SOUTH SUDAN

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President President Salva Kiir Mayardit
Head of Government
President Salva Kiir Mayardit
Government Type
presidential republic
Capital
Juba
Legislature
bicameral National Legislature consisting of a Council of States (50 seats) and Transitional National Legislative Assembly (400 seats; will be expanded to 550 members after the transitional government forms)
Judiciary
Supreme Court of South Sudan (consists of the chief, deputy chief justices, 9 other justices)
Ambassador to US
Ambassador Philip Jada NATANA
US Ambassador
Ambassador Thomas HUSHEK

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
industry and infrastructure severely underdeveloped and poverty widespread following several decades of conflict; instability disrupting what remains of the economy; vast majority of the population dependent on subsistence agriculture and humanitarian assistance; markets are not well-organized
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$20.01 billion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$1,600 (2017 est.)
Exports
$1.13 billion (2016 est.)
partners: N/A
Imports
$3.795 (2016 est.)
partners: N/A

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
10.2 million (July 2018 est.)
Population Growth
-1.16% (2018 est.)
Ethnicity
Dinka (Jieng) 35.8%, Nuer (Naath) 15.6%, Shilluk (Chollo), Azande, Bari, Kakwa, Kuku, Murle, Mandari, Didinda, Ndogo, Bviri, Lndi, Anuak, Bongo, Lango, Dungotona, Acholi, Baka, Fertit (2011 est.)
Language
English (official), Arabic (includes Juba and Sudanese variants), regional languages include Dinka, Nuer, Bari, Zande, Shilluk
Religion
animist, Christian, Muslim
Urbanization
urban population: 19.9% of total population (2019)
rate of urbanization: 4.1% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)
Literacy
27% (2009)

as of December 2019