

Niger

Official name: République du Niger (Republic of Niger).
Form of government: republic with one legislative house (National Assembly [113])¹.
Head of state: President¹.
Head of government: Prime Minister.
Capital: Niamey.
Official language: French.
Official religion: none.
Monetary unit: CFA franc (CFAF); valuation (Sept. 1, 2014) 1 U.S.\$ = CFAF 499.32; 1 £ = CFAF 829.60.



Area and population		area		population
Regions	Capitals	sq mi	sq km	2011 estimate
Agadez	Agadez	257,839	667,799	511,188
Diffa	Diffa	60,582	156,906	489,531
Dosso	Dosso	13,067	33,844	2,078,339
Maradi	Maradi	16,138	41,796	3,117,810
Tahoua	Tahoua	43,773	113,371	2,741,922
Tillabéri	Tillabéri	37,549	97,251	2,572,125
Zinder	Zinder	60,146	155,778	2,916,929
City				
Niamey	Niamey	155	402	1,302,910
TOTAL		489,200 ²	1,267,000 ²	15,730,754

Demography

Population (2014): 18,535,000.
Density (2014): persons per sq mi 37.9, persons per sq km 14.6.
Urban-rural (2014): urban 18.5%; rural 81.5%.
Sex distribution (2013): male 50.18%; female 49.82%.
Age breakdown (2012): under 15, 50.1%; 15–29, 24.6%; 30–44, 13.9%; 45–59, 7.4%; 60–74, 3.2%; 75 and over, 0.8%.
Population projection: (2020) 23,422,000; (2030) 34,513,000.
Doubling time: 20 years.
Ethnolinguistic composition (2001): Hausa 55.4%; Zarma-Songhai-Dendi 21.0%; Tuareg 9.3%; Fulani (Peul) 8.5%; Kanuri 4.7%; other 1.1%.
Religious affiliation (2005): Muslim c. 90%, of which Sunnī c. 85%, Shīʿī c. 5%; traditional beliefs c. 9%; other c. 1%.
Major cities (2011): Niamey 1,302,910; Zinder 274,530; Maradi 206,414; Agadez 124,324; Tahoua 123,373.

Vital statistics

Birth rate per 1,000 population (2013): 46.8 (world avg. 19.5).
Death rate per 1,000 population (2013): 13.1 (world avg. 8.1).
Natural increase rate per 1,000 population (2013): 33.7 (world avg. 11.4).
Total fertility rate (avg. births per childbearing woman; 2013): 7.03.
Marriage/divorce rates per 1,000 population (2013): n.a./n.a.
Life expectancy at birth (2013): male 53.2 years; female 55.6 years.
Major causes of death per 100,000 population (2008): infectious and parasitic diseases (significantly malaria, meningitis, pneumonia, and diarrhea) 800.0; cardiovascular diseases 79.5; malignant neoplasms (cancers) 34.4; accidents, injuries, and violence 34.4; diseases of the respiratory system 22.1.

National economy

Budget (2012). Revenue: CFAF 729,296,000,000 (tax revenue 65.6%; external aid and grants 31.0%; nontax revenue 3.4%). Expenditures: CFAF 823,602,000,000 (current expenditure 54.0%, of which wages and salaries 15.6%; capital expenditure 46.0%).
Public debt (external, outstanding; 2012): U.S.\$2,078,553,000.
Selected balance of payments data. Receipts from (U.S.\$'000,000): tourism (2011) 79; remittances (2013) 149; foreign direct investment (FDI; 2011–13 avg.) 846; official development assistance (2012) 902. Disbursements for (U.S.\$'000,000): tourism (2009) 54; remittances (2011) 25; FDI (2011–13 avg.) 1.3.
Gross national income (GNI; 2013): U.S.\$7,292,000,000 (U.S.\$410 per capita); purchasing power parity GNI (U.S.\$910 per capita).

	2012		2011 ³	
	in value CFAF '000,000	% of total value	labour force	% of labour force
Agriculture, forestry, fishing	1,320,036	38.2	158,000	2.8
Mining and quarrying	372,830	10.8	31,000	0.6
Manufacturing	209,146	6.0	1,012,000	18.1
Construction	83,448	2.4	603,000	10.8
Public utilities	38,918	1.1	181,000	3.3
Transp. and commun.	209,863	6.1	635,000	11.4
Trade, hotels	460,419	13.3	1,419,000	25.4
Finance, real estate	129,214	3.7	224,000	4.0
Pub. admin., defense	280,804	8.1
Services	161,206	4.7
Other	192,011 ⁴	5.6 ⁴	1,315,000	23.6
TOTAL	3,457,895	100.0	5,578,000	100.0

Production (metric tons except as noted). Agriculture, forestry, fishing (2013): millet 2,995,000, cowpeas 1,300,000, sorghum 1,287,000, dry onions 382,000⁵, peanuts (groundnuts) 280,000, cabbages 206,222⁵, tomatoes 188,767⁵, mangoes, mangoosteens, and guavas 176,000⁵, cassava 150,000, sesame seeds 92,000, lettuce and chicory 76,838⁵, bambara beans 30,000; livestock (num-

ber of live animals) 13,800,000 goats, 10,400,000 sheep, 10,200,000 cattle, 1,680,000 camels, 1,168,000 asses; roundwood 11,240,427 cu m, of which fuelwood 94%; fisheries production (2012) 46,600 (from aquaculture, negligible). Mining and quarrying (2013): limestone (2012) 23,200; uranium 4,235; gold (metal content) 1,078 kg. Manufacturing (value added in CFAF '000,000; 2008): food and food products 6,797; paper products, printing, and publishing 2,604; soaps and other chemical products 1,625; wood products and furniture 1,557; textiles 412. Energy production (consumption): electricity (kWh; 2012–13) 222,000,000⁶ ([2010] 840,000,000); hard coal (metric tons; 2013) 242,000 ([2010] 235,000); crude petroleum (barrels; 2012) 4,750,000 (n.a.); petroleum products (metric tons; 2010) none (293,000); natural gas, none (none).

Population economically active (2006): total 6,139,000; activity rate of total population 42.6% (participation rates: over age 15, 83.5%; female 41.9%; unemployed [2008] c. 18%).

Price index (2005 = 100)	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
	Consumer price index ⁷	100.1	111.4	112.1	113.4	116.3	116.8

Household income and expenditure. Average household size (2004) 6.2; income per household: n.a.; expenditure (2008)⁸: food, beverages, and tobacco products 40.6%, transportation 13.2%, housing and energy 10.2%, clothing and footwear 9.5%, communications 6.1%.

Land use as % of total land area (2011): in temporary crops or left fallow 11.8%, in permanent crops 0.05%, in pasture 22.7%, forest area 0.9%.

Foreign trade

Balance of trade (current prices)	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	CFAF '000,000	-202,411	-196,552	-273,612	-201,909	-185,193
% of total	44.2%	37.4%	48.7%	32.0%	22.6%	47.6%

Imports (2008): CFAF 501,605,000,000 (food and food products 25.1%; refined petroleum products 15.5%; machinery and apparatus 15.1%; chemicals and chemical products 14.9%; transportation equipment 6.8%). **Major import sources:** France 13.7%; China 13.3%; Netherlands 7.6%; U.S. 7.4%; Nigeria 4.9%.

Exports (2008): CFAF 316,412,000,000 (uranium 62.6%; livestock 23.7%, of which cattle 9.5%; gold 5.6%; onions 4.2%). **Major export destinations:** France 36.8%; Nigeria 25.0%; U.S. 14.2%; Japan 10.4%; Switzerland 5.6%.

Transport and communications

Transport. Railroads: none. Roads (2010): total length 11,774 mi, 18,949 km (paved 21%). Vehicles (2012³): passenger cars 119,332; trucks and buses 22,175. Air transport (2010)⁹: passenger arrivals 81,673, passenger departures 74,600; cargo unloaded 1,785 metric tons, cargo loaded 106 metric tons.

Communications		units		units			
Medium	date	number in '000s	per 1,000 persons	Medium	date	number in '000s	per 1,000 persons
Televisions	2004	150	13	PCs	2005	10	0.8
Telephones				Dailies	2013	5,010	0.210
Cellular	2013	7,006 ¹¹	393 ¹¹	Internet users	2009	116	7.6
Landline	2013	101	5.6	Broadband	2013	6.4 ¹¹	0.4 ¹¹

Education and health

Educational attainment (2006)^{12, 13}. Percentage of population age 25 and over having: no formal schooling/unknown 87.1%; incomplete primary education 6.9%; complete primary 1.0%; incomplete secondary 3.7%; complete secondary 0.4%; higher 0.9%. **Literacy** (2012): total population age 15 and over literate 15.5%; males literate 23.3%; females literate 8.9%.

Education (2011–12)	teachers	students	student/teacher ratio	enrollment rate (%)
Primary (age 7–12)	52,913	2,050,656	38.8	65
Secondary/Voc. (age 13–19)	9,382	373,198	39.8	11
Tertiary	1,765	21,764	12.3	2 (age 20–24)

Health: physicians (2012) 1,029 (1 per 16,673 persons); hospital beds (2009) 3,805 (1 per 3,935 persons); infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births (2013) 88.0; undernourished population (2006–08) 2,300,000 (16% of total population based on the consumption of a minimum daily requirement of 1,700 calories).

Military

Total active duty personnel (November 2013): 5,300 (army 98.1%, air force 1.9%); paramilitary 5,400. **Military expenditure as percentage of GDP** (2012): 1.1%; per capita expenditure U.S.\$4.

¹Constitutional transition to civilian rule took place on April 7, 2011. ²Detail does not add to total given because of rounding. ³January 1. ⁴Import taxes and duties less imputed bank service charges. ⁵2012. ⁶SONICHAIR and Nigelec electricity companies only. ⁷Pertains to African families; Niamey only. ⁸Weights of consumer price index components; Niamey only. ⁹Niamey airport only. ¹⁰Circulation of *Le Sahel Quotidien* only. ¹¹Subscribers. ¹²Niamey only. ¹³Based on a 2006 demographic and health survey of 14,945 persons age 25 and over.

Internet resources for further information:

- Institut National de la Statistique
www.stat-niger.org
- La Banque de France: La Zone Franc
www.banque-france.fr/eurosysteme-et-international/zone-franc.html