

Benin

Official Title: Republic of Benin



General Information:

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| Capital | Porto Novo (admin.); Cotonou | Population (million) 11.814 |
| Total Area | 114,763 km ² | |
| Currency | 1 CAN\$=426.984 Franc CFA (XOF) (2020 - Annual average) | |
| National Holiday | 1 August, Independence Day | |
| Language(s) | French, Fon, Yoruba, other languages | |

Political Information:

Type of State Presidential Republic
Type of Government
 Unicameral National Assembly (83 members)

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 President
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Ministers: Foreign Affairs: Aurélien AGBENONCI
 Industry and Commerce: Shadiya Alimatou ASSOUMAN
 Economy and Finance: Romuald WADAGNI

Main Political Parties

Cowry Forces for an Emerging Benin (FCBE), Union Makes the Nation(UN), an alliance of opposition political parties made up notably of the Democratic Renewal Party (PRD), the African Movement for Development and Progress (MADEP), the Social Democratic Party (PSD), Key Force and others.

Elections: Last: April 2019(legislative) March 2016 (presidential). Next: 2023(legislative) and 2020 (presidential).

Economic Information: (2019) IMF (estimates)

| | Benin | Canada |
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| GDP: (billion) | \$18.91 | \$2,277.52 |
| GDP per capita: | \$1,600.83 | \$60,806.37 |
| GDP Growth rate: (%) | 6.40 | 1.64 |
| Inflation: (%) | -0.93 | 1.95 |
| Unemployment: (%) | n/a | 5.67 |

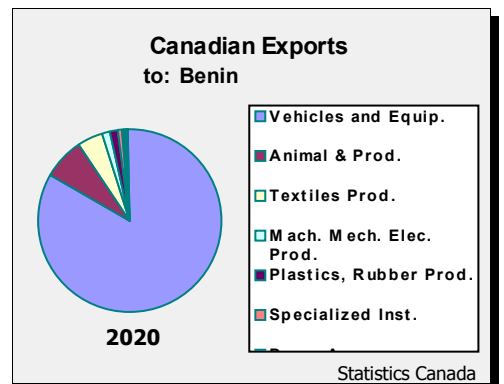
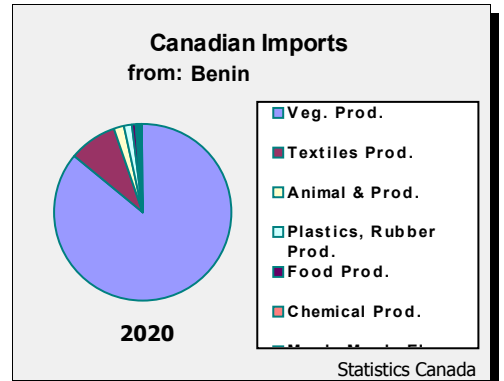
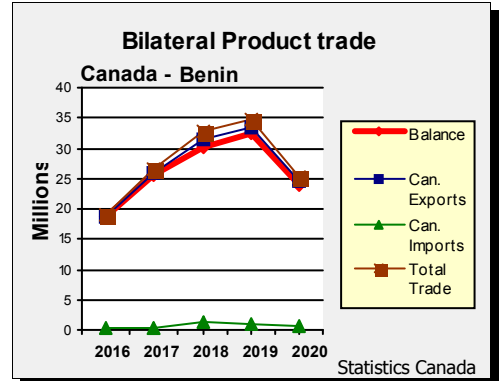
Product Trade and Investment: (2020) Statistics Canada

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| Canadian Exports: | \$24,649,231 |
| Canadian Imports : | \$595,473 |
| Foreign Direct Investment in Canada (2019) | n/a (million) |
| Canadian Direct Investment in country (2019) | n/a (million) |

Representation:

Foreign Representation in Canada
 Pending

Canadian Representation Abroad
 Ambassador Edmond Dejon WEGA (Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso)



Sources:
 Statistics/Industry Canada
<http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/tdo-dcd.nsf/eng/Home>
 IMF
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