

People

Population: 10,422,828 (July 1995 est.)

Age structure:

0-14 years: 48% (female 2,488,662; male 2,517,245)

15-64 years: 49% (female 2,707,601; male 2,378,957)

65 years and over: 3% (female 184,578; male 145,785) (July 1995 est.)

Population growth rate: 2.79% (1995 est.)

Birth rate: 48.05 births/1,000 population (1995 est.)

Death rate: 18.22 deaths/1,000 population (1995 est.)

Net migration rate: -1.9 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1995 est.)

Infant mortality rate: 116.9 deaths/1,000 live births (1995 est.)

Life expectancy at birth:

total population: 46.6 years

male: 45.71 years

female: 47.51 years (1995 est.)

Total fertility rate: 6.88 children born/woman (1995 est.)

Nationality:

noun: Burkinabe (singular and plural)

adjective: Burkinabe

Ethnic divisions: Mossi (about 2.5 million), Gurunsi, Senufo, Lobi, Bobo, Mande, Fulani

Religions: indigenous beliefs 40%, Muslim 50%, Christian (mainly Roman Catholic) 10%

Languages: French (official), tribal languages belonging to Sudanic family, spoken by 90% of the population

Literacy: age 15 and over can read and write (1990 est.)

total population: 18%

male: 28%

female: 9%

Labor force: NA (most adults are employed in subsistence agriculture)

by occupation: agriculture 80%, industry 15%, commerce, services, and government 5%

note: 20% of male labor force migrates annually to neighboring countries for seasonal employment (1984)