

Facts and Statistics

Algeria

- Full name: The People's Democratic Republic of Algeria
- Population: 35.9 million (UN, 2011)
- Capital: Algiers
- Area: 2.4 million sq km (919,595 sq miles)
- Major languages: Arabic, French, Berber
- Major religion: Islam
- Life expectancy: 72 years (men), 75 years (women) (UN)
- Monetary unit: 1 dinar = 100 centimes
- Main exports: Oil, gas
- GNI per capita: US \$4,470 (World Bank, 2011)

Angola

- Full name: The Republic of Angola
- Population: 19.6 million (UN, 2011)
- Capital: Luanda
- Area: 1.25m sq km (481,354 sq miles)
- Major languages: Portuguese (official), Umbundu, Kimbundu, Kikongo
- Major religion: Christianity
- Life expectancy: 50 years (men), 53 years (women) (UN)
- Monetary unit: 1 kwanza = 100 lwei
- Main exports: Oil, diamonds, minerals, coffee, fish, timber
- GNI per capita: US \$4,060 (World Bank, 2011)

Benin

- Full name: The Republic of Benin
- Population: 9.1 million (UN, 2011)
- Capital: Porto-Novo
- Area: 112,622 sq km (43,484 sq miles)
- Major languages: French (official) Fon, Ge, Bariba, Yoruba, Dendi
- Major religions: Indigenous beliefs, Christianity, Islam
- Life expectancy: 55 years (men), 59 years (women) (UN)
- Monetary unit: 1 CFA (Communaute Financiere Africaine) franc = 100 centimes
- Main exports: Cotton, palm oil
- GNI per capita: US \$780 (World Bank, 2011)

Botswana

- Full name: The Republic of Botswana
- Population: 2 million (UN, 2011)
- Capital: Gaborone
- Area: 581,730 sq km (224,607 sq miles)
- Major languages: English (official), Setswana
- Major religions: Christianity, indigenous beliefs
- Life expectancy: 54 years (men), 51 years (women) (UN)

- Monetary unit: 1 Pula = 100 thebe
- Main exports: Diamonds, copper, nickel, beef
- GNI per capita: US \$7,480 (World Bank, 2011)

Burkina Faso

- Full name: Republic of Burundi
- Population: 8.6 million (UN, 2011)
- Capital: Bujumbura
- Area: 27,816 sq km (10,740 sq miles)
- Major languages: Kirundi (official), French (official), Swahili
- Major religions: Christianity, indigenous beliefs
- Life expectancy: 50 years (men), 53 years (women) (UN)
- Monetary unit: 1 Burundi franc = 100 centimes
- Main exports: coffee, tea, sugar, cotton, hides
- GNI per capita: US \$250 (World Bank, 2011)

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Cameroon

- Full name: Republic of Cameroon
- Population: 20 million (UN, 2011)
- Capital: Yaounde
- Area: 475,442 sq km (183,568 sq miles)
- Major languages: French, English, languages of Bantu, Semi-Bantu and Sudanic groups
- Major religions: Christianity, Islam, indigenous beliefs
- Life expectancy: 51 years (men), 54 years (women) (UN)
- Monetary unit: 1 CFA (Communaute Financiere Africaine) franc = 100 centimes
- Main exports: Crude oil and petroleum products, timber, cocoa, aluminium, coffee, cotton
- GNI per capita: US \$1,210 (World Bank, 2011)

Cape Verde

- Full name: The Republic of Cape Verde

- Population: 501,000 (UN, 2011)
- Capital: Praia
- Area: 4,033 sq km (1,557 sq miles)
- Major languages: Portuguese, Crioulo (a mixture of archaic Portuguese and African words)
- Major religions: Christianity
- Life expectancy: 71 years (men), 78 years (women) (UN)
- Monetary unit: 1 Cape Verdean escudo = 100 centavos
- Main exports: Shoes, clothes, fish, bananas, hides, pozzolana (volcanic rock, used to make cement)
- GNI per capita: US \$3,540 (World Bank, 2011)

Central African Republic

- Full name: Central African Republic
- Population: 4.5 million (UN, 2011)
- Capital: Bangui
- Area: 622,984 sq km (240,535 sq miles)
- Major languages: French, Sangho (lingua franca)
- Major religions: Christianity, Islam, indigenous beliefs
- Life expectancy: 48 years (men), 51 years (women) (UN)
- Monetary unit: 1 CFA (Communaute Financiere Africaine) franc = 100 centimes
- Main exports: Diamonds, timber, cotton, coffee, tobacco
- GNI per capita: US \$470 (World Bank, 2011)

Chad

- Full name: The Republic of Chad
- Population: 11.5 million (UN, 2011)
- Capital: N'Djamena
- Area: 1.28 million sq km (495,800 sq miles)
- Major languages: French, Arabic
- Major religions: Islam, Christianity
- Life expectancy: 49 years (men), 52 years (women) (UN)
- Monetary unit: 1 CFA (Communaute Financiere Africaine) franc = 100 centimes
- Main exports: Cotton, oil, livestock, textiles
- GNI per capita: US \$690 (World Bank, 2011)

Comoros

- Full name: The Union of the Comoros
- Population: 754,000 (UN, 2011)
- Capital: Moroni
- Area: 1,862 sq km (719 sq miles)
- Major languages: Arabic, French, Comoran (a blend of Swahili and Arabic)
- Major religion: Islam
- Life expectancy: 60 years (men), 63 years (women) (UN)
- Monetary unit: 1 Comoran franc = 100 centimes

- Main exports: Vanilla, cloves, perfume oil, copra
- GNI per capita: US \$750 (World Bank, 2010)

Congo Brazaville

- Full name: Republic of the Congo
- Population: 4.1 million (UN, 2011)
- Capital: Brazzaville
- Area: 342,000 sq km (132,047 sq miles)
- Major languages: French, indigenous African languages
- Major religions: Christianity, indigenous African beliefs
- Life expectancy: 57 years (men), 59 years (women) (UN)
- Monetary unit: 1 CFA (Communaute Financiere Africaine) franc = 100 centimes
- Main exports: Oil, timber, plywood, sugar, cocoa, coffee, diamonds
- GNI per capita: US \$2,270 (World Bank, 2011)

Democratic Republic of Congo

- Full name: Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Population: 67.7 million (UN, 2011)
- Capital: Kinshasa
- Area: 2.34 million sq km (905,354 sq miles)
- Major languages: French, Lingala, Kiswahili, Kikongo, Tshiluba
- Major religions: Christianity, Islam
- Life expectancy: 47 years (men), 51 years (women) (UN)
- Monetary unit: 1 Congolese franc = 100 centimes
- Main exports: Diamonds, copper, coffee, cobalt, crude oil
- GNI per capita: US \$190 (World Bank, 2011)

Djibouti

- Full name: The Republic of Djibouti
- Population: 906,000 (UN, 2011)
- Capital: Djibouti
- Area: 23,200 sq km (8,950 sq miles)
- Major languages: French, Arabic, Somali, Afar
- Major religion: Islam
- Life expectancy: 57 years (men), 60 years (women) (UN)
- Monetary unit: 1 Djiboutian franc = 100 centimes
- Main exports: Re-exports, hides and skins, coffee (re-exported from Ethiopia)
- GNI per capita: US \$1,270 (World Bank, 2009)

Egypt

- Full name: Arab Republic of Egypt
- Population: 82.5 million (UN, 2011)
- Capital: Cairo

- Area: 1 million sq km (386,874 sq miles)
- Major language: Arabic
- Major religions: Islam, Christianity
- Life expectancy: 72 years (men), 76 years (women) (UN)
- Monetary unit: 1 Egyptian Pound = 100 piastres
- Main exports: Petroleum, petroleum products and cotton
- GNI per capita: US \$2,600 (World Bank, 2011)

Equatorial Guinea

- Full name: The Republic of Equatorial Guinea
- Population: 720,000 (UN, 2011)
- Capital: Malabo
- Area: 28,051 sq km (10,830 sq miles)
- Major languages: Spanish, French
- Major religion: Christianity
- Life expectancy: 50 years (men), 53 years (women) (UN)
- Monetary unit: 1 CFA (Communaute Financiere Africaine) franc = 100 centimes
- Main exports: Petroleum, timber, cocoa
- GNI per capita: US \$14,540 (World Bank, 2011)

Eritrea

- Full name: The State of Eritrea
- Population: 5.4 million (UN, 2011)
- Capital: Asmara
- Area: 117,400 sq km (45,300 sq miles)
- Major languages: Tigrinya, Tigre, Arabic, English
- Major religions: Islam, Christianity
- Life expectancy: 60 years (men), 64 years (women) (UN)
- Monetary unit: 1 Nakfa = 100 cents
- Main exports: Livestock, hides, sorghum, textiles, salt, light manufactures
- GNI per capita: US \$430 (World Bank, 2011)

Ethiopia

- Full name: Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
- Population: 84.7 million (UN, 2011)
- Capital: Addis Ababa
- Area: 1.13 million sq km (437,794 sq miles)
- Major languages: Amharic, Oromo, Tigrinya, Somali
- Major religions: Christianity, Islam
- Life expectancy: 58 years (men), 62 years (women) (UN)
- Monetary unit: 1 Birr = 100 cents
- Main exports: Coffee, hides, oilseeds, beeswax, sugarcane
- GNI per capita: US \$400 (World Bank, 2011)

Gabon

- Full name: The Gabonese Republic
- Population: 1.5 million (UN, 2011)
- Capital: Libreville
- Area: 267,667 sq km (103,347 sq miles)
- Major languages: French, Bantu-group languages
- Major religion: Christianity
- Life expectancy: 62 years (men), 64 years (women) (UN)
- Monetary unit: 1 CFA (Communaute Financiere Africaine) franc = 100 centimes
- Main exports: Crude oil, timber, manganese, uranium
- GNI per capita: US \$7,980 (World Bank, 2011)

Gambia

- Full name: Republic of The Gambia
- Population: 1.8 million (UN, 2011)
- Capital: Banjul
- Area: 11,295 sq km (4,361 sq miles)
- Major languages: English (official), Mandinka, Wolof, Fula
- Major religions: Islam, Christianity
- Life expectancy: 58 years (men), 60 years (women) (UN)
- Monetary unit: 1 dalasi = 100 butut
- Main exports: Peanuts and peanut products, fish, cotton lint, palm kernels
- GNI per capita: US \$610 (World Bank, 2011)

Ghana

- Full name: Republic of Ghana
- Population: 25 million (UN, 2011)
- Capital: Accra
- Area: 238,533 sq km (92,098 sq miles)
- Major languages: English, African languages including Akan, Ewe
- Major religions: Christianity, indigenous beliefs, Islam
- Life expectancy: 64 years (men), 66 years (women) (UN)
- Monetary unit: Cedi
- Main exports: Gold, cocoa, timber, tuna, bauxite, aluminium, manganese ore, diamonds
- GNI per capita: US \$1,410 (World Bank, 2011)

Guinea

- Full name: The Republic of Guinea
- Population: 10.2 million (UN, 2011)
- Capital: Conakry
- Area: 245,857 sq km (94,926 sq miles)
- Major languages: French, Susu, Fulani, Mandingo
- Major religions: Islam, Christianity, indigenous beliefs
- Life expectancy: 53 years (men), 56 years (women) (UN)

- Monetary unit: 1 Guinean franc = 100 centimes
- Main exports: Bauxite, alumina, gold, diamonds, coffee, fish, agricultural products
- GNI per capita: US \$440 (World Bank, 2011)

Guinea –Bissau

- Full name: The Republic of Guinea-Bissau
- Population: 1.5 million (UN, 2011)
- Capital: Bissau
- Area: 36,125 sq km (13,948 sq miles)
- Major languages: Portuguese, Crioulo, African languages
- Major religions: Indigenous beliefs, Islam, Christianity
- Life expectancy: 47 years (men), 50 years (women) (UN)
- Monetary unit: 1 CFA (Communaute Financiere Africaine) = 100 centimes
- Main exports: Cashew nuts, shrimp, peanuts, palm kernels, sawn timber
- GNI per capita: US \$600 (World Bank, 2011)

Ivory Coast

- Full name: The Republic of Ivory Coast
- Population: 20.2 million (UN, 2011)
- Capital: Yamoussoukro
- Largest city: Abidjan
- Area: 322,462 sq km (124,503 sq miles)
- Major languages: French, indigenous languages
- Major religions: Islam, Christianity, indigenous beliefs
- Life expectancy: 55 years (men), 58 years (women) (UN)
- Monetary unit: 1 CFA (Communaute Financiere Africaine) franc = 100 centimes
- Main exports: Cocoa, coffee, tropical woods, petroleum, cotton, bananas, pineapples, palm oil, fish
- GNI per capita: US \$1,100 (World Bank, 2011)

Kenya

- Full name: The Republic of Kenya
- Population: 41.6 million (UN, 2011)
- Capital: Nairobi
- Area: 582,646 sq km (224,961 sq miles)
- Major languages: Swahili, English
- Major religion: Christianity
- Life expectancy: 57 years (men), 59 years (women) (UN)
- Monetary unit: 1 Kenya shilling = 100 cents
- Main exports: Tea, coffee, horticultural products, petroleum products
- GNI per capita: US \$820 (World Bank, 2011)

Lesotho

- Full name: The Kingdom of Lesotho
- Population: 2.2 million (UN, 2011)
- Capital: Maseru
- Area: 30,355 sq km (11,720 sq miles)
- Major languages: Sesotho, English
- Major religion: Christianity
- Life expectancy: 50 years (men), 48 years (women) (UN)
- Monetary unit: 1 loti (L) = 100 lisente
- Main exports: Water, diamonds, clothing, wool, mohair, food, livestock
- GNI per capita: US \$1,220 (World Bank, 2011)

Liberia

- Full name: Republic of Liberia
- Population: 4.1 million (UN, 2011)
- Capital: Monrovia
- Area: 99,067 sq km (38,250 sq miles)
- Languages: English, 29 African languages belonging to the Mande, Kwa or Mel linguistic groups
- Major religions: Christianity, Islam, indigenous beliefs
- Life expectancy: 56 years (men), 59 years (women) (UN)
- Monetary unit: 1 Liberian dollar (L\$) = 100 cents
- Main exports: Diamonds, iron ore, rubber, timber, coffee, cocoa
- GNI per capita: US \$240 (World Bank, 2011)

Libya

- Full name: Libya
- Population: 6.4 million (UN, 2011)
- Capital: Tripoli
- Area: 1.77 million sq km (685,524 sq miles)
- Major language: Arabic
- Major religion: Islam
- Life expectancy: 73 years (men), 78 years (women) (UN)
- Monetary unit: 1 Libyan dinar (LD) = 1,000 dirhams
- Main exports: Crude oil, petroleum products, natural gas
- GNI per capita: US \$12,320 (World Bank, 2009)

Morocco

- Full name: The Kingdom of Morocco
- Population: 32.3 million (UN, 2011)
- Capital: Rabat
- Largest city: Casablanca
- Area: 710,850 sq km (274,461 sq miles) (including W Sahara)
- Major languages: Arabic (official), Berber, French, Spanish
- Major religion: Islam
- Life expectancy: 70 years (men), 75 years (women) (UN)

- Monetary unit: Dirham = 100 centimes
- Main exports: Minerals, seafood products, citrus fruit
- GNI per capita: US \$2,970 (World Bank, 2011)