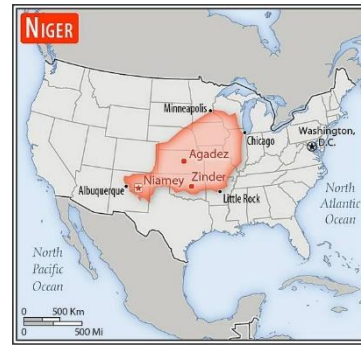




NIGER



INTRODUCTION

Niger became independent from France in 1960. It is one of the poorest countries in the world with insufficient funds to develop its resource base. The largely agrarian and subsistence-based economy is frequently disrupted by extended droughts common to the Sahel region of Africa.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Mohamed BAZOUM

Head of Government

Prime Minister Ouhoumoudou MAHAMADOU

Government Type

semi-presidential republic

Capital

Niamey

Legislature

unicameral National Assembly

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Mamadou Kiari LIMAN-TINGUIRI

US Ambassador

Charge d'Affaires Susan N'GARNIM

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 1.267 million sq km

Land: 1,266,700 sq km

Water: 300 sq km

Climate

desert; mostly hot, dry, dusty; tropical in extreme south

Natural Resources

uranium, coal, iron ore, tin, phosphates, gold, molybdenum, gypsum, salt, petroleum

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

Low-income Sahel economy; major instability and humanitarian crises limit economic activity; COVID-19 eliminated recent antipoverty gains; economy rebounding since December 2020 Nigerian border reopening and new investments; uranium resource rich.

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$29.96 billion (2021 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$1,200 (2021 est.)

Industries - uranium mining, petroleum, cement, brick, soap, textiles, food processing, chemicals, slaughterhouses

Agricultural products - millet, cow peas, sorghum, onions, milk, groundnuts, cassava, cabbages, goat milk, fruit

Exports \$1.338 billion (2020 est.)

gold, sesame seeds, refined petroleum, uranium, onions (2020

partners: UAE 67%, China 9%, Canada 7%, Mali 4%, Burkina Faso 4% (2020)

Imports \$3.542 billion (2020 est.)

rice, shotgun cartridges, palm oil, weapon parts and accessories, cigarettes (2020)

partners: China 17%, France 15%, US 10%, Nigeria 5%, Thailand 4% (2020)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

24.5 (2022 est.)

Population Growth

3.66% (2022 est.)

Ethnicity

Hausa 53.1%, Zarma/Songhai 21.2%, Tuareg 11%, Fulani (Peuhl) 6.5%, Kanuri 5.9%, Gurma 0.8%, Arab 0.4%, Tubu 0.4%, other/unavailable 0.9% (2006 est.)

Language

French (official), Hausa, Djerma

Religion

Muslim 99.3%, Christian 0.3%, animist 0.2%, none 0.1% (2012 est.)