THE GAMBIA

INTRODUCTION

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Adama BARROW
Head of Government
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Government Type
presidential republic
Capital
Banjul
Legislature
unicameral National Assembly (58 seats)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 11,300 sq km
Land: 10,120 sq km
Water: 1,180 sq km
Climate
tropical; hot rainy season (June to November); cooler, dry season (November to May)
Natural Resources
fish, clay, silica sand, titanium (rutile and ilmenite), tin, zircon

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
small West African economy; COVID-19 reversed robust growth trends; good fiscal management; substantial foreign direct investment and remittances; G20 Debt Service Suspension Initiative participant; widespread poverty; increasing Chinese relations
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $5.22 billion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $2,200 (2020 est.)
Industries - peanuts, fish, hides, tourism, beverages, agricultural machinery assembly, woodworking, metalworking, clothing
Agricultural products - groundnuts, milk, oil palm fruit, millet, sorghum, rice, maize, vegetables, cassava, fruit
Exports $643 million (2019 est.)
lumber, cashews, refined petroleum, fish oil, ground nut oil (2019)
partners: China 38%, India 22%, Mali 7%, Chile 5% (2019)
Imports $1.246 billion (2019 est.)
clothing, apparel, refined petroleum, rice, raw sugar, palm oil (2019)
partners: China 33%, India 10%, Senegal 5%, Brazil 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
2.2 million (July 2021 est.)
Population Growth
1.82% (2021 est.)
Ethnicity
Mandinka/Jahanka 33.3%, Fulani/Tukulur/Lorobo 18.2%, Wolof 12.9%, Jola/Karoninka 11%, Serahuleh 7.2%, Serer 3.5%, other 4%, non-Gambian 9.9% (2019-20 est.)
Language
English (official), Mandinka, Wolof, Fula, other indigenous vernaculars
Religion
Muslim 96.4%, Christian 3.5%, other or none 0.1% (2019-20 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 63.2% of total population (2021)
rate of urbanization: 3.75% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)

as of December 2021