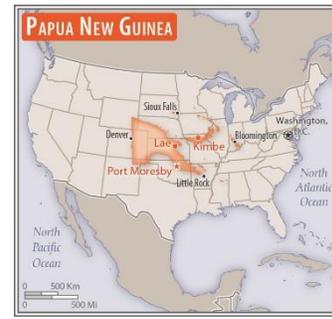


PAPUA NEW GUINEA



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 Cephias KAYO

US Ambassador

Ambassador Erin Elizabeth MCKEE

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 462,840 sq km

Land: 452,860 sq km

Water: 9,980 sq km

Climate

tropical; northwest monsoon (December to March), southeast monsoon (May to October); slight seasonal temperature variation

Natural Resources

gold, copper, silver, natural gas, timber, oil, fisheries

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)

