

# BENIN

Capital: Porto Novo

## GEODATA

### Area

112,620 km<sup>2</sup>

### Population

5.17 million (1994)

### Population growth

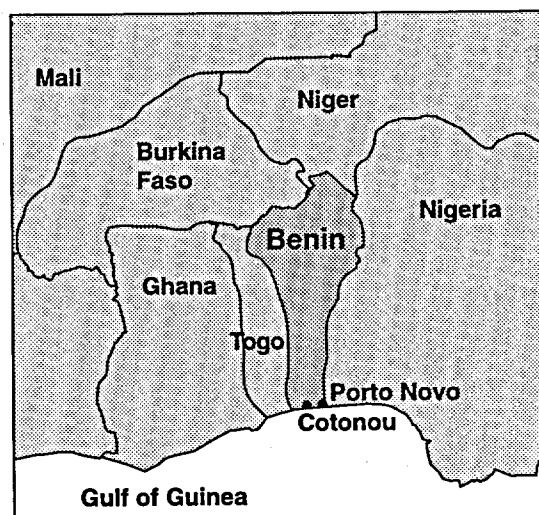
3.2% (1993)

### Major languages

French (official), Fon (centre and south), Yoruba (east) and 6 languages (north)

### Major religions

Animist (70%), Muslim (15%), Christian (15%)



## POLITICAL DATA

### Type of government

Republic

### Leader

President Nicéphore Soglo

### Minister of Foreign Affairs

Edgar Yves Monou

### Democratic institutions

Unicameral legislature

### UN Human Development Index

Benin ranks 155th among 174 countries

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## ECONOMIC DATA

### GDP

\$2.24 billion US (1993)

### GDP growth rate

3.3% (1993)

### GDP per capita

\$168 US (1993)

### Main exports

Cotton, coffee, seeds

### Main imports

Foodstuffs, tobacco, oil and consumer goods

### Main exports to Canada

\$6,000 (1994), including precious and semi-precious stones

### Main imports from Canada

\$2.3 million (1994), including fabrics, steel and iron, vegetable products, electrical equipment, animal products

### Canadian bilateral assistance

\$4.42 million (1993-94)