

# COUNTRY PROFILE

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## CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

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**Subregion** Central Africa  
**Income group** Low income

### PEOPLE

Population (millions) <sup>1</sup>	4.90 (2015)	6.49 (2030)
Urban <sup>2</sup>	40% (2015)	46% (2030)
Rural <sup>2</sup>	60% (2015)	54% (2030)
Population growth <sup>1</sup> (annual)	2.0% (2015)	1.7% (2030)
Human Development Index rank <sup>3</sup>	187/188 Low human development	
Languages <sup>19</sup>	French (official), Sangho (lingua franca and national language), tribal languages	
Religion <sup>19</sup>	Indigenous beliefs 35%, Protestant 25%, Roman Catholic 25%, Muslim 15%	
Ethnic composition <sup>19</sup>	Baya 33%, Banda 27%, Mandjia 13%, Sara 10%, Mboum 7%, M'Baka 4%, Yakoma 4%, other 2%	

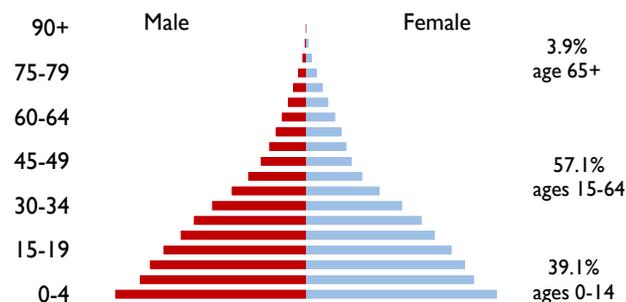
### GOVERNMENT

Capital <sup>19</sup>	Bangui
Government type <sup>19</sup>	Presidential republic
Head of State <sup>19</sup>	President Faustin-Archange TOUADERA (since 30 March 2016)
Head of Govt <sup>19</sup>	Prime Minister Simplicie SARANDJI (since 2 April 2016)
Legislature <sup>19</sup>	Unicameral National Assembly or Assemblée Nationale
Females in Parliament <sup>4</sup>	13% (2013)
Corruption Perceptions Index rank <sup>5</sup>	145/167 (2015)
Ibrahim Index rank <sup>6</sup>	52/54 (2015)
Land area (sq km) <sup>7</sup>	622,980 (The size of Texas)

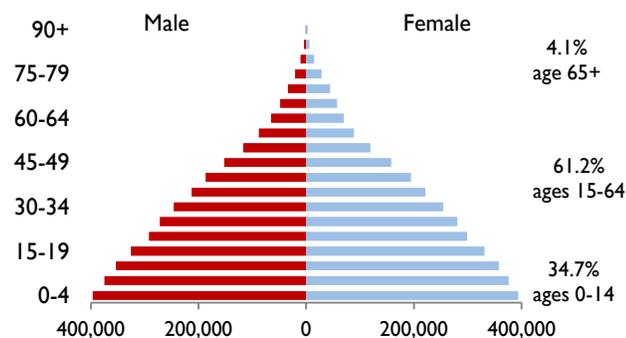
### OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

From all donors (US\$ millions, net) <sup>8</sup>	\$610.4 (2014)
as % of income <sup>7</sup>	40.51% (2014)
per capita <sup>18</sup>	\$127.0 (2014)
From U.S. (US\$ millions) <sup>8</sup>	\$62.1 (2014)

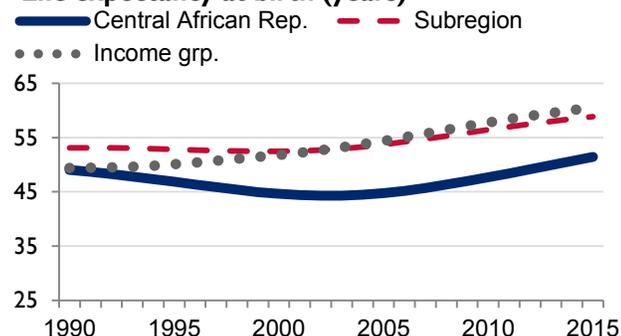
### 2015 population<sup>1</sup>



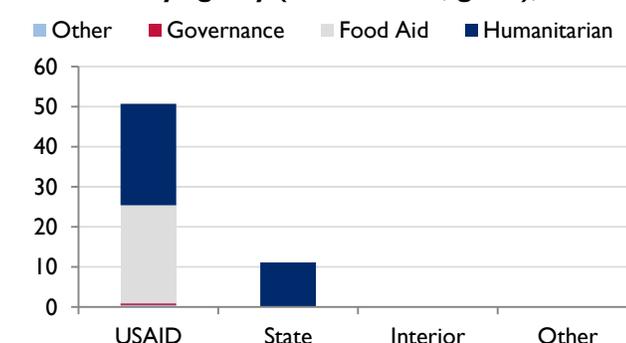
### 2030 population<sup>1</sup>



### Life expectancy at birth (years)<sup>1</sup>



### U.S. ODA by agency (US\$ millions, gross), 2014<sup>18</sup>



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## EDUCATION

Completion rate, primary gross <sup>7</sup>	44.4%	(2012)
Female completion rate <sup>7</sup>	34.5%	(2012)
Male completion rate <sup>7</sup>	54.5%	(2012)
Pupil-teacher ratio, primary <sup>9</sup>	80	(2012)
Pupil-teacher ratio, secondary <sup>9</sup>	68	(2012)
Public education expenditure (% of GDP) <sup>9</sup>	1.1%	(2010)
Youth literacy rate (ages 15-24) <sup>7</sup>	36%	(2015)
Children out of school, primary <sup>7</sup>	206,651	(2012)
Of which, female <sup>7</sup>	65%	(2012)
Of which, male <sup>7</sup>	35%	(2012)

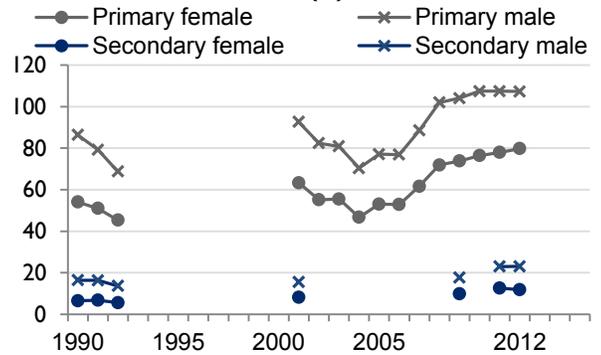
## ECONOMY

GDP (US\$ millions) <sup>7</sup>	\$1,503	(2015)
GDP growth (annual %) <sup>7</sup>	5.5%	(2015)
10-year average <sup>7</sup>	-2.1%	(2015)
Merchandise exports (US\$ millions) <sup>10</sup>	\$172	(2015)
Merchandise imports (US\$ millions) <sup>10</sup>	\$815	(2015)
Percent of population living under \$1.90/day <sup>7</sup>	66.3%	(2008)
Share of income going to the poorest 20% <sup>11</sup>	3%	(2013)
OECD average <sup>11</sup>	8%	(2013)
Share of income going to the richest 20% <sup>11</sup>	61%	(2013)
OECD average <sup>11</sup>	42%	(2013)
Youth unemployment (ages 15-24) <sup>7</sup>	11.9%	(2014)
Annual inflation <sup>12</sup>	4.5%	(2015)

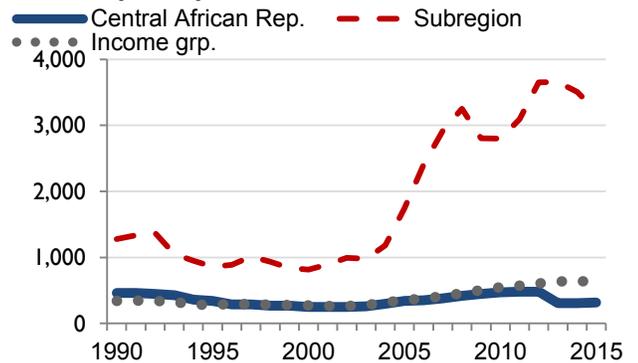
## HEALTH

Prevalence of HIV (ages 15-49) <sup>13</sup>	3.7%	(2015)
Antiretroviral coverage (% of adults 15+ meeting WHO guidelines) <sup>7</sup>	24%	(2015)
Prevalence of TB (per 100,000 population) <sup>14</sup>	435	(2014)
Deaths from malaria (per 100,000 population) <sup>14</sup>	81	(2013)
Prevalence of stunting (% of children under 5) <sup>15</sup>	n/a	
DPT3 immunization rate (children aged one) <sup>15</sup>	n/a	
Fertility rate (children per woman) <sup>15</sup>	n/a	
Modern contraceptive prevalence <sup>15</sup>	n/a	
Births attended by skilled health worker <sup>15</sup>	n/a	
Improved water source (% of population) <sup>4</sup>	69%	(2015)
Public health expenditure (% of GDP) <sup>16</sup>	2%	(2014)

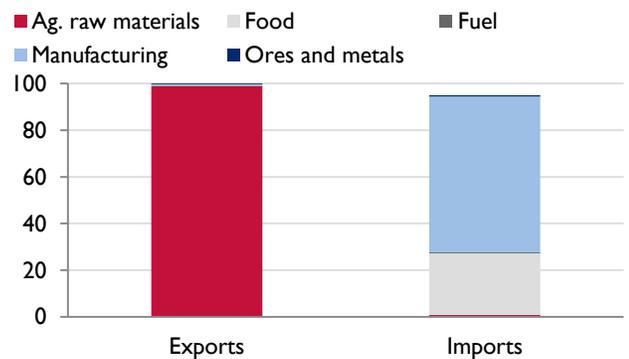
## Gross enrollment ratio (%)<sup>9</sup>



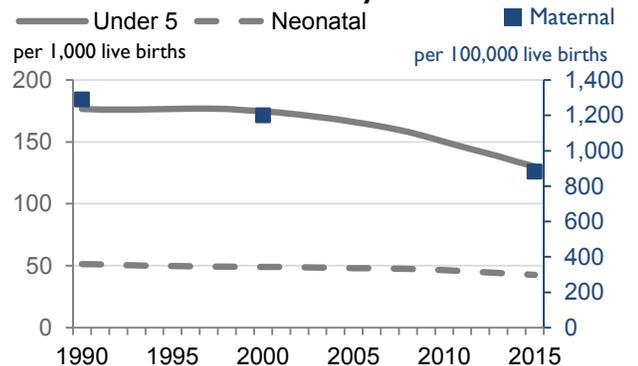
## Income per capita, US\$<sup>7</sup>



## Shares of merchandise trade (%), 2014<sup>7</sup>



## Child and maternal mortality<sup>17,14</sup>



SOURCES: <sup>1</sup>UN, World Population Prospects; <sup>2</sup>UN, World Urbanization Prospects; <sup>3</sup>UNDP, Human Development Report; <sup>4</sup>UN, Millennium Development Goals Indicators; <sup>5</sup>Transparency International, Corruption Perceptions Index and Bribe Payers Index; <sup>6</sup>Mo Ibrahim Foundation, Index of African Governance; <sup>7</sup>World Bank, World Development Indicators; <sup>8</sup>OECD/DAC, Destination of Official Development Assistance and Official Aid - Disbursements (Table 2a); <sup>9</sup>UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) Database; <sup>10</sup>IMF, Direction of Trade Statistics; <sup>11</sup>Population Reference Bureau, World Population Data Sheet; <sup>12</sup>IMF, World Economic Outlook Database; <sup>13</sup>UNAIDS, Report on the Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic; <sup>14</sup>WHO, World Health Statistics; <sup>15</sup>Demographic and Health Surveys, STATcompiler; <sup>16</sup>WHO, Global Health Expenditure Database; <sup>17</sup>UN Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation, Child Mortality Estimates; <sup>18</sup>OECD/DAC, Creditor Reporting System (CRS++); <sup>19</sup>CIA, World Factbook; World Bank, Country and Lending Groups.