

Benin, 2025

Sovereign Country



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Official Name : Republic of Benin

Status :

Sovereign Country

Former Dependency of France

Regime : Presidential Republic

President : Patrice Talon

Active : 1863 - Present

Capital : Porto-Novo

Official Language : French

Population : 9,352,000 - Permanent Population (UN UN Official Estimate - 2012)

Land Area : 115,700 sq km - 44,700 sq mi

Density : 80.8/sq km - 210/sq mi

World Region : Western Africa

Coordinates : 9°19'N 2°18'E

Member of : African Union, La Francophonie, United Nations Organization

Conflicts and Disputes

Territorial Disputes (1)

Koalou Dispute

Disputed Territories (1)

Koalou Territory

Administrative Subdivisions

Departments (12)

Alibori	Atakira	Atlantique
Borgou	Collines	Donga
Kuoffo	Littoral	Mono
Ouémé	Plateau	Zou

Names

Common Name :

Benin

Bénin (*French*)

Official Name :

Republic of Benin

République du Bénin (*French*)

Former Names :

Dahomey Colony - 1863 - 27 Oct. 1946

Colonie du Dahomey (*French*) - 1863 - 27 Oct. 1946

Dahomey (*French*) - 1863 - 26 Oct. 1972

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Dahomey Territory - 27 Oct. 1946 - 1 Dec. 1958
Territoire du Dahomey (*French*) - 27 Oct. 1946 - 1 Dec. 1958
Republic of Dahomey - 1 Dec. 1958 - 26 Oct. 1972
République du Dahomey (*French*) - 1 Dec. 1958 - 26 Oct. 1972
People's Republic of Benin - 26 Oct. 1972 - 2 Dec. 1990
République populaire du Bénin (*French*) - 26 Oct. 1972 - 2 Dec. 1990

Demonym :

Beninese

Béninois (*French*)

ISO 3166-1 alpha-2 :

BJ

DY - 1974 - 1977

ISO 3166-1 alpha-3 :

BEN

DHY - 1974 - 1977

ISO 3166-1 numerical : 204

FIPS Code : BN00

Physical Geography

World Region : Western Africa

Area

Land : 114,800 sq km - 44,340 sq mi

Flooded Areas : 955.2 sq km - 369.0 sq mi

Freshwater : 247.0 sq km - 95.4 sq mi

Maritime Inland Waters : 31.3 sq km - 12.1 sq mi

Total Land : 115,700 sq km - 44,700 sq mi

Total Inland Waters : 278.4 sq km - 107.5 sq mi