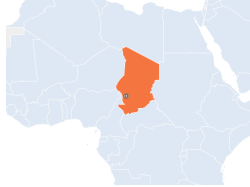


## Introduction

Chad is a landlocked country in Central Africa. Neighboring countries include Libya, Sudan, Central African Republic, Cameroon, Nigeria, and Niger. The geography is broad with arid plains and desert in the north and mountains in the northwest. The government system is a republic; the chief of state is the president, and the head of government is the prime minister. Chad has a mixed economic system in which much of the population relies on subsistence farming and livestock, but private sector development depends on foreign capital. Chad is a member of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS).



**Location:** Middle Africa

**Capital City:** N'Djamena (+1 GMT)

**Chief of State:** President Idriss Deby Itno

**Head of Govt.:** Prime Minister Albert Pahimi Padacke

**Currency:** Communauté Financière Africaine franc (XAF)

**Major Languages:** French (official), Arabic (official), Sara (in south), more than 120 different languages and dialects

**Primary Religions:** Muslim 52.1%, Protestant 23.9%, Catholic 20%, animist 0.3%, other 0.2%, none 2.8% (2009 est.)

**Calling Code:** 235

**Voltage:** 220

## Key Websites

Main Government Page: [gouvernement.td](http://gouvernement.td)

## Key Economic Facts

Income Level (by per capita GNI):	Low Income
Level of Development:	Developing
GDP, PPP (current international \$):	\$28.92 billion (2017)
GDP growth (annual %):	-2.95% (2017)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):	\$1,941.18 (2017)
External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US\$):	\$3,138,617,019.90 (2017)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):	3.17% (2016)
Current account balance (BoP, current US\$):	-\$0.04 billion (1994)
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %):	3.67% (2015)
Labor force, total:	5,603,043 (2017)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	5.89% (2017)
Imports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$3.96 billion (2017)
Exports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$3.38 billion (2017)

## GDP Composition %



*\*Although Manufacturing is included in the Industry figures, it is also separately reported because it plays a critical role in economy.*

## Rankings

Index	Rank
Corruption Perceptions Index	164 / 178
Global Competitiveness Index	139 / 139
Global Enabling Trade Index	135 / 136
Index of Economic Freedom	158 / 179
International Logistics Performance Index (LPI)	123 / 160
KOF Index of Globalization	163 / 185
Networked Readiness Index (NRI)	139 / 139
Open Budget Index	107 / 115

## Risk Assessment (Provided by Coface)

**Country rating: D** - A high-risk political and economic situation and an often very difficult business environment can have a very significant impact on corporate payment behavior. Corporate default probability is very high.

**Business Climate rating: E** - The highest possible risk in terms of business climate. Due to a lack of available financial information and an unpredictable legal system, doing business in this country is extremely difficult.

### Strengths

- Exploitation of new oil fields
- Development potential of the agricultural sector (50% of GDP)

### Weaknesses

- Very high poverty rate (40% of the population in 2019 according to the World Bank)
- Over-reliant on oil (about 20% of GDP and 60% of exports)
- Business climate not conducive to thriving private sector; high level of corruption
- Geographically isolated
- Worsening security conditions at both national and regional levels (role of Boko Haram)
- Worrying drought of Lake Chad, with negative effects on cotton, fishing and the environment.

## U.S. Embassy

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