GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
Queen ELIZABETH II
Head of Government
Prime Minister James MARAPE
Government Type
parliamentary democracy under a constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth realm
Capital
Port Moresby
Legislature
unicameral National Parliament (111 seats)
Judiciary
Supreme Court (consists of the chief justice, deputy chief justice, 35 justices, and 5 acting justices); National Courts (consists of 13 courts located in the provincial capitals, with a total of 19 resident judges)
Ambassador to US
Charge D’Affaires Cephas KAYO
US Ambassador
Ambassador Erin Elizabeth MCKEE

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
richly endowed with natural resources, but exploitation has been hampered by rugged terrain, land tenure issues, and the high cost of developing infrastructure; agriculture provides a subsistence livelihood for 85% of the people
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$30.19 billion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$3,700 (2017 est.)
Exports
$8.522 billion (2017 est.)
partners: Australia 18.9%, Singapore 17.5%, Japan 13.8%, China 12.7%, Philippines 4.7%, Netherlands 4.2%, India 4.2% (2017)
Imports
$1.876 billion (2017 est.)
partners: Australia 30.1%, China 17.3%, Singapore 10.2%, Malaysia 8.2%, Indonesia 4% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
7.3 million (July 2020 est.)
Population Growth
1.6% (2020 est.)
Ethnicity
Melanesian, Papuan, Negrito, Micronesian, Polynesian
Language
Tok Pisin (official), English (official), Hiri Motu (official), some 839 indigenous languages spoken (about 12% of the world's total); many languages have fewer than 1,000 speakers
Religion
Protestant 64.3%, Roman Catholic 26%, other Christian 5.3%, non-Christian 1.4%, unspecified 3.1% (2011 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 13.3% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 2.51% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)
Literacy
64.2% (2015)

as of November 2020