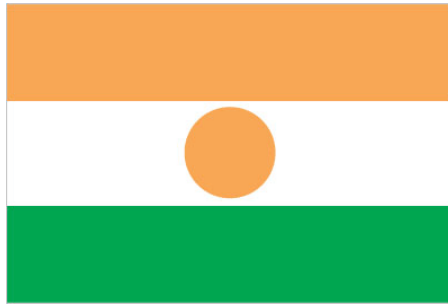




# NIGER



## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President ISSOUFOU Mahamadou

### Head of Government

Prime Minister Brigi RAFINI

### Government Type

semi-presidential republic

### Capital

Niamey

### Legislature

unicameral National Assembly or Assemblée Nationale (171 seats)

### Judiciary

Constitutional Court (consists of 7 judges);  
High Court of Justice (consists of 7 members)

### Ambassador to US

Ambassador Hassana ALIDOU

### US Ambassador

Ambassador Eric P. WHITAKER

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 1,267,000 sq km  
Land: 1,266,700 sq km  
Water: 300 sq km

### Climate

desert; mostly hot, dry, dusty; tropical in extreme south

### Natural Resources

uranium, coal, iron ore, tin, phosphates, gold, molybdenum, gypsum, salt, petroleum

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

centers on subsistence crops, livestock, and some of the world's largest uranium deposits; agriculture contributes about 40% of GDP and provides livelihood for over 80% of the population; issues include food insecurity, lack of industry, high population growth, a weak educational sector, and few prospects for work outside of subsistence farming and herding

### GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$21.86 billion (2017 est.)

### GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$1,200 (2017 est.)

### Exports

\$4.14 billion (2017 est.)

partners: France 30.2%, Thailand 18.3%, Malaysia 9.9%, Nigeria 8.3%, Mali 5%, Switzerland 4.9% (2017)

### Imports

\$1.83 billion (2017 est.)

partners: France 28.8%, China 14.4%, Malaysia 5.7%, Nigeria 5.4%, Thailand 5.3%, US 5.1%, India 4.9% (2017)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

19.87 million (July 2018 est.)

### Population Growth

3.16% (2018 est.)

### Ethnicity

Hausa 53.1%, Zarma/  
Songhai 21.2%, Tuareg 11%,  
Fulani (Peuhl) 6.5%, Kanuri 5.9%, Gurma 0.8%, Arab 0.4%,  
Tubu 0.4%, other/unavailable 0.9% (2006 est.)

### Language

French (official), Hausa, Djerma

### Religion

Muslim 99.3%, Christian 0.3%, animist 0.2%, none 0.1% (2012 est.)

### Urbanization

urban population: 16.5% of total population (2019)  
rate of urbanization: 4.27% annual rate of change

### Literacy

19.1% (2015)

