



# CHAD



## INTRODUCTION

Chad, part of France's African holdings until 1960, endured three decades of civil warfare, as well as invasions by Libya, before peace was restored in 1990. The government eventually drafted a democratic constitution, but has only held flawed presidential elections since 1996 allowing the incumbent to remain in power.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

Interim President Mahamat Idriss DEBY

### Head of Government

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### Government Type

presidential republic

### Capital

N'Djamena

### Legislature

unicameral National Assembly (188)

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 1,284,000 sq km

Land: 1,259,200 sq km

Water: 24,800 sq km

### Climate

tropical in south, desert in north

### Natural Resources

petroleum, uranium, natron, kaolin, fish (Lake Chad), gold, limestone, sand and gravel, salt

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

primarily oil-based economy, vulnerable to regional competition and international price shocks; increasing extreme poverty and minimal human capital capacities; one of the most environmentally disrupted economies; high maternal and infant mortality rates destabilizing labor force potentials

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$24.97 billion (2020 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$1,500 (2020 est.)

**Industries** - oil, cotton textiles, brewing, natron (sodium carbonate), soap, cigarettes, construction materials

**Agricultural products** - sorghum, groundnuts, millet, yams, cereals, sugarcane, beef, maize, cotton, cassava

**Exports** \$2.464 billion (2017 est.)

crude petroleum, gold, livestock, sesame seeds, gum arabic, insect resins (2019)

**partners:** China 32%, UAE 21%, India 19%, US 10%, France 6%, Germany 5% (2019)

**Imports** \$2.16 billion (2017 est.)

delivery trucks, paints, packaged medicines, aircraft, broadcasting equipment (2019)

**partners:** China 29%, UAE 16%, France 10%, US 8%, India 5% (2019)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

17.4 million (July 2021 est.)

### Population Growth

3.12% (2021 est.)

### Ethnicity

Sara (Ngambaye/Sara/ Madjingaye/Mbaye) 30.5%, Kanembu/Bornu/Buduma 9.8%, Arab 9.7%, Wadai/Maba/Masalit/Mimi 7%, Gorane 5.8%, Masa/Musseye/Musgum 4.9%, many others (2014-15 est.)

### Language

French (official), Arabic (official), Sara (in south), more than 120 different languages and dialects

### Religion

Muslim 52%, Christian 44% (2014-15 est.)

