



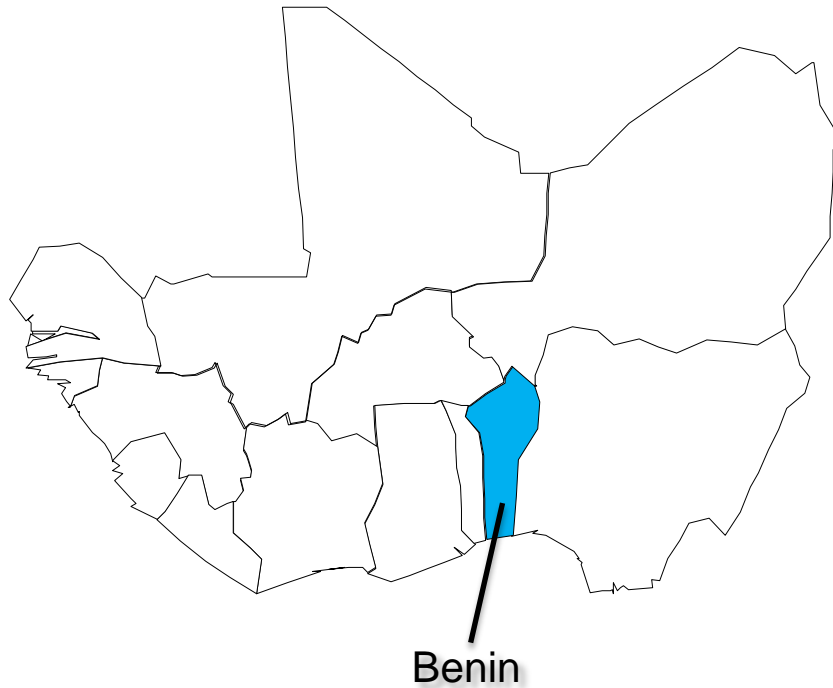
Project “Doing Business in the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)”

Country Profile of Benin

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Benin: Overview (1/2)

Map of ECOWAS & Pictures



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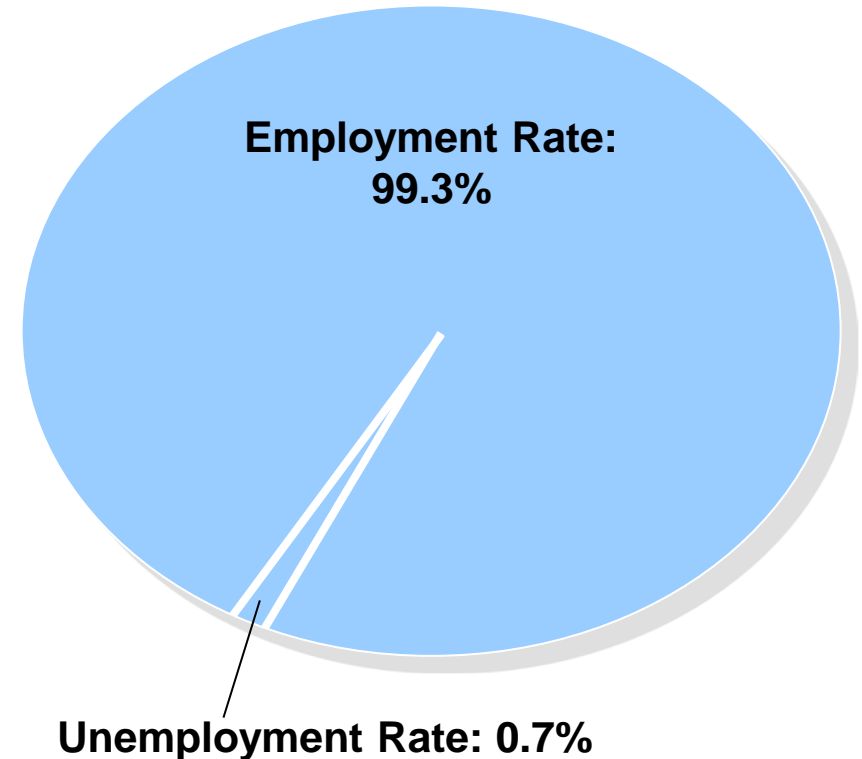


Landscape in Atakora

Benin: Overview (2/2)

Demography & Geography

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Population | 10.16 million |
| Capital | Porto-Novo |
| Type of government | republic |
| Year of independence | 1960 |
| Languages | French (official) & others |
| Religion | Muslim (27.1%) & others |
| Currency & Exchange rate (date) | West African CFA franc (XOF) 1.00 € = 655 XOF (18.01.2015) |



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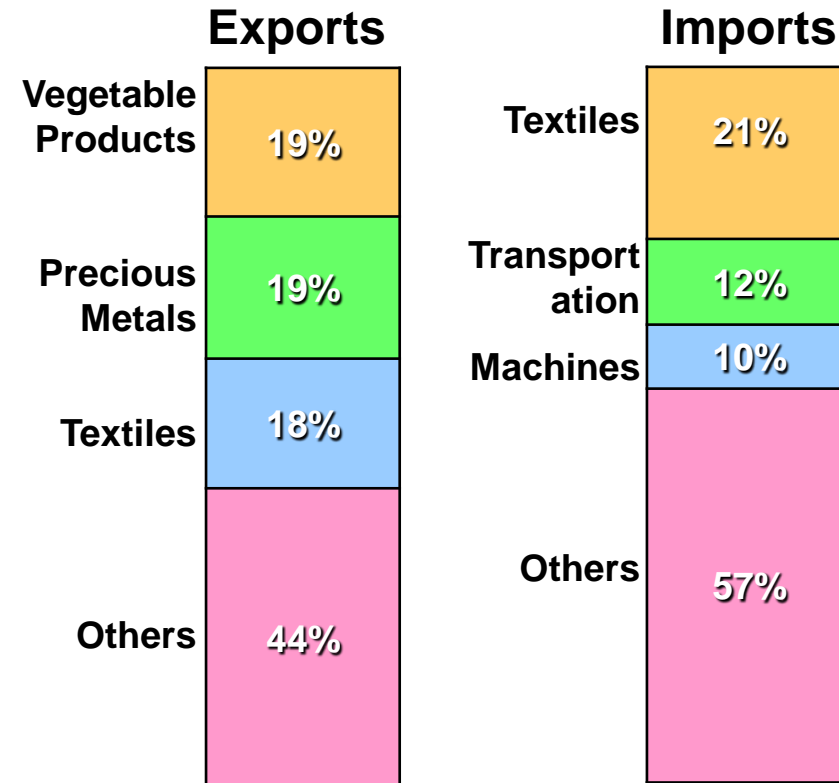
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Benin: Economy (1/3)

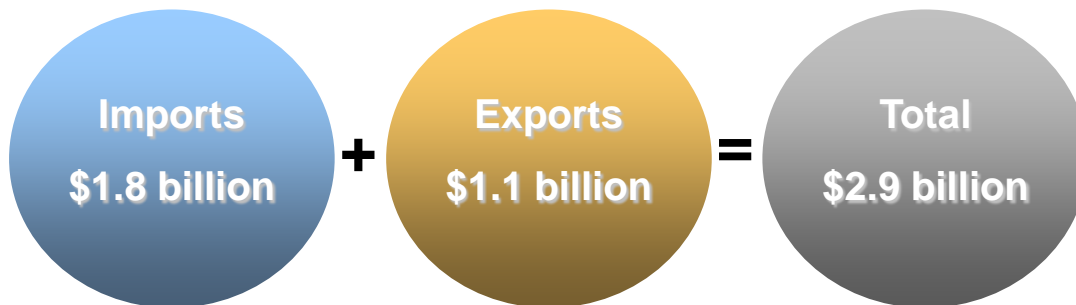
GDP

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| GDP | 7.3 billion US\$ (current US\$) |
| | 14.7 billion US\$ (PPP) |
| GDP growth | +3.1% (based on 2005 US\$) |
| GDP per capita | 1,600 US\$ (PPP) |

Total Trade of merchandise & commercial services (2012)



Trade Value

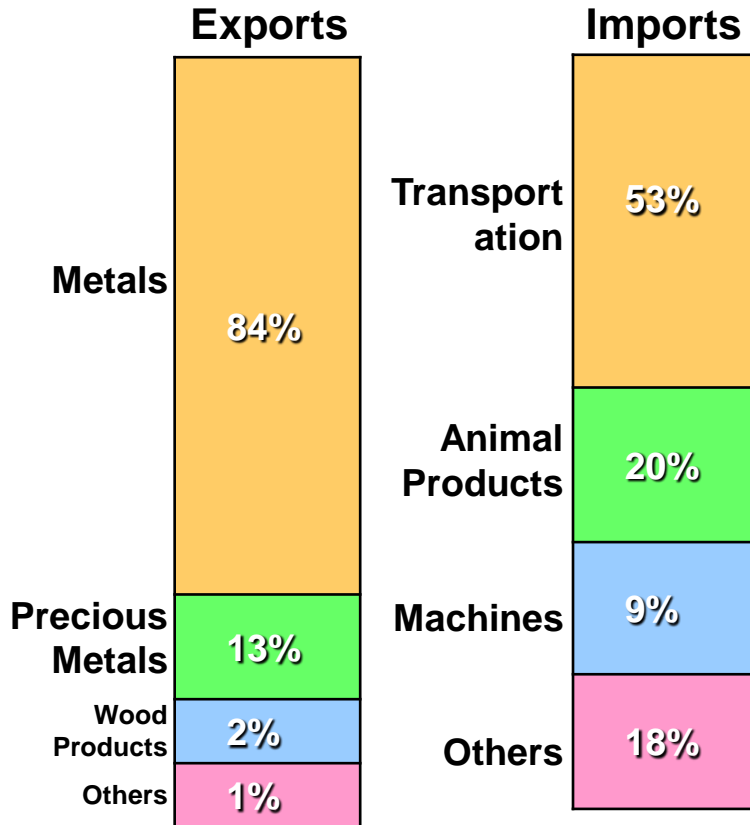


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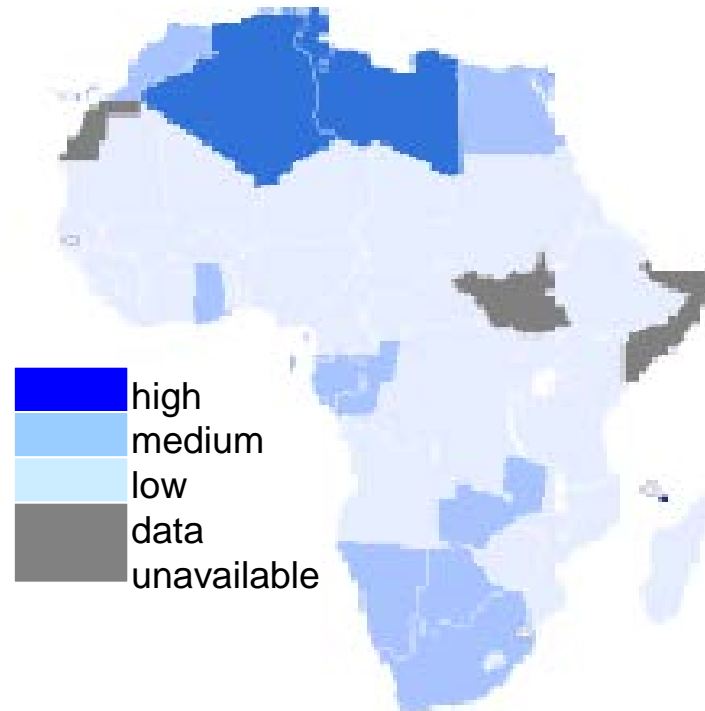
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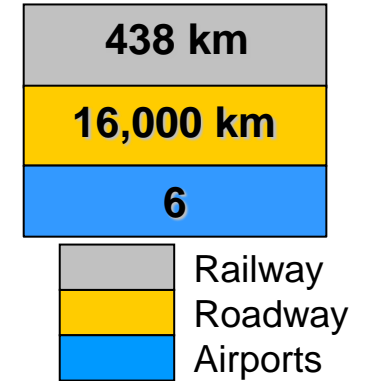
Trade of merchandise & commercial services with Germany (2012)



Human Development Index
HDI: 0.476 (Rank: 165)



Transport



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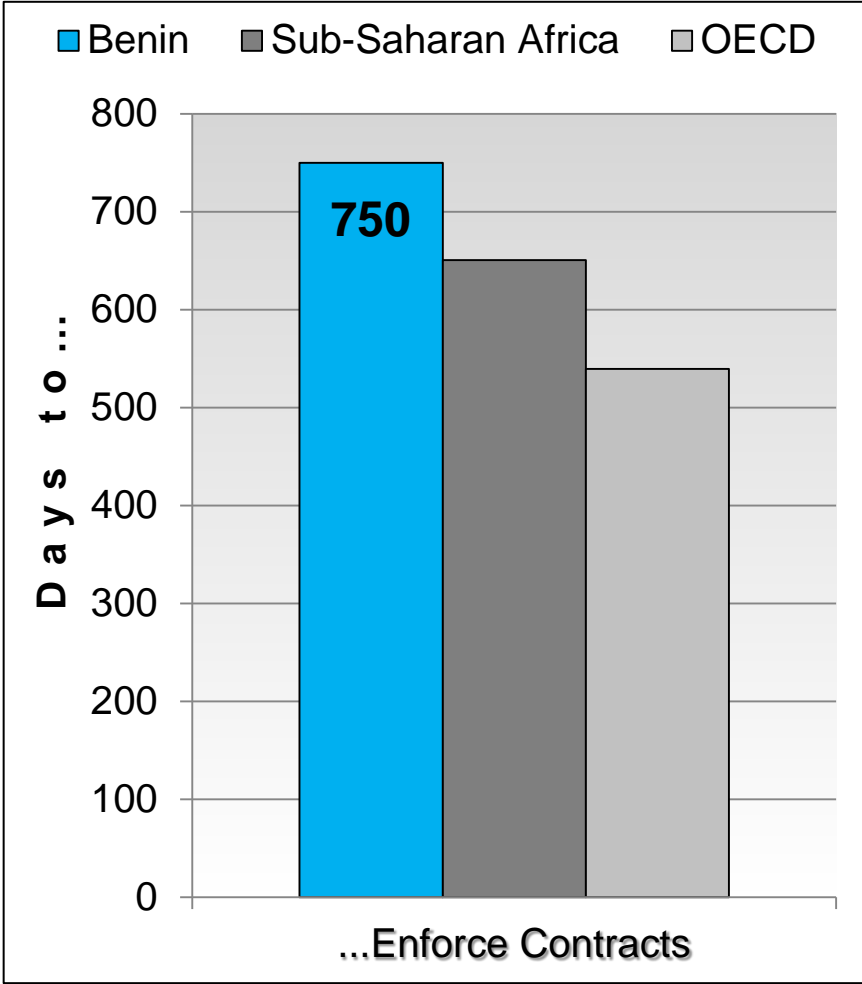
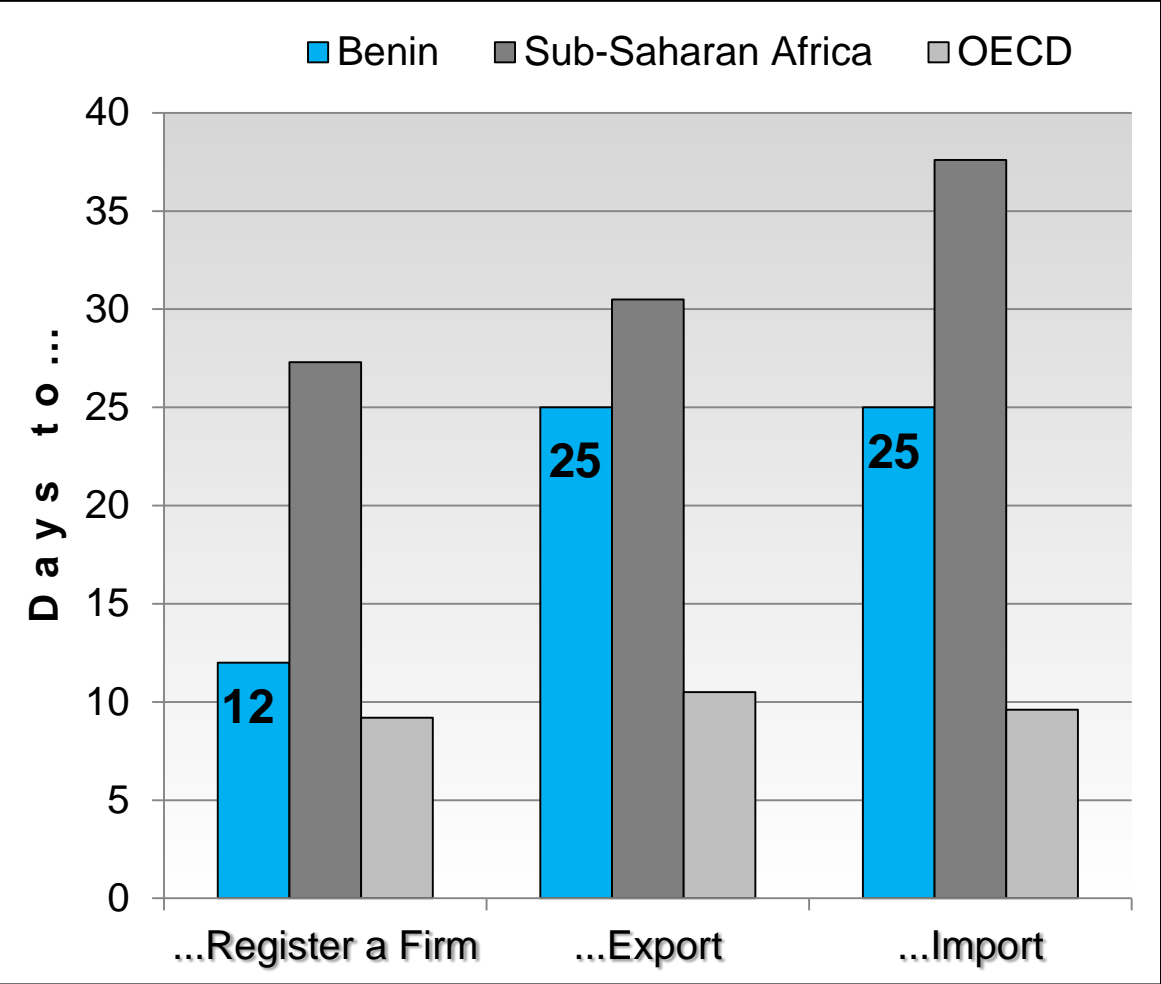
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4) <http://www.infoplease.com/countries.html>

Benin: Economy (3/3)

Ease of Doing Business



Source: <http://www.doingbusiness.org/rankings>

Benin: Consumption (1/2)

Energy Consumption

| Energy | Benin | Portugal (Population: 10.48 million) | Measuring Unit |
|-------------|-------|---|--------------------------|
| Petroleum | 31 | 240 | Thousand Barrels per Day |
| Natural Gas | 0.00 | 153 | Billion Cubic Feet |
| Coal | 0.00 | 5 | Million Short Tons |
| Electricity | 1 | 48 | Billion kWh |

Household Consumption Expenditure (2009)

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Food & Beverages: 42% | Housing: 15% | Transport: 10% |
| Clothing & Footwear: 8% | Furnishings: 3% | Recreation & Culture: 2% |
| Others: 20% | | |

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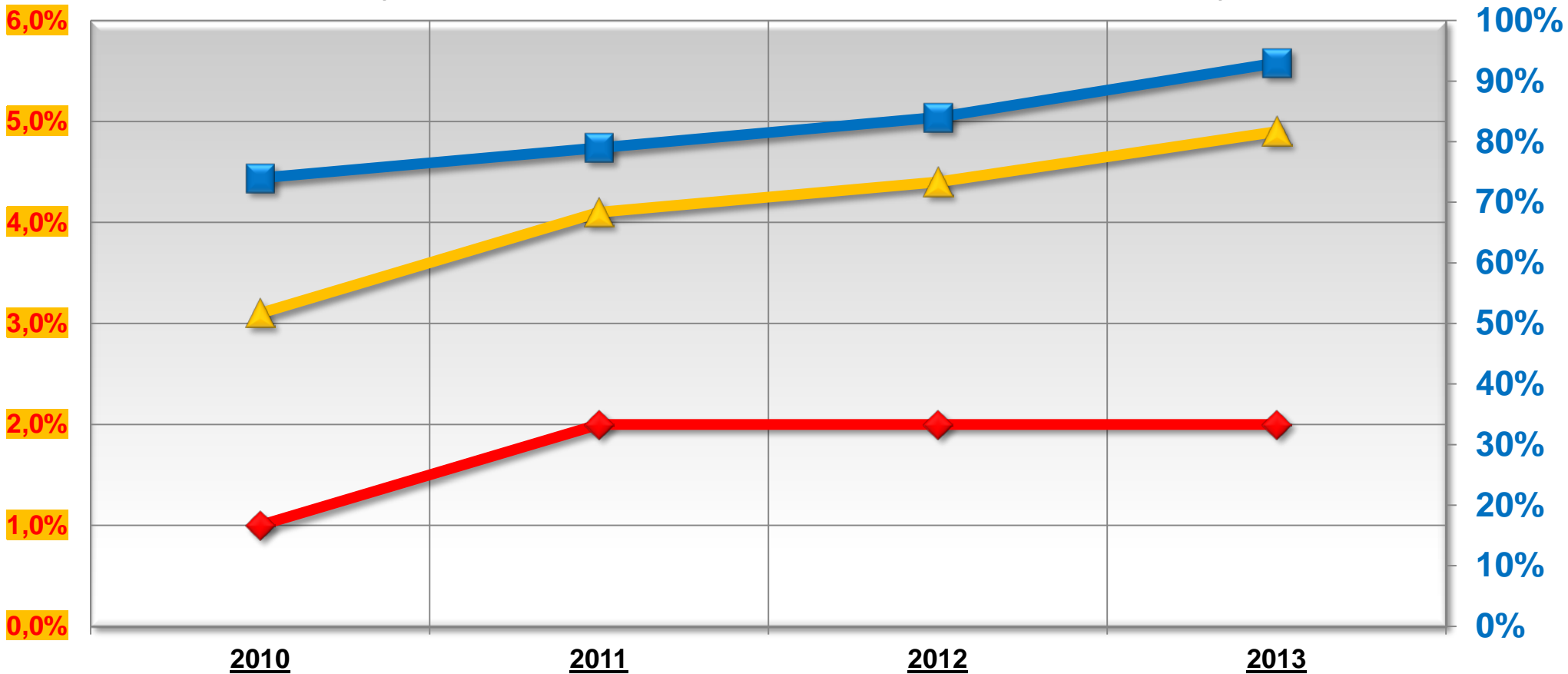
Benin: Consumption (2/2)

Penetration of communication tools

Telephone lines & Internet

Mobile subscriptions

◆ Telephone lines ▲ Internet users ■ Mobile cellular subscriptions



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