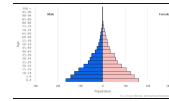


Chad Country Factsheet



Introduction

Background

Chad, part of France's African holdings until 1960, endured six decades of internal conflicts with armed rebel groups, including a period of civil war in 1979-1982 and a Libyan invasion in the 1980s. The government eventually drafted a democratic constitution but has held flawed presidential elections since 1996. The country has struggled with poverty, a weak economy, and terrorist insurgencies.

Geography

Area

total : 1.284 million sq km

land: 1,259,200 sq km

water: 24,800 sq km

Climate

tropical in south, desert in north

Natural resources

petroleum, uranium, natron, kaolin, fish (Lake Chad), gold, limestone, sand and gravel, salt

People and Society

Population

total: 19,093,595

Ethnic groups

Sara (Ngambaye/Sara/Madjingaye/Mbaye) 30.5%, Kanembu/Bornu/Buduma 9.8%, Arab 9.7%, Wadai/Maba/Masalit/Mimi 7%, Gorane 5.8%, Masa/Musseye/Musgum 4.9%, Bulala/Medogo/Kuka 3.7%, Marba/Lele/Mesme 3.5%, Mundang 2.7%, Bidiyo/Migaama/Kenga/Dangleat 2.5%, Dadjo/Kibet/Muro 2.4%, Tupuri/Kera 2%, Gabri/Kabalaye/Nanchere/Somrai 2%, Fulani/Fulbe/Bodore 1.8%, Karo/Zime/Peve 1.3%, Baguirmi/Barma 1.2%, Zaghawa/Bideyat/Kobe 1.1%, Tama/Assongori/Mararit 1.1%, Mesmedje/Massalat/Kadjakse 0.8%, other 4.6%, unspecified 1.7% (2014-15 est.)

Languages

French (official), Arabic (official), Sara (in south), more than 120 languages and dialects

Religions

Muslim 52.1%, Protestant 23.9%, Roman Catholic 20%, animist 0.3%, other Christian 0.2%, none 2.8%, unspecified 0.7% (2014-15 est.)

Population growth rate

3.01% (2024 est.)

Government

Government type

presidential republic

Capital

name: N'Djamena

Executive branch

chief of state: President Mahamat Idriss DÉBY (since 6 May 2024)

head of government: Prime Minister Allamaye HALINA (since 23 May 2024)

Legislative branch

summary: National Transitional Council (unelected)

Diplomatic representation in the US

chief of mission: Ambassador KITOKO GATA Ngoulou (since 30 June 2023)

Diplomatic representation from the US

chief of mission: Ambassador Alexander LASKARIS (since 19 August 2022)

Economy

Economic overview

oil-dependent economy challenged by market fluctuations, regional instability, refugee influx, and climate vulnerability; high levels of extreme poverty and food insecurity; recent growth driven by oil and agricultural recovery; debt-restructuring agreement under G20 Common Framework

Real GDP (purchasing power parity)

\$32.446 billion (2023 est.)

\$31.161 billion (2022 est.)

\$30.311 billion (2021 est.)

Real GDP per capita

\$1,800 (2023 est.)

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Exports

\$6.503 billion (2022 est.)

\$4.565 billion (2021 est.)

\$2.863 billion (2020 est.)

Exports - partners

Germany 25%, China 21%, UAE 20%, Taiwan 12%, France 10% (2022)

Exports - commodities

crude petroleum, gold, oil seeds, gum resins, cotton (2022)

Imports

\$5.028 billion (2022 est.)

\$5.211 billion (2021 est.)

\$4.502 billion (2020 est.)

Imports - partners

China 25%, UAE 20%, France 7%, US 7%, Belgium 7% (2022)

Imports - commodities

vaccines, jewelry, electric generators, broadcasting equipment, packaged medicine (2022)

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