INTRODUCTION
From the 11th to the 16th centuries, various ethnic groups settled the Togo region. After World War I, rule over Togo was transferred to France. French Togoland became Togo upon independence in 1960.

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Faure GNASSINGBE
Head of Government
Prime Minister Victoire Tomegah DOGBE
Government Type
presidential republic
Capital
Lome
Legislature
unicameral National Assembly or Assemblee Nationale (91 seats)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 56,785 sq km
Land: 54,385 sq km
Water: 2,400 sq km
Climate
tropical; hot, humid in south; semiarid in north
Natural Resources
phosphates, limestone, marble, arable land

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
low-income West African economy; primarily agrarian economy; has a deep-water port; growing international shipping locale; improving privatization and public budgeting transparency; key phosphate mining industry; extremely high rural poverty
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $17.45 billion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $2,100 (2020 est.)
Industries - phosphate mining, agricultural processing, cement, handicrafts, textiles, beverages
Agricultural products - cassava, maize, yams, sorghum, beans, oil palm fruit, rice, vegetables, cotton, groundnuts
Exports $1.862 billion (2018 est.)
  refined and crude petroleum, electricity, calcium phosphates, cotton (2019)
  partners: India 16%, Benin 15%, Burkina Faso 6%, France 6%, Morocco 5% (2019)
Imports $2.911 billion (2018 est.)
  refined petroleum, motorcycles, crude petroleum, rice, broadcasting equipment (2019)
  partners: China 18%, South Korea 13%, India 11%, Belgium 10%, Netherlands 8%, US 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
8.3 million (July 2021 est.)
Population Growth
2.51% (2021 est.)
Ethnicity
Adja-Ewe/Mina 42.4%, Kabye/Tem 25.9%, Para-Gourma/Akan 17.1%, Akposso/Akebu 4.1%, Ana-Ife 3.2%, other Togolese 1.7%, foreigners 5.2%, no response 0.4% (2013-14 est.)
Language
French (official, the language of commerce), Dagomba, Ewe, Kabye, Mina
Religion
Christian 42.3%, folk religion 36.9%, Muslim 14%, Hindu <1%, Buddhist <1%, Jewish <1%, other <1%, none 6.2% (2020 est.)
as of October 2021