

# MAURITANIA

Capital: Nouakchott

## GEODATA

### Area

1,030,700 km<sup>2</sup>

### Population

2.3 millions

### Population growth

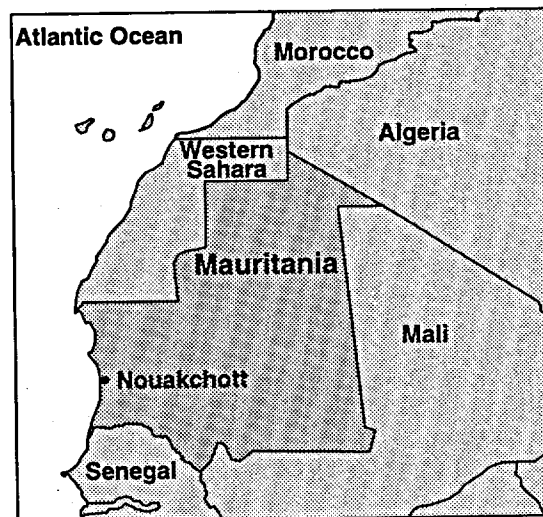
2.5% (1990-95)

### Major languages

Arabic (official), French, Poular, Soninké, Ouolof

### Major religion

Muslim (99%)



## POLITICAL DATA

### Type of government

Republic

### Leaders

President Maaouya Ould Sid Ahmed Taya

Prime Minister Sidi Mohamed Ould Boubacar

### Minister of Foreign Affairs

Mohamed Salem Oued Lekhal

### Democratic institutions

National Assembly, Senate

### UN Human Development Index

Mauritania ranks 150th among 174 countries

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## ECONOMIC DATA

### GDP

\$1.09 billion US (1993)

### GDP growth rate

2.6% (1985-93)

### GDP per capita

\$527 US (1993)

### Major exports

Steel, fish, gypsum

### Major imports

Foodstuffs, consumer goods, oil

### Major exports to Canada

\$0.39 million (1994), including machinery, optical equipment, electrical equipment

### Major imports from Canada

\$4.97 million (1994), including cast iron and steel works, machinery

### Canadian bilateral assistance

\$800,000 (1993-94)