

UNESCO-UNEVOC International Centre: Statistical Data on West African Countries

	Benin	Burkina Faso	Cape Verde	Chad	Ivory Coast	Gambia	Ghana	Guinea	Guinea Bissau	Liberia	Mali	Mauritania	Niger	Nigeria	Senegal	Sierra Leone	Togo
Geography																	
Capital	Porto-Novo	Ouagadougou	Praia	N'djamena	Abidjan	Banjul	Accra	Conakry	Bissau	Monrovia	Bamako	Nouakchott	Niamey	Lagos	Dakar	Freetown	Lomé
Total area (in km²)	112,620	274,200	4,030	1,284	322,460	11,300	238,540	245,860	36,125	111,370	1,240,192	1,030,700	1,267	923,770	196,722	71,740	56,790
Demographic indicators																	
Total population (in million) 2001¹	6.4	11.6	0.4539	7.9	16.4	1.3	19.7	7.6	1.2	3.2	11.1	2.8	11.2	129.9	9.8	5.1	4.7
Population density (average no. of persons per km²) 2000²	58	42	106	6	50	115	81	33	33	26	9	3	9	127	48	61	80
Population growth¹ (annual %) 2001	2.6	2.4	2.9	2.9	2.4	2.9	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.7	2.3	3.1	3.3	2.3	2.5	2.2	2.8
Urban population (% of total) 2001²	43.0	16.9	63.3	24.2	44.0	31.3	36.4	28.0	32.3	44.5	30.9	59.0	21.1	44.9	48.1	37.3	33.9
Population aged 0-14²	46.4	48.7	39.2	36.4	42.1	40.2	40.9	44.1	43.5	42.7	46.1	44.2	49.9	45.1	44.3	44.2	44.2
Population aged 65 or over (in percent) 2000²	2.7	3.2	4.6	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.2	2.8	3.6	2.9	4.0	3.2	2.0	3.0	2.5	2.9	3.1
Fertility rate, total (births per woman) 2000¹	5.5	6.5	3.7	6.4	4.8	5.0	4.2	5.2	5.8	6.0	6.3	5.7	7.2	5.3	5.1	5.8	5.0
Life expectancy at birth (years) 2000¹	53.0	44.2	68.8	48.5	45.8	53.3	56.9	46.3	44.9	47.2	42.3	51.7	45.7	46.8	52.3	39.2	49.3
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births) 2000¹	87.2	104.4	37.2	101.2	110.8	73.2	58.2	95.0	125.7	111.2	120.4	100.6	114.0	84.4	59.6	153.6	75.3
Estimated percentage of adults (15-49) living with HIV/AIDS, end 2001³	3.6	6.5	...	3.6	9.7	1.6	3.0	...	2.8	...	1.7	...	...	5.8	0.5	7.0	6.0
Indicators related to Education and Communication																	
Adult illiteracy rates estimates for 1995⁴																	
Males and Females	63	80.8	28.4	51.9	59.9	61.4	35.5	64.1	45.1	61.7	69.0	62.3	86.4	42.9	66.9	68.6	48.3
Males	51.3	70.5	...	37.9	50.1	47.2	24.1	50.1	32.0	46.1	60.6	50.4	79.1	32.7	57.0	54.6	33.0
Females	74.2	90.8	...	65.3	70.0	75.1	46.5	78.1	57.5	77.6	76.9	73.7	93.4	52.7	76.8	81.8	63.0
Circulation of daily newspapers per 1,000 inhabitants⁴	1	1	...	0.4	15	1	18	...	6	16	4	0.5	0.4	17	6	5	2
TV sets per 1,000 inhabitants 1995⁴	5.9	5.7	3.6	1.4	62	3.2	92	8.8	...	26	1.9	25	11	55	38	12	12
Internet users, 2000¹	15,000	10,000	8,000	3,000	40,000	4,000	30,000	8,000	3,000	500	18,804	5,000	5,000	...	40,000	5,000	100,000
Gross enrolment ratios at first and second level 1995⁴																	
Males and Females	45	...	...	33	47	48	...	31	...	...	...	46	18	63	41	...	75
Males	59	...	...	46	55	54	...	41	...	...	...	52	23	70	47	...	92
Females	31	...	...	20	37	42	...	21	...	...	...	41	14	56	35	...	57
School life expectancy (years) in 1995⁴	...	2.7	8.8	3.9	...	5.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	12.7	...	...	...	...
Net enrolment ratio at the first level 1995⁴																	
Males and Females	59	31	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	60	...	...	54	...	85
Males	74	37	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	64	...	...	60	...	98
Females	43	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	55	...	...	48	...	72
Percentage of 1994 cohort reaching grade 5⁴	61	79	...	28	73	...	...	80	...	...	72	63	77	80	81	...	71
3rd level students per 100,000 inhabitants 1995⁴	208	93	...	70	396	148	...	...	...	...	...	393	...	367	297	...	281
Public education expenditure as % of GNP 1995⁴	3.1	3.6	...	2.2	...	5.5	2.2	5.0	3.6	...	5.6

... No data available

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¹ The World Bank Group, world development indicators, 2002

² United Nations Population Division, 2001 (<http://esa.un.org>)

³ UNAIDS, Report on the Global HIV/AIDS epidemics 2002

⁴ UNESCO, Division of Statistics