

People

Population: 2,263,202 (July 1995 est.)

Age structure:

0-14 years: 48% (female 544,674; male 551,099)

15-64 years: 49% (female 574,282; male 542,762)

65 years and over: 3% (female 28,955; male 21,430) (July 1995 est.)

Population growth rate: 3.17% (1995 est.)

Birth rate: 47.32 births/1,000 population (1995 est.)

Death rate: 15.66 deaths/1,000 population (1995 est.)

Net migration rate: 0 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1995 est.)

Infant mortality rate: 83.5 deaths/1,000 live births (1995 est.)

Life expectancy at birth:

total population: 48.54 years

male: 45.66 years

female: 51.54 years (1995 est.)

Total fertility rate: 6.92 children born/woman (1995 est.)

Nationality:

noun: Mauritanian(s)

adjective: Mauritanian

Ethnic divisions: mixed Maur/black 40%, Maur 30%, black 30%

Religions: Muslim 100%

Languages: Hasaniya Arabic (official), Pular, Soninke, Wolof (official)

Literacy: age 15 and over can read and write (1988)

total population: 35%

male: 46%

female: 25%

Labor force: 465,000 (1981 est.); 45,000 wage earners (1980)

by occupation: agriculture 47%, services 29%, industry and commerce 14%, government 10%