

Benin

Sub-Saharan Africa		Low income	
Population (millions, 2006)	9	Surface area (1,000 sq. km, 2006)	113
Population growth (avg. annual %, 1997–2006)	3.1	GNI (\$ billions, 2006)	5
Population density (people per sq. km, 2006)	79	GNI per capita, Atlas method (\$, 2006)	540
Labor force (millions, 2006)	3	GDP growth (avg. annual %, 2002–2006)	3.7
Urban population (% of pop., 2006)	40.5	Poverty headcount ratio at national	
Age dependency ratio	0.88	poverty line (% of pop., 2004)	30.8

Emigration, 2005

- Stock of emigrants: 508,640
- Stock of emigrants as percentage of population: 6.0%
- Top 10 destination countries: Nigeria, Togo, Cote d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Gabon, France, Rep. of Congo, Niger, Germany, Italy.

Skilled Emigration, 2000

- Emigration rate of tertiary educated: 7.5%
- Emigration of physicians:
 - a) 10 or 2.7% of physicians trained in the country (*Source: Docquier and Bhargava 2006*)
 - b) 224 or 35.6% of physicians trained in the country (*Source: Clemens and Pettersson 2006*)
- Emigration of Nurses: 187 or 12.5% of nurses trained in the country

Immigration, 2005

- Stock of immigrants: 174,726
- Stock of immigrants as percentage of population: 2.1%
- Female as percentage of immigrants: 46.0%
- Refugees as percentage of immigrants: 2.7%
- Top 10 source countries: Nigeria, Togo, Niger, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana.

Remittances

(US\$ million)	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007e
Inward remittance flows	87	84	76	55	63	173	173*	173
<i>of which</i>								
Workers' remittances	80	78	70	49	54	137	..	..
Compensation of employees	5	5	6	6	9	10	..	..
Migrants' transfer	1	1	0	0	0	26	..	..
Outward remittance flows	9	10	7	5	7	39	39**	..
<i>of which</i>								
Workers' remittances	7	7	5	4	3	30	..	..
Compensation of employees	2	3	1	1	3	3	..	..
Migrants' transfer	-	-	-	0	1	6	..	..

* 3.6% of GDP in 2006. **0.8% of GDP in 2006. This table reports officially recorded remittances. The true size of remittances, including unrecorded flows through formal and informal channels, is believed to be larger. Total flows may not always equal the sum of the components as they may have been taken from alternative sources.

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