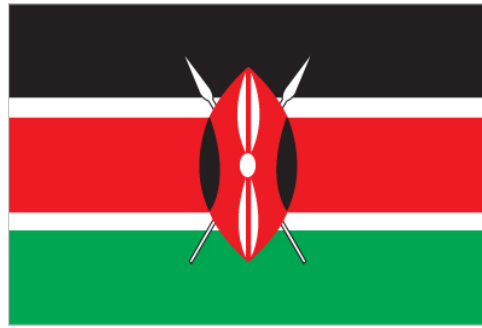




# KENYA



## INTRODUCTION

Kenya gained independence from the United Kingdom in 1963. In August 2010, Kenyans overwhelmingly adopted a new constitution in a national referendum. The new constitution introduced additional checks and balances to executive power and devolved power and resources to 47 newly created counties.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President William RUTO

### Head of Government

President William RUTO

### Government Type

presidential republic

### Capital

Nairobi

### Legislature

bicameral Parliament consists of Senate (68 seats) and National Assembly (350 seats)

### Ambassador to US

Ambassador Lazarus Ombai AMAYO

### US Ambassador

Ambassador Margaret "Meg" WHITMAN

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 580,367 sq km  
Land: 569,140 sq km  
Water: 11,227 sq km

### Climate

varies from tropical along coast to arid in interior

### Natural Resources

limestone, soda ash, salt, gemstones, fluor spar, zinc, diatomite, gypsum, wildlife, hydropower

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

fast growing, third largest Sub-Saharan economy; strong agriculture and emerging services and tourism industries; current account deficit and high debt; broadband and mobile-money platform investments; surging inflation due to oil and food hikes; new investor-friendly incentives; environmentally fragile economy

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$251.4 billion (2021 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$4,700 (2021 est.)

**Industries** - agriculture, transportation, services, manufacturing, construction, telecommunications, tourism, retail

**Agricultural products** - milk, tea, beef, maize, sugar cane, tomatoes, mangoes/guavas, potatoes, beans, bananas

**Exports** \$11.83 billion (2021 est.)

tea, cut flowers, refined petroleum, gold, coffee (2020)

**partners:** Uganda 14%, Pakistan 8%, Netherlands 8%, United States 8%, United Kingdom 7% (2020)

**Imports** \$21.85 billion (2021 est.)

refined petroleum, palm oil, broadcasting equipment, packaged medicines, cars (2020)

**partners:** China 27%, India 11%, United Arab Emirates 7%, Japan 4%, Saudi Arabia 3% (2020)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

55.9 million (July 2022 est.)

### Population Growth

2.12% (2022 est.)

### Ethnicity

Kikuyu 17.1%, Luhya 14.3%, Kalenjin 13.4%, Luo 10.7%, Kamba 9.8%, Somali 5.8%, Kisii 5.7%, Mijikenda 5.2%, Meru 4.2%, Maasai 2.5%, Turkana 2.1%, non-Kenyan 1%, other 8.2% (2019 est.)

### Language

English (official), Kiswahili (official), numerous indigenous languages

### Religion

Christian 85.5% (Protestant 33.4%, Catholic 20.6%, Evangelical 20.4%, other Christian 11.1%), Muslim 10.9%, other 1.8%, none 1.6%, unspecified 0.2% (2019 est.)