KENYA

INTRODUCTION
Kenya gained independence from the United Kingdom in 1963. In August 2010, Kenyans overwhelmingly adopted a new constitution in a national referendum. The new constitution introduced additional checks and balances to executive power and devolved power and resources to 47 newly created counties.

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Uhuru KENYATTA
Head of Government
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Government Type
presidential republic
Capital
Nairobi
Legislature
bicameral Parliament consists of Senate (67 seats) and National Assembly (349 seats)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 580,367 sq km
Land: 569,140 sq km
Water: 11,227 sq km
Climate
varies from tropical along coast to arid in interior
Natural Resources
limestone, soda ash, salt, gemstones, fluorspar, zinc, diatomite, gypsum, wildlife, hydropower

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
54.7 million (July 2021 est.)
Population Growth
2.15% (2021 est.)
Ethnicity
Kikuyu 17.1%, Luhya 14.3%, Kalenjin 13.4%, Luo 10.7%, Kamba 9.8%, Somali 5.8%, Kisii 5.7%, Mijikenda 5.2%, Meru 4.2%, Maasai 2.5% Turkana 2.1%, non-Kenyan 1%, other 8.2% (2019 est.)
Language
English (official), Kiswahili (official), Kiswahili numerous indigenous languages
Religion
Christian 85.5% (Protestant 33.4%, Catholic 20.6%, Evangelical 20.4%, other Christian 11.9%), Muslim 10.9%, other 1.8%, none 1.6%, unspecified 0.2% (2019 est.)

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
one of the fastest growing Sub-Saharan economies; hard-hit by COVID-19 disruptions and locust infestation, somewhat offset by agricultural growth; environmentally fragile economy; persistent poverty; better financial confidence; significant remittances
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $226.9 billion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $4,200 (2020 est.)
Industries - plastic, furniture, batteries, textiles, clothing, soap, cigarettes, flour, agricultural products, horticulture, oil refining, aluminum, steel, lead, cement, commercial ship repair, tourism
Agricultural products - sugarcane, milk, maize, potatoes, bananas, camel milk, cassava, sweet potatoes, mangoes/guavas, cabbages
Exports $10.08 billion (2019 est.)
tea, cut flowers, refined petroleum, coffee, titanium (2019)
partners: Uganda 10%, US 9%, Netherlands 8%, Pakistan 7%, UK 6%, UAE 6%, Tanzania 5% (2019)
Imports $18.73 billion (2019 est.)
refined petroleum, cars, packaged medicines, wheat, iron products (2019)
partners: China 24%, UAE 10%, India 10%, Saudi Arabia 7%, Japan 5% (2019)