

Central African Republic Fact Sheet

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Area and population	
Area	622,984 sq km
Area comparative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1.1 x France ▪ 0.9 x Texas
Population ¹	4,390,008

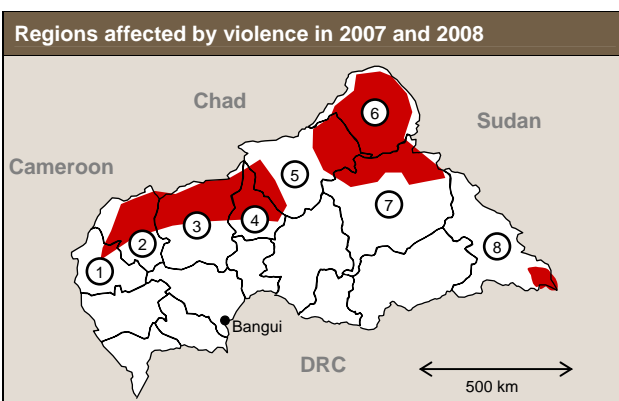
Economy and development	
GDP per capita, PPP 2008 ²	US\$ 754
GDP growth rate 2008 ²	3.52 %
Human Development Index ³	0.352
Human Development Index rank ³	178 of 179
HDI Change 1990 – 2006 ³	-1.5%
People living on less than US\$1.25 / day ⁴	62.4%

General public health	
Life expectancy at birth ⁵	40 (m), 45.7 (f)
Infant mortality (per 1,000) ⁶	106
Children < 5 mortality (per 1,000) ⁶	176
Maternal mortality (per 100,000) ⁶	1,355
Popn without access to drinking water ⁶	73.9 %
Children fully immunized ⁶	32.0 %

Health focus: HIV/AIDS among 15-49 year olds ⁵	
HIV overall prevalence	6.2 %
HIV prevalence by sex	4.3 % (m), 7.8 % (f)

Education	
Primary school enrolment (net) ⁷	55.5 %
Adult literacy rate ⁵	54 % (m), 32 % (f)

Food security ⁶	
Global acute malnutrition < 5 years	10.1 %
Global chronic malnutrition < 5 years	38.0 %



Internal displacement, refugees and returnees ⁸	
People affected by violence	1,000,000
Refugees in Chad, Cameroon, Sudan ⁹	105,745
Internally displaced persons (IDPs)	108,000
Central Africans in forced displacement	214,745
Recent returnees ¹⁰	85,000

Displacement by region (population ¹ IDPs ⁸ returnees ⁸)			
Nana-Mambéré	①	261,862	15,000 10,000
Ouham-Pendé	②	482,455	50,000 10,000
Ouham	③	413,773	25,000 5,000
Nana-Gribizi	④	132,033	5,000 23,000
Bamingui-Bangoran	⑤	48,445	- 8,000
Vakaga	⑥	58,561	3,000 17,000
Haute-Kotto	⑦	101,214	5,000 12,000
Haut-Mbomou	⑧	64,553	5,000 -

Consolidated appeal 2008 (US\$, share in %) ¹¹		
Amount appealed for	\$ 118.67 m	
Amount committed or contributed	\$ 106.06 m	89 %

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¹ UNFPA (2003), Population projection CAR for 2009

² IMF (2008), World Economic Outlook, October 2008, estimations

³ UNDP (2008), HDI Statistical Update 2008, data as of 2006, hdr.undp.org

⁴ World Bank (2008), WDI 2008 poverty data

⁵ CAR (2003), General census on population and housing (RGPH) 2003

⁶ MICS III (2006), Drinking water data from UNDP (June 2007), Suivi des OMD en RCA

⁷ UNESCO, RESEN (2007)

⁸ HDPT CAR (October 2008)

⁹ UNHCR (2009), HDPT CAR (2009)

¹⁰ Internal returnees in 2007-08

¹¹ OCHA Financial Tracking System (22 January 2009), www.reliefweb.int/fts