



Haiti



Religious Affiliation



Official name: Repiblik Dayti (Haitian Creole); République d'Haïti (French) (Republic of Haiti).

Form of government: multiparty republic with two legislative houses (Senate [27]; Chamber of Deputies [83]).

Chief of state: President.

Head of government: Prime Minister.

Population (1998): 6,781,000.

Population projection: (2000) 6,992,000; (2010) 8,266,000.

Natural increase rate per 1,000 population (1996): 18.0 (world avg. 15.7).

Land use (1994): forested 5.1%; meadows and pastures 18.0%; agricultural and under permanent cultivation 33.0%; other 43.9%.

Gross national product (1996):



After the French Revolution of 1789 Haiti underwent a slave revolt, but the French tricolor continued in use until 1803. The new blue-red flag represented the black and mulatto populations only. A black-red flag was used by various dictators, including François "Papa Doc" Duvalier and his son, but on Feb. 25, 1986, the old flag was reestablished.