



Burkina Faso



Background	Burkina Faso achieved independence from France in 1960. Repeated military coups have been the norm for much of the country's history. Terrorism, recurring drought, food insecurity, and poverty are among Burkina Faso's ongoing problems.
Capital	name: Ouagadougou
Government type	presidential republic
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
Population	total: 23,042,199 (2024 est.)
Population growth rate	2.4% (2024 est.)
Ethnic groups	Mossi 53.7%, Fulani (Peuhl) 6.8%, Gurunsi 5.9%, Bissa 5.4%, Gurma 5.2%, Bobo 3.4%, Senufo 2.2%, Bissa 1.5%, Lobi 1.5%, Tuareg/Bella 0.1%, other 12.8%, foreign 0.7% (2021 est.)
Religions	Muslim 63.8%, Roman Catholic 20.1%, Animiste 9%, Protestant 6.2%, other 0.2%, none 0.7% (2019 est.)
Languages	Mossi 52.9%, Fula 7.8%, Gourmantche 6.8%, Dyula 5.7%, Bissa 3.3%, Gurunsi 3.2%, French (official) 2.2%, Bwamu 2%, Dagara 2%, San 1.7%, Marka 1.6%, Bobo 1.5%, Senufo 1.5%, Lobi 1.2%, other 6.6% (2019 est.)
Executive branch	chief of state: Transitional President Capt. Ibrahim TRAORE (since 30 September 2022) head of government: Prime Minister Joachim KYLEM DE TAMBELA (since 21 October 2022)
Diplomatic representation in the US	chief of mission: Ambassador Kassoum COULIBALY (since 24 July 2025)
Diplomatic representation from the US	chief of mission: Ambassador Joann M. LOCKARD (since 28 June 2024)
Economic overview	highly agrarian, low-income economy; limited natural resources; widespread poverty; terrorism disrupting potential economic activity; improving trade balance via increases in gold exports; economy inflating after prior deflation; growing public debt but still manageable

Real GDP (purchasing power parity)	\$60.001 billion (2024 est.) \$57.152 billion (2023 est.) \$55.508 billion (2022 est.)
Real GDP per capita	\$2,500 (2024 est.) \$2,500 (2023 est.) \$2,500 (2022 est.)
Exports	\$5.912 billion (2023 est.) \$5.814 billion (2022 est.) \$6.234 billion (2021 est.)
Exports - partners	Switzerland 72%, UAE 10%, India 3%, Mali 3%, Cote d'Ivoire 2% (2023)
Exports - commodities	gold, cotton, oil seeds, coconuts/brazil nuts/cashews, cement (2023)
Imports	\$6.834 billion (2023 est.) \$6.761 billion (2022 est.) \$5.835 billion (2021 est.)
Imports - partners	Cote d'Ivoire 14%, China 13%, Ghana 9%, Russia 9%, France 7% (2023)
Imports - commodities	refined petroleum, plastic products, cement, electricity, packaged medicine (2023)

Population Pyramid

