

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Faustin-Archange TOUADERA

Head of Government

Prime Minister Firmin NGREBADA

Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Bangui

Legislature

unicameral National Assembly or Assemblée Nationale (140 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court or Cour Supreme;
Constitutional Court

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Martial NDOUBOU

US Ambassador

Ambassador Lucy TAMLYN

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 622,884 sq km
Land: 622,884 sq km
Water: 0 sq km

Climate

tropical; hot, dry winters; mild to hot, wet summers

Natural Resources

diamonds, uranium, timber, gold, oil, hydropower

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

subsistence agriculture, forestry, and mining remain the backbone of the economy; key constraints to economic development include its landlocked geography, poor transportation system, largely unskilled work force, and legacy of misdirected macroeconomic policies

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$3.39 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$700 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$113.7 million (2017 est.)
partners: France 31.2%, Burundi 16.2%, China 12.5%, Cameroon 9.6%, Austria 7.8% (2017)

Imports

\$393.1 million (2017 est.)
partners: France 17.1%, US 12.3%, India 11.5%, China 8.2%, South Africa 7.4%, Japan 5.8%, Italy 5.1%, Cameroon 4.9% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

6 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

2.09% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

Baya 29%, Banda 23%, Mandjia 10%, Sara 8%, M'Baka 8%, Mboum 6%, Arab-Fulani 6%, Ngbanki 6%, other 4%

Language

French (official), Sangho (lingua franca and national language), tribal languages

Religion

Christian 89.5%, Muslim 8.5%, Folk 1%, Unaffiliated 1% (2010 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 42.2% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 2.52% % annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

37.4% (2018)

