

# SENEGAL



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**Capital:** Dakar **Time:** GMT

**Background:** Independent from France in 1960, Senegal joined with The Gambia to form the nominal confederation of Senegambia in 1982. However, the envisaged integration of the two countries was never carried out, and the union was dissolved in 1989. Despite peace talks, a southern separatist group sporadically has clashed with government forces since 1982. Senegal has a long history of participating in international peacekeeping

**Location:** Western Africa, bordering the North Atlantic Ocean, between Guinea-Bissau and Mauritania

**Map References:** Africa

**Area:** total: 196,190 sq km, land: 192,000 sq km, water: 4,190 sq km

**Climate:** tropical; hot, humid; rainy season (May to November) has strong southeast winds; dry season (December to April) dominated by hot, dry, harmattan wind

**Terrain:** generally low, rolling, plains rising to foothills in southeast

**Natural Resources:** fish, phosphates, iron ore

**Population:** 9,987,494 (July 2000 est.)

**Nationality:** noun: Senegalese (singular and plural), adjective: Senegalese

**Ethnic Groups:** Wolof 43.3%, Pular 23.8%, Serer 14.7%, Jola 3.7%, Mandinka 3%, Soninke 1.1%, European and Lebanese 1%, other 9.4%

**Religions:** Muslim 92%, indigenous beliefs 6%, Christian 2% (mostly Roman Catholic)

**Languages:** French (official), Wolof, Pulaar, Jola, Mandinka

**Economy:** In January 1994, Senegal undertook a bold and ambitious economic reform program with the support of the international donor community. This reform began with a 50% devaluation of Senegal's currency, the CFA franc, which is linked at a fixed rate to the French franc. Government price controls and subsidies have been steadily dismantled. After seeing its economy contract by 2.1% in 1993, Senegal made an important turnaround, thanks to the reform program, with real growth in GDP averaging 5% annually in 1995-99. Annual inflation has been pushed down to 2%, and the fiscal deficit has been cut to less than 1.5% of GDP. Investment rose steadily from 13.8% of GDP in 1993 to 16.5% in 1997. As a member of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA), Senegal is working toward greater regional integration with a unified external tariff. Senegal also realized full Internet connectivity in 1996, creating a miniboom in information technology-based services. Private activity now accounts for 82% of GDP. On the negative side, Senegal faces deep-seated urban problems of chronic unemployment, juvenile delinquency, and drug addiction. Real GDP growth is expected to rise above 6%, while inflation is likely to hold at 2% in 2000-2001.

**Industries:** agricultural and fish processing, phosphate mining, fertilizer production, petroleum refining, construction materials

**Currency:** 1 Communaute Financiere Africaine franc (CFAF) = 100 centimes

**Railways:** total: 906 km, narrow gauge: 906 km 1.000-meter gauge (70 km double track)

**Highways:** total: 14,576 km, paved: 4,271 km, unpaved: 10,305 km (1996 est.)

**Waterways:** 897 km total; 785 km on the Senegal river, and 112 km on the Saloum river

**Ports and Harbors:** Dakar, Kaolack, Matam, Podor, Richard Toll, Saint-Louis, Ziguinchor

**Airports:** 20 (1999 est.) Airports - with paved runways: total: 10 over 3,047 m: 1, 1,524 to 2,437 m: 7 914 to 1,523 m: 2 (1999 est.) Airports - with unpaved runways: total: 10 1,524 to 2,437 m: 5 914 to 1,523 m: 4 under 914 m: 1 (1999 est.)

**Visa:** required by all except the following nationals of: British, Australian, Canadian, USA, Japanese and other EU.

**Duty Free:** permitted goods: 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 250g tobacco; a reasonable quantity of perfume for personal use; gifts up to the value of CFAfr5000.

**Health:** a yellow fever certificate may be required coming from endemic areas. Malaria risk exists all year throughout the country. All water should be regarded as being potentially contaminated.

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