



NIGERIA



INTRODUCTION

Africa's most populous country attained independence from Britain in 1960. Adoption of a new constitution in 1999 completed a peaceful transition to civilian rule. The government continues to face the daunting task of institutionalizing democracy and reforming a petroleum-based economy.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Maj. Gen. (ret.) Muhammadu BUHARI

Head of Government

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Government Type

federal presidential republic

Capital

Abuja

Legislature

bicameral National Assembly consists of the Senate (109 seats) and the House of Representatives (360 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 923,768 sq km
Land: 910,768 sq km
Water: 13,000 sq km

Climate

varies; equatorial in south, tropical in center, arid in north

Natural Resources

natural gas, petroleum, tin, iron ore, coal, limestone, niobium, lead, zinc, arable land

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

one of the largest West African economies; oil-dependent exports, revenues, and credit; COVID-19 and oil price shocks have resulted in slowing growth, high inflation, increasing unemployment; frequent disruptions due to political instability, especially in the north

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$1.251 trillion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$4,900 (2020 est.)

Industries - crude oil, coal, tin, columbite, rubber products, wood, hides/skins, textiles, cement/other construction materials, food products, footwear, chemicals, fertilizer, printing, ceramics, steel

Agricultural products - cassava, yams, maize, oil palm fruit, rice, vegetables, sorghum, groundnuts, fruit, sweet potatoes

Exports \$39.94 billion (2020 est.)

crude petroleum, natural gas, scrap vessels, flexible metal tubing, cocoa beans (2019)

partners: India 16%, Spain 10%, US 7%, France 7%, Netherlands 6% (2019)

Imports \$72.18 billion (2020 est.)

refined petroleum, cars, wheat, laboratory glassware, packaged medicines (2019)

partners: China 30%, Netherlands 11%, US 6%, Belgium 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

219.5 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

2.53% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Hausa 30%, Yoruba 15.5%, Igbo (Ibo) 15.2%, Fulani 6%, Tiv 2.4%, Kanuri/Berberi 2.4%, Ibibio 1.8%, Ijaw/Izon 1.8%, other 24.7% (2018 est.)

Language

English (official), Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo (Ibo), Fulani, over 500 additional indigenous languages

Religion

Muslim 53.5%, Roman Catholic 10.6%, other Christian 35.3%, other 0.6% (2018 est.)

