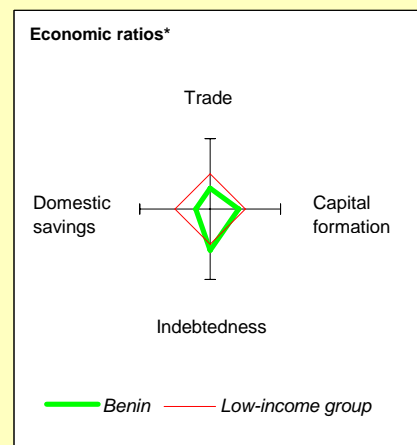
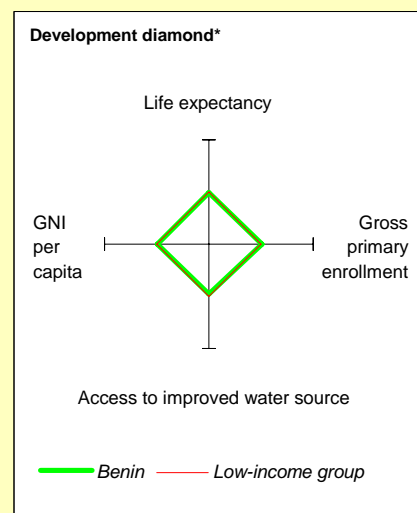


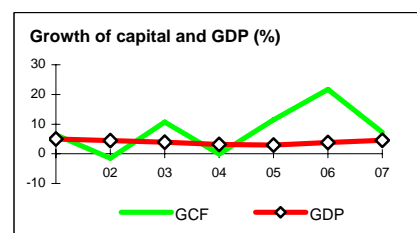
Benin at a glance

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POVERTY and SOCIAL	Sub-Saharan Africa				
	Benin	Sub-Saharan Africa	Low-income		
2007					
Population, mid-year (millions)	9.0	800	1,296		
GNI per capita (Atlas method, US\$)	570	952	578		
GNI (Atlas method, US\$ billions)	5.1	762	749		
Average annual growth, 2001-07					
Population (%)	3.2	2.5	2.2		
Labor force (%)	3.4	2.6	2.7		
Most recent estimate (latest year available, 2001-07)					
Poverty (% of population below national poverty line)	..	..	..
Urban population (% of total population)	41	36	32		
Life expectancy at birth (years)	56	51	57		
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)	88	94	85		
Child malnutrition (% of children under 5)	22	27	29		
Access to an improved water source (% of population)	65	58	68		
Literacy (% of population age 15+)	35	59	61		
Gross primary enrollment (% of school-age population)	96	94	94		
Male	105	99	100		
Female	87	88	89		
KEY ECONOMIC RATIOS and LONG-TERM TRENDS					
	1987	1997	2006	2007	
GDP (US\$ billions)	1.6	2.2	4.6	5.4	
Gross capital formation/GDP	12.9	18.4	
Exports of goods and services/GDP	15.3	16.1	
Gross domestic savings/GDP	-2.8	5.6	
Gross national savings/GDP	0.6	11.0	
Current account balance/GDP	-5.9	-7.4	-9.0	-7.6	
Interest payments/GDP	1.0	0.8	0.3	..	
Total debt/GDP	76.4	75.5	17.8	..	
Total debt service/exports	7.5	12.7	10.6	..	
Present value of debt/GDP	10.9	..	
Present value of debt/exports	64.5	..	
	1987-97	1997-07	2006	2007	2007-11
<i>(average annual growth)</i>					
GDP	3.7	4.2	3.8	4.6	..
GDP per capita	0.1	1.0	0.6	1.5	..
Exports of goods and services	2.7	2.3



STRUCTURE of the ECONOMY	1987	1997	2006	2007
<i>(% of GDP)</i>				
Agriculture	33.3	37.5	..	..
Industry	12.4	14.5	..	..
Manufacturing	7.2	9.0	..	..
Services	54.4	48.1	..	..
Household final consumption expenditure	87.2	84.2	..	..
General gov't final consumption expenditure	15.5	10.2	..	..
Imports of goods and services	31.0	28.9	..	..
	1987-97	1997-07	2006	2007
<i>(average annual growth)</i>				
Agriculture	5.6	4.9	..	..
Industry	5.4	4.7	..	..
Manufacturing	6.5	4.4	..	..
Services	1.8	3.9	..	..
Household final consumption expenditure	3.4	1.6	..	..
General gov't final consumption expenditure	1.4	9.5	..	..
Gross capital formation	5.8	10.8	21.7	7.3
Imports of goods and services	2.2	2.9	..	..



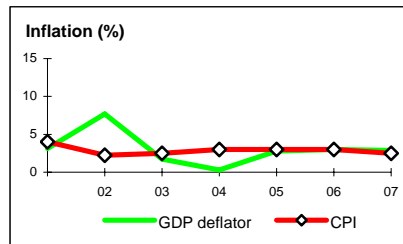
Note: 2007 data are preliminary estimates.

This table was produced from the Development Economics LDB database.

* The diamonds show four key indicators in the country (in bold) compared with its income-group average. If data are missing, the diamond will be incomplete.

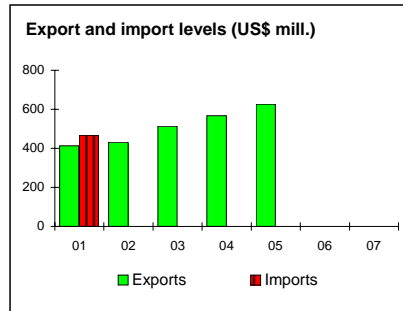
PRICES and GOVERNMENT FINANCE

	1987	1997	2006	2007
Domestic prices				
<i>(% change)</i>				
Consumer prices	..	3.8	3.0	2.5
Implicit GDP deflator	3.0	5.0	3.0	2.9
Government finance				
<i>(% of GDP, includes current grants)</i>				
Current revenue	..	15.6	..	..
Current budget balance	..	3.7	..	..
Overall surplus/deficit	..	-3.0	..	..



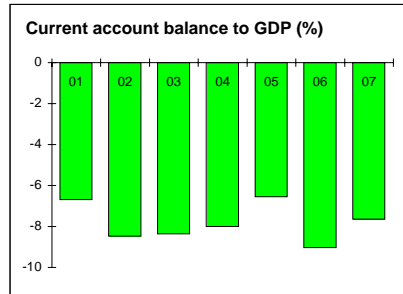
TRADE

	1987	1997	2006	2007
<i>(US\$ millions)</i>				
Total exports (fob)	98	419	..	..
Ginned cotton	55	145	..	..
Crude oil	32	7	..	..
Manufactures	..	..	..	..
Total imports (cif)	262	426	..	..
Food	182	130	..	..
Fuel and energy	33	48	..	..
Capital goods	130	239	..	..
Export price index (2000=100)	..	111	..	..
Import price index (2000=100)	..	93	..	..
Terms of trade (2000=100)	..	119	..	..



BALANCE of PAYMENTS

	1987	1997	2006	2007
<i>(US\$ millions)</i>				
Exports of goods and services	457	347	..	..
Imports of goods and services	602	623	..	..
Resource balance	-145	-276	..	..
Net income	-29	-30	-52	-55
Net current transfers	81	147	..	..
Current account balance	-93	-159	-418	-415
Financing items (net)	58	173	..	..
Changes in net reserves	35	-14	..	..
Memo:				
Reserves including gold (US\$ millions)	..	..	496	492
Conversion rate (DEC, local/US\$)	300.5	583.7	522.9	479.3



EXTERNAL DEBT and RESOURCE FLOWS

	1987	1997	2006	2007
<i>(US\$ millions)</i>				
Total debt outstanding and disbursed	1,194	1,627	824	..
IBRD	0	0	0	0
IDA	196	510	126	176
Total debt service	41	55	83	..
IBRD	0	0	0	0
IDA	2	7	11	1
Composition of net resource flows				
Official grants	58	126	1,131	..
Official creditors	57	22	16	..
Private creditors	-1	0	0	..
Foreign direct investment (net inflows)	0	27	63	..
Portfolio equity (net inflows)	0	2	2	..
World Bank program				
Commitments	48	0	30	99
Disbursements	22	20	32	43
Principal repayments	0	4	8	0
Net flows	21	16	24	43
Interest payments	1	4	4	1
Net transfers	20	12	20	41

