BURKINA FASO

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State
President Roch Marc Christian KABORE

Head of Government
Prime Minister Christophe DABIRE

Government Type
presidential republic

Capital
Ouagadougou

Legislature
unicameral National Assembly (127 seats)

Judiciary
Supreme Court of Appeals or Cour de
Cassation (consists of NA judges); Council of
State (consists of NA judges); Constitutional
Council or Conseil Constitutionnel (consists of
the council president and 9 members)

Ambassador to US
Ambassador Seydou KABORE

US Ambassador
Ambassador Andrew YOUNG

ECONOMY

Economic Overview
about 80% of the population engaged in subsistence farming;
few natural resources and a weak industrial base; cotton and
gold are the key exports (gold accounts for about 75% of total
export revenues); recently implemented national economic plan
to reduce poverty, raise human capital, as well as an IMF
monetary program are endangered by country's fragile security
situation

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$35.85 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$1,900 (2017 est.)

Exports
$3.14 billion (2017 est.)
partners: Switzerland 44.9%, India 15.6%, South Africa 11.3%,
Cote d'Ivoire 4.9% (2017)

Imports
$3.31 billion (2017 est.)
partners: China 13.2%, Cote d'Ivoire 9.5%, US 8.2%, Thailand
8.1%, France 6.5%, Ghana 4.4%, Togo 4.4%, India 4.3% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population
19.7 million (July 2018 est.)

Population Growth
2.76% (2018 est.)

Ethnicity
Mossi 52%, Fulani 8.4%,
Gurma 7%, Bobo 4.9%,
Gurunsi 4.6%, Senufo 4.5%, Bissa 3.7%, Lobi 2.4%, Dagara
2.4%, Tuareg/Bella 1.9%, other 7.2% (2010 est.)

Language
French (official), native African languages belonging to Sudanic
family spoken by 90% of the population

Religion
Muslim 61.5%, Roman Catholic 23.3%, traditional/animist 7.8%,
Protestant 6.5% (2010 est.)

Urbanization
urban population: 30% of total population (2019)
rate of urbanization: 4.99% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

GEOGRAPHY

Area
Total: 274,200 sq km
Land: 273,800 sq km
Water: 400 sq km

Climate
three climate zones including a hot tropical savanna with a short rainy season in the
southern half, a tropical hot semi-arid steppe climate typical of the Sahel region in
the northern half, and small area of hot desert in the very north of the country
bordering the Sahara Desert

Natural Resources
gold, manganese, zinc, limestone, marble,
phosphates, pumice, salt

as of December 2019