



TOGO



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 Assemblée 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-lfe 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.)

