Demography


Density (2014): persons per sq mi 436.0, persons per km² 168.3.

Urban/rural (2013): urban 89.7%; rural 10.3%.

Sex distribution (2013): male 49.9%; female 50.1%.

Age breakdown (2009): under 15, 40.9%; 15–29, 29.9%; 30–44, 16.3%; 45–59, 8.2%; 60–74, 3.8%; 75–84, 0.8%; 85 and over, 0.1%.

Population projection: (2020) 2,211,000; (2030) 2,597,000.

Doubling time: 24 years.

Ethnic composition (2003): Malinke 42%; Fulani 18%; Wolof 16%; Diola 10%; Soninke 9%; other 5%.

Religious affiliation (2005): Muslim 90%; Christian (mostly Roman Catholic) 9%; traditional beliefs/other 9%.

Major cities/urban areas (2013): Serekunda (2006) 335,700; Brikama 95,000; Janjanbureh (Georgetown) 1,463; Kerewan 2,199; Kuntaur 1,501; Mansankarlo 1,561.

Official language: none.

Monetary unit: dalasi (D); valuation 1 £ = D 65.79.

Official name: Republic of The Gambia.

Government type: republic with one legislative house (National Assembly [331]).

Head of state and government: President.

Capital: Banjul.

Official language: English.

Official religion: none.

Government subdivisions: 14 Divisions.

Government performance indicators:

- Budget. Revenue: D 5,205,000,000 (tax revenue 66.9%; nontax revenue 33.1%).
- Balance of trade (current prices): D 3,981,000,000 (exports 29.5%; imports 70.5%)
- Trade, total: 7,409,000 cwt, 54,728,000 kg.
- Public admin., defense: 1,232,000,000; Services: 528,000,000; Other: 1,128,000,000.
- Internet users: 130,000.

- Life expectancy at birth (2013): male 61.8 years; female 66.5 years.
- Total fertility rate (avg. births per childbearing woman; 2013): 3.98.
- Natural increase rate per 1,000 population (2013): 26.0 (world avg. 11.4).
- Death rate (per 1,000 population; 2013): 6.9.
- Birth rate (per 1,000 population; 2013): 3.6.
- Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births; 2008–09): 70.
- Total active duty personnel (November 2013): 800 (army 100%).

- Major causes of death: respiratory infections 17.2%; communicable diseases 11.8%; cardiovascular diseases 10.4%.
- Major import sources: Denmark c. 14%; U.S. c. 13%; China c. 11%; Germany c. 8%; U.K. c. 8%.

- Major export sources: U.S. $913,000,000 (exports 86.3%; peanut [groundnut] oil 3.3%; peanuts [groundnuts] 2.7%; fish 2.0%).

- Total active duty personnel (November 2013): 800 (army 100%).

- Population economically active (2010): total population age 15 and over liters 51%; males literate 60.9%; females literate 41.9%.

National economy

Budget (2010). Revenue: D 5,205,000,000 (tax revenue 66.9%; nontax revenue 33.1%). Expenditures: D 6,049,000,000 (current expenditure 64.5%, of which wages and salaries 25.1%; capital expenditure 36.0%; net lending –0.5%).

- Production (metric tons except as noted): Agriculture, forestry, fishing (2012): peanuts [groundnuts] 119,614, millet 116,089, paddy rice 54,219, corn (maize) 30,106, sorghum 23,146, cassava 10,500, sesame seeds 2,928, pulses 2,500, mangoes, mangoes and guavas, 1,300, livestock (number of live animals: 2010) 380,000 cattle, 330,000 goats, 150,000 sheep; roundwood (2013) 834,692 cu m of which fuelwood 86%; fisheries production 36,095 (from aquaculture, negligible). Mining and quarrying: sand, clay (2013) 373,700, and gravel are negligible. Manufacturing (value added in U.S.$; 2004): food products and beverages 1,400,000; textiles, clothing, and footwear 910,000; glass and glass products 440,000; furniture 400,000; Energy production (consumption): electricity (kWhr; 2010) 2,200,000,000 (245,000,000); coal, none; crude petroleum, none (non汗水); petroleum products (metric tons; 2010) none (154,000); natural gas (cu m; 2010) none (2,600,000).

- Education attainment: Population age 15 and over: total population age 15 and over 51%; males literate 60.9%; females literate 41.9%.

- Public administration and defense: 1,232,000,000; Services: 528,000,000; Other: 1,128,000,000.

- Internet users: 130,000.


- Price index (2005 = 100)

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- Household income and expenditure. Average household size (2003) 8.6; income per household: n.a.; sources of income: n.a.; expenditure (1991) 7%; food and beverages 58%, clothing and footwear 17.5%, energy and water 5.4%, housing 5.1%, education, health, transportation and communications, recreation, and other 14.0%.

- Land use as % of total land area (2009): in temporary crops or left fallow (2007) 34.8%, in permanent crops 0.6%, in pasture 26.0%, forest area 47.8%.

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