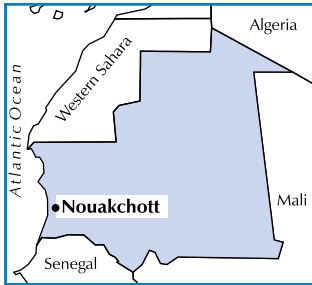


Mauritania



Area ('000 km²):	1,025
Population (million), 1998:	2.5
Population growth (annual aver.), 1990-98:	2.8
Official language:	Arabic
Currency:	Ouguiya
GNP per capita (\$), 1998:	410
Percentage shares in GDP, 1998:	
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	24.8
Industry (including <i>manufacturing</i>)	29.5 (9.1)
Services (private and public)	45.7
Gross domestic investment	21.0
Exports of goods and serv. (% of GDP), 1998:	41.1
Main employer (% of labour force), 1998:	
Agriculture	53

Life expectancy at birth (m/f), 1990-95:	52/56
Under-5 mortality rate, 1998: (per 1,000 live births)	183
Daily calorie intake per capita (% of minimum requirements), 1996-98:	143.4
Population with access to safe water (% , urban/rural), 1998:	34/40
Adult literacy rate (% , m/f), 1995:	49/27
Transport, 1998:	
Road network density (km/1,000 km ²)	7.5
Aircraft departures	5,000
Installed electricity capacity, 1996: (kW/1,000 inhab.)	45
Telephone (units per 1,000 inhab.), 1998:	5.8
Number of tourist arrivals, 1998:	..
Total exp. of goods and serv. (\$ m), 1998:	407
Main export sector (% of total exp.), 1998:	
Iron ore	47.8
Main markets for exports of goods (%), 1998:	
Developed market economy countries	81.2
<i>Main destination:</i> European Union	62.3
Main sources of imports of goods (%), 1998:	
Developed market economy countries	67.7
<i>Main origin:</i> European Union	60.2
Foreign direct investment inflows (\$ m), 1998:	0.1
Total net financial inflows (\$ m), 1998:	125.6
<i>of which:</i> net ODA (\$ m/%)	171.5/136.5*
External debt (\$ m), 1998:	2,378
As % of GDP	240
Debt service as % of exports	26

* See explanatory note 5 on page 2