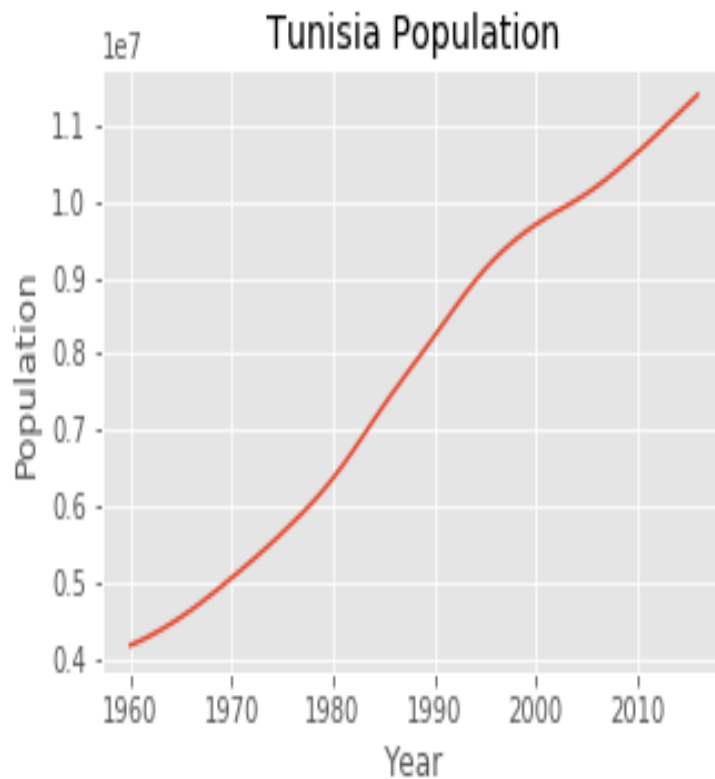


# Tunisia



in Africa (light blue)Islam (state religion; 99.1% SunniTunisia (/tuˈniːʃiə/; Arabic: **تُونِسِيَا** Tūnis; Berber: Tunes, **ⵜⴰⵏⵉⵙⵉⵢⴰ**; French: Tunisie), officially the Republic of Tunisia, (Arabic: **جُمْهُورِيَّةُ تُونِسِيَا** al-Jumhūrīya at-Tūnisīya) is a sovereign state in Northwest Africa, covering 165,000 square kilometres (64,000 square miles). Its northernmost point, Cape Angela, is the northernmost point on the African continent. It is bordered by Algeria to the west and southwest, Libya to the southeast, and the Mediterranean Sea to the north and east. Tunisia's population was estimated to be just under 11.93 million in 2016. Tunisia's name is derived from its capital city, Tunis, which is located on its northeast coast.Geographically, Tunisia contains the eastern end of the Atlas Mountains and the northern reaches of the Sahara desert. Much of the rest of the country's land is fertile soil. Its 1,300 kilometres (810 miles) of coastline include the African conjunction of the western and eastern parts of the Mediterranean Basin and, by means of the Sicilian Strait and Sardinian Channel, feature the African mainland's second and third nearest points to Europe after Gibraltar.