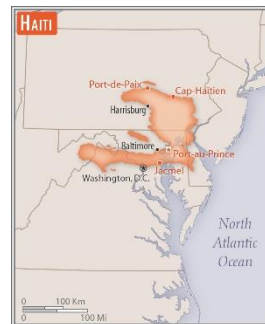




HAITI



INTRODUCTION

In 1697, Spain ceded to the French the western third of the island of Hispaniola, which later became Haiti. The French colony, based on forestry and sugar-related industries, became one of the wealthiest in the Caribbean. Currently the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, Haiti continues to experience bouts of political instability.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

Acting President Ariel HENRY

Head of Government

Prime Minister Ariel HENRY

Government Type

semi-presidential republic

Capital

Port-au-Prince

Legislature

bicameral legislature or le Corps Legislatif ou parlement consists of le Senat or the Senate (30 seats) and la Chambre de deputes or the Chamber of Deputies (119 seats)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Bocchit EDMOND

US Ambassador

Chargé d'Affaires Eric W. STROMAYER

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 27,750 sq km

Land: 27,560 sq km

Water: 190 sq km

Climate

tropical; semiarid where mountains in east cut off trade winds

Natural Resources

bauxite, copper, calcium carbonate, gold, marble, hydropower, arable land

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

small Caribbean island economy and OECS-member state; extreme poverty and inflation; enormous income inequality; ongoing civil unrest due to recent presidential assassination; US preferential market access; very open to foreign direct investment

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$32.86 billion (2021 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$2,900 (2021 est.)

Industries - textiles, sugar refining, flour milling, cement, light assembly using imported parts

Agricultural products - sugarcane, cassava, mangoes/guavas, plantains, bananas, yams, avocados, maize, rice, vegetables

Exports \$1.24 billion (2021 est.)

clothing and apparel, essential oils, eels, mangoes, scrap iron (2021)

partners: US 83%, Canada 4%, Mexico 3%, India 1%, Hong Kong 1% (2021)

Imports \$5.22 billion (2021 est.)

refined petroleum, rice, clothing and apparel, poultry, palm oil (2021)

partners: US 26%, Dominican Republic 23%, China 19%, Turkey 3%, Indonesia 3% (2021)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

11.5 million (2023 est.)

Population Growth

1.18% (2023 est.)

Ethnicity

Black 95%, mixed and White 5%

Language

French (official), Creole (official)

Religion

Catholic 55%, Protestant 29%, Vodou 2.1%, other 4.6%, none 10% (2018 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 59.7% of total population (2023)

rate of urbanization: 2.47% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)