NIGER

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
   President ISSOUFOU Mahamadou
Head of Government
   Prime Minister Brigi RAFINI
Government Type
   semi-presidential republic
Capital
   Niamey
Legislature
   unicameral National Assembly or Assemblee Nationale (171 seats)
Judiciary
   Constitutional Court (consists of 7 judges);
      High Court of Justice (consists of 7 members)
Ambassador to US
   Ambassador Hassana ALIDOU
US Ambassador
   Ambassador Eric P. WHITAKER

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
   centers on subsistence crops, livestock, and some of the world's largest uranium deposits; agriculture contributes about 40% of GDP and provides livelihood for over 80% of the population; issues include food insecurity, lack of industry, high population growth, a weak educational sector, and few prospects for work outside of subsistence farming and herding
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
   $21.86 billion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
   $1,200 (2017 est.)
Exports
   $4.14 billion (2017 est.)
      partners: France 30.2%, Thailand 18.3%, Malaysia 9.9%, Nigeria 8.3%, Mali 5%, Switzerland 4.9% (2017)
Imports
   $1.83 billion (2017 est.)
      partners: France 28.8%, China 14.4%, Malaysia 5.7%, Nigeria 5.4%, Thailand 5.3%, US 5.1%, India 4.9% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
   19.87 million (July 2018 est.)
Population Growth
   3.16% (2018 est.)
Ethnicity
   Hausa 53.1%, Zarma/
      Songhai 21.2%, Tuareg 11%,
      Fulani (Peuhl) 6.5%, Kanuri 5.9%, Gurma 0.8%, Arab 0.4%,
      Tubu 0.4%, other/unavailable 0.9% (2006 est.)
Language
   French (official), Hausa, Djerma
Religion
   Muslim 99.3%, Christian 0.3%, animist 0.2%, none 0.1% (2012 est.)
Urbanization
   urban population: 16.5% of total population (2019)
      rate of urbanization: 4.27% annual rate of change
Literacy
   19.1% (2015)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
   Total: 1,267,000 sq km
   Land: 1,266,700 sq km
   Water: 300 sq km
Climate
   desert; mostly hot, dry, dusty; tropical in extreme south
Natural Resources
   uranium, coal, iron ore, tin, phosphates, gold, molybdenum, gypsum, salt, petroleum

as of December 2019