aid program the proportion of imports supplied by the United States has increased somewhat in recent years. Tunisia traditionally has a substantial deficit in her trade balance.

Tunisia refused to follow France in the devaluation of December 1958 and now has its own currency, the dinar. The Tunisian and French currencies exchange on the basis of 1 Tunisian dinar for 11.75 new French francs. One dinar equals $2.38.

Tunisia faces difficult economic conditions and widespread unemployment. However, these problems are chronic rather than acute, and the last elections in November 1959 gave a resounding vote of confidence to Bourguiba and the Neo-Destour. Since the elections President Bourguiba has placed special emphasis on programs designed to provide jobs and develop Tunisia's economy.