CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State
President Faustin-Archange TOUADERA

Head of Government
President Firmin NGREBADA

Government Type
presidential republic

Capital
Bangui

Legislature
unicameral National Assembly or Assemblee Nationale (140 seats)

Judiciary
Supreme Court or Cour Supreme; Constitutional Court

Ambassador to US
Ambassador Martial NDOUBOU

US Ambassador
Ambassador Lucy TAMLYN

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%, Netherlands 4.6% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population
6 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth
2.09 % (2020 est.)

Ethnicity
Baya 33%, Banda 27%, Mandjia 13%, Sara 10%, Mboum 7%, M’Baka 4%, Yakoma 4%, other 2%

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

Religion
Indigenous beliefs 35%, Protestant 25%, Roman Catholic 25%, Muslim 15% (2018 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)

as of April 2020