

# Nigeria



Nigeria is in West Africa. It borders with Benin, Niger, Chad, and Cameroon; and has a coastline with the Atlantic Ocean.

It is the 33<sup>rd</sup> biggest country in the world (out of 258 countries) with a total area of 923,768 sq km.

It is the most populous country in Africa with a population of 214 million (July 2020). There are more than 250 different ethnic groups in Nigeria.

Nigeria was previously a British colony, but gained independence on 1 October 1960.

# Nigerian Flag



The flag of Nigeria was designed in 1959 and first officially hoisted on 1 October 1960.

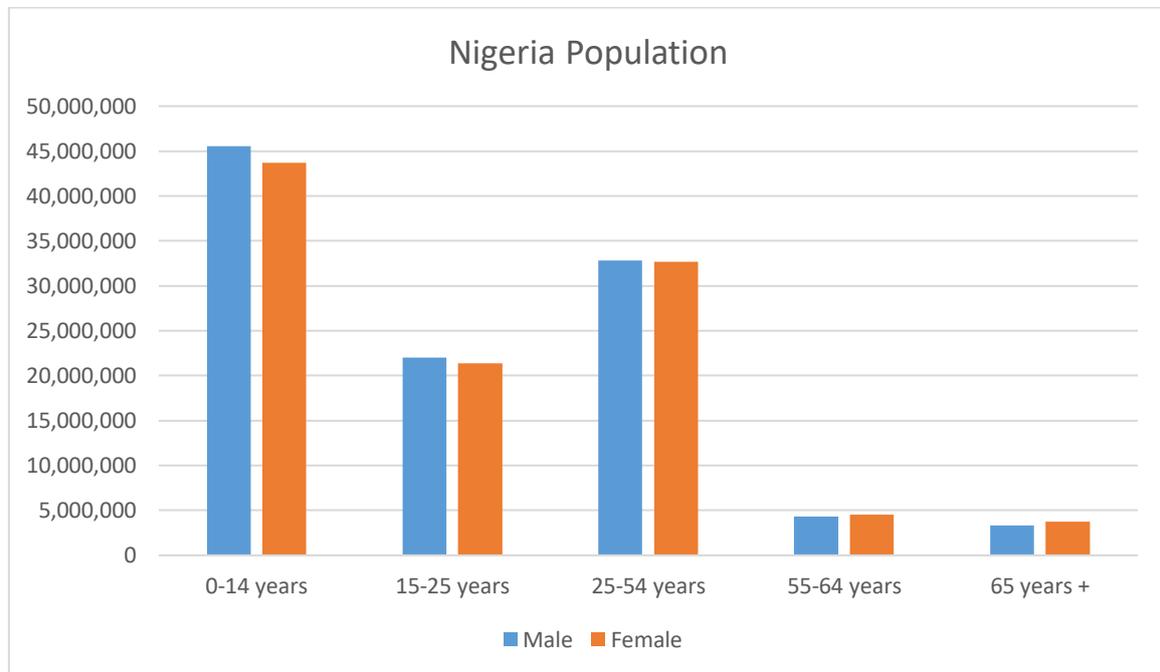
The flag has three vertical bands of green, white, green. The two green stripes represent Nigeria's natural wealth, while the white band represents peace.

# Nigerian Languages

Both Yoruba and Igbo are Nigerian languages which we will learn about as Language of the Month. They are not the only two languages spoken in Nigeria.

Can you find out how many languages are spoken in Nigeria and make a list of those languages.

# Nigeria Population



41.7% of people living in Nigeria are aged 0-14 years.

20.27% of people living in Nigeria are aged 15-24 years.

30.6% of people living in Nigeria are aged 25-54 years.

4.13% of people living in Nigeria are aged 55-64 years.

3.3% of people living in Nigeria are aged 65 years and over.

# Big Cities

Just over half (52%) of the population live in urban areas of towns and cities.



The cities with the most people living in them are:

Lagos - 14.368 million

Kano - 3.999 million

Ibadan - 3.552 million

Abuja (capital) - 3.278 million

Port Harcourt - 3.020 million

Benin City - 1.727 million

Can you find all 6 on a map of Nigeria?

