



Africa :: Tunisia

Introduction :: Tunisia

Background:

Rivalry between French and Italian interests in Tunisia culminated in a French invasion in 1881 and the creation of a protectorate. Agitation for independence in the decades following World War I was finally successful in getting the French to recognize Tunisia as an independent state in 1956. The country's first president, Habib BOURGUIBA, established a strict one-party state. He dominated the country for 31 years, repressing Islamic fundamentalism and establishing rights for women unmatched by any other Arab nation. In November 1987, BOURGUIBA was removed from office and replaced by Zine el Abidine BEN ALI in a bloodless coup. Street protests that began in Tunis in December 2010 over high unemployment, corruption, widespread poverty, and high food prices escalated in January 2011, culminating in rioting that led to hundreds of deaths. On 14 January 2011, the same day BEN ALI dismissed the government, he fled the country, and by late January 2011, a "national unity government" was formed. Elections for the new Constituent Assembly were held in late October 2011, and in December, it elected human rights activist Moncef MARZOUKI as interim president. The Assembly began drafting a new constitution in February 2012 and, after several iterations and a months-long political crisis that stalled the transition, ratified the document in January 2014. Presidential and parliamentary elections for a permanent government could be held by the end of 2014.

Geography :: Tunisia

Location:

Northern Africa, bordering the Mediterranean Sea, between Algeria and Libya

Geographic coordinates:

34 00 N, 9 00 E

Map references:

Africa

Area:

total: 163,610 sq km

country comparison to the world: 93

land: 155,360 sq km

water: 8,250 sq km

Area - comparative:

slightly larger than Georgia

Land boundaries:

total: 1,424 km

border countries: Algeria 965 km, Libya 459 km

Coastline:

1,148 km

Maritime claims:

territorial sea: 12 nm

contiguous zone: 24 nm

exclusive economic zone: 12 nm

Climate:

temperate in north with mild, rainy winters and hot, dry summers; desert in south

Terrain:

mountains in north; hot, dry central plain; semiarid south merges into the Sahara

Elevation extremes:

lowest point: Shatt al Gharsah -17 m

highest point: Jebel ech Chambi 1,544 m

Natural resources:

petroleum, phosphates, iron ore, lead, zinc, salt

Land use:

arable land: 17.35%

permanent crops: 14.63%

other: 68.02% (2011)

Irrigated land:

3,970 sq km (2003)

Total renewable water resources:

4.6 cu km (2011)

Freshwater withdrawal (domestic/industrial/agricultural):

total: 2.85 cu km/yr (14%/4%/82%)

per capita: 295.8 cu m/yr (2001)

Natural hazards:

NA

Environment - current issues:

toxic and hazardous waste disposal is ineffective and poses health risks; water pollution from raw sewage; limited natural freshwater resources; deforestation; overgrazing; soil erosion; desertification

Environment - international agreements:

party to: Biodiversity, Climate Change, Climate Change-Kyoto Protocol, Desertification, Endangered Species, Environmental Modification, Hazardous Wastes, Law of the Sea, Marine Dumping, Ozone Layer Protection, Ship Pollution, Wetlands

signed, but not ratified: Marine Life Conservation

Geography - note:

strategic location in central Mediterranean; Malta and Tunisia are discussing the commercial exploitation of the continental shelf between their countries, particularly for oil exploration

People and Society :: Tunisia

Nationality:

noun: Tunisian(s)

adjective: Tunisian

Ethnic groups:

Arab 98%, European 1%, Jewish and other 1%

Languages:

Arabic (official, one of the languages of commerce), French (commerce), Berber (Tamazight)

Religions:

Muslim (official; Sunni) 99.1%, other (includes Christian, Jewish, Shia Muslim, and Baha'i) 1%

Population:

10,937,521 (July 2014 est.)

country comparison to the world: 79

Age structure:

0-14 years: 23% (male 1,298,262/female 1,219,086)
15-24 years: 16% (male 879,755/female 871,954)
25-54 years: 44.6% (male 2,373,765/female 2,509,750)
55-64 years: 7.9% (male 468,278/female 454,170)
65 years and over: 7.7% (male 423,350/female 439,151) (2014 est.)

Dependency ratios:

total dependency ratio: 43.6 %
youth dependency ratio: 33.3 %
elderly dependency ratio: 10.3 %
potential support ratio: 9.7 (2013)

Median age:

total: 31.4 years
male: 31 years
female: 31.8 years (2014 est.)

Population growth rate:

0.92% (2014 est.)
country comparison to the world: 126

Birth rate:

16.9 births/1,000 population (2014 est.)
country comparison to the world: 112

Death rate:

5.94 deaths/1,000 population (2014 est.)
country comparison to the world: 168

Net migration rate:

-1.74 migrant(s)/1,000 population (2014 est.)
country comparison to the world: 161

Urbanization:

urban population: 66.3% of total population (2011)
rate of urbanization: 1.34% annual rate of change (2010-15 est.)

Major urban areas - population:

TUNIS (capital) 759,000 (2009)

Sex ratio:

at birth: 1.07 male(s)/female
0-14 years: 1.07 male(s)/female
15-24 years: 1.01 male(s)/female
25-54 years: 0.95 male(s)/female
55-64 years: 0.99 male(s)/female
65 years and over: 0.96 male(s)/female
total population: 0.99 male(s)/female (2014 est.)

Maternal mortality rate:

56 deaths/100,000 live births (2010)
country comparison to the world: 104

Infant mortality rate:

total: 23.19 deaths/1,000 live births
country comparison to the world: 78
male: 26.63 deaths/1,000 live births
female: 19.51 deaths/1,000 live births (2014 est.)

Life expectancy at birth:

total population: 75.68 years
country comparison to the world: 92
male: 73.6 years
female: 77.9 years (2014 est.)

Total fertility rate:

2 children born/woman (2014 est.)
country comparison to the world: 126

Contraceptive prevalence rate:

63% (2012)

Health expenditures:

6.2% of GDP (2011)
country comparison to the world: 104

Physicians density:

1.22 physicians/1,000 population (2010)

Hospital bed density:

2.1 beds/1,000 population (2010)

Drinking water source:**improved:**

urban: 100% of population

rural: 89.2% of population

total: 96.4% of population

unimproved:

urban: 0% of population

rural: 10.8% of population

total: 3.6% of population (2011 est.)

Sanitation facility access:**improved:**

urban: 97.3% of population

rural: 75% of population

total: 89.8% of population

unimproved:

urban: 2.7% of population

rural: 25% of population

total: 10.2% of population (2011 est.)

HIV/AIDS - adult prevalence rate:

0.1% (2012 est.)

country comparison to the world: 147

HIV/AIDS - people living with HIV/AIDS:

2,300 (2012 est.)

country comparison to the world: 138

HIV/AIDS - deaths:

100 (2012 est.)

country comparison to the world: 147

Obesity - adult prevalence rate:

22.3% (2008)

country comparison to the world: 80

Children under the age of 5 years underweight:

3.3% (2006)

country comparison to the world: 110

Education expenditures:

6.2% of GDP (2012)

country comparison to the world: 38

Literacy:

definition: age 15 and over can read and write

total population: 79.1%

male: 87.4%

female: 71.1% (2010 est.)

School life expectancy (primary to tertiary education):

total: 15 years

male: 14 years

female: 15 years (2010)

Unemployment, youth ages 15-24:

total: 42.3% (2011)

country comparison to the world: 10

Government :: Tunisia

Country name:

conventional long form: Tunisian Republic

conventional short form: Tunisia

local long form: Al Jumhuriyah at Tunisiyah

local short form: Tunis

Government type:

republic

Capital:

name: Tunis

geographic coordinates: 36 48 N, 10 11 E

time difference: UTC+1 (6 hours ahead of Washington, DC during Standard Time)

Administrative divisions:

24 governorates (wilayat, singular - wilayah); Beja (Bajah), Ben Arous (Bin 'Arus), Bizerte (Banzart), Gabes (Qabis), Gafsa (Qafsah), Jendouba (Jundubah), Kairouan (Al Qayrawan), Kasserine (Al Qasrayn), Kebili (Qibili), Kef (Al Kaf), L'Ariana (Aryanah), Mahdia (Al Mahdiah), Manouba (Manubah), Medenine (Madanin), Monastir (Al Munastir), Nabeul (Nabul), Sfax (Safaqis), Sidi Bouzid (Sidi Bu Zayd), Siliana (Silyanah), Sousse (Susah), Tataouine (Tatawin), Tozeur (Tawzar), Tunis, Zaghwan (Zaghwan)

Independence:

20 March 1956 (from France)

National holiday:

Independence Day, 20 March (1956); Revolution and Youth Day, 14 January (2011)

Constitution:

several previous; latest approved by Constituent Assembly 26 January 2014 (2014)

Legal system:

mixed legal system of civil law, based on the French civil code, and Islamic law; some judicial review of legislative acts in the Supreme Court in joint session

International law organization participation:

has not submitted an ICJ jurisdiction declaration; non-party state to the ICCT

Suffrage:

18 years of age; universal except for active government security forces (including the police and the military), people with mental disabilities, people who have served more than three months in prison (criminal cases only), and people given a suspended sentence of more than six months

Executive branch:

note: the interim government will remain in power pending a general election slated for late 2014

chief of state: President Moncef MARZOUKI (since 12 December 2011)

head of government: Prime Minister Mehdi JOMAA (since 29 January 2014)

cabinet: selected by the prime minister and approved by the Constituent Assembly
(For more information visit the [World Leaders website](#).)

elections: president elected by Constituent Assembly; election last held on 12 December 2011 (next to be held NA); prime minister appointed by the president

election results: President MARZOUKI elected by Constituent Assembly with 153 of 156 votes

Legislative branch:

unicameral Constituent Assembly (217 seats); note - the legislative role of the Constituent Assembly remains unclear

elections: initial election of 217 Constituent Assembly members held on 23 October 2011 (next to be held NA)

election results: percent of vote by party - NA; seats by party - al-Nahda 89, CPR 29, Popular Petition 26, FDTL 20, PDP 16, PDM 5, The Initiative 5, Afek Tounes 4, PCOT 3, other minor parties each with fewer than three seats 20

Judicial branch:

highest court(s): Court of Cassation or Cour de Cassation (organized into civil and criminal chambers and consists of NA judges)

judge selection and term of office: judges nominated by the Higher Magistracy Council (also called the Superior Council of the Judiciary), a 7-member body of judges and prosecutors; judges appointed by presidential decree; judge tenure NA

subordinate courts: Administrative Court; Courts of Appeal; Housing Court; courts of first instance; lower district courts; military courts

Political parties and leaders:

Afek Tounes [Emna MINF]

Alliance for Tunisia (a coalition of Tunisia's Call [Beji Caid ESSEBSI], Republican Party [Maya JRIBI and Najib CHBBI], Democratic Path [Ahmed BRAHIM])

al-Nahda (The Renaissance) [Rachid GHANNOUCHI]

Congress Party for the Republic or CPR [Moncef MARZOUKI]

Democratic Forum for Labor and Liberties or FDTL (Ettakatol) [Mustapha Ben JAAFAR]

Democratic Modernist Pole or PDM (a coalition)

Democratic Socialist Movement or MDS

Et-Tajdid Movement [Ahmed IBRAHIM]
Green Party for Progress or PVP [Mongi KHAMASSI]
Liberal Social Party or PSL [Mondher THABET]
Movement of Socialist Democrats or MDS [Ismail BOULAHYA]
Popular Petition (Aridha Chaabia) [Hachemi HAMDJ]
Popular Unity Party or PUP [Mohamed BOUCHIHA]
Progressive Democratic Party or PDP [Maya JERIBI]
The Initiative [Kamel MORJANE] (formerly the Constitutional Democratic Rally or RCD)
Tunisian Workers' Communist Party or PCOT [Hamma HAMMAMI]
Unionist Democratic Union or UDU [Ahmed INOUBLI]

Political pressure groups and leaders:

18 October Group [collective leadership]; Tunisian League for Human Rights or LTDH [Mokhtar TRIFI];
Tunisian General Labor Union or UGTT [Hassine ABASSI]

International organization participation:

ABEDA, AfDB, AFESD, AMF, AMU, AU, BSEC (observer), CD, EBRD, FAO, G-11, G-77, IAEA, IBRD, ICAO, ICC (national committees), ICRM, IDA, IDB, IFAD, IFC, IFRCS, IHO, ILO, IMF, IMO, IMSO, Interpol, IOC, IOM, IPU, ISO, ITSO, ITU, ITUC (NGOs), LAS, MIGA, MONUSCO, NAM, OAPEC, OAS (observer), OIC, OIF, OPCW, OSCE (partner), UN, UNCTAD, UNESCO, UNHCR, UNIDO, UNOCI, UNWTO, UPU, WCO, WFTU (NGOs), WHO, WIPO, WMO, WTO

Diplomatic representation in the US:

chief of mission: Ambassador (vacant); Charge d'Affaires Kais DARRAGI
chancery: 1515 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20005
telephone: [1] (202) 862-1850
FAX: [1] (202) 862-1858

Diplomatic representation from the US:

chief of mission: Ambassador Jake WALLEES (since 24 July 2012)
embassy: Zone Nord-Est des Berges du Lac Nord de Tunis 1053
mailing address: use embassy street address
telephone: [216] 71 107-000
FAX: [216] 71 963-263

Flag description:

red with a white disk in the center bearing a red crescent nearly encircling a red five-pointed star; resembles the Ottoman flag (red banner with white crescent and star) and recalls Tunisia's history as part of the Ottoman Empire; red represents the blood shed by martyrs in the struggle against oppression, white stands for peace; the crescent and star are traditional symbols of Islam

note: the flag is based on that of Turkey, itself a successor state to the Ottoman Empire

National symbol(s):

encircled red star and crescent

National anthem:

name: "Humat Al Hima" (Defenders of the Homeland)
lyrics/music: Mustafa Sadik AL-RAFII and Aboul-Qacem ECHEBBI/Mohamad Abdel WAHAB
note: adopted 1957, replaced 1958, restored 1987; Mohamad Abdel WAHAB also composed the music for the anthem of the United Arab Emirates

Economy :: Tunisia

Economy - overview:

Tunisia's diverse, market-oriented economy has long been cited as a success story in Africa and the Middle East, but it faces an array of challenges during the country's ongoing political transition. Following an ill-fated experiment with socialist economic policies in the 1960s, Tunisia embarked on a successful strategy focused on bolstering exports, foreign investment, and tourism, all of which have become central to the country's economy. Key exports now include textiles and apparel, food products, petroleum products, chemicals, and phosphates, with about 80% of exports bound for Tunisia's main economic partner, the European Union. Tunisia's liberal strategy, coupled with investments in education and infrastructure, fueled decades of 4-5% annual GDP growth and improving living standards. Former President (1987-2011) Zine el Abidine BEN ALI continued these policies, but as his reign wore on cronyism and corruption stymied economic performance and unemployment rose among the country's growing ranks of university graduates. These grievances contributed to the January 2011 overthrow of BEN ALI, sending Tunisia's economy into a tailspin as tourism and investment declined sharply. During 2012 and 2013, the Tunisian Government's focus on the political transition led to a neglect of the economy that resulted in several downgrades of Tunisia's credit rating. As the economy recovers, Tunisia's government faces challenges reassuring businesses and investors, bringing budget and current account deficits under control, shoring up the country's financial system, bringing down high unemployment, and reducing economic disparities between the more developed coastal region and the impoverished interior.

GDP (purchasing power parity):

\$108.4 billion (2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 72

\$105.4 billion (2012 est.)

\$101.8 billion (2011 est.)

note: data are in 2013 US dollars

GDP (official exchange rate):

\$48.38 billion (2013 est.)

GDP - real growth rate:

2.8% (2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 124

3.6% (2012 est.)

-1.9% (2011 est.)

GDP - per capita (PPP):

\$9,900 (2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 119

\$9,800 (2012 est.)

\$9,500 (2011 est.)

note: data are in 2013 US dollars

Gross national saving:

26.1% of GDP (2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 43

25.4% of GDP (2012 est.)

24.1% of GDP (2011 est.)

GDP - composition, by end use:

household consumption: 66.5%

government consumption: 18.4%

investment in fixed capital: 22.6%

investment in inventories: 3.5%

exports of goods and services: 49.2%

imports of goods and services: -60.1%
(2013 est.)

GDP - composition, by sector of origin:

agriculture: 8.6%

industry: 30.4%

services: 61% (2013 est.)

Agriculture - products:

olives, olive oil, grain, tomatoes, citrus fruit, sugar beets, dates, almonds; beef, dairy products

Industries:

petroleum, mining (particularly phosphate and iron ore), tourism, textiles, footwear, agribusiness, beverages

Industrial production growth rate:

3% (2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 98

Labor force:

3.974 million (2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 91

Labor force - by occupation:

agriculture: 18.3%

industry: 31.9%

services: 49.8% (2009 est.)

Unemployment rate:

17.2% (2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 152

17.4% (2012 est.)

Population below poverty line:

3.8% (2005 est.)

Household income or consumption by percentage share:

lowest 10%: 2.3%

highest 10%: 31.5% (2000)

Distribution of family income - Gini index:

40 (2005 est.)

country comparison to the world: 59

41.7 (1995 est.)

Budget:

revenues: \$12.16 billion

expenditures: \$15.8 billion (2013 est.)

Taxes and other revenues:

25.1% of GDP (2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 128

Budget surplus (+) or deficit (-):

-7.5% of GDP (2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 191

Public debt:

51.1% of GDP (2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 65

46.1% of GDP (2012 est.)

Fiscal year:

calendar year

Inflation rate (consumer prices):

6.1% (2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 175

5.6% (2012 est.)

Central bank discount rate:

5.75% (31 December 2010 est.)

Commercial bank prime lending rate:

7.31% (31 December 2012 est.)

country comparison to the world: 131

6.76% (31 December 2011 est.)

Stock of narrow money:

\$13.08 billion (31 December 2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 72

\$13.44 billion (31 December 2012 est.)

Stock of broad money:

\$29.8 billion (31 December 2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 74

\$30.72 billion (31 December 2012 est.)

Stock of domestic credit:

\$35.59 billion (31 December 2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 68

\$36.09 billion (31 December 2012 est.)

Market value of publicly traded shares:

\$8.887 billion (31 December 2012 est.)

country comparison to the world: 72

\$9.662 billion (31 December 2011)

\$10.68 billion (31 December 2010 est.)

Current account balance:

-\$4.556 billion (2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 165

-\$3.773 billion (2012 est.)

Exports:

\$17.46 billion (2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 74

\$17.07 billion (2012 est.)

Exports - commodities:

clothing, semi-finished goods and textiles, agricultural products, mechanical goods, phosphates and chemicals, hydrocarbons, electrical equipment

Exports - partners:

France 26.2%, Italy 16%, Germany 9.4%, Libya 7.6%, US 4.3% (2012)

Imports:

\$24.95 billion (2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 73

\$23.1 billion (2012 est.)

Imports - commodities:

textiles, machinery and equipment, hydrocarbons, chemicals, foodstuffs

Imports - partners:

France 19.8%, Italy 16.7%, Germany 7.3%, China 6%, Spain 5.3%, Algeria 4.4% (2012)

Reserves of foreign exchange and gold:

\$8.113 billion (31 December 2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 78

\$8.36 billion (31 December 2012 est.)

Debt - external:

\$26.95 billion (31 December 2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 75

\$24.6 billion (31 December 2012 est.)

Stock of direct foreign investment - at home:

\$34.64 billion (31 December 2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 59

\$33.4 billion (31 December 2012 est.)

Stock of direct foreign investment - abroad:

\$295 million (31 December 2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 83

\$285 million (31 December 2012 est.)

Exchange rates:

Tunisian dinars (TND) per US dollar -

1.638 (2013 est.)

1.5619 (2012 est.)

1.4314 (2010 est.)

1.3503 (2009)

1.211 (2008)

Energy :: Tunisia

Electricity - production:

15.14 billion kWh (2010 est.)

country comparison to the world: 81

Electricity - consumption:

13.29 billion kWh (2010 est.)

country comparison to the world: 82

Electricity - exports:

0 kWh (2010 est.)

country comparison to the world: 204

Electricity - imports:

19 million kWh (2010 est.)

country comparison to the world: 105

Electricity - installed generating capacity:

3.652 million kW (2010 est.)

country comparison to the world: 82

Electricity - from fossil fuels:

96.8% of total installed capacity (2010 est.)

country comparison to the world: 65

Electricity - from nuclear fuels:

0% of total installed capacity (2010 est.)

country comparison to the world: 190

Electricity - from hydroelectric plants:

1.7% of total installed capacity (2010 est.)

country comparison to the world: 139

Electricity - from other renewable sources:

1.5% of total installed capacity (2010 est.)

country comparison to the world: 78

Crude oil - production:

68,310 bbl/day (2012 est.)

country comparison to the world: 57

Crude oil - exports:

77,980 bbl/day (2010 est.)

country comparison to the world: 42

Crude oil - imports:

3,680 bbl/day (2010 est.)

country comparison to the world: 80

Crude oil - proved reserves:

425 million bbl (1 January 2013 es)

country comparison to the world: 52

Refined petroleum products - production:

11,170 bbl/day (2010 est.)

country comparison to the world: 103

Refined petroleum products - consumption:

88,380 bbl/day (2011 est.)

country comparison to the world: 82

Refined petroleum products - exports:

3,391 bbl/day (2010 est.)

country comparison to the world: 96

Refined petroleum products - imports:

80,980 bbl/day (2010 est.)

country comparison to the world: 56

Natural gas - production:

1.93 billion cu m (2011 est.)

country comparison to the world: 58

Natural gas - consumption:

3.28 billion cu m (2010 est.)

country comparison to the world: 69

Natural gas - exports:

0 cu m (2011 est.)

country comparison to the world: 194

Natural gas - imports:

1.78 billion cu m (2011 est.)

country comparison to the world: 52

Natural gas - proved reserves:

65.13 billion cu m (1 January 2013 es)

country comparison to the world: 60

Carbon dioxide emissions from consumption of energy:

20.52 million Mt (2011 est.)

country comparison to the world: 84

Communications :: Tunisia

Telephones - main lines in use:

1.105 million (2012)

country comparison to the world: 71

Telephones - mobile cellular:

12.84 million (2012)

country comparison to the world: 68

Telephone system:

general assessment: above the African average and continuing to be upgraded; key centers are Sfax, Sousse, Bizerte, and Tunis; telephone network is completely digitized; Internet access available throughout the country

domestic: in an effort to jumpstart expansion of the fixed-line network, the government has awarded a concession to build and operate a VSAT network with international connectivity; rural areas are served by wireless local loops; competition between the two mobile-cellular service providers has resulted in lower activation and usage charges and a strong surge in subscribership; a third mobile, fixed, and ISP operator was licensed in 2009 and began offering services in 2010; expansion of mobile-cellular services to include multimedia messaging and e-mail and Internet to mobile phone services also leading to a surge in subscribership; overall fixed-line and mobile-cellular teledensity has reached about 125 telephones per 100 persons

international: country code - 216; a landing point for the SEA-ME-WE-4 submarine cable system that provides links to Europe, Middle East, and Asia; satellite earth stations - 1 Intelsat (Atlantic Ocean) and 1 Arabsat; coaxial cable and microwave radio relay to Algeria and Libya; participant in Medarabtel; 2 international gateway digital switches (2011)

Broadcast media:

broadcast media is mainly government-controlled; the state-run Tunisian Radio and Television Establishment (ERTT) operates 2 national TV networks, several national radio networks, and a number of regional radio stations; 1 TV and 3 radio stations are privately owned and report domestic news stories directly from the official Tunisian news agency; the state retains control of broadcast facilities and transmitters through L'Office National de la Telediffusion; Tunisians also have access to Egyptian, pan-Arab, and European satellite TV channels (2007)

Internet country code:

.tn

Internet hosts:

576 (2012)

country comparison to the world: 180

Internet users:

3.5 million (2009)

country comparison to the world: 60

Transportation :: Tunisia

Airports:

29 (2013)

country comparison to the world: 118

Airports - with paved runways:

total: 15

over 3,047 m: 4

2,438 to 3,047 m: 6

1,524 to 2,437 m: 2

914 to 1,523 m: 3 (2013)

Airports - with unpaved runways:

total: 14

1,524 to 2,437 m: 1

914 to 1,523 m: 5

under 914 m:

8 (2013)

Pipelines:

condensate 68 km; gas 3,111 km; oil 1,381 km; refined products 453 km (2013)

Railways:

total: 2,165 km (1,991 in use)

country comparison to the world: 69

standard gauge: 471 km 1.435-m gauge

narrow gauge: 1,694 km 1.000-m gauge (65 km electrified) (2011)

Roadways:

total: 19,418 km

country comparison to the world: 112

paved: 14,756 km (includes 357 km of expressways)

unpaved: 4,662 km (2010)

Merchant marine:

total: 9

country comparison to the world: 116

by type: bulk carrier 1, cargo 2, passenger/cargo 4, roll on/roll off 2 (2010)

Ports and terminals:

major seaport(s): Bizerte, Gabes, Rades, Sfax, Skhira

Military :: Tunisia

Military branches:

Tunisian Armed Forces (Forces Armees Tunisiens, FAT): Tunisian Army (includes Tunisian Air Defense Force), Tunisian Navy, Republic of Tunisia Air Force (Al-Quwwat al-Jawwiya al-Jamahiriyah At'Tunisia) (2012)

Military service age and obligation:

20-23 years of age for compulsory service, one year service obligation; 18-23 years of age for voluntary service; Tunisian nationality required (2012)

Manpower available for military service:

males age 16-49: 2,846,572

females age 16-49: 2,952,180 (2010 est.)

Manpower fit for military service:

males age 16-49: 2,397,716

females age 16-49: 2,484,097 (2010 est.)

Manpower reaching militarily significant age annually:

male: 90,436

female: 87,346 (2010 est.)

Military expenditures:

1.55% of GDP (2012)

country comparison to the world: 57

1.34% of GDP (2011)

1.55% of GDP (2010)

Transnational Issues :: Tunisia

Disputes - international:

none

Trafficking in persons:

current situation: Tunisia is a source, destination, and possible transit country for men, women, and children subjected to forced labor and sex trafficking; Tunisia's increased number of street children, children working to support their families, and migrants who have fled unrest in neighboring countries are vulnerable to human trafficking; Tunisian women recruited into Lebanon's entertainment industry are forced into prostitution on arrival and other Tunisian women are forced into prostitution in Jordan; some Tunisian girls employed in domestic work are held in conditions of forced labor

tier rating: Tier 2 Watch List - Tunisia does not fully comply with the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking; however, it is making significant efforts to do so; the government continues to maintain that human trafficking is not a widespread problem in Tunisia, which undermines awareness campaigns and does not differentiate human trafficking from migrant smuggling; prior commitments to enact draft anti-trafficking legislation were not fulfilled, and the government has not developed or implemented procedures to identify proactively trafficking victims; the government has assisted an unidentified number of trafficking victims in its shelters for vulnerable groups (2013)