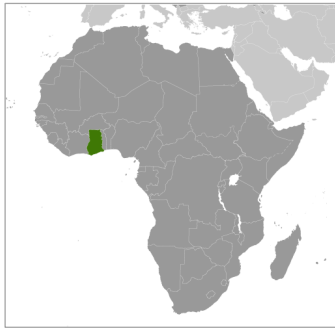




GHANA



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 56% of the population under the age of 25.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Nana Addo Dankwa AKUFO-ADDO

Head of Government

President Nana Addo Dankwa AKUFO-ADDO

Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Accra

Legislature

unicameral Parliament (275 seats)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Alima MAHAMA

US Ambassador

Ambassador Virginia E. PALMER

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) \$178.46 billion (2021 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$5,400 (2021 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 \$23.9 billion (2021 est.)

gold, crude oil, cocoa products, cashews, manganese (2020)

partners: Switzerland 23%, UAE 12%, China 12%, India 9%, Netherlands 5% (2020 est.)

Imports \$25.97 billion (2021 est.)

refined petroleum, cars, rice, delivery trucks, iron, poultry (2020)

partners: China 42%, Netherlands 5%, US 5%, India 5%, UAE 3% (2020 est.)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

33.1 million (July 2022 est.)

Population Growth

2.23% (2022 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.)