

Facts and Figures

Population:	6.700.000 (1982 est.)
Age Distribution:	0 - 14: 43.3% 15 - 59: 50.9% 60 - : 5.8%
Ethnic Groups:	98% Arab.
Languages:	Arabic (Official), French.
Religions:	Mainly Moslem. (Christian and Jewish minorities)
Area:	154, 530 sq. kms. (63, 378 sq. mi).
Location:	On North coast of Africa.
Neighbors:	Algeria on West. Libya on East..
Topography:	The North is wooded and fertile The Central Plains are for grazing and orchards. The South is arid; near the Sahara desert.
Capital:	Tunis, with 1.385.000 inhabitants (1984 est.)
Government:	Republic.
Head of State:	Pres. Habib Bourguiba - Born August 3, 1903 - Took office: July 25, 1957.
Prime Minister:	Mohammed Mzali - Born Dec. 23, 1925 - Took office: April 23, 1980.
Local Divisions:	21 governorates.
Industries:	Food processing - Textiles Oil products - Construction materials - Tourism.
Chief Crops:	Grains - Dates - Olives - Citrus - Fruits - Figs - Vegetables - Grapes.



Minerals:	Phosphates - Iron - Oil - Lead - Zinc.
Currency:	Dinar.
Health:	
Life Expectancy at Birth	59 years (1980 est). 50.0 Males / 56.0 Females. (1975 est.)
Births (per 1,000 pop.):	34,9 (1980 est.).
Deaths (per 1,000 pop.):	7,7 (1980 est.).
Natural Increase (1980):	2,72%
Education:	
Literacy:	2% (1980 est.).
Compulsory years:	Attendance 85%

(☆) This information is based on **1984 World Almanac**, NEA New York, and on pamphlet «**Population and Development en Tunisie**», Ministère de al Famille et de la Promotion de al femme, Aug. 1984.