

Benin



Area ('000 km²):	112.7
Population (millions), 1997:	5.7
Capital:	Porto Novo
Official language:	French
Currency:	CFA franc
GNP per capita (\$), 1997:	380
Percentage shares in GDP, 1997:	
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	38.4
Industry (including <i>manufacturing</i>)	14 (8.4)
Services (private and public)	47.7
Gross domestic investment	18.5
Exports of goods and serv. (% of GDP), 1997:	24.8
Main employer (% of labour force), 1997:	
Agriculture	57

Life expectancy (male/female), 1990-95:	51/56
Infant mortality rate, 1997: (per 1,000 live births)	102
Daily calorie intake per capita (% of regional minimum requirements), 1997:	138.2
Population with access to safe water (% , urban/rural), 1997:	46/71
Adult literacy rate (% , male/female), 1995:	49/26
Transport, 1996 or latest available:	
Road network density (km/1,000 km ²)	60.3
Railway network density (km/1,000 km ²)	5.1
Installed electricity capacity, 1995: (kW/1,000 inhabitants)	3
Telephone (units per 1,000 inhabitants), 1996:	5.9
Number of tourist arrivals, 1997:	150,000
Total exports of goods and serv. (\$ m), 1997:	530
Main export sector (% of total exports), 1995-97: Cotton yarn	38.5
Main markets for exports (% shares), 1997: Developing countries	74.7
<i>Main destination: Asia</i>	
Main sources of imports (% shares), 1997: Developed market economy countries	59.5
<i>Main origin: European Union</i>	49.5
Foreign direct investment inflows (\$ m), 1997:	27.4
Total financial flows (\$ m), 1997: <i>of which: ODA (\$ m/%)</i>	225/82.2
External debt (\$ m), 1997: As % of GDP	1,760
Debt service as % of exports	82
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