



# ANGOLA



## INTRODUCTION

Beginning in the 16th century, Portugal established coastal colonies and trading posts and introduced Christianity. Angola gained independence from Portugal in 1975. A 27-year civil war ended in 2002.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President Joao Manuel Goncalves LOURENCO

### Head of Government

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### Government Type

presidential republic

### Capital

Luanda

### Legislature

unicameral National Assembly (220 seats)

### Ambassador to US

Ambassador Joaquim do Espirito SANTO

### US Ambassador

Ambassador Tulinabo S. MUSHINGI

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total 1,246,700 sq km  
Land: 1,246,700 sq km  
Water: 0 sq km

### Climate

semiarid in south and along coast to Luanda; north has cool, dry season (May to October) and hot, rainy season (November to April)

### Natural Resources

petroleum, diamonds, iron ore, phosphates, copper, feldspar, gold, bauxite, uranium

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

African oil leader and OPEC member; fairly stable currency; widespread poverty; emerging African finance and investment capital; systemic public corruption and lack of oversight; massive foreign direct investment recipient.

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$203.868 billion (2021 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$5,900 (2021 est.)

**Industries** - petroleum; diamonds, iron ore, phosphates, feldspar, bauxite, uranium, and gold; cement; basic metal products; fish processing; food processing, brewing, tobacco products, sugar; textiles; ship repair

**Agricultural products** - cassava, bananas, maize, sweet potatoes, pineapples, sugar cane, potatoes, citrus fruit, vegetables, cabbage

**Exports** \$33.675 billion (2021 est.)

crude oil, diamonds, natural gas, refined petroleum, granite (2020)

**partners:** China 61%, India 9%, Thailand 5%, United Arab Emirates 5%, Spain 3% (2020)

**Imports** \$18.845 billion (2021 est.)

refined petroleum, rice, valves, poultry, palm oil (2020)

**partners:** China 24%, Portugal 14%, United States 6%, Brazil 5%, South Africa 5% (2020)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

34.8 million (July 2022 est.)

### Population Growth

3.36% (2022 est.)

### Ethnicity

Ovimbundu 37%, Kimbundu 25%, Bakongo 13%, Mestico (mixed European and native African) 2%, European 1%, other 22%

### Language

Portuguese 71.2% (official), Umbundu 23%, Kikongo 8.2%, Kimbundu 7.8%, Chokwe 6.5%, Nhaneca 3.4%, Nganguela 3.1%, Fiote 2.4%, Kwanhama 2.3%, Muhumbi 2.1%, Luvale 1%, other 3.6% (2014 est.)

### Religion

Roman Catholic 41.1%, Protestant 38.1%, other 8.6%, none 12.3% (2014 est.)