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, and 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/Beriberi 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.)
as of October 2021