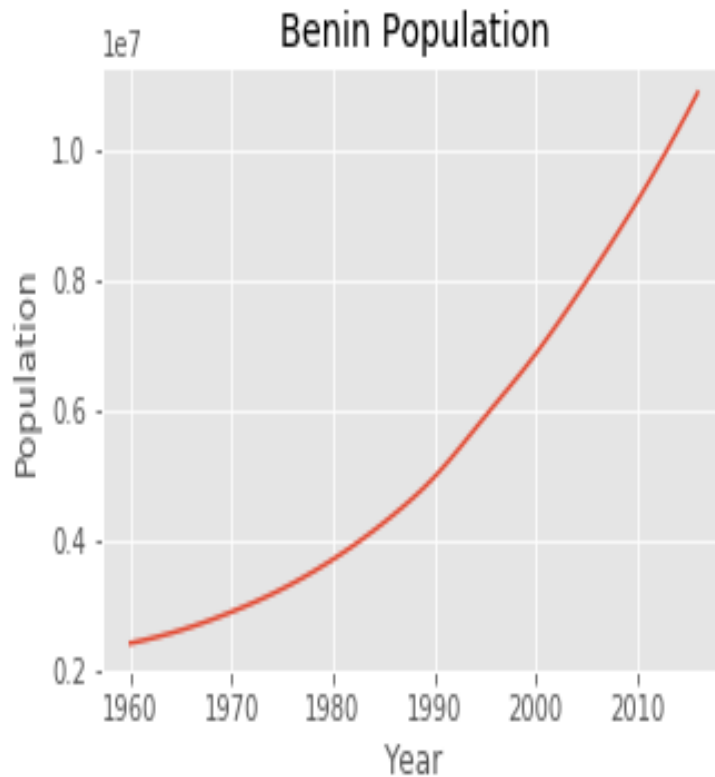


Benin



Coordinates: $6^{\circ}28'N$ $2^{\circ}36'E$ / $6.467^{\circ}N$ $2.600^{\circ}E$ / 6.467; 2.600— in Africa (light blue & dark grey) — in the African Union (light blue) Benin (US: /bēˈniːn, -ˈniːn/ bē-NEEN or -NIN; UK: /bēˈniːn/ beh-NEEN; French: Bénin pronounced [benɛ̃]), officially the Republic of Benin (French: République du Bénin) and formerly Dahomey, is a country in West Africa. It is bordered by Togo to the west, Nigeria to the east, and Burkina Faso and Niger to the north. The majority of its population lives on the small southern coastline of the Bight of Benin, part of the Gulf of Guinea in the northernmost tropical portion of the Atlantic Ocean. The capital of Benin is Porto-Novo, but the seat of government is in Cotonou, the country's largest city and economic capital. Benin covers an area of 114,763 square kilometers and its population in 2016 was estimated to be approximately 10.87 million. Benin is a tropical nation, highly dependent on agriculture, with substantial employment and income arising from subsistence farming.