



# MALI



## INTRODUCTION

Mali is named for the Mali Empire that at its peak in the 14th century covered an area about twice the size of modern-day France. In the late 19th century, France seized control of Mali. The Sudanese Republic and Senegal became independent of France in 1960 as the Mali Federation. When Senegal withdrew after only a few months, what formerly made up the Sudanese Republic was renamed Mali.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

Transitional President Assimi GOITA

### Head of Government

Transitional Prime Minister Choguel MAIGA

### Government Type

semi-presidential republic

### Capital

Bamako

### Legislature

unicameral National Assembly or Assemblée Nationale (147 seats)

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 1,240,192 sq km  
Land: 1,220,190 sq km  
Water: 20,002 sq km

### Climate

subtropical to arid; hot and dry (February to June); rainy, humid, and mild (June to November); cool and dry (November to February)

### Natural Resources

gold, phosphates, kaolin, salt, limestone, uranium, gypsum, granite, hydropower, note, bauxite, iron ore, manganese, tin, and copper deposits are known but not exploited

as of October 2021

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

low-income Saharan economy; recession due to COVID-19 and political instability; extreme poverty; environmentally fragile; high public debt; agricultural and gold exporter; terrorism and warfare are common

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$44.89 billion (2020 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$2,200 (2000 est.)

**Industries** - food processing, construction, phosphate and gold mining

**Agricultural products** - maize, rice, millet, sorghum, mangoes/guavas, cotton, watermelons, green onions/shallots, okra, sugarcane

**Exports** \$3.06 billion (2017 est.)

gold, cotton, sesame seeds, lumber, vegetable oils/residues (2019)

**partners:** UAE 66%, Switzerland 26% (2019)

**Imports** \$3.644 billion (2017 est.)

refined petroleum, clothing/apparel, packaged medicines, cement, broadcasting equipment (2019)

**partners:** Senegal 23%, Cote d'Ivoire 15%, China 11%, France 9% (2019)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

20.1 million (July 2021 est.)

### Population Growth

2.97% (2021 est.)

### Ethnicity

Bambara 33.3%, Fulani (Peuhl) 13.3%, Sarakole/Soninke/Marka 9.8%, Senufo/Manianka 9.6%, Malinke 8.8%, Dogon 8.7%, Sonrai 5.9%, other 10.5% (2018 est.)

### Language

French (official), Bambara 46.3%, Peuhl/Foulfoulbe 9.4%, Dogon 7.2%, Maraka/Soninke 6.4%, Malinke 5.6%, Sonrhail/Djerma 5.6%, other 18.8%, unspecified 0.7% (2009 est.)

### Religion

Muslim 93.9%, Christian 2.8%, Animist 0.7%, none 2.5% (2018 est.)

