

# TUNISIA

Capital: Tunis

## GEODATA

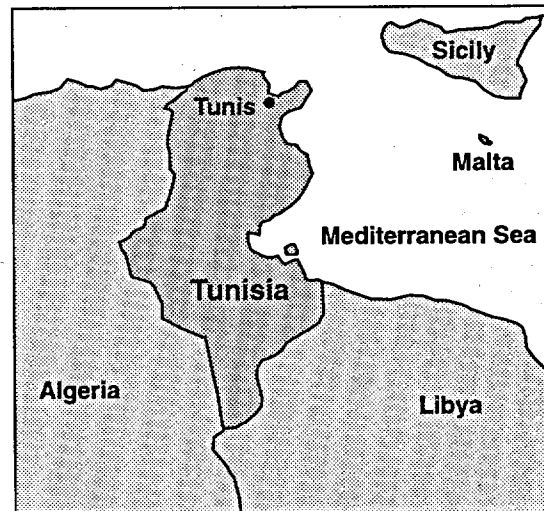
**Area**  
163,610 km<sup>2</sup>

**Population**  
8.73 million (1994 est.)

**Population growth**  
1.9% (1990-95)

**Major languages**  
Arabic (official), French

**Major religions**  
Muslim (98%), Christian (1%), Judaic (1%)



## POLITICAL DATA

**Type of government**  
Republic

**Leaders**  
President Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali  
Prime Minister Hamed Karoui

**Minister of Foreign Affairs**  
Habib Ben Yahia

**Democratic institutions**  
Chamber of Deputies (unicameral)

**UN Human Development Index**  
Tunisia ranks 75th among 174 countries

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## ECONOMIC DATA

**GDP**  
\$15.33 billion US (1993)

**GDP growth rate**  
4.4% (1985-93)

**GDP per capita**  
\$1,800 US (1994 est.)

**Main exports**  
Hydrocarbons, textiles, phosphate, olive oil

**Main imports**  
Raw materials, semi-finished products, energy-related products, consumer goods

**Main exports to Canada**  
\$28.56 million (1994), including vegetable products, textiles, clothing, electrical equipment

**Main imports from Canada**  
\$2.84 million (1994), including salt, sulphur, cement, electrical equipment, paper products, vegetable products

**Canadian bilateral assistance**  
\$430,000 (1993-94)