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**GLOBAL RELIGIOUS FUTURES**  
 PROJECT

Western Sahara



**CAPITAL**  
 Laayoune

**POPULATION (2010)**  
 530,000

**ANNUAL POPULATION GROWTH RATE (2000-2010)**  
 5.3%

**POPULATION GAIN (2000-2010)**  
 215,000

**GDP PER CAPITA**  
 \$1,100 (US)

**LITERACY**  
 10.3% of adult population

**LIFE EXPECTANCY (2010)**  
 67.8

Source: Population data from United Nations (updated May 2011); 2005 GDP per capita (in 2005 PPP \$) from World Religion Database; Literacy rate for 2010 from World Religion Database

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