LESOTHO

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
King LETSIE III
Head of Government
Prime Minister Thomas Motsoahae THABANE
Government Type
parliamentary constitutional monarchy
Capital
Maseru
Legislature
bicameral Parliament consists of the Senate (33 seats) and the National Assembly (120 seats)
Judiciary
Court of Appeal (consists of the court president, and number of justices set by Parliament); High Court (consists of the chief justice and number of puisne judges set by Parliament)
Ambassador to US
Ambassador Sankatana Gabriel MAJA
US Ambassador
Ambassador Rebecca E. GONZALES

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
small, mountainous, and completely landlocked by South Africa; depends on a narrow economic base of textile manufacturing, agriculture, remittances, and regional customs revenue
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$6.66 billion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$3,300 (2017 est.)
Exports
$1.03 billion (2017 est.)
partners: South Africa 57%, US 33.5% (2017)
Imports
$1.83 billion (2017 est.)
partners: South Africa 87.2% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
2 million (July 2020 est.)
Population Growth
0.16% (2020 est.)
Ethnicity
Sotho 99.7%, Europeans, Asians, other 0.3%
Language
Sesotho (official) (southern Sotho), English (official), Zulu, Xhosa
Religion
Protestant 47.8% (Pentecostal 23.1%, Lesotho Evangelical 17.3%, Anglican 7.4%), Roman Catholic 39.3%, other Christian 9.1%, non-Christian 1.4%, none 2.3% (2014 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 29% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 2.83% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)
Literacy
79.4% (2015)

as of February 2020