540 | 54.4 | 49 | 4.9 | 404 | 40.7 |
| 65+ | 2,754 | 100.0 | 858 | 31.2 | 28 | 1.0 | 1,868 | 67.8 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

4.3 Occupation

Table 4.3 gives information on the employed population 15 years and older by occupation and sex. From the Table, skilled agriculture, forestry and fishery employed the largest (29.3%) of the employed population. Service and sales comes next with those who are employs 25.7 percent. Craft and related trades also take 18.5 percent. Others are managers (2.5%), professionals (8.5%) and technicians and associate professionals (2.2%).

The proportion of males in skilled agriculture, forestry and fishery (32.3%) is higher than the proportion of females in the same category (26.4%). However, for the service and sales

workers group, the proportion of females is 36.5 percent which far exceeds that of the males (14.2%). This may be due to the low educational levels of females that make them go into petty trading, hairdressing, tailoring and other service occupations. Other occupations employ the least proportion of both males (0.3%) and none for females.

Table 4.3: Employed population 15 years and older by occupation and sex

| Occupation | Both sexes | | Male | | Female | |
|---|------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | 34,984 | 100.0 | 16,963 | 100.0 | 18,021 | 100.0 |
| Managers | 876 | 2.5 | 575 | 3.4 | 301 | 1.7 |
| Professionals | 2,989 | 8.5 | 1,833 | 10.8 | 1,156 | 6.4 |
| Technicians and associate professionals | 769 | 2.2 | 566 | 3.3 | 203 | 1.1 |
| Clerical support workers | 657 | 1.9 | 336 | 2.0 | 321 | 1.8 |
| Service and sales workers | 8,997 | 25.7 | 2,414 | 14.2 | 6,583 | 36.5 |
| Skilled agricultural forestry and fishery workers | 10,233 | 29.3 | 5,481 | 32.3 | 4,752 | 26.4 |
| Craft and related trades workers | 6,468 | 18.5 | 3,130 | 18.5 | 3,338 | 18.5 |
| Plant and machine operators and assemblers | 1,473 | 4.2 | 1,353 | 8.0 | 120 | 0.7 |
| Elementary occupations | 2,471 | 7.1 | 1,232 | 7.3 | 1,239 | 6.9 |
| Other occupations | 51 | 0.1 | 43 | 0.3 | 8 | 0.0 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

4.4 Industry

The types of industry and sex of employed population 15 years and older is shown in Table 4.4. The Table shows that larger (30.2%) of the population are in agriculture, forestry and fishing. Wholesale and retail; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles has 20.6 percent, the manufacturing industry has 12.5 percent, while education takes 7.3 percent of the employed. Accommodation and food service activities have 5.3 percent. The proportion of males in the agriculture, forestry and fishing industry (33.0%) is more than that of the females (27.7%). On the other hand the female proportion in wholesale and retail; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (25.9%) is far more than that of the males (15.0%). The manufacturing industry employs 8.7 percent of males and 16.1 percent of females. The industry which employs the least is the real estate industry and Activities of extraterritorial organizations.

Table 4.4: Employed population 15 years and older by industry and sex

| Industry | Both sexes | | Male | | Female | |
|---|------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | 34,984 | 100.0 | 16,963 | 100.0 | 18,021 | 100.0 |
| Agriculture forestry and fishing | 10,578 | 30.2 | 5,595 | 33.0 | 4,983 | 27.7 |
| Mining and quarrying | 309 | 0.9 | 181 | 1.1 | 128 | 0.7 |
| Manufacturing | 4,380 | 12.5 | 1,477 | 8.7 | 2,903 | 16.1 |
| Electricity gas steam and air conditioning supply | 79 | 0.2 | 73 | 0.4 | 6 | 0.0 |
| Water supply; sewerage waste management and remediation activities | 97 | 0.3 | 56 | 0.3 | 41 | 0.2 |
| Construction | 1,584 | 4.5 | 1,462 | 8.6 | 122 | 0.7 |
| Wholesale and retail; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles | 7,217 | 20.6 | 2,551 | 15.0 | 4,666 | 25.9 |
| Transportation and storage | 1,176 | 3.4 | 1,116 | 6.6 | 60 | 0.3 |
| Accommodation and food service activities | 1,839 | 5.3 | 173 | 1.0 | 1,666 | 9.2 |
| Information and communication | 143 | 0.4 | 113 | 0.7 | 30 | 0.2 |
| Financial and insurance activities | 217 | 0.6 | 141 | 0.8 | 76 | 0.4 |
| Real estate activities | 4 | 0.0 | 4 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Professional scientific and technical activities | 405 | 1.2 | 199 | 1.2 | 206 | 1.1 |
| Administrative and support service activities | 325 | 0.9 | 240 | 1.4 | 85 | 0.5 |
| Public administration and defence; compulsory social security | 1,180 | 3.4 | 860 | 5.1 | 320 | 1.8 |
| Education | 2,565 | 7.3 | 1,564 | 9.2 | 1,001 | 5.6 |
| Human health and social work activities | 703 | 2.0 | 269 | 1.6 | 434 | 2.4 |
| Arts entertainment and recreation | 193 | 0.6 | 153 | 0.9 | 40 | 0.2 |
| Other service activities | 1,655 | 4.7 | 606 | 3.6 | 1,049 | 5.8 |
| Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods - and services - producing activities of households for own use | 327 | 0.9 | 124 | 0.7 | 203 | 1.1 |
| Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies | 8 | 0.0 | 6 | 0.0 | 2 | 0.0 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

4.5 Employment Status

Table 4.5 shows the population of persons 15 years and older by their employment status and sex. From the Table 53.1 percent of the employed are self-employed (without employees) and this forms the highest proportion for both sexes. Also, 22.1 percent are employees, 12.4 percent are “contributing family workers,” while 5.0 percent are self-employed with employee(s) and the least proportion being domestic employee (house help) (0.5%).

The proportion that is self-employed (without employees) for the female (57.9%) far outweighs that of the males (48.0%). The proportion of females who are “contributing family workers” (15.4%) also exceeds that of males (9.1%). On the contrary, while 30.1 percent of the employed males are employees, only 14.6 percent of the employed females are employees.

Table 4.5: Employed population 15 years and older by employment status and sex

| Employment Sector | Both sexes | | Male | | Female | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | 34,984 | 100.0 | 16,963 | 100.0 | 18,021 | 100.0 |
| Employee | 7,733 | 22.1 | 5,107 | 30.1 | 2,626 | 14.6 |
| Self-employed without employee(s) | 18,572 | 53.1 | 8,134 | 48.0 | 10,438 | 57.9 |
| Self-employed with employee(s) | 1,741 | 5.0 | 962 | 5.7 | 779 | 4.3 |
| Casual worker | 735 | 2.1 | 487 | 2.9 | 248 | 1.4 |
| Contributing family worker | 4,325 | 12.4 | 1,542 | 9.1 | 2,783 | 15.4 |
| Apprentice | 1,631 | 4.7 | 588 | 3.5 | 1,043 | 5.8 |
| Domestic employee (House help) | 181 | 0.5 | 101 | 0.6 | 80 | 0.4 |
| Other | 66 | 0.2 | 42 | 0.2 | 24 | 0.1 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

4.6 Employment Sector

Table 4.6 indicates that there are a higher proportion of employed males (18.5%) than that of the females (10.0%) in the public sector. Both proportions (for male and female in the public sector) are higher than those in the private formal sector male (6.6%) and female (3.5%). The Table also shows that the proportion of females employed (86.0%) in the private informal sector exceeds that of the males (73.8%). On the whole, there are more males in the formal sector and more females in the informal sector. This may be explained by the lower educational level of females than males.

Table 4.6: Employed population 15 years and older by employment sector and sex

| Employment Sector | Both sexes | | Male | | Female | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | 34,984 | 100.0 | 16,963 | 100.0 | 18,021 | 100.0 |
| Public (Government) | 4,947 | 14.1 | 3,138 | 18.5 | 1,809 | 10.0 |
| Private Formal | 1,749 | 5.0 | 1,116 | 6.6 | 633 | 3.5 |
| Private Informal | 28,016 | 80.1 | 12,522 | 73.8 | 15,494 | 86.0 |
| Semi-Public/Parastatal | 60 | 0.2 | 48 | 0.3 | 12 | 0.1 |
| NGOs (Local and International) | 192 | 0.5 | 123 | 0.7 | 69 | 0.4 |
| Other International Organisations | 20 | 0.1 | 16 | 0.1 | 4 | 0.0 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

CHAPTER FIVE

INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

5.1 Introduction

Information Communication Technology (ICT) development has seen significant growth over the past years. It has brought about a positive transformation in the socio economic development of the country. For the first time in Ghana, the 2010 Population and Housing Census gathered data on access to and use of ICT by individuals and households. This Chapter presents information on ownership and access to mobile phones, desktop or laptop computers by individuals or households, the use of internet facility either at home, internet café and mobile phones ownership.

In view of this, a module is included in the 2010 Population and Housing Census on ownership and use of ICT facilities. This Chapter seeks to analyse ownership of mobile phones, the use of internet, household ownership of fixed telephone lines and household ownership of desktop or laptop computers.

5.2 Ownership of Mobile Phones

Ownership of mobile phones has become paramount for diffusion of communication in the world (as explained also by Ayensu, 2003). Ghana has benefited from this global diffusion of mobile telecommunication. The author explained further that in 2003, mobile phones became the primary mode of communication of social and business activities for the majority of Ghanaians.

The Table 5.1 shows the analysis of the population 12 years and older who owned mobile phones in the Wa Municipality. From the Table, it reveals that out of the total population of 76,378 aged 12 years and older, 48.0 percent of them owned mobile phones. Males population that own mobile phones is 27.1 percent and females 20.5 percent. While male population that use internet facility represents 9.1 percent and females 4.3 percent.

Table 5.1: Population 12 years and older by mobile phone ownership, internet facility usage and sex

| Sex | Population 12 years and older | | Population having mobile phone | | Population using internet facility | |
|--------|-------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | 76,378 | 100 | 36,631 | 48.0 | 10,207 | 13.4 |
| Male | 37,569 | 49.2 | 20,981 | 27.5 | 6,951 | 9.1 |
| Female | 38,809 | 50.8 | 15,650 | 20.5 | 3,256 | 4.3 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

5.3 Use of Internet

The usage of internet facility has become very crucial for students, researchers, businessmen, workers and a whole lot of people for various reasons. In view of this, the 2010 Population and Housing Census captured the use of internet facility in Ghana. From the results from Table 5.1, Wa Municipality accounts for 10,207 which represent 13.4 percent of the

population 12 years and older who use internet facility. The proportion of males (9.1%) among users of the internet facility in Wa Municipality is more than females (4.3%).

5.4 Household Ownership of Fixed Telephone Lines

Despite the widespread use of mobile phones in our various homes some households continue to maintain fixed telephone lines. Table 5.2 indicates that 454 households out of the total number 18,891 of households living in the Wa Municipality have fixed telephones lines. Male headed households' proportion of fixed telephone lines (2.5%) compared to their female counterparts (24.2%).

5.5 Household Ownership of Desktop or Laptop Computer

Household ownership of desktop or laptop computers is useful for assessing and processing information for educational, social and business purposes and they go a long way to help members of the households. In Wa Municipality, 12.9 percent of 18,891 households had a desktop or laptop in their various homes (Table 5.2).

The Table also shows that 13.9 percent of all households that had desktops or laptops are males headed households. This reflects the general cultural practice of household composition in which males are mostly the head of the households while females headed households who own desktop/laptops computers represents 10.2 percent.

Table 5.2: Households having desktop/laptop computers, fixed telephone lines and sex of head

| Sex | Number of households | | Households having desktop/laptop computers | | Households having fixed telephone lines | |
|--------|----------------------|---------|--|---------|---|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | 18,891 | 100 | 2,431 | 12.9 | 454 | 2.4 |
| Male | 13,618 | 72.1 | 1,894 | 13.9 | 344 | 2.5 |
| Female | 5,273 | 27.9 | 537 | 10.2 | 110 | 2.1 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

CHAPTER SIX

DISABILITY

6.1 Introduction

Disability issues have raised national concern in recent years with civil society calling on government and individuals to recognize the rights and freedom of persons with disabilities. District/Municipal Assemblies have been encouraged to promote the rights and active participation in the planning process and policy formulation.

The Population and Housing Census conducted in 2010 was the first of its kind to include persons with disability in the questionnaire process and this Chapter gives data and information on the socio-demographic characteristics of persons with disabilities in the Wa Municipality.

6.2 Population with Disability

From Table 6.1, it is shown that 2.6 percent out the total population of Wa Municipality (107,214) are with disability. It is observed that the number of persons with disabilities is proportionally distributed across the sexes.

Table 6.1: Population, disability and sex

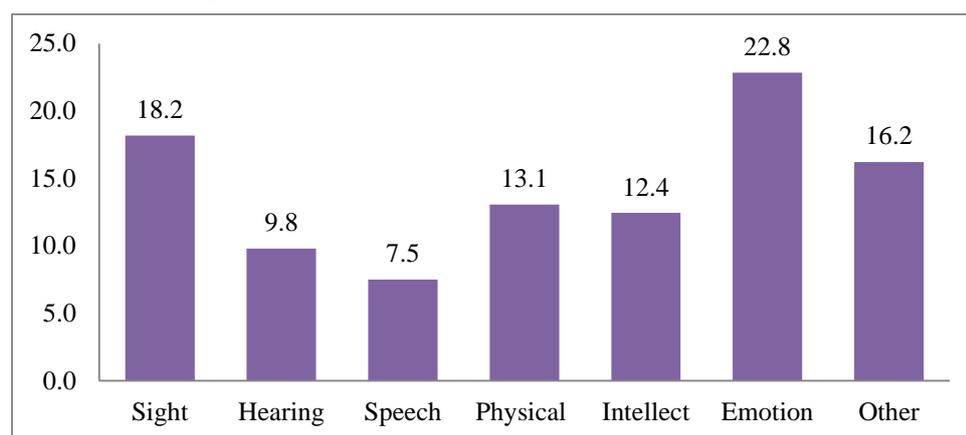
| Population | Total | | Male | | Female | |
|-------------------|---------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | 107,214 | 100.0 | 52,996 | 100.0 | 54,218 | 100.0 |
| No disability | 104,426 | 97.4 | 51,615 | 97.4 | 52,811 | 97.4 |
| With a disability | 2,788 | 2.6 | 1,381 | 2.6 | 1,407 | 2.6 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

6.3 Type of Disability

Figure 6.1 presents population with disability is classified into sight, hearing, speech, physical, intellect, emotion and other disabilities. The figure reveals that 22.8 percent of the population with disability are emotionally challenge sand this constitutes the largest. Disability in speech is the lowest proportion (7.5%) of persons with disability.

Figure 6.1: Type of disability



Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

6.4 Distribution by Type of Locality

The distribution of persons with various types of disability is classified by urban and rural as presented in Table 6.2. The most common type of disability differs between the urban and the rural population with disability. For instance, among the urban population with disability, the proportion of persons with emotional disability was the highest (34.1%), while in the rural is sight disability (29.1%).

This difference comes about as a result of the sex differential in the type of disability that was the largest in the rural compared to the urban. For instance, among the males that are with disability, emotional disability was the largest type in both the urban (32.2%) and rural areas (33.3%).

The Table also shows that among both sexes, rural disability was higher in all the various forms except speech (11.1%), while emotion was the highest among urban disabilities. Table 6.2 is drawn out of Table 6.3.

Table 6.2: Population by type of locality, disability type and sex in percentage

| Types of Disability | Both sexes | | Male | | Female | |
|---------------------|------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| | Urban | Rural | Urban | Rural | Urban | Rural |
| Sight | 23.4 | 29.1 | 24.6 | 28.1 | 22.4 | 30.3 |
| Hearing | 12.8 | 15.4 | 11.9 | 12.8 | 13.6 | 18.2 |
| Speech | 10.1 | 11.1 | 9 | 11.5 | 11.2 | 10.6 |
| Physical | 15.1 | 24.9 | 15.3 | 23.8 | 14.8 | 26 |
| Intellect | 19.9 | 11.3 | 20.3 | 10.8 | 19.6 | 11.8 |
| Emotion | 34.1 | 26.4 | 32.2 | 33.3 | 35.9 | 19.1 |
| Other | 25.7 | 15.3 | 25.5 | 13.7 | 25.9 | 17 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

6.2 Population with disability

Table 6.3 presents population with disability for the Municipality by sex and type of locality. The Table shows that there are 2,788 persons with some form of disability, which constitute about 2.6 percent of the Municipality population. The various forms or types of disability identified in the Municipality are sight, hearing, speech, and physical. The others include intellectual, emotional and other not specified. On the other hand, emotional (0.8%) is the

commonest disability followed by sight (0.7%) with high preponderance of population with disability in urban areas (1.8%) than in rural areas (0.8%).

Table 6.3: Population by type of locality disability type and sex

| Disability Type | Total | | Male | | Female | |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| All Localities | | | | | | |
| Total | 107,214 | 100.0 | 52,996 | 100.0 | 54,218 | 100.0 |
| No disability | 104,426 | 97.4 | 51,615 | 97.4 | 52,811 | 97.4 |
| With a disability | 2,788 | 2.6 | 1,381 | 2.6 | 1,407 | 2.6 |
| Sight | 703 | 0.7 | 355 | 0.7 | 348 | 0.6 |
| Hearing | 379 | 0.4 | 168 | 0.3 | 211 | 0.4 |
| Speech | 290 | 0.3 | 135 | 0.3 | 155 | 0.3 |
| Physical | 505 | 0.5 | 249 | 0.5 | 256 | 0.5 |
| Intellectual | 481 | 0.4 | 238 | 0.4 | 243 | 0.4 |
| Emotional | 883 | 0.8 | 449 | 0.8 | 434 | 0.8 |
| Other | 627 | 0.6 | 300 | 0.6 | 327 | 0.6 |
| Urban | | | | | | |
| Total | 71,051 | 66.3 | 35,085 | 66.2 | 35,966 | 66.3 |
| No disability | 69,131 | 64.5 | 34,149 | 64.4 | 34,982 | 64.5 |
| With a disability | 1,920 | 1.8 | 936 | 1.8 | 984 | 1.8 |
| Sight | 450 | 0.4 | 230 | 0.4 | 220 | 0.4 |
| Hearing | 245 | 0.2 | 111 | 0.2 | 134 | 0.2 |
| Speech | 194 | 0.2 | 84 | 0.2 | 110 | 0.2 |
| Physical | 289 | 0.3 | 143 | 0.3 | 146 | 0.3 |
| Intellectual | 383 | 0.4 | 190 | 0.4 | 193 | 0.4 |
| Emotional | 654 | 0.6 | 301 | 0.6 | 353 | 0.7 |
| Other | 494 | 0.5 | 239 | 0.5 | 255 | 0.5 |
| Rural | | | | | | |
| Total | 36,163 | 33.7 | 17,911 | 33.8 | 18,252 | 33.7 |
| No disability | 35,295 | 32.9 | 17,466 | 33.0 | 17,829 | 32.9 |
| With a disability | 868 | 0.8 | 445 | 0.8 | 423 | 0.8 |
| Sight | 253 | 0.2 | 125 | 0.2 | 128 | 0.2 |
| Hearing | 134 | 0.1 | 57 | 0.1 | 77 | 0.1 |
| Speech | 96 | 0.1 | 51 | 0.1 | 45 | 0.1 |
| Physical | 216 | 0.2 | 106 | 0.2 | 110 | 0.2 |
| Intellectual | 98 | 0.1 | 48 | 0.1 | 50 | 0.1 |
| Emotional | 229 | 0.2 | 148 | 0.3 | 81 | 0.1 |
| Other | 133 | 0.1 | 61 | 0.1 | 72 | 0.1 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

6.5 Disability and Activity

The economic activity status among the population with disability 15 years and older classified by sex is discussed in Table 6.4. It is observed that 47.8 percent of the employed, 3.2 percent are unemployed and economically not active 49.0 percent population in the Wa Municipality are with disability. Among the male population, it is revealed that those employed (50.0%), unemployed (3.9%) and those economically not active (46.1%). With regards to the female population with disabilities those employed accounts for (45.7%), unemployed (2.5%) and economically not active (51.8%).

Table 6.4: Persons 15 years and older with disability by economic activity status and sex

| Sex/Disability type | All Status | | Employed | | Unemployed | | Economically Not Active | |
|---------------------|------------|---------|----------|---------|------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Both Sexes | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 69,747 | 100.0 | 34,984 | 50.2 | 3,255 | 4.7 | 31,508 | 45.2 |
| Without disability | 67,696 | 100.0 | 34,003 | 50.2 | 3,189 | 4.7 | 30,504 | 45.1 |
| With disability | 2,051 | 100.0 | 981 | 47.8 | 66 | 3.2 | 1,004 | 49.0 |
| Sight | 576 | 100.0 | 238 | 41.3 | 11 | 1.9 | 327 | 56.8 |
| Hearing | 258 | 100.0 | 111 | 43.0 | 6 | 2.3 | 141 | 54.7 |
| Speech | 215 | 100.0 | 93 | 43.3 | 8 | 3.7 | 114 | 53.0 |
| Physical | 419 | 100.0 | 210 | 50.1 | 17 | 4.1 | 192 | 45.8 |
| Intellect | 321 | 100.0 | 121 | 37.7 | 11 | 3.4 | 189 | 58.9 |
| Emotion | 608 | 100.0 | 330 | 54.3 | 21 | 3.5 | 257 | 42.3 |
| Other | 433 | 100.0 | 209 | 48.3 | 23 | 5.3 | 201 | 46.4 |
| Male | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 34,329 | 100.0 | 16,963 | 49.4 | 1,460 | 4.3 | 15,906 | 46.3 |
| Without disability | 33,315 | 100.0 | 16,456 | 49.4 | 1,420 | 4.3 | 15,439 | 46.3 |
| With disability | 1,014 | 100.0 | 507 | 50.0 | 40 | 3.9 | 467 | 46.1 |
| Sight | 290 | 100.0 | 128 | 44.1 | 6 | 2.1 | 156 | 53.8 |
| Hearing | 103 | 100.0 | 51 | 49.5 | 4 | 3.9 | 48 | 46.6 |
| Speech | 104 | 100.0 | 48 | 46.2 | 6 | 5.8 | 50 | 48.1 |
| Physical | 204 | 100.0 | 105 | 51.5 | 12 | 5.9 | 87 | 42.6 |
| Intellect | 161 | 100.0 | 61 | 37.9 | 8 | 5.0 | 92 | 57.1 |
| Emotion | 319 | 100.0 | 191 | 59.9 | 13 | 4.1 | 115 | 36.1 |
| Other | 213 | 100.0 | 95 | 44.6 | 11 | 5.2 | 107 | 50.2 |
| Female | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 35,418 | 100.0 | 18,021 | 50.9 | 1,795 | 5.1 | 15,602 | 44.1 |
| Without disability | 34,381 | 100.0 | 17,547 | 51.0 | 1,769 | 5.1 | 15,065 | 43.8 |
| With disability | 1,037 | 100.0 | 474 | 45.7 | 26 | 2.5 | 537 | 51.8 |
| Sight | 286 | 100.0 | 110 | 38.5 | 5 | 1.7 | 171 | 59.8 |
| Hearing | 155 | 100.0 | 60 | 38.7 | 2 | 1.3 | 93 | 60.0 |
| Speech | 111 | 100.0 | 45 | 40.5 | 2 | 1.8 | 64 | 57.7 |
| Physical | 215 | 100.0 | 105 | 48.8 | 5 | 2.3 | 105 | 48.8 |
| Intellect | 160 | 100.0 | 60 | 37.5 | 3 | 1.9 | 97 | 60.6 |
| Emotion | 289 | 100.0 | 139 | 48.1 | 8 | 2.8 | 142 | 49.1 |
| Other | 220 | 100.0 | 114 | 51.8 | 12 | 5.5 | 94 | 42.7 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

6.6 Disability, Education and Literacy

This section looks at the population 3 years and older who are with disability by level of education. From the Table, 1,118 of population which represents 41.9 percent aged 3 years and older with disability in Wa Municipality had never attended school, those with pre-school level accounts for 5.9 percent, basic school represents 36.1 percent and those in senior high/Higher accounts for 16.1 percent. On the basis of sex segregation reveals that male population with disability who have never attended school is 35.7 percent, those with pre-school education accounts for 6.1 percent, basic education (38.4%) and those with senior high/higher represents 19.8 percent.

Female population with disability shows that persons who have never attended school is 47.9 percent, pre-school (5.7%), basic education accounts for 36.5 percent and for persons with senior high/ higher represents 12.5 percent.

Table 6.5: Population 3 years and older by sex, disability type and level of education

| Sex/Disability type | Educational level attained | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|----------------------------|---------|----------------|---------|------------|---------|--------|---------|--------------------|---------|
| | Total | | Never attended | | Pre-school | | Basic | | Senior High/Higher | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | 99,486 | 100.0 | 30,086 | 30.2 | 7,684 | 7.7 | 36,799 | 37.0 | 24,917 | 25.0 |
| No disability | 96,816 | 100.0 | 28,968 | 29.9 | 7,527 | 7.8 | 35,834 | 37.0 | 24,487 | 25.3 |
| With a disability | 2,670 | 100.0 | 1,118 | 41.9 | 157 | 5.9 | 965 | 36.1 | 430 | 16.1 |
| Sight | 684 | 100.0 | 322 | 47.1 | 32 | 4.7 | 239 | 34.9 | 91 | 13.3 |
| Hearing | 370 | 100.0 | 151 | 40.8 | 25 | 6.8 | 157 | 42.4 | 37 | 10.0 |
| Speech | 283 | 100.0 | 124 | 43.8 | 14 | 4.9 | 100 | 35.3 | 45 | 15.9 |
| Physical | 491 | 100.0 | 278 | 56.6 | 14 | 2.9 | 123 | 25.1 | 76 | 15.5 |
| Intellectual | 446 | 100.0 | 192 | 43.0 | 22 | 4.9 | 167 | 37.4 | 65 | 14.6 |
| Emotional | 824 | 100.0 | 323 | 39.2 | 55 | 6.7 | 299 | 36.3 | 147 | 17.8 |
| Other | 580 | 100.0 | 196 | 33.8 | 38 | 6.6 | 210 | 36.2 | 136 | 23.4 |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 49,110 | 100.0 | 11,381 | 23.2 | 3,966 | 8.1 | 18,455 | 37.6 | 15,308 | 31.2 |
| No disability | 47,789 | 100.0 | 10,909 | 22.8 | 3,886 | 8.1 | 17,948 | 37.6 | 15,046 | 31.5 |
| With a disability | 1,321 | 100.0 | 472 | 35.7 | 80 | 6.1 | 507 | 38.4 | 262 | 19.8 |
| Sight | 344 | 100.0 | 133 | 38.7 | 17 | 4.9 | 139 | 40.4 | 55 | 16.0 |
| Hearing | 163 | 100.0 | 53 | 32.5 | 12 | 7.4 | 84 | 51.5 | 14 | 8.6 |
| Speech | 132 | 100.0 | 49 | 37.1 | 4 | 3.0 | 54 | 40.9 | 25 | 18.9 |
| Physical | 242 | 100.0 | 121 | 50.0 | 7 | 2.9 | 65 | 26.9 | 49 | 20.2 |
| Intellectual | 223 | 100.0 | 87 | 39.0 | 10 | 4.5 | 90 | 40.4 | 36 | 16.1 |
| Emotional | 421 | 100.0 | 157 | 37.3 | 27 | 6.4 | 153 | 36.3 | 84 | 20.0 |
| Other | 276 | 100.0 | 77 | 27.9 | 18 | 6.5 | 91 | 33.0 | 90 | 32.6 |

Table 6.5: Population 3 years and older by sex, disability type and level of education (Cont'd)

| Sex/Disability type | Educational level attained | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|----------------------------|---------|----------------|---------|------------|---------|--------|---------|--------------------|---------|
| | Total | | Never attended | | Pre-school | | Basic | | Senior High/Higher | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 50,376 | 100.0 | 18,705 | 37.1 | 3,718 | 7.4 | 18,344 | 36.4 | 9,609 | 19.1 |
| No disability | 49,027 | 100.0 | 18,059 | 36.8 | 3,641 | 7.4 | 17,886 | 36.5 | 9,441 | 19.3 |
| With a disability | 1,349 | 100.0 | 646 | 47.9 | 77 | 5.7 | 458 | 34.0 | 168 | 12.5 |
| Sight | 340 | 100.0 | 189 | 55.6 | 15 | 4.4 | 100 | 29.4 | 36 | 10.6 |
| Hearing | 207 | 100.0 | 98 | 47.3 | 13 | 6.3 | 73 | 35.3 | 23 | 11.1 |
| Speech | 151 | 100.0 | 75 | 49.7 | 10 | 6.6 | 46 | 30.5 | 20 | 13.2 |
| Physical | 249 | 100.0 | 157 | 63.1 | 7 | 2.8 | 58 | 23.3 | 27 | 10.8 |
| Intellectual | 223 | 100.0 | 105 | 47.1 | 12 | 5.4 | 77 | 34.5 | 29 | 13.0 |
| Emotional | 403 | 100.0 | 166 | 41.2 | 28 | 6.9 | 146 | 36.2 | 63 | 15.6 |
| Other | 304 | 100.0 | 119 | 39.1 | 20 | 6.6 | 119 | 39.1 | 46 | 15.1 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

CHAPTER SEVEN

AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES

7.1 Introduction

Agriculture is the backbone of the economy of the country. It employs most of our working population and has contributed a lot to the development of the country. The economy of the Upper West Region is predominantly agrarian, with people engaged in the cultivation of food crops such as millet, sorghum and maize, yams, groundnuts and beans and rearing of animals.

Wa Municipality is not exceptional in the engagement of agricultural activities although, recently, the population engaged in agriculture has declined. Agriculture still remains one of the main activities in the Municipality. This Chapter looks at the type of agricultural activities households under take in their respective localities and the type of farming activities practised.

From Table 7.1 households population involved in agriculture activities in the Wa Municipality in the 2010 Population and Housing Census is 5,841 that account for 30.9 percent of the total population. The households who are not in agriculture also constitute 13,050 that also represent 69.1 percent.

Table 7.1: Households by agricultural activities and locality

| Agriculture activity | Total | | Urban | | Rural | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total households | 18,891 | 100.0 | 13,541 | 100.0 | 5,350 | 100.0 |
| Households engaged in Agriculture | 5,841 | 30.9 | 2,751 | 20.3 | 3,090 | 57.8 |
| Households not engaged in Agriculture | 13,050 | 69.1 | 10,790 | 79.7 | 2,260 | 42.2 |
| Crop farming | 4,844 | 82.9 | 2,040 | 74.2 | 2,804 | 90.7 |
| Tree planting | 217 | 3.7 | 133 | 4.8 | 84 | 2.7 |
| Livestock rearing | 2,835 | 48.5 | 1,393 | 50.6 | 1,442 | 46.7 |
| Fish farming | 8 | 0.1 | 8 | 0.3 | 0 | 0.0 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

7.3 Types of Livestock, other animals reared and Keepers

Livestock rearing is the second most important farming activity in Wa Municipality. From Table 7.2 it shows the types of livestock reared in Wa Municipality and the numbers. The top three ruminants found on the Table are goats (27.9%), cattle (11.9%) and sheep (10.7%).

In the bird category, chicken (29.5%) is first in terms of percentage, guinea fowl (10.3%), duck (1.7%) and dove (1.6%). Among the non-traditional livestock, rabbit and grass-cutter are (0.3%) each.

Among the keepers for the animals, it is realised from the Table that the keepers for goat is in the majority (34.0%), chicken (27.3%), sheep (11.9%), cattle (10.4), and guinea fowl (8.2%).

Table 7.2: Distribution of livestock, other animals and keepers

| Live stock | Number of Animals | | Number of keepers | | Average Animal per Keeper |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|---------------------------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | |
| Total | 85,711 | 100 | 5,336 | 100 | 16.1 |
| Beehives | 179 | 0.2 | 5 | 0.1 | 35.8 |
| Cattle | 10,222 | 11.9 | 553 | 10.4 | 18.5 |
| Chicken | 25,303 | 29.5 | 1,459 | 27.3 | 17.3 |
| Dove | 1,394 | 1.6 | 25 | 0.5 | 55.8 |
| Duck | 1,470 | 1.7 | 75 | 1.4 | 19.6 |
| Goat | 23,916 | 27.9 | 1,806 | 34 | 13.2 |
| Grass-cutter | 252 | 0.3 | 16 | 0.3 | 15.8 |
| Guinea fowl | 8,783 | 10.3 | 439 | 8.2 | 20.1 |
| Ostrich | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pig | 4,275 | 5 | 248 | 4.6 | 17.2 |
| Rabbit | 254 | 0.3 | 19 | 0.4 | 13.4 |
| Sheep | 9,209 | 10.7 | 635 | 11.9 | 14.5 |
| Silk worm | 23 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 11.5 |
| Snail | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Turkey | 298 | 0.3 | 30 | 0.6 | 9.9 |
| Other (specify) | 133 | 0.2 | 12 | 0.2 | 11.1 |
| Fish farming | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Inland fishing | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Marine fishing | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

CHAPTER EIGHT

HOUSING CONDITIONS

8.1 Introduction

Data collected on housing provides understanding on aspects of housing and housing conditions that enable development experts and planners make evidence-informed decisions on housing policies and interventions.

This Chapter presents information on housing and housing conditions in the Wa Municipality. The data cover housing stock and types of houses, ownership, household room occupancy and housing conditions with particular reference to water and sanitation as well as information on cooking space and household energy sources.

8.2 Housing Stock

This section examines the housing stock and the total household population at the country level, the Upper West Region and Wa Municipality goes further to analyse the housing stock in the rural and urban areas.

The Upper West Region's total household population (688,333) reside in 82,293 houses with 110,174 households. Average household per house for the Region is 1.3, lower than that of the country (1.6), while the population per house (8.4) and average household size (6.2).

With Wa Municipality, the total household population of 102,264 live in 9,592 houses and number of households account for 18,891. The average households per house (2.0) and the population per house (10.7) in Wa Municipality are higher than the Region's figures. However, the average household size of 5.4 is lower than the region's (6.2).

Furthermore, average household size for the urban part of the Wa Municipality is 5.0 while in the rural areas 6.4. The situations with the average households per house (1.4) and population per house (9.0) in the rural areas in the Municipality are better than urban localities which account for 2.3 for average households per house and 11.8 for population per house.

Table 8.1: Stock of houses and households by type of locality

| Categories | Total country | Region | District | Urban | Rural |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------|----------|--------|--------|
| Total population | 24,658,823 | 702,110 | 107,214 | 71,051 | 36,163 |
| Total household population | 24,076,327 | 688,333 | 102,264 | 68,203 | 34,061 |
| Number of houses | 3,392,745 | 82,293 | 9,592 | 5,794 | 3,798 |
| Number of households | 5,467,054 | 110,174 | 18,891 | 13,541 | 5,350 |
| Average households per house | 1.6 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 1.4 |
| Population per house* | 7.1 | 8.4 | 10.7 | 11.8 | 9.0 |
| Average household size | 4.4 | 6.2 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 6.4 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

8.3 Type of Dwelling, Holding and Tenancy Arrangement

8.3.1 Ownership status of dwelling units

Table 8.2 shows ownership status of dwelling by sex of household head and type of locality. The proportion of houses owned by household member in the Wa Municipality is 55.4 percent; other private individual with 26.6 percent. The least is owned by other private employer and other private agency (0.8%) each.

With regards to headship ownership by sex, the Table reveals that in the male headed accounts the highest (58.3%) proportion of the houses were owned by household member and the same with female headed household (47.9%). The second highest for both male headed and female headed is other private individual accounts for 25.0 and 30.5 percent respectively. The least own houses for male headed household is private employer (0.7%) while for female headed household, other private agency is the least with 0.7 percent.

In both urban and rural areas of the Wa Municipality it is indicated from the Table that a higher proportion of the houses are owned by household members and the second highest also follow the same pattern as ownership by other private individuals. The striking feature in the rural ownership status is that about three-quarters (74.7%) of the houses are owned by household members.

Table 8.2: Ownership status of dwelling by sex of household head and type of locality

| Ownership status | Total | | District | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------|----------|---------|-------------|---------------|-------|-------|
| | | | Total | | Male headed | Female headed | Urban | Rural |
| | Country | Region | Number | Percent | | | | |
| Total | 5,467,054 | 110,174 | 18,891 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Owned by household member | 2,883,236 | 91,264 | 10,463 | 55.4 | 58.3 | 47.9 | 47.8 | 74.7 |
| Being purchased (e.g. mortgage) | 45,630 | 608 | 166 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.4 |
| Relative not a household member | 851,630 | 5,362 | 2,030 | 10.7 | 9.5 | 14.0 | 13.1 | 4.8 |
| Other private individual | 1,439,021 | 9,534 | 5,016 | 26.6 | 25.0 | 30.5 | 31.8 | 13.3 |
| Private employer | 83,610 | 353 | 157 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.4 |
| Other private agency | 21,123 | 273 | 147 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 1.8 |
| Public/Government ownership | 118,804 | 2,410 | 676 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 4.0 | 2.6 |
| Other | 24,000 | 370 | 236 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 0.9 | 2.1 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

8.3.2 Type of dwelling unit

Table 8.3 shows the various types of dwellings that are in the country, Upper West and Wa Municipality. Rooms in the compound houses are the most common type of dwelling unit occupied by households and constitutes more than half (58.3%) of all dwellings in the Wa Municipality. Separate house is the second highest dwelling unit occupied by households in the Municipality which accounts for 23.0 percent. The least occupied dwelling unit is improvised home (kiosk/container, etc.). The same pattern emerges in the male headed and female headed households. The proportion of female headed households who occupy rooms in compound houses is higher (60.0%) than male headed households (57.6%).

The Table further shows that although rooms in compound houses are the most occupied in both urban and rural localities, the urban percentage (65.3) is higher than the rural (40.6). Conversely, the proportion of separate houses is higher in the rural areas (37.4%) than the urban localities (17.3%).

Table 8.3: Type of occupied dwelling unit by sex of household head and type of locality

| Type of dwelling | Total | | District | | | | | |
|---|-----------|---------|----------|---------|-------------|---------------|-------|-------|
| | | | Total | | Male headed | Female headed | Urban | Rural |
| | Country | Region | Number | Percent | | | | |
| Total | 5,467,054 | 110,174 | 18,891 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Separate house | 1,471,391 | 33,704 | 4,339 | 23.0 | 23.8 | 20.7 | 17.3 | 37.4 |
| Semi-detached house | 391,548 | 9,993 | 1,929 | 10.2 | 9.9 | 11.0 | 9.6 | 11.7 |
| Flat/Apartment | 256,355 | 1,400 | 552 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 3.3 | 2.0 |
| Compound house (rooms) | 2,942,147 | 58,161 | 11,010 | 58.3 | 57.6 | 60.0 | 65.3 | 40.6 |
| Huts/Buildings (same compound) | 170,957 | 3,715 | 356 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 2.4 |
| Huts/Buildings (different compound) | 36,410 | 1,853 | 216 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 3.4 |
| Tent | 10,343 | 283 | 48 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| Improvised home (kiosk/container, etc.) | 90,934 | 39 | 8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Living quarters attached to office/shop | 20,499 | 261 | 92 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.1 |
| Uncompleted building | 66,624 | 611 | 261 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 0.6 |
| Other | 9,846 | 154 | 80 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 1.3 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

8.4 Construction Materials

8.4.1 Types of construction materials for outer wall

Table 8.4 shows the main construction materials for the outer wall of dwelling unit by type of locality. The type of materials for outer wall of the dwelling unit most used in the Wa Municipality is cement blocks/concrete (59.9%), mud brick/earth (35.7%). The least construction material used for outer wall of dwelling units is bamboo and palm leaf/thatch (grass)/raffia each account less than one percent (0.1%).

Similarly, the most common construction material used for outer wall of the dwelling units in the urban areas of the Wa Municipality is cement blocks/concrete (70.1%). The second used construction material for outer walls is mud brick/earth (24.8%) and the least construction material used is bamboo and palm leaf/thatch (grass) and raffia. Conversely, mud brick/earth account 62.4 percent as the most widely construction material used for the outer wall in the rural areas of Wa Municipality, followed by cement blocks/concrete and the least are burnt bricks, stone, bamboo and palm leaf/thatch with each representing 0.1 percent

Table 8.4: Main construction material for outer wall of dwelling unit by type of locality

| Material for Outer wall | Total | | District | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| | Country | Region | Total | | Urban | Rural |
| | | | Number | Percent | | |
| Total | 5,817,607 | 118,292 | 19,597 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Mud brick/earth | 1,991,540 | 88,739 | 6,990 | 35.7 | 24.8 | 62.4 |
| Wood | 200,594 | 883 | 101 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| Metal sheet/slate/asbestos | 43,708 | 568 | 156 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.4 |
| Stone | 11,330 | 230 | 38 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Burnt bricks | 38,237 | 408 | 76 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.1 |
| Cement blocks/concrete | 3,342,462 | 24,924 | 11,741 | 59.9 | 70.1 | 34.8 |
| Landcrete | 104,270 | 1,159 | 406 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 0.9 |
| Bamboo | 8,206 | 87 | 22 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Palm leaf/thatch (grass)/raffia | 38,054 | 888 | 13 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Other | 39,206 | 406 | 54 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

8.4.2 Types of construction material for flooring of dwelling units

Table 8.5 shows the types of construction materials used for flooring of dwelling units by type of locality. In Wa Municipality, the two main materials (i.e. cement/concrete and earth/mud) are used for construction of the floor of most dwelling units. Cement/concrete accounts for 89.7 percent of the materials use for the floor of the dwelling units with 6.8 percent of earth/mud as the second most widely use material.

However, in the urban areas, cement/concrete accounts for 92.3 percent as the main material use for the floor of the dwelling and this figure is higher than the municipal figure (89.7%) and the rural figure (83.0%) is cement/concrete. Earth/mud accounts for 3.8 percent for urban areas and 14.2 percent for rural area as the second most widely use material for flooring.

Table 8.5: Main construction materials for the floor of dwelling unit by type of locality

| Materials for the floor | Total | | District | | | |
|--|-----------|---------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| | Country | Region | Total | | Urban | Rural |
| | | | Number | Percent | | |
| Total | 5,467,054 | 110,174 | 18,891 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Earth/mud | 872,161 | 42,447 | 1,278 | 6.8 | 3.8 | 14.2 |
| Cement/concrete | 4,255,611 | 65,714 | 16,939 | 89.7 | 92.3 | 83.0 |
| Stone | 32,817 | 310 | 60 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Burnt brick | 6,537 | 67 | 16 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Wood | 52,856 | 8 | 1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Vinyl tiles | 57,032 | 176 | 109 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.1 |
| Ceramic/porcelain/granite/ marble tiles | 88,500 | 700 | 251 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 0.9 |
| Terrazzo/terrazzo tiles | 85,973 | 238 | 185 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Other | 15,567 | 514 | 52 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

8.4.3 Construction material for roofing of dwelling units

Table 8.6 shows that the main material use for roofing is metal sheet. Metal sheet accounts for 91.7 percent in the Municipality, 93.1 percent in the urban areas and 88.1 percent in the rural areas. The second most widely used material for roofing in both the entire Municipality (2.2%) and rural areas accounts (6.4%), for mud/mud bricks/earth, while in the urban localities, thatch/palm leaf or raffia (1.7%) is the second most widely use material.

Table 8.6: Main construction material for roofing of dwelling unit by type of locality

| Main roofing material | Total | | District | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| | Country | Region | Total | | Urban | Rural |
| | | | Number | Percent | | |
| Total | 5,817,607 | 118,292 | 19,597 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Mud/mud bricks/earth | 80,644 | 14,910 | 425 | 2.2 | 0.5 | 6.4 |
| Wood | 45,547 | 1,399 | 135 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 1.4 |
| Metal sheet | 4,152,259 | 91,046 | 17,971 | 91.7 | 93.1 | 88.1 |
| Slate/asbestos | 759,039 | 245 | 93 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.1 |
| Cement/concrete | 141,072 | 717 | 250 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 0.5 |
| Roofing tile | 31,456 | 362 | 189 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 0.1 |
| Bamboo | 71,049 | 283 | 46 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Thatch/palm leaf or raffia | 500,606 | 8,394 | 361 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 2.2 |
| Other | 35,935 | 936 | 127 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.9 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

8.5 Room Occupancy

Table 8.7 shows household size and number of sleeping rooms occupied in dwelling units. The number of sleeping rooms provides an indication of the extent of crowding in households. Crowded rooms have health implications such as disturbed sleep and the spread of infectious diseases. From Table 8.7, it is observed that single room occupancy for household size of one is 85.0 percent. . It further shows that as the household size increases from two to ten and more people living in one room declines at an increasing rate. For instance, as household size increases from one to ten and more, the proportion of households living in one room decreased from 85.0 percent to 4.2 percent.

Conversely, the trend for room occupancy of households living in five rooms to nine rooms or more is opposite of those living in one room in the Municipality. That is as the household size increases in this category, the proportion of households living in five rooms to nine and more increases at a decreasing rate. For instance, as household size increases from one to ten more, the proportion of households living in five rooms increased from 0.8 percent to 13.3 percent.

However, the behaviour of households living in two rooms and four rooms is different from what has been described above. With this category of households, as households size increases, the proportion of households living in two rooms and four rooms increases to some point and starts to decline as household size increases further. For instance, the proportion of household living in two rooms increases from 8.7 percent to 33.3 percent as household size increases from one to six, then it start experiencing a decline when household size increase from seven to ten plus. On the other hand, households who live in two rooms has an unpredicted behaviour which according to Table 8.7 shows repeated increasing and decreasing in proportion as household size increases.

Table 8.7: Household size and number of sleeping rooms occupied in dwelling unit

| Household size | Number of sleeping rooms | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------|---------|----------|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| | Total | | One room | Two rooms | Three rooms | Four rooms | Five rooms | Six rooms | Seven rooms | Eight rooms | Nine rooms or more |
| | Number | Percent | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 18,891 | 100.0 | 38.1 | 22.7 | 14.4 | 9.2 | 5.2 | 3.6 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 3.1 |
| 1 | 2,321 | 100.0 | 85.0 | 8.7 | 3.0 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| 2 | 2,400 | 100.0 | 72.3 | 17.7 | 5.1 | 2.3 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.3 |
| 3 | 2,186 | 100.0 | 56.8 | 26.2 | 9.8 | 3.7 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| 4 | 2,265 | 100.0 | 42.2 | 32.5 | 12.4 | 6.2 | 2.7 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 1.1 |
| 5 | 1,988 | 100.0 | 27.5 | 35.2 | 19.0 | 8.7 | 3.7 | 2.7 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.5 |
| 6 | 1,824 | 100.0 | 18.5 | 33.3 | 21.7 | 13.0 | 6.4 | 3.8 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 1.5 |
| 7 | 1,330 | 100.0 | 11.7 | 28.3 | 25.1 | 15.3 | 7.9 | 4.9 | 3.3 | 1.2 | 2.3 |
| 8 | 1,106 | 100.0 | 9.9 | 22.7 | 24.1 | 17.4 | 9.4 | 6.9 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 3.6 |
| 9 | 775 | 100.0 | 3.6 | 17.4 | 27.1 | 19.5 | 13.0 | 7.4 | 4.5 | 3.2 | 4.3 |
| 10+ | 2,696 | 100.0 | 4.2 | 10.2 | 16.5 | 17.4 | 13.3 | 10.9 | 7.7 | 5.8 | 14.1 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

8.6 Access to Utilities and Household Facilities

8.6.1 Main source of lighting of dwelling units

Table 8.8 focuses on the main source of lighting of dwelling units by type of locality in the Municipality. Electricity (mains) is the highest source of lighting (72.1%), flashlight/torch (15.1%) and kerosene lamps (10.9%). The use of crop residue and firewood represent the least percentage (0.1%).

In the urban areas, electricity (mains) is the highest proportion (81.5%) for the main source of lighting of dwelling units. Flashlight/torch represents the second highest source of lighting in the Municipality. Firewood and crop residue accounts for the least source upon which dwelling units rely for lighting. The rural areas accounts for a proportion of 48.4 percent reliance on electricity (mains) of the dwelling for lighting. The establishment of the Wa Campus of the University for Development Studies (UDS) has contributed to the rapid development of the Municipality. In light of this, many suburbs and surrounding rural areas which hitherto are not connected to the national grid have been connected. This may be accountable for the majority of rural areas relying on electricity (mains) in the Municipality. That notwithstanding, there is still a significant proportion of the rural dwellings relying on flashlight/torch (31.5%) and kerosene lamp (18.4%) as development is an on-going process.

Table 8.8: Main source of lighting of dwelling unit by type of locality

| Main source of light | District | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|-------|-------|
| | Total | | Total | | Urban | Rural |
| | Country | Region | Number | Percent | | |
| Total | 5,467,054 | 110,174 | 18,891 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Electricity (mains) | 3,511,065 | 34,044 | 13,622 | 72.1 | 81.5 | 48.4 |
| Electricity (private generator) | 36,142 | 613 | 134 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.6 |
| Kerosene lamp | 971,807 | 21,455 | 2,050 | 10.9 | 7.9 | 18.4 |
| Gas lamp | 9,378 | 303 | 39 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Solar energy | 9,194 | 804 | 37 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Candle | 41,214 | 333 | 64 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| Flashlight/torch | 858,651 | 49,606 | 2,847 | 15.1 | 8.6 | 31.5 |
| Firewood | 13,241 | 1,332 | 23 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Crop residue | 4,623 | 361 | 20 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Other | 11,739 | 1,323 | 55 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

Firewood, crop residue and other not specified sources of light are the least proportions. This is a good indication in trying to arrest the issue of desertification and improve afforestation in the Municipality.

8.6.2 Main source of cooking fuel and cooking space by households

Table 8.9 shows that sources of cooking fuel for households in the Municipality are charcoal (55.2%) and wood (22.9%). Gas is (16.3%) the third most used cooking fuel in the Municipality. Animal waste use as cooking fuel is insignificant in the region and in both urban and rural areas. Non-cooking households in the Region constitutes 3.4 percent.

The use of charcoal is high in urban areas (65.7%) than in the rural areas (28.9%). The use of wood is however high in rural areas (56.2%) than urban areas (9.8%). The proportion of dwellings using gas in both the urban and rural areas is 18.4 and 11.0 percent respectively. The low proportion of the dwellings using gas as a source of cooking fuel is a major worry if authorities are to achieve results in the fight against desertification and/or to encourage afforestation.

Again, Table 8.9 shows that most households use veranda in the house for cooking (43.1%). A low proportion (4.7%) of households does not have cooking space. A significant proportion (22.3%) used a room exclusively for cooking. The use of separate room for exclusive use of household is high in rural areas (38.5%) than urban areas (15.8%). Veranda is use more in urban areas (50.4%) than rural areas (24.5%) for cooking.

Table 8.9: Main source of cooking fuel, and cooking space used by households

| Source of cooking fuel/ cooking space | Total | | District | | | |
|--|-----------|---------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| | Total | | Total | | Urban | Rural |
| | Country | Region | Number | Percent | | |
| Main source of cooking fuel for household | | | | | | |
| Total | 5,467,054 | 110,174 | 18,891 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| None no cooking | 306,118 | 2,269 | 644 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 2.3 |
| Wood | 2,197,083 | 80,916 | 4,334 | 22.9 | 9.8 | 56.2 |
| Gas | 996,518 | 4,553 | 3,083 | 16.3 | 18.4 | 11.0 |
| Electricity | 29,794 | 400 | 137 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.6 |
| Kerosene | 29,868 | 278 | 152 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.3 |
| Charcoal | 1,844,290 | 20,921 | 10,436 | 55.2 | 65.7 | 28.9 |
| Crop residue | 45,292 | 720 | 51 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| Saw dust | 8,000 | 63 | 35 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Animal waste | 2,332 | 20 | 8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other | 7,759 | 34 | 11 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Cooking space used by household | | | | | | |
| Total | 5,467,054 | 110,174 | 18,891 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| No cooking space | 386,883 | 4,511 | 881 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.0 |
| Separate room for exclusive use of household | 1,817,018 | 46,063 | 4,204 | 22.3 | 15.8 | 38.5 |
| Separate room shared with other household(s) | 410,765 | 2,849 | 381 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.3 |
| Enclosure without roof | 117,614 | 1,967 | 217 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 2.5 |
| Structure with roof but without walls | 349,832 | 1,440 | 103 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Bedroom/hall/living room) | 74,525 | 1,190 | 581 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 2.0 |
| Verandah | 1,173,946 | 19,012 | 8,142 | 43.1 | 50.4 | 24.5 |
| Open space in compound | 1,115,464 | 32,914 | 4,350 | 23.0 | 22.0 | 25.6 |
| Other | 21,007 | 228 | 32 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

8.7 Main Source of Water for Drinking and for Other Domestic Use

8.7.1 Main source of water for drinking

Table 8.9 shows the main source of water for drinking. It is observed from the Table that the main sources of water for drinking in the Wa Municipality are from bore-hole/pump/tube well (36.1%), pipe borne outside dwelling (27.8%), pipe borne inside dwelling (12.0%), public tap/stand pipe (8.4%), protected well (7.8%), sachet water (3.5%) and tanker supply/vendor provided (1.5%). The other sources of water for drinking such as unprotected well, protected spring, bottle water and dugout/pond/lake/dam/canal accounts for small proportions ranging from 0.1 to 0.8 percent in the Municipality.

Table 8.10: Main source of water of dwelling unit for drinking and other domestic Purposes

| Sources of water | Total | | District | | | |
|---|-----------|---------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| | Country | Region | Total | | Urban | Rural |
| | | | Number | Percent | | |
| Main source of drinking water for household | | | | | | |
| Total | 5,467,054 | 110,174 | 18,891 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Pipe-borne inside dwelling | 790,493 | 5,933 | 2,269 | 12.0 | 15.2 | 3.9 |
| Pipe-borne outside dwelling | 1,039,667 | 12,542 | 5,258 | 27.8 | 32.8 | 15.2 |
| Public tap/standpipe | 712,375 | 4,807 | 1,579 | 8.4 | 9.3 | 6.1 |
| Bore-hole/pump/tube well | 1,267,688 | 70,759 | 6,818 | 36.1 | 25.1 | 63.9 |
| Protected well | 321,091 | 4,011 | 1,478 | 7.8 | 8.7 | 5.5 |
| Rain water | 39,438 | 172 | 9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Protected spring | 19,345 | 368 | 80 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| Bottled water | 20,261 | 50 | 24 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Sachet water | 490,283 | 823 | 661 | 3.5 | 4.3 | 1.6 |
| Tanker supply/vendor provided | 58,400 | 302 | 279 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 0.8 |
| Unprotected well | 112,567 | 1,719 | 157 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.4 |
| Unprotected spring | 12,222 | 287 | 3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| River/stream | 502,804 | 7,037 | 220 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.5 |
| Dugout/pond/lake/dam/canal | 76,448 | 1,344 | 51 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Other | 3,972 | 20 | 5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Main source of water for other domestic use of household | | | | | | |
| Total | 5,467,054 | 110,174 | 18,891 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Pipe-borne inside dwelling | 905,566 | 5,864 | 2,182 | 11.6 | 14.5 | 4.1 |
| Pipe-borne outside dwelling | 1,089,030 | 12,144 | 5,000 | 26.5 | 31.2 | 14.5 |
| Public tap/standpipe | 704,293 | 4,314 | 1,515 | 8.0 | 8.9 | 5.8 |
| Bore-hole/pump/tube well | 1,280,465 | 68,035 | 6,511 | 34.5 | 25.2 | 58.0 |
| Protected well | 465,775 | 5,057 | 2,261 | 12.0 | 13.7 | 7.5 |
| Rain water | 39,916 | 360 | 27 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Protected spring | 18,854 | 301 | 64 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Tanker supply/vendor provided | 100,048 | 316 | 277 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 0.7 |
| Unprotected well | 152,055 | 1,897 | 285 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 0.8 |
| Unprotected spring | 15,738 | 330 | 36 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| River/stream | 588,590 | 8,759 | 391 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| Dugout/pond/lake/dam/canal | 96,422 | 2,546 | 339 | 1.8 | 0.3 | 5.6 |
| Other | 10,302 | 251 | 3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

In the urban areas, the sources of water for drinking from the Table are pipe borne outside dwelling (32.8%), bore-hole/pump/tube well (25.1%), pipe borne inside dwelling (15.2%), public tap/stand pipe (9.3%), protected well (8.7%), sachet water (4.3%) and tanker supply/vendor provided (8.7%). However, in the rural areas, bore-hole/pump/tube well accounts for the larger proportion 63.9 percent, pipe borne outside dwelling (15.2%), public tap/stand pipe (6.1%), protected well (5.5%), pipe borne inside dwelling (3.9%) and sachet water (1.6%).

8.7.2 Main source of water for other domestic use of household

From Table 8.10 the sources of water for other domestic purposes are bore-hole/pump/tube well (34.5%), pipe borne outside dwelling (26.5%), protected well (12.0%), pipe-borne inside dwelling (11.6%) and public tap/standpipe (8.0%). Households that use dugout/lake/dam/canal for other domestic use constitutes 1.8 percent while tanker supply/vendor and unprotected well is 1.5 percent each.

The use of bore-hole/pump/tube well is common among rural dwelling units (58.0%) than in urban (25.2%). The use of rain water is insignificant (0.1%) while rural localities (0.2%) and urban (0.1%).

8.8 Bathing and Toilet Facilities

8.8.1 Type of toilet facility used by households

It is very important for every household to have an efficient and hygienic method of human waste disposal available in a dwelling unit, but a different situation is seen whereby there are no such facilities, which is improper for the community as whole. From Table 8.11 attests to the fact that 41.8 percent of the households in the Wa Municipality had no toilet facilities in their homes and therefore resort to free range in bushes and open fields. In the rural areas it is worse with 70.8 percent while that for urban localities it is 30.4 percent.

The second type of toilet facility patronised by households is public toilet (WC, KVIP, Pit, Pan, etc.), which accounts for 37.0 percent for the entire Municipality, urban localities (44.4%) and rural areas (18.1%). This is followed by WC (water closet), with a proportion of 10.1 percent, 11.8 percent for urban localities and 5.7 percent among rural areas. The least used type of toilet facility is bucket/pan with insignificant proportions.

8.8.2 Type of bathing facility used by households

Table 8.11 shows the type of bathing facility used by households. From the Table, shared separate bathroom in the same house constitutes the most common type of bathing facility 42.7 percent, own bathroom for exclusive use of households (29.4%), and shared open cubicle (14.1%) and private open cubicle (5.3%). Open space around the house and public bath house accounts for 4.4 and 3.4 percent respectively. The least used type of bathing facility by households is river/pond/lake/dam.

In the urban areas of the Municipality, the commonest type of bathing facility used by households is shared separate bathroom in the same house, own bathroom for exclusive use of households (24.9%) and then shared open cubicle (16.2%). The least was river/pond/lake/dam. In the rural areas of the Municipality, however, own bathroom for exclusive use of households (40.9%) is the commonest bathing facility used, followed by shared separate bathroom in the same house (33.9%) while shared open cubicle (8.7%). The least used bathing facility is river/pond/lake/dam.

Table 8.11: Type of toilet facility and bathing facility used by household by type of locality

| Toilet facility/Bathing facility | Total | | District | | | |
|--|-----------|---------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| | Country | Region | Total | | Urban | Rural |
| | | | Number | Percent | | |
| Toilet facility used by household | | | | | | |
| Total | 5,467,054 | 110,174 | 18,891 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| No facilities (bush/beach/field) | 1,056,382 | 80,321 | 7,897 | 41.8 | 30.4 | 70.8 |
| W.C. | 839,611 | 3,440 | 1,907 | 10.1 | 11.8 | 5.7 |
| Pit latrine | 1,040,883 | 6,853 | 735 | 3.9 | 4.6 | 2.0 |
| KVIP | 572,824 | 4,929 | 1,285 | 6.8 | 8.2 | 3.2 |
| Bucket/pan | 40,678 | 112 | 24 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Public toilet (WC, KVIP, Pit, Pan, etc.) | 1,893,291 | 14,016 | 6,984 | 37.0 | 44.4 | 18.1 |
| Other | 23,385 | 503 | 59 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| Bathing facility used by household | | | | | | |
| Total | 5,467,054 | 110,174 | 18,891 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Own bathroom for exclusive use | 1,535,392 | 47,176 | 5,557 | 29.4 | 24.9 | 40.9 |
| Shared separate bathroom in the same house | 1,818,522 | 23,638 | 8,063 | 42.7 | 46.2 | 33.9 |
| Private open cubicle | 381,979 | 11,927 | 994 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 7.1 |
| Shared open cubicle | 1,000,257 | 11,561 | 2,656 | 14.1 | 16.2 | 8.7 |
| Public bath house | 140,501 | 1,643 | 642 | 3.4 | 4.5 | 0.7 |
| Bathroom in another house | 187,337 | 898 | 95 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.8 |
| Open space around house | 372,556 | 12,856 | 835 | 4.4 | 3.1 | 7.8 |
| River/pond/lake/dam | 14,234 | 180 | 21 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Other | 16,276 | 295 | 28 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

8.9 Method of Waste Disposal

8.9.1 Method of solid waste disposal

There is a growing concern all over the country about the indiscriminate disposal of solid waste into places such as gutters, rivers, streams and other open drains. Table 8.12 shows that 44.6 percent of the households in the Wa Municipality disposed of their solid waste in a public dump (container) while 23.6 percent also disposed in public dump (open space). However, 17.6 percent of the household also dump their solid waste indiscriminately and this behaviour calls for concern and the need for the Municipal Assembly to act to forestall any looming public health disaster. Less than five percent 4.3 percent of the households' solid waste is collected by Zoomlion while 1.6 percent of households buried the solid waste and the less than one percent (0.5%) is disposed through other means.

In urban areas, the overall disposal of solid waste is largely by public dump (container) which constitutes 55.9 percent, public dump (open space) 15.7 percent, indiscriminate disposal accounts for 15.3 percent. On the other hand, in the rural areas the disposal of solid waste is mainly by public dump (open space) which accounts for 43.5 percent, followed by indiscriminate dumping of solid waste (23.4%) and 15.9 percent for public dump (container).

Table 8.12: Method of solid and liquid waste disposal by type of locality

| Method of waste disposal | Total | | District | | | |
|---|-----------|---------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| | Country | Region | Total | | Urban | Rural |
| | | | Number | Percent | | |
| Solid waste | | | | | | |
| Total | 5,467,054 | 110,174 | 18,891 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Collected | 785,889 | 5,123 | 815 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 4.1 |
| Burned by household | 584,820 | 6,518 | 1,490 | 7.9 | 7.0 | 10.1 |
| Public dump (container) | 1,299,654 | 13,969 | 8,425 | 44.6 | 55.9 | 15.9 |
| Public dump (open space) | 2,061,403 | 40,538 | 4,451 | 23.6 | 15.7 | 43.5 |
| Dumped indiscriminately | 498,868 | 39,635 | 3,326 | 17.6 | 15.3 | 23.4 |
| Buried by household | 182,615 | 3,515 | 293 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 2.6 |
| Other | 53,805 | 876 | 91 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| Liquid waste | | | | | | |
| Total | 5,467,054 | 110,174 | 18,891 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Through the sewerage system | 183,169 | 1,746 | 742 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 5.1 |
| Through drainage system into a gutter | 594,404 | 3,573 | 1,961 | 10.4 | 11.8 | 6.7 |
| Through drainage into a pit (soak away) | 167,555 | 3,633 | 1,190 | 6.3 | 6.0 | 7.2 |
| Thrown onto the street/outside | 1,538,550 | 71,344 | 10,116 | 53.5 | 51.9 | 57.7 |
| Thrown into gutter | 1,020,096 | 3,958 | 1,452 | 7.7 | 9.4 | 3.3 |
| Thrown onto compound | 1,924,986 | 25,348 | 3,343 | 17.7 | 16.9 | 19.6 |
| Other | 38,294 | 572 | 87 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

8.9.2 Method of liquid waste disposal

Concerns have been raised on the way liquid waste is being disposed in the country. Table 8.12 indicates that throwing liquid waste onto the street/outside (53.5%) is the most common and the next common way is throwing onto compound (17.7). It is the same with the urban and rural sections in the Municipality. However for rural areas (57.7%) is throwing liquid waste onto the street/outside is more than the urban figure of 51.9 percent. The second method for liquid disposal is throwing onto compound, accounts for 19.6 percent for the rural areas and 16.9 percent for the urban localities.

CHAPTER NINE

SUMMARY FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Introduction

The 2010 Population and Housing Census (PHC) District Analytical report, the first of its kind at the District/Municipality level since modern census in the country, aims at providing useful information and data for planners, development experts, academics and policy makers as well.

The report captures data on basic demographic and socio-economic characteristics such as age, sex, relationship to head of household, marital status, religion, literacy, educational level, economic characteristics and housing as well as information communication technology (ICT), disability, fertility, mortality and migration and agriculture in Wa Municipality.

9.2 Summary of Findings

Wa Municipality is one of the eleven Districts/Municipalities that make up the Upper West Region of Ghana. It was upgraded from then Wa District in 2004 with Legislative Instrument (LI) 1800 in pursuant of the policy of decentralization started in 1988. Under section 10 of the Local Government Act 1993 (Act 426), the Assembly exercises deliberative, legislative and executive functions in the Municipality. The Wa Municipality shares administrative boundaries with Nadowli District to the north, Wa East District to the east and south and west Wa West District. It lies within latitudes 1°40'N to 2°45'N and longitudes 9°32'W to 10°20'W.

Wa Municipality has its capital as Wa which also serves as the Regional capital of Upper West Region. It has a land area of approximately 579.86 square kilometers, which is about 6.4 percent of the Region. The Assembly is empowered as the highest political and administrative body charged with the responsibility of facilitating the implementation of National policies.

9.2.1 Population size, structure and density

The population of Wa Municipality in 2010 is 107,214 that make up 15.3 percent of the population of Upper West Region. Males constitute 49.74 percent while the females represents 50.6 percent. The urban population is 66.3 percent with the remaining 33.7 percent being rural. The proportion of the population under 15 years is 34.5 percent while 12.3 percent is under 5 years old. The youthful population (15-35 years) constitutes 44.0 percent of the total population of the Municipality. The dependency ratio is 65.1 percent, the lowest among the District/Municipality in the Upper West Region. The population density of the Wa Municipality is 184.90 per a square land area.

9.2.2 Nationality

The Wa Municipality has 93.9 percent of its population that constitutes Ghanaians by birth, 2.6 percent hold dual nationality (Ghanaian and other nationality) while 1.0 percent are Ghanaian by naturalisation. In all 97.5 percent of the population are Ghanaians.

9.2.3 Fertility, mortality and migration

(a) Fertility

The General Fertility Rate (GFR)-the number of births per 1000 women aged 15-49 years-of Wa Municipality is 82.63, which is lower than the Regional GFR (97.41). The crude birth rate is 22.66 which is lower than the Upper West Regional crude birth rate of 23.06.

(b) Mortality

A total of 538 deaths accounted in households over the last twelve months preceding the enumeration. This is the third lowest after Sissala East and Sissala West Districts in descending order of deaths in the Region. The crude death rate which is the number of deaths per 1000 of the population in a given year is 5.02. This implies that five out of 1000 persons died over the past 12 months before the census enumeration.

(c) Migration

The total number of migrants 24,245 forms 22.6 percent of the total population 107,214. There are 8,818 (36.4%) migrants within the Municipality who are born in the Upper West Region, 29.2 percent have resided for 1-4 years. The percentage of those born elsewhere in another region but living in the Municipality is 24,926 (63.6%). This means that most migrants born elsewhere in another Region tend to stay longer in the Municipality as compared to the proportions of those born elsewhere in the region but living in the Municipality.

9.2.4 Households size, structure and composition

Households' population in the Municipality is 102,264, with 68.2 percent in the urban localities and 34.1 percent in the rural localities. Children constitute the largest proportion of household members (44.2%). Less than one-fifth (18.5%) of households' members in the Municipality are heads of households. Twenty-one percent of the households are in the Nuclear family accounts for single parent nuclear while for extended families systems persons in extended + non relative constitutes 40.6 percent

9.2.5 Marital status

The population 12 years and older who are currently married form 45.4 percent while 0.5 percent are living together or in a consensual union. Those who have never married are 48.2 percent and those who have ever married but are no more in any marital union are 5.8 percent (separated 0.8%, divorced 1.1%, widowed 4.0%). Of the total population above 12 years, 35.4 percent had no education, 32.0 percent had education up to the basic level and 10.9 percent had tertiary education.

There are some differences between the marital statuses of the sexes and education. Of all marital status, the highest proportions that have no education are widowed (81.8%). The highest proportion of the entire marital status that has basic education is divorce (27.0%). This may mean that there is less incidence of divorce among the educated compared to the uneducated (54.0%). The proportion of married males who have no education is 45.3 percent and that of females is 63.0 percent showing that the uneducated married females are more, proportionally.

9.2.6 Religious affiliation

Muslims make up 65.9 percent of the population in the Municipality. Christian groups collectively make up 29.0 percent of the population. The largest religious group among the Christians category is the Catholic (18.5% of the population). The Pentecostal/Charismatic group consists of 5.0 percent and other religion is 0.4 percent. Those who claimed no affiliation to any religion is 0.6 percent.

9.2.7 Literacy and education

Over 6 out of every 10 persons 51,067 (65.2%) aged 11 years and older in the Municipality are literate and the remaining 27,206 (34.8%) is not literate. More than half (60.7%) of the literate population (51,067) are literate in English and Ghanaian language, 33.7 percent are literate in English only and 2.8 percent are literate in Ghanaian Language only. The least language of literacy is English and French (0.3%).

Again, 55.8% percent of males (28,498) aged 11 years and older are literate and 36.7 percent (9,974) are not literate. Literate females (22,569) constitute 44.2 percent and that of the non-literate (not literate) is 63.3 percent (17,232).

9.2.8 Economic characteristics

Economic activity status for person 15 years and older was analysed. The population aged 15 years and older is 65.1 percent of the total population 107,214. Almost six out of every ten people (54.8%) of the total population 15 years and older are economically active. The economically not active group (those not working and not seeking employment) are 45.2 percent. The proportion of males who are economically active is 53.7 percent and the females proportion is 56 percent.

Skilled agriculture, forestry and fishery employ the largest (29.3%) of the employed population. The next largest is service and sales which employs 25.7 percent. Craft and related trades also employ 18.5 percent. Managers, professionals, and technician's together constitute 13.2 percent of the employed. The proportion of males in skilled agriculture, forestry and fishery (32.3%) is higher than the proportion of females in the same category (26.4%). However, for the service and sales workers group, the proportion of females is 36.5 percent which far exceeds that of the males (14.2%). This may be due to the low educational levels of females, as a result of which they go into petty trading, hairdressing, tailoring and other service occupations. Clerical support workers employ the second least proportion of males (2.0%) while plant and machinery operators and assemblers constitute the least of the females (0.7%) employed.

There is 30.2 percent of the population in agriculture, forestry and fishing industry. This means that over three out of every ten persons are in this industry. The wholesale and retail industry has 20.6 percent, the manufacturing industry has 12.5 percent, while accommodation and food service activities have 5.3 percent. Education takes 7.3 percent of the employed. The proportion of males in the agriculture, forestry and fishing industry (33.0%) is more than that of the females (27.7%). On the other hand the females proportion in wholesale and retail; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles (25.9%) is far more than that of the males (15.0%). The manufacturing industry employs 8.7 percent of males and 16.1 percent of females. The industry which employs the least is the real estate industry and it has only four people, males. Activities of extraterritorial organizations and bodies also employ only eight people, six are males and two females.

The highest proportion of the employed (53.1%) is self-employed (without employees). Also, 5.0 percent are employees, 12.4 percent are “contributing family workers,” while 2.1 percent is casual workers and 4.7 percent is apprentices. The proportion for self-employed (with employees) is very low (5.0%) compared to the self-employed (without employees), 53.1 percent. The proportion of the self-employed (without employees) for the females (57.9%) far outweighs that of the males (48.0%). The proportion of females who are “contributing family workers” (15.4%) also exceeds that of males (12.4%). On the contrary, while 5.7 percent of the employed males are employees, only 4.3 percent of the employed females are employees. This may be attributed to the low education of the females that does not enable them to enter formal sectors, but rather take to petty trading as self-employers due to insufficient capital outlay.

While the public (government sector) employs only 14.1 percent of the employed; the private informal employs 80.1 percent. There are more males in the formal sector and more females in the informal sector. Employed males in the public sector are 18.5 percent and that of the females 10.0 percent. Both proportions (for male and female in the public sector) are higher than those in the private formal sector (male 6.6%, female 3.5%). Females employed in the private informal sector exceed (86.0%) that of the males (73.3%). The situation has implications on the accessibility to social security, banking, and credit facilities by women.

9.2.9 Information communication technology

Information communication technologies have become part and parcel of modern day life; this is reflected in the observed numbers and proportions of the population with access to mobile phones and internet facilities as well as household ownership of computers and fixed telephone lines.

With respect to ownership of mobile phones, 47.8 percent of population aged 12 years and older owned mobile phones and this is an indication that mobile phones have become important for communication in Wa Municipality. The population using internet facility, although not as high as those who had mobile phones, also shows that about 13.4 percent of the populace are in tune with internet. From the analysis, it is revealed that 2.4 percent of the households in the Wa Municipality use fixed telephone lines and 12.9 percent of the households own either desktop or laptop computer.

9.2.10 Disability

Modern day society is interspersed with population with disability and Wa Municipality is not exceptional from the 2010 Population and Housing Census. This is the first of its kind that questions on socio-economic characteristics of persons with disability are included in the 2010 PHC. From the analysis, it shows clearly that 2.6 percent of the population in Wa Municipality had disability and the female population 1,407 are with disability is a bit higher than males population (1,381) with disability. The females’ proportion of the population with disability is disadvantaged in terms of educational attainment.

Furthermore, the analysis reveals that the highest type of disability with the population with disability in Wa Municipality is associated with emotional trouble, constituting 0.8 percent of the population with disability (2,788). These results indicate that this component of the population would need to be targeted for further studies to identify their needs and challenges.

9.2.11 Agricultural activities

It is the first time a census had collected data on agricultural activities. This had made it possible for analysis to be made on households' activities in agriculture in the Wa Municipality. The population of agricultural household constitutes 30.9 percent of the entire total household population.

Of the agricultural households, 82.9 percent were engaged in crop farming, 48.5 percent in livestock rearing and 3.7 percent in tree planting. It was striking to know that livestock rearing is higher in the urban areas than in the rural areas.

9.2.12 Housing conditions

In brief, Wa Municipality during the 2010 Population and Housing Census had average households per house to be 2.0, population per house as 10.7 and average household size of 5.4 which is better than the Upper West Regional figure of 6.2. Ownership status of dwelling units is by household's members (55.4%) and ownership by private individual in females headed households is higher than ownership by private individual in males headed households.

The most common type of dwelling unit in the Municipality is compound houses and it is further reveals that females headed households occupying rooms in compound houses are higher (60.0%) than males headed households (57.6%) occupying rooms in compound houses.

More so, the common type of materials used for outer wall and flooring in the Municipality is cement/concrete. Metal sheet is mainly used for roofing.

Furthermore, the analysis on the main source of cooking fuel reveals that 55.2 percent of the households use charcoal and 22.9 percent accounts for wood usage as source cooking fuel. This calls for concern since it has serious implications for deforestation and climate change as a result of the cutting of trees for production of charcoal and wood for fuel.

Finally, the sanitary conditions in terms of toilet facilities and the method of liquid disposal have been discussed. About 42 percent of the households had no toilet facilities and therefore resorted to bushes and open fields for defecation. The method for liquid waste disposal is mainly throwing on the streets and open spaces.

9.3 Policy Implications and Recommendations

In view of the findings made on the 2010 Population and Housing Census in the Municipal analytical report, some policy implications on the various indicators such as demographic, social, economics, agriculture, dwellings characteristics among others are identified. Recommendations are made in this direction in trying to suggest ways of dealing with the policy implications of the findings.

From the analysis, in every ten households two are headed by females (10.2%). This is contrary to the popular perception that almost all households are headed by males. It would be worth noting for policy makers, health promotion professionals and other development experts are designing messages and interventions at the community or household level.

The report further reveals that (48.0%) of the population 12 years and older use mobile phones. Mobile phone communication networks should be encouraged, especially access should be expanded to the rural areas which are often the most deprived of this facility due to poor network coverage.

As low as 13.4 percent of persons 12 years and older use internet in the Municipality. As well, only 12.9 percent of households have desktop/laptop. This must be taken seriously considering the importance of computer and internet in teaching and learning, information dissemination and many more. Private-public partnerships and other interventions should be initiated to expand computer ownership and the use of internet in the Municipality.

The use of charcoal (55.2%) and wood (22.9%) as the major sources of cooking fuel has negative implications on the vegetation. It could lead to rapid deforestation if not addressed early enough. The use of gas should be encouraged to curb the use of wood and charcoal.

Despite the presence of a campus of the University for Development Studies (UDS), a Polytechnic and a teacher training college in the Municipality, less than half of the population 11 years and older are literate. One contributory factor could be that the University and other institutions mainly serve non-residents. Measures must be taken to ensure that the population benefits from the location of UDS, the Polytechnic and the teacher training college. Also, attention should be paid to upgrading the standard of schools at all levels of education in the Municipality.

An analysis of toilet and bathing facilities can be used to assess sanitary conditions and poverty levels. Households that use open space around the house are 41.8 percent and the proportion of dwelling units that use public toilets is 37.0 percent. There are more households without toilet facility in rural localities (70.8%) than in the urban (30.4%). Existing by-laws should be enforced by the Municipal Assembly to ensure that housing facilities have adequate toilet facilities.

Finally, the dependency ratio in the Municipality is 65.1, meaning that for every 100 people in the working population (15-64 years); there are about 65 people who depend on them for survival. This ratio is high despite the fact it is the least in the Region. Considering the fact that the service sector employs majority of the population the Municipal Assembly should invest in small scale industries to absorb the teeming unemployed youth.

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APPENDICES

Table A1: Population by sex, households and houses in 20 largest communities

| S/No. | Community Name | Sex | | | House holds | Houses |
|-------|----------------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|--------|
| | | Total | Male | Female | | |
| 1 | Wa | 71,340 | 35,282 | 36,058 | 13,617 | 5,904 |
| 2 | Kpongu | 3,455 | 1,810 | 1,645 | 444 | 327 |
| 3 | Charia | 2,615 | 1,235 | 1,380 | 388 | 370 |
| 4 | Bamahu | 2,542 | 1,404 | 1,138 | 422 | 212 |
| 5 | Dandafuro | 2,003 | 977 | 1,026 | 462 | 247 |
| 6 | Nakori | 1,633 | 799 | 834 | 164 | 156 |
| 7 | Busa | 1,392 | 702 | 690 | 163 | 124 |
| 8 | Kperisi | 1,362 | 694 | 668 | 179 | 152 |
| 9 | Goohi | 1,352 | 649 | 703 | 252 | 29 |
| 10 | Sing | 1,284 | 660 | 624 | 173 | 150 |
| 11 | Boli | 1,256 | 581 | 675 | 204 | 124 |
| 12 | Jonga | 1,100 | 535 | 565 | 167 | 144 |
| 13 | Kolikpara | 948 | 418 | 530 | 56 | 14 |
| 14 | Piisi | 891 | 422 | 469 | 171 | 86 |
| 15 | Chansa | 874 | 440 | 434 | 144 | 134 |
| 16 | Kpalinye | 861 | 355 | 506 | 121 | 79 |
| 17 | Konjiahi | 832 | 397 | 435 | 116 | 101 |
| 18 | Danko | 825 | 412 | 413 | 152 | 184 |
| 19 | Chegli | 810 | 430 | 380 | 89 | 63 |
| 20 | Gberu | 785 | 410 | 375 | 97 | 94 |

Source: Ghana Statistical Service, 2010 Population and Housing Census

Table A2: Population by age group in the 20 largest communities

| S/No. | Community Name | Age Group | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|----------------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | All ages | 0-4 | 5-9 | 10-14 | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-29 | 30-34 | 35-39 | 40-44 | 45-49 | 50-54 | 55-59 | 60-64 | 65-69 | 70-74 | 75+ |
| 1 | Wa | 71,340 | 8,280 | 7,974 | 7,452 | 8,439 | 10,674 | 7,074 | 4,985 | 3,974 | 3,012 | 2,265 | 1,875 | 1,194 | 1,201 | 746 | 808 | 1,387 |
| 2 | Kpongu | 3,455 | 426 | 389 | 314 | 369 | 859 | 278 | 165 | 140 | 142 | 115 | 72 | 40 | 35 | 35 | 28 | 48 |
| 3 | Charia | 2,615 | 324 | 383 | 355 | 326 | 213 | 154 | 110 | 118 | 97 | 65 | 91 | 51 | 94 | 54 | 68 | 112 |
| 4 | Bamahu | 2,542 | 227 | 230 | 180 | 331 | 893 | 215 | 93 | 67 | 50 | 51 | 47 | 25 | 32 | 23 | 30 | 48 |
| 5 | Dandafuro | 2,003 | 304 | 296 | 236 | 216 | 223 | 179 | 119 | 100 | 80 | 66 | 53 | 27 | 33 | 22 | 21 | 28 |
| 6 | Nakori | 1,633 | 269 | 265 | 221 | 165 | 128 | 121 | 107 | 85 | 45 | 51 | 37 | 31 | 30 | 24 | 20 | 34 |
| 7 | Busa | 1,392 | 189 | 180 | 153 | 146 | 192 | 131 | 95 | 72 | 47 | 50 | 33 | 29 | 18 | 16 | 12 | 29 |
| 8 | Kperisi | 1,362 | 244 | 247 | 177 | 111 | 71 | 99 | 56 | 67 | 52 | 59 | 35 | 16 | 44 | 19 | 22 | 43 |
| 9 | Goohi | 1,352 | 133 | 156 | 148 | 158 | 175 | 112 | 88 | 57 | 56 | 59 | 34 | 28 | 25 | 20 | 31 | 72 |
| 10 | Sing | 1,284 | 243 | 213 | 180 | 121 | 92 | 75 | 87 | 64 | 53 | 27 | 26 | 11 | 26 | 10 | 29 | 27 |
| 11 | Boli | 1,256 | 128 | 136 | 142 | 157 | 209 | 124 | 81 | 61 | 52 | 35 | 40 | 24 | 15 | 21 | 12 | 19 |
| 12 | Jonga | 1,100 | 230 | 186 | 130 | 92 | 59 | 82 | 66 | 52 | 52 | 35 | 27 | 11 | 28 | 6 | 21 | 23 |
| 13 | Kolikpara | 948 | 32 | 29 | 46 | 165 | 467 | 57 | 20 | 23 | 14 | 17 | 22 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 17 | 18 |
| 14 | Piisi | 891 | 73 | 75 | 71 | 157 | 230 | 69 | 57 | 29 | 32 | 25 | 21 | 15 | 13 | 7 | 3 | 14 |
| 15 | Chansa | 874 | 162 | 139 | 102 | 85 | 55 | 64 | 34 | 47 | 51 | 33 | 23 | 7 | 17 | 8 | 19 | 28 |
| 16 | Kpalinye | 861 | 57 | 70 | 112 | 124 | 98 | 60 | 69 | 38 | 65 | 38 | 61 | 32 | 27 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| 17 | Konjiahi | 832 | 154 | 168 | 98 | 58 | 49 | 41 | 45 | 43 | 38 | 24 | 20 | 14 | 21 | 19 | 13 | 27 |
| 18 | Danko | 825 | 98 | 99 | 78 | 61 | 100 | 102 | 68 | 36 | 36 | 24 | 34 | 18 | 23 | 19 | 16 | 13 |
| 19 | Chegli | 810 | 74 | 75 | 97 | 131 | 84 | 41 | 63 | 48 | 29 | 27 | 31 | 27 | 19 | 8 | 22 | 34 |
| 20 | Gberu | 785 | 152 | 122 | 107 | 77 | 44 | 49 | 58 | 52 | 28 | 24 | 20 | 10 | 10 | 1 | 11 | 20 |

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