



# BRUNEI



## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

Sultan and Prime Minister Sir HASSANAL Bolkiah

### Head of Government

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### Government Type

absolute monarchy or sultanate

### Capital

Bandar Seri Begawan

### Legislature

unicameral Legislative Council or Majlis Mesyuarat Negara Brunei (36 seats)

### Judiciary

Supreme Court (consists of the Court of Appeal and the High Court, each with a chief justice and 2 judges); Sharia Court (consists of the Court of Appeals and the High Court); note - Brunei has a dual judicial system of secular and sharia (religious) courts

### Ambassador to US

Ambassador Serbini ALI

### US Ambassador

Charge d'Affaires Scott E. Woodward

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

total: 5,765 sq km  
land: 5,265 sq km  
water: 500 sq km

### Climate

tropical; hot, humid, rainy

### Natural Resources

petroleum, natural gas, timber

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

per capita GDP is among the highest in the world, and substantial income from overseas investment supplements income from domestic hydrocarbon production; citizens pay no personal income taxes, and the government provides free medical services and free education through the university level

### GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$33.87 billion (2017 est.)

### GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$78,900 (2017 est.)

### Exports

\$5.885 billion (2017 est.)  
partners: Japan 27.8%, South Korea 12.4%, Thailand 11.5%, Malaysia 11.3%, India 9.3%, Singapore 7.7%, Switzerland 5%, China 4.7% (2017)

### Imports

\$2.998 billion (2017 est.)  
partners: China 19.6%, Singapore 19%, Malaysia 18.8%, US 9.2%, Germany 5.9%, Japan 4.1%, UK 4% (2017)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

464,478 (July 2020 est.)

### Population Growth

1.51% (2020 est.)

### Ethnicity

Malay 65.7%, Chinese 10.3%, other 24% (2016 est.)

### Language

Malay (Bahasa Melayu) (official), English, Chinese dialects

### Religion

Muslim (official) 78.8%, Christian 8.7%, Buddhist 7.8%, other (includes indigenous beliefs) 4.7% (2011 est.)

### Urbanization

urban population: 78.3% of total population (2020)  
rate of urbanization: 1.66% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

### Literacy

total population: 97.2% (2018)

