

BURKINA FASO

Capital: Ouagadougou

GEODATA

Area

274,200 km²

Population

10.13 million (July 1994 est.)

Population growth

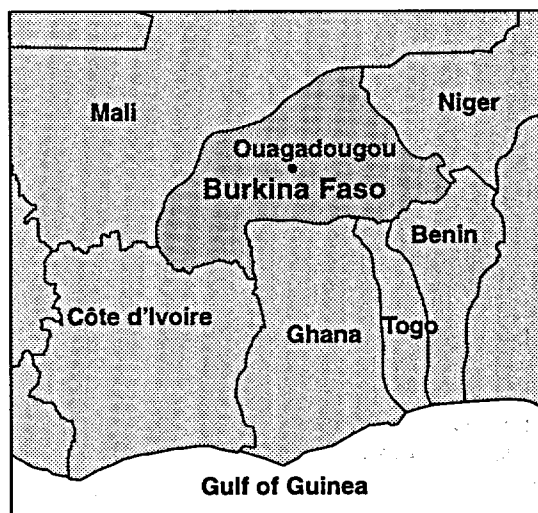
2.8% (1994 est.)

Major languages

French and Sudanese-based languages
(90 % of population)

Major religions

Animist (65%), Muslim (25%), Christian (Catholic) (10%)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

Leaders

President Blaise Compaoré

Prime Minister Marc Christian Kaboré

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Abasse Ouedraogo

Democratic institutions

Unicameral assembly

UN Human Development Index

Burkina Faso ranks 169th among 174 countries

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ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$3.4 billion US (1993)

GDP growth rate

0.4% (1993)

GDP per capita

\$347 US (1993)

Main exports

Gold, cotton, livestock, seeds

Main imports

Oil, machinery, grains, dairy products

Main exports to Canada

\$0.05 million (1994), including precious and semi-precious stones, photographic equipment, artwork, wood

Main imports from Canada

\$16.1 million (1994), including electrical equipment, machinery, vehicles, steel and iron

Canadian bilateral assistance

\$13.25 million (1993-94)