MALI

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Ibrahim Boubacar KEITA
Head of Government
Prime Minister Boubou CISSE
Government Type
semi-presidential republic
Capital
Bamako
Legislature
 unicameral National Assembly or Assemblee Nationale (147 seats)
Judiciary
 Supreme Court or Cour Supreme (consists of 19 members organized into 3 civil chambers and a criminal chamber); Constitutional Court (consists of 9 members)
Ambassador to US
Ambassador Mahamadou NIMAGA
US Ambassador
Ambassador Dennis B. HANKINS

GEOGRAPHY
Area
 Total: 1,240,192 sq km
  Land: 1,220,190 sq km
  Water: 20,002 sq km
Climate
 subtropical to arid; hot and dry (February to June); rainy, humid, and mild (June to November); cool and dry (November to February)
Natural Resources
 gold, phosphates, kaolin, salt, limestone, uranium, gypsum, granite, hydropower, note, bauxite, iron ore, manganese, tin, and copper deposits are known but not exploited

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
 depends on gold mining and agricultural exports for revenue; cotton, gold make up around 80% of export earnings; about 80% of labor force engaged in farming and fishing; heavily dependent on foreign aid
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
 $41.2 billion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
 $2,200 (2017 est.)
Exports
 $3.06 billion (2017 est.), partners: Switzerland 31.8%, UAE 15.4%, Burkina Faso 7.8%, Cote d’Ivoire 7.3%, South Africa 5%, Bangladesh 4.6% (2017)
Imports
 $3.64 billion (2017 est.), partners: Senegal 24.4%, China 13.2%, Cote d’Ivoire 9%, France 7.3% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
  19.6 million (July 2020 est.)
Population Growth
  2.95% (2020 est.)
Ethnicity
  Bambara 33.3%, Fulani (Peuhl) 13.3%, Sarakole/ Soninke/Maraka 9.8%, Senufo/Malianka 9.6%, Malinke 8.8%, Dogon 8.7%, Sonrai 5.9%, Bobo 2.1%, Tuareg/Bella 1.7%, other Malian 6% (2018 est.)
Language
  French (official), Bambara 46.3%, Peuhl/Foulfoulbe 9.4%, Dogon 7.2%, Maraka/Soninke 6.4%, Malinke 5.6%, Sonrhai/Djerm 5.6%
Religion
  Muslim 93.9%, Christian 2.8%, Animist 0.7%, none 2.5%
Urbanization
  urban population: 43.9% of total population (2020)
  rate of urbanization: 4.86% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)
Literacy
  33.5% (2018)

as of April 2020