**INTRODUCTION**

British influence in Uganda began in the 1860s with explorers seeking the source of the Nile. The colonial boundaries created by Britain to delimit Uganda grouped together a wide range of ethnic groups with different political systems and cultures. These differences complicated the establishment of a working political community after independence was achieved in 1962.

**GOVERNMENT**

**Chief of State**
President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni

**Head of Government**
President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni

**Government Type**
presidential republic

**Capital**
Kampala

**Legislature**
unicameral National Assembly or Parliament (445 seats)

**ECONOMY**

**Economic Overview**
low-income, primarily agrarian East African economy; COVID-19 hurt economic growth and poverty reduction; lower oil prices threaten prior sector investments; endemic corruption; natural resource rich; high female labor force participation but undervalued

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** $99.61 billion (2020 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** $2,200 (2020 est.)

**Industries**
sugar processing, brewing, tobacco, cotton textiles, cement, steel production

**Agricultural products**
sugarcane, plantains, cassava, maize, sweet potatoes, milk, vegetables, beans, bananas, sorghum

**Exports** $7.686 billion (2019 est.)
gold, coffee, milk, fish/fish products, tobacco (2019)
**partners:** UAE 58%, Kenya 9% (2019)

**Imports** $9.991 billion (2019 est.)
packaged medicines, aircraft, delivery trucks, cars, wheat (2019)
**partners:** China 19%, India 17%, Kenya 16%, UAE 7%, Japan 5% (2019)

**PEOPLE & SOCIETY**

**Population**
44.7 (July 2021 est.)

**Population Growth**
3.31% (2021 est.)

**Ethnicity**
Baganda 16.5%,
Banyankole 9.6%, Basoga 8.8%, Bakiga 7.1%, Iteso 7%, Langi 6.3%, Bagisu 4.9%, Acholi 4.4%, Lugbara 3.3%, other 32.1% (2014 est.)

**Language**
English (official), Ganda or Luganda, Niger-Congo and Nilo-Saharan languages, Swahili (official), Arabic

**Religion**
Protestant 45.1%, Roman Catholic 39.3%, Muslim 13.7%, other 1.6%, none 0.2% (2014 est.)

**Urbanization**
urban population: 25.6% of total population (2021)
rate of urbanization: 5.41% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)

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**GEOGRAPHY**

**Area**
Total: 241,038 sq km
Land: 197,100 sq km
Water: 43,938 sq km

**Climate**

tropical; generally rainy with two dry seasons (December to February, June to August); semi-arid in northeast

**Natural Resources**
copper, cobalt, hydropower, limestone, salt, arable land, gold

*as of October 2021*