GOVERNMENT

Chief of State
President Francisco GUTERRES

Head of Government
Prime Minister Taur Matan RUAK

Government Type
semi-presidential republic

Capital
Dili

Legislature
unicameral National Parliament (65 seats)

Judiciary
Court of Appeals (consists of the court president and NA judges)

Ambassador to US
Ambassador Isilio Antonio De Fatima COELHO DA SILVA

US Ambassador
Ambassador Kathleen FITZPATRICK

GEOGRAPHY

Area
total: 14,874 sq km
land: 14,874 sq km
water: 0 sq km

Climate
tropical; hot, humid; distinct rainy and dry seasons

Natural Resources
gold, petroleum, natural gas, manganese, marble

ECONOMY

Economic Overview
the development of offshore oil and gas resources has greatly supplemented government revenues; technology-intensive industry, however, has done little to create jobs in part because Timor-Leste has no production facilities

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$7.426 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$6,000 (2017 est.)

Exports
$16.7 million (2017 est.)
partners: NA

Imports
$681.2 million (2017 est.)
partners: NA

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population
1.4 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth
2.27% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity
Austronesian (Malayo-Polynesian) (includes Tetun, Mambai, Tokodede, Galoli, Kemak, Baikeno), Melanesian-Papuan (includes Bunak, Fataluku, Bakasai), small Chinese minority

Language
Tetun Prasa 30.6%, Mambai 16.6%, Makasai 10.5%, Tetun Terik 6.1%, Baikenu 5.9%, Kemak 5.8%, Bunak 5.5%, Tokodede 4%, Fataluku 3.5%, Waima’a 1.8%, Galoli 1.4%, Naueti 1.4%, Idate 1.2%, Midiki 1.2%, other 4.5%

Religion
Roman Catholic 97.6%, Protestant/Evangelical 2%, Muslim 0.2%, other 0.2% (2015 est.)

Urbanization
urban population: 31.3% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 3.35% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy
68.1% (2018)

as of August 2020