



Algeria

Capital: Algiers
Religion: Sunni Muslim (state religion) 99%, Christian and Jewish 1%;
Language: Arab-Berber 99%, European less than 1%
Currency: Algerian Dinar
Area (km²): 2,380,000
Languages: Arabic, French, Berber

Population	Increase %	Literacy %
32,930,091	1.22	70

globalmeditrade

Life Expectancy Male	Life Expectancy Female	Infant Mortality
71.68	74.92	29.87

Middle Eastern & Arab North African Countries.
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Bahrain

Capital: Manama
Religion: Shi'a Muslim 70%, Sunni Muslim 30%
Language: Bahraini 63%, Asian 19%, other Arab 10%, Iranian 8%
Currency: Bahraini dinar
Area (km²): 620
Languages: Arabic

Population	Population Increase %	Literacy %
698,585	1.45	89

globalmeditrade

Life Expectancy Male	Life Expectancy Female	Infant Mortality
71.97	77	16.8

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Egypt

Capital: Cairo
Religion: Muslim (mostly Sunni) 90-94%, Coptic Christian and other 6-10%.
Language: Eastern Hamitic (Egyptians, Bedouins, and Berbers) 99%, Greek, Nubian, Armenian, other European (primarily Italian and French) 1%
Currency: Egyptian pound
Area (km²): 1,001,450
Languages: Arabic (official), English and French widely understood by educated classes

Population
78,887,007

Population Increase %
1.75

Literacy %
58

globalmeditrade

Life Expectancy Male
68.77

Life Expectancy Female
73.93

Infant Mortality
31.33

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Iraq

Capital: Baghdad
Religion: Muslim 97% (Shi'a 60%-65%, Sunni 32%-37%), Christian or other 3%.
Language: Arab 75%-80%, Kurdish 15%-20%, Turkoman, Assyrian or other 5%
Currency: Iraqi Dinar
Area (km²): 437,072
Languages: Arabic, Kurdish, Assyrian, Armenian

Population	Population Increase %	Literacy %
26,783,383	2.66	40.4

globalmeditrade

Life Expectancy Male	Life Expectancy Female	Infant Mortality
67.76	70.31	48.64

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Iran

Capital: Teheran
Religion: Shi'a Muslim 89%, Sunni Muslim 10%, Zoroastrian, Jewish, Christian, and Baha'i 1%.
Language: Persian 51%, Azeri 24%, Gilaki and Mazandarani 8%, Kurd 7%, Arab 3%, Lur 2%, Baloch 2%, Turkmen 2%, other 1%.
Currency: Iranian Rial
Area (km²): 1,648,000
Languages: Persian & dialects 58%, Turkic & dialects 26%, Kurdish 9%, Luri 2%, Balochi 1%, Arabic 1%, Turkish 1%, other 2%

Population
68,688,433

Population Increase %
1.1

Literacy %
79

globalmeditrade

Life Expectancy Male
68.86

Life Expectancy Female
71.74

Infant Mortality
40.3

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Israel

Capital: Jerusalem²
Religion: Jewish 80.1%, Muslim 14.6% (mostly Sunni Muslim), Christian 2.1%, other 3.2% (1996 est.)
Language: Hebrew (official), Arabic used officially for Arab minority, English most commonly used foreign language
Currency: Israeli Shekel
Area (km²): 20,770
Languages: Official: Hebrew, English, Arabic; Russian, French

Population	Population Increase %	Literacy %
7,026,000	1.18	95

globalmeditrade

Life Expectancy Male	Life Expectancy Female	Infant Mortality
77.33	81.7	6.89

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Jordan

Capital: Amman
Religion: Sunni Muslim 92%, Christian 6%, other 2% (several small Shi'a Muslim and Druze populations) (2000 est.)
Language: Arab 98%, Circassian 1%, Armenian 1%
Currency: Jordanian Dinar
Area (km²): 92,300
Languages: Arabic (official), English

Population
5,153,378

Population Increase %
2.49

Literacy %
91.3

globalmeditrade

Life Expectancy Male
75.9

Life Expectancy Female
85.01

Infant Mortality
16.76

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Kuwait

Capital: Kuwait
Religion: Muslim 85% (Sunni 45%, Shi'a 40%), Christian, Hindu, Parsi, and other 15%.
Language: Kuwaiti 45%, other Arab 35%, South Asian 9%, Iranian 4%, other 7%
Currency: Kuwaiti Dinar
Area (km²): 17,820
Languages: Arabic (official), English

Population
2,418,393

Population Increase %
3.521

Literacy %
83.5

globalmeditrade

Life Expectancy Male
76.13

Life Expectancy Female
78.31

Infant Mortality
9.71

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Lebanon

Capital:	Beirut
Religion:	Muslim 70% (including Shi'a, Sunni, Druze, Isma'ilite, Alawite or Nusayri), Christian 30% Jewish <1%.
Language:	Arab 95%, Armenian 4%, other 1%
Currency:	Lebanese Pound
Area (km²):	10,400
Languages:	Arabic (official), French, English, Armenian

Population	Population Increase %	Literacy %
3,874,050	1.23	87.4

globalmeditrade

Life Expectancy Male	Life Expectancy Female	Infant Mortality
70.41	75.48	23.72

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Libya

Capital: Tripoli
Religion: Sunni Muslim 97%.
Language: Berber and Arab 97%, Greeks, Maltese, Italians, Egyptians, Pakistanis, Turks, Indians, Tunisians.
Currency: Libyan dinar
Area (km²): 1,759,540
Languages: Arabic, Italian, English

Population
5,900,754

Population Increase %
2.3

Literacy %
82.6

globalmeditrade

Life Expectancy Male
74.46

Life Expectancy Female
79.02

Infant Mortality
23.71

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Morocco



Capital: Rabat
Religion: Muslim 98.7%, Christian 1.1%, Jewish 0.2%
Language: Language: Arab-Berber 99.1%, other 0.7%, Jewish 0.2%
Currency: Moroccan Dirham
Area (km²): 446,550
Languages: Arabic (official), Berber dialects, French

Population
33,241,259

Population Increase %
1.55

Literacy %
64.1

globalmeditrade

Life Expectancy Male
68.62

Life Expectancy Female
73.37

Infant Mortality
40.24

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Oman

Capital: Muscat
Religion: Ibadhi Muslim 75%, Sunni Muslim, Shi'a Muslim, Hindu
Language: Arab, Baluchi, South Asian (Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Bangladeshi), African.
Currency: Omani Rial
Area (km²): 212,460
Languages: Arabic (official), English, Baluchi, Urdu, Indian dialects

Population	Population Increase %	Literacy %
3,102,229	3.28	75.8

globalmeditrade

Life Expectancy Male	Life Expectancy Female	Infant Mortality
71.37	75.72	18.89

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Palestine

Capital: NA
Religion: Muslim 87% (predominantly Sunni), Jewish 7% (settlers), Christian and other 6%.
Language: Palestinian Arab and other 93%, Jewish 7%
Currency: New Israeli Shekel; Jordanian Dinar
Area (km²): 5,898
Languages: Arabic, English

Population	Population Increase %	Literacy %
3,889,248	3.32	91.93

globalmeditrade

Life Expectancy Male	Life Expectancy Female	Infant Mortality
71.22	74.52	20.342

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Qatar

Capital: Doha
Religion: Muslim 95%
Language: Arab 40%, Pakistani 18%, Indian 18%, Iranian 10%, other 14%
Currency: Qatari Rial
Area (km²): 11,437
Languages: Arabic (official), English

Population
885,359

Population Increase %
2.5

Literacy %
89

globalmeditrade

Life Expectancy Male
70.16

Life Expectancy Female
76.57

Infant Mortality
18.04

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Saudi Arabia

Capital: Riyadh
Religion: Muslim 100%
Language: Arab 90%, Afro-Asian 10%
Currency: Saudi Riyal
Area (km²): 1,960,582
Languages: Arabic (official), English

Population
27,019,731

Population Increase %
2.18

Literacy %
78.8

globalmeditrade

Life Expectancy Male
73.66

Life Expectancy Female
77.78

Infant Mortality
12.81

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Sudan

Capital: Khartoum
Religion: Sunni Muslim 70% (in north), animist 25%, Christian 5% (mostly in south and Khartoum).
Language: African 52%, Arab 39%, Beja 6%, foreigners 2%, other 1%
Currency: Sudanese Dinar
Area (km²): 2,505,810
Languages: Arabic (official), Nubian, Ta Bedawie, diverse dialects of Nilotic, Nilo-Hamitic, Sudanic languages, English

Population
41,236,378

Population Increase %
2.55

Literacy %
61.1

globalmeditrade

Life Expectancy Male
57.69

Life Expectancy Female
60.21

Infant Mortality
61.05

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Syria

Capital:	Damascus
Religion:	Sunni Muslim 74%, Alawite, Druze, & other Muslim 16%, Christian 10%, Jewish (tiny communities in Damascus, Al Qamishli, and Aleppo).
Language:	Arab 90.3%, Kurds, Armenians, and other 9.7%
Currency:	Syrian Pound
Area (km²):	185,180
Languages:	Arabic; Kurdish, Armenian, Aramaic, Circassian widely understood; French, English

Population	Population Increase %	Literacy %
18,881,361	2.3	76.9

globalmeditrade

Life Expectancy Male	Life Expectancy Female	Infant Mortality
69.01	71.7	28.61

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Tunisia

Capital: Tunis
Religion: Muslim 98%, Christian 1%, Jewish and other 1%
Language: Arab 98%, European 1%, Jewish and other 1%
Currency: Tunisian dinar
Area (km²): 163,610
Languages: Arabic (official and one of the languages of commerce), French (commerce)

Population
10,175,014

Population Increase %
0.99

Literacy %
74.3

globalmeditrade

Life Expectancy Male
73.4

Life Expectancy Female
76.96

Infant Mortality
23.84

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Turkey

Capital: Ankara
Religion: Muslim 99.8% (mostly Sunni), other 0.2% (Christian and Jews).
Language: Turkish 80%, Kurdish 20%
Currency: Turkish Lira
Area (km²): 769,630
Languages: Turkish (official), Kurdish, Arabic, Armenian, Greek

Population
70,413,958

Population Increase %
1.06

Literacy %
86.5

globalmeditrade

Life Expectancy Male
70.18

Life Expectancy Female
75.18

Infant Mortality
39.69

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UAE

Capital: Abu Dhabi
Religion: Muslim 96% (Shi'a 16%), Christian, Hindu, and other 4%;
Language: Emirati 19%, other Arab and Iranian 23%, South Asian 50%, others 8% (1982). less than 20% are citizens.
Currency: Emirati dirham
Area (km²): 78,000
Languages: Arabic (official), Persian, English, Hindi, Urdu

Population
2,602,713

Population Increase %
1.52

Literacy %
77.9

globalmeditrade

Life Expectancy Male
72.92

Life Expectancy Female
78.08

Infant Mortality
14.09

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Yemen

Capital: Sana
Religion: Muslim including Shaf'i (Sunni) and Zaydi (Shi'a), small numbers of Jewish, Christian, and Hindu
Language: Predominantly Arab. also Afro-Arab, South Asians, Europeans
Currency: Yemeni Riyal
Area (km²): 527,970
Languages: Arabic

Population
21,456,188

Population Increase %
3.46

Literacy %
50.2

globalmeditrade

Life Expectancy Male
60.23

Life Expectancy Female
64.11

Infant Mortality
59.88

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