



HAITI



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Jovenel MOISE

Head of Government

Prime Minister Jean Henry CEANT

Government Type

semi-presidential republic

Capital

Port-au-Prince

Legislature

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

Judiciary

Supreme Court or Cour de Cassation (consists of a chief judge and other judges)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Paul Getty ALTIDOR

US Ambassador

Ambassador Michele SISON

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

poorest country in the Western Hemisphere; two-fifths of all Haitians depend on an agricultural sector that is vulnerable to damage from frequent natural disasters

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$19.97 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$1,800 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$980.2 million (2017 est.)

partners: US 80.6%, Dominican Republic 4.9% (2017)

Imports

\$3.618 billion (2017 est.)

partners: US 20.7%, China 18.8%, Indonesia 8.5% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

10.8 million (July 2018 est.)

Population Growth

1.31% (2018 est.)

Ethnicity

black 95%, mixed and white 5%

Language

French (official), Creole (official)

Religion

Roman Catholic 54.7%, Protestant 28.5%, vodou 2.1%, other 4.6%, none 10.2% (2003 est.)

note: many Haitians practice elements of vodou in addition to another religion, most often Roman Catholicism; vodou was recognized as an official religion in 2003

Urbanization

urban population: 55.3% of total population (2018)

rate of urbanization: 2.9% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

60.7% (2015 est.)

