THE GAMBIA

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Adama BARROW
Head of Government
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Government Type
presidential republic
Capital
Banjul
Legislature
unicameral National Assembly (58 seats)
Judiciary
Supreme Court of The Gambia (consists of chief justice and 6 justices; court sessions held with 5 justices)
Ambassador to US
Ambassador Dawda D. FADERA
US Ambassador
Ambassador Richard “Carl” PASCHALL

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
agriculture provides about one third of GDP and relies heavily on remittances from workers overseas and tourist receipts; unemployment and underemployment remain high
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$5.56 billion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$2,600 (2017 est.)
Exports
$72.9 million (2017 est.)
partners: Guinea-Bissau 51.9%, Vietnam 14.6%, Senegal 8.8%, Mali 7.2% (2017)
Imports
$376.9 million (2017 est.)
partners: Cote d’Ivoire 11.5%, Brazil 10.6%, Spain 10.2%, China 7.8%, Russia 6.4%, Netherlands 5.3%, India 5% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
2.2 million (July 2020 est.)
Population Growth
1.87% (2020 est.)
Ethnicity
Mandinka/Jahanka 34%, Fulani/Tukulur/Lorobo 22.4%, Wolof 12.6%, Jola/Karoninka 10.7%, Serahuleh 6.6%, Serer 3.2%, other 9.9%, no answer 0.6% (2013 est.)
Language
English (official), Mandinka, Wolof, Fula, other indigenous vernaculars
Religion
Muslim 95.7%, Christian 4.2%, none 0.1%, no response 0.1% (2013 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 62.6% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 4.07% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)
Literacy
55.5% (2015 est.)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 11,300 sq km
Land: 10,120 sq km
Water: 1,180 sq km
Climate
tropical; hot rainy season (June to November); cooler, dry season (November to May)
Natural Resources
fish, clay, silica sand, titanium (rutile and ilmenite), tin, zircon

as of February 2020