

## Benin



<b>Surface area ('000 km<sup>2</sup>):</b>	112.6
<b>Population (million), 2005:</b>	8.4
<b>Population growth rate (%), 2000-2005:</b>	3.2
<b>Official language:</b>	French
<b>Currency:</b>	CFA franc
<b>GNI per capita (\$), 2004:</b>	530
<b>Percentage shares in GDP, 2003:</b>	
Agriculture	35.7
Industry (including <i>manufacturing</i> )	14.4 (9.0)
Services	50.0
Gross capital formation	18.2
Gross domestic savings	5.5
Exports of goods and services	14.0
Imports of goods and services	26.8
<b>Agricultural labour force</b>	
(% of total labour force), 2004:	50

<b>Life expectancy at birth (m/f), 2003:</b>	52/54
<b>HIV prevalence among adults (%), end-2003:</b>	1.9
<b>Under-5 mortality rate, 2003:</b> (per 1,000 live births)	154
<b>Population undernourished (%), 2000-2002:</b>	15
<b>Population using improved drinking water sources</b> (%, urban/rural), 2002:	79/60
<b>Adult literacy rate (%), m/f, 2000:</b>	52/24
<b>Transport:</b>	
Road density (km/1,000 km <sup>2</sup> ), 1999:	61.4
Aircraft departures, 2001:	700
<b>Population with access to electricity (%), 2000:</b>	22
<b>Telephone mainlines (per 1,000 people), 2003:</b>	9
<b>Number of tourist arrivals, 2002:</b>	72,000
<b>Exports of goods and services (\$ m), 2003:</b>	488.3
<b>Imports of goods and services (\$ m), 2003:</b>	929.8
<b>Main export sector</b>	
(% of total exports of goods and services), 2003:	
Cotton yarn	30.8
<b>Main markets for exports of goods (%), 2004:</b>	
Developing countries	89.8
<i>Main destination:</i> Asia (China)	63.1 (28.0)
<b>Main sources of imports of goods (%), 2004:</b>	
Developing countries	65.9
<i>Main origin:</i> Asia (China)	45.5 (31.4)
<b>Foreign direct investment net inflows (\$ m), 2004:</b>	60.0
<b>ODA net inflows (\$ m), 2004:</b>	377.9
<b>Remittances from workers abroad (\$ m), 2003:</b>	84.0
<b>External debt (\$ m), 2003:</b>	1,828.3
As % of GNI	53.0
Debt service as % of exports	12.3

Source: UNCTAD, *Statistical Profiles of the Least Developed Countries 2005*.