



Nigeria



Background Africa's most populous country attained independence from Britain in 1960. Adoption of a new constitution in 1999 completed a peaceful transition to civilian rule. The government continues to face the daunting task of institutionalizing democracy and reforming a petroleum-based economy despite widespread corruption and crime.

Capital name: Abuja

Government type federal presidential republic

Area total : 923,768 sq km
land: 910,768 sq km
water: 13,000 sq km

Climate varies; equatorial in south, tropical in center, arid in north

Natural resources natural gas, petroleum, tin, iron ore, coal, limestone, niobium, lead, zinc, arable land

Population total: 236,747,130

Population growth rate 2.52% (2024 est.)

Ethnic groups Hausa 30%, Yoruba 15.5%, Igbo (Ibo) 15.2%, Fulani 6%, Tiv 2.4%, Kanuri/Berberi 2.4%, Ibibio 1.8%, Ijaw/Izon 1.8%, other 24.9% (2018 est.)

Religions Muslim 53.5%, Roman Catholic 10.6%, other Christian 35.3%, other 0.6% (2018 est.)

Languages English (official), Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo (Ibo), Fulani, over 500 additional indigenous languages

Executive branch chief of state: President Bola Ahmed Adekunle TINUBU (since 29 May 2023)
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Diplomatic representation in the US chief of mission: Ambassador (vacant); Chargé d'Affaires Samson Sunday ITEGBOJE (since 22 October 2024)

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Economic overview largest African market economy; enormous but mostly lower middle income labor force; major oil exporter; key telecommunications and finance industries; susceptible to energy prices; regional leader in critical infrastructure; primarily agrarian employment

Real GDP (purchasing power parity) \$1.275 trillion (2023 est.)
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Real GDP per capita \$5,600 (2023 est.)
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Exports	\$60.261 billion (2023 est.) \$69.091 billion (2022 est.) \$50.856 billion (2021 est.)
Exports - partners	USA 10%, Spain 9%, France 8%, Netherlands 7%, India 6% (2023)
Exports - commodities	crude petroleum, natural gas, gold, fertilizers, cocoa beans (2023)
Imports	\$65.423 billion (2023 est.) \$77.049 billion (2022 est.) \$67.478 billion (2021 est.)
Imports - partners	China 26%, Singapore 14%, Belgium 8%, India 6%, USA 4% (2023)
Imports - commodities	refined petroleum, tanks and armored vehicles, wheat, plastics, cars (2023)