



# BURKINA FASO



## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President Roch Marc Christian KABORE

### Head of Government

Prime Minister Christophe DABIRE

### Government Type

presidential republic

### Capital

Ouagadougou

### Legislature

unicameral National Assembly (127 seats)

### Judiciary

Supreme Court of Appeals or Cour de Cassation (consists of NA judges); Council of State (consists of NA judges); Constitutional Council or Conseil Constitutionnel (consists of the council president and 9 members)

### Ambassador to US

Ambassador Seydou KABORE

### US Ambassador

Ambassador Andrew YOUNG

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 274,200 sq km

Land: 273,800 sq km

Water: 400 sq km

### Climate

three climate zones including a hot tropical savanna with a short rainy season in the southern half, a tropical hot semi-arid steppe climate typical of the Sahel region in the northern half, and small area of hot desert in the very north of the country bordering the Sahara Desert

### Natural Resources

gold, manganese, zinc, limestone, marble, phosphates, pumice, salt

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

about 80% of the population engaged in subsistence farming; few natural resources and a weak industrial base; cotton and gold are the key exports (gold accounts for about 75% of total export revenues); recently implemented national economic plan to reduce poverty, raise human capital, as well as an IMF monetary program are endangered by country's fragile security situation

### GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$35.85 billion (2017 est.)

### GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$1,900 (2017 est.)

### Exports

\$3.14 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Switzerland 44.9%, India 15.6%, South Africa 11.3%, Cote d'Ivoire 4.9% (2017)

### Imports

\$3.31 billion (2017 est.)

partners: China 13.2%, Cote d'Ivoire 9.5%, US 8.2%, Thailand 8.1%, France 6.5%, Ghana 4.4%, Togo 4.4%, India 4.3% (2017)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

19.7 million (July 2018 est.)

### Population Growth

2.76% (2018 est.)

### Ethnicity

Mossi 52%, Fulani 8.4%, Gurma 7%, Bobo 4.9%, Gurunsi 4.6%, Senufo 4.5%, Bissa 3.7%, Lobi 2.4%, Dagara 2.4%, Tuareg/Bella 1.9%, other 7.2% (2010 est.)

### Language

French (official), native African languages belonging to Sudanic family spoken by 90% of the population

### Religion

Muslim 61.5%, Roman Catholic 23.3%, traditional/animist 7.8%, Protestant 6.5% (2010 est.)

### Urbanization

urban population: 30% of total population (2019)

rate of urbanization: 4.99% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

