CABO VERDE

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Jorge Carlos FONSECA
Head of Government
Prime Minister Ulisses CORREIA E. SILVA
Government Type
parliamentary republic
Capital
Praia
Legislature
unicameral National Assembly (72 seats)
Judiciary
Supreme Court of Justice (consists of the chief justice and at least 7 judges)
Ambassador to US
Ambassador Carlos W. VEIGA
US Ambassador
Ambassador John “Jeff” DAIGLE

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
dependent on development aid, foreign investment, remittances, and tourism; tourism is the mainstay of the economy; remittances as a share of the GDP are one of the highest in Sub-Saharan Africa
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$3.777 billion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$7,000 (2017 est.)
Exports
$189 million (2017 est.)
partners: Spain 45.3%, Portugal 40.3%, Netherlands 8.1% (2017)
Imports
$836.1 million (2017 est.)
partners: Portugal 43.9%, Spain 11.6%, Netherlands 6.1%, China 6.1% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
583,260 (July 2020 est.)
Population Growth
1.28% (2020 est.)
Ethnicity
Creole (mulatto) 71%, African 28%, European 1%
Language
Portuguese (official), Krioulo (a blend of Portuguese and West African languages)
Religion
Roman Catholic 77.3%, Protestant 4.6% (includes Church of the Nazarene 1.7%, Adventist 1.5%, Assembly of God 0.9%, Universal Kingdom of God 0.4%, and God and Love 0.1%), other Christian 3.4% (includes Christian Rationalism 1.9%, Jehovah’s Witness 1%, and New Apostolic 0.5%), Muslim 1.8%, other 1.3%, none 10.8%, unspecified 0.7% (2010 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 66.7% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 1.97% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)
Literacy
86.8% (2015)

as of April 2020