

## Benin



<b>Area ('000 km<sup>2</sup>):</b>	112.6
<b>Population (million), 1998:</b>	5.8
<b>Population growth (annual aver.), 1990-98:</b>	2.7
<b>Official language:</b>	French
<b>Currency:</b>	CFA franc
<b>GNP per capita (\$), 1998:</b>	380
<b>Percentage shares in GDP, 1998:</b>	
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	38.6
Industry (including <i>manufacturing</i> )	13.5 (8.2)
Services (private and public)	47.9
Gross domestic investment	17.1
<b>Exports of goods and serv. (% of GDP), 1998:</b>	23.3
<b>Main employer (% of labour force), 1998:</b>	
Agriculture	56

<b>Life expectancy at birth (m/f), 1990-95:</b>	52/55
<b>Under-5 mortality rate, 1998:</b> (per 1,000 live births)	165
<b>Daily calorie intake per capita (% of minimum requirements), 1996-98:</b>	139.2
<b>Population with access to safe water (%), urban/rural, 1997:</b>	71/46
<b>Adult literacy rate (%), m/f, 1995:</b>	45/19
<b>Transport, 1998:</b>	
Road network density (km/1,000 km <sup>2</sup> )	60.3
Aircraft departures	2,000
<b>Installed electricity capacity, 1996:</b> (kW/1,000 inhab.)	3
<b>Telephone (units per 1,000 inhab.), 1998:</b>	6.6
<b>Number of tourist arrivals, 1998:</b>	152,000
<b>Total exp. of goods and serv. (\$ m), 1998:</b>	537
<b>Main export sector (% of total exp.), 1997:</b>	
Cotton yarn	38.9
<b>Main markets for exports of goods (%), 1998:</b>	
Developing countries	69.6
<i>Main destination: Asia</i>	28.8
<b>Main sources of imports of goods (%), 1998:</b>	
Developed market economy countries	58.4
<i>Main origin: European Union</i>	49.7
<b>Foreign direct investment inflows (\$ m), 1998:</b>	35
<b>Total net financial inflows (\$ m), 1998:</b> <i>of which: ODA (\$ m/%)</i>	172.5 210.4/122.0*
<b>External debt (\$ m), 1998:</b>	1,633
As % of GDP	71
Debt service as % of exports	10

\* See explanatory note 5 on page 2