**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

as of December 2019

**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**  
18.4 million (July 2018 est.)

**Population Growth**  
2.98% (2018 est.)

**Ethnicity**  
Bambara 33.3%, Fulani (Peuhl) 13.3%, Sarakole/Soninke/Marka 9.8%, Senufo/Manianka 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%, Sonrahai/Djerma 5.6% (14 total national languages)

**Religion**  
Muslim 93.9%, Christian 2.8%, Animist 0.7%, none 2.5%

**Urbanization**  
urban population: 43.1% of total population (2019)  
rate of urbanization: 4.86% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

**Literacy**  
33.1% (2015)