INTRODUCTION
Ghana in 1957 became the first Sub-Saharan country in colonial Africa to gain its independence. Ghana has a young age structure, with approximately 57% of the population under the age of 25.

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Nana Addo Dankwa AKUFO-ADDO
Head of Government
President Addo Dankwa AKUFO-ADDO
Government Type
presidential republic
Capital
Accra
Legislature
unicameral Parliament (275 seats)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 238,533 sq km
Land: 227,533 sq km
Water: 11,000 sq km
Climate
tropical; warm and comparatively dry along southeast coast; hot and humid in southwest; hot and dry in north
Natural Resources
gold, timber, industrial diamonds, bauxite, manganese, fish, rubber, hydropower, petroleum, silver, salt, limestone

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
West African trade and agrarian economy; COVID-19 reversed nearly 4 decades of continuous growth; major diamond, gold, cocoa, and oil exporter; high public debts; financial and energy sector reform programs adding to fiscal pressures; high remittances
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $164.8 billion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $5,300 (2020 est.)
Industries - mining, lumbering, light manufacturing, aluminum smelting, food processing, cement, small commercial ship building, petroleum
Agricultural products - cassava, yams, plantains, maize, oil palm fruit, taro, rice, cocoa, oranges, pineapples
Exports $13.84 billion (2017 est.)
gold, crude petroleum, cocoa products, manganese, cashews (2019)
partners: Switzerland 23%, India 17%, China 12%, UAE 8%, South Africa 8% (2019)
Imports $12.65 billion (2017 est.)
metal tubing, ships, cars, refined petroleum, rice (2019)
partners: China 24%, Nigeria 22%, US 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
32.4 million (July 2021 est.)
Population Growth
2.26% (2021 est.)
Ethnicity
Akan 45.7%, Mole-Dagbani 18.5%, Ewe 12.8%, Ga-Dangme 7.1%, Gurma 6.4%, Guan 3.2%, Grusi 2.7%, Mande 2%, other 1.6% (2021 est.)
Language
Asante 16%, Ewe 14%, Fante 11.6%, Boron (Brong) 4.9%, Dagomba 4.4%, Dangme 4.2%, Dagarte (Dagaba) 3.9%, Kokomba 3.5%, Akyem 3.2%, Ga 3.1%, other 31.2% (2010 est.)
Religion
Christian 71.3% (Pentecostal/Charismatic 31.6%, Protestant 17.4%, Catholic 10%, other 12.3%), Muslim 19.9%, traditionalist 3.2%, other 4.5%, none 1.1% (2021 est.)