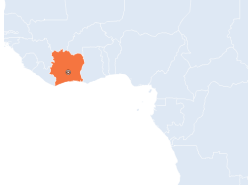


Introduction

Cote d'Ivoire, also known as Ivory Coast, is a country in West Africa bordered by the Gulf of Guinea. Neighboring countries include Liberia, Guinea, Mali, Burkina Faso, and Ghana. Cote d'Ivoire is mostly flat with mountains in the northwest and a forested interior. The government system is a public, multiparty presidential regime. The chief of state is the president, and the head of government is the prime minister. Cote d'Ivoire has a mostly traditional economic system in which the economy is heavily dependent on agriculture and related activities. Cote d'Ivoire is a member of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).



Location: Western Africa

Capital City: Yamoussoukro (0 GMT)

Chief of State: President Alassane Ouattara

Head of Govt.: Prime Minister Amadou Gon Coulibaly

Currency: Communauté Financière Africaine franc (XAF)

Major Languages: French (official), 60 native dialects with Dioula the most widely spoken

Primary Religions: Muslim 42.9%, Catholic 17.2%, Evangelical 11.8%, Methodist 1.7%, other Christian 3.2%, animist 3.6%, other religion 0.5%, none 19.1%

note: the majority of foreign migrant workers are Muslim (72.7%) and Christian (17.7%) (2014 est.)

Calling Code: 225

Voltage: 220

Key Websites

Main Government Page: gouv.ci

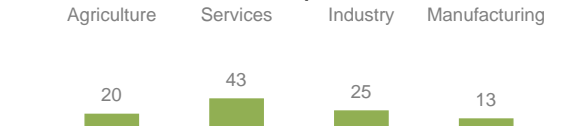
Commerce Ministry: commerce.gouv.ci

Investment Promotion Agency: cepici.gouv.ci

Key Economic Facts

Income Level (by per capita GNI):	Lower Middle Income
Level of Development:	Developing
GDP, PPP (current international \$):	\$96.07 billion (2018)
GDP growth (annual %):	7.43% (2018)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):	\$3,832.13 (2018)
External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US\$):	\$15,659,655,118.20 (2018)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):	12.77% (2018)
Current account balance (BoP, current US\$):	-\$2.08 billion (2018)
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %):	-0.88% (2019)
Labor force, total:	8,536,685 (2019)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	3.32% (2019)
Imports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$12.58 billion (2018)
Exports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$12.81 billion (2018)

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	105 / 180
Global Competitiveness Index	118 / 141
Global Enabling Trade Index	105 / 136
Index of Economic Freedom	78 / 179
International Logistics Performance Index (LPI)	50 / 160
Inward FDI Potential Index	126 / 139
KOF Index of Globalization	120 / 185
Networked Readiness Index (NRI)	106 / 139
Open Budget Index	85 / 115

Risk Assessment (Provided by Coface)

Country rating: B - Political and economic uncertainties and an occasionally difficult business environment can affect corporate payment behavior. Corporate default probability is appreciable.

Business Climate rating: B - The business environment is mediocre. The availability and the reliability of corporate financial information vary widely. Debt collection can sometimes be difficult. The institutional framework has a few troublesome weaknesses. Intercompany transactions run appreciable risks in the unstable, largely inefficient environments rated B.

Strengths

- Diverse resources: hydrocarbons, ore (gold, copper, iron, manganese, bauxite) and agricultural wealth (world's largest producer of cocoa, coffee, sugar and cashew nuts)
- Infrastructure undergoing modernization
- Improving business climate and governance
- Strengthening political stability

Weaknesses

- Economy vulnerable to weather-related hazards and changes in the price of cocoa (main export product)
- Gaps remain in public finance management, infrastructure and the business environment
- Slow progress in national reconciliation

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