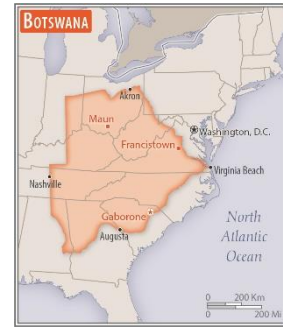




BOTSWANA



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Mokgweetsi Eric MASISI

Head of Government

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Government Type

parliamentary republic

Capital

Gaborone

Legislature

unicameral Parliament consists of the National Assembly (63 seats); note – the House of Chiefs, an advisory body to the National Assembly, consists of 35 members

Judiciary

Court of Appeal, High Court (each consists of a chief justice and a number of other judges as prescribed by the Parliament)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador David John NEWMAN

US Ambassador

Ambassador Craig Lewis CLOUD

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 581,730 sq km

Land: 566,730 sq km

Water: 15,000 sq km

Climate

semiarid; warm winters and hot summers

Natural Resources

diamonds, copper, nickel, salt, soda ash, potash, coal, iron ore, silver

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

middle-income country with a heavy reliance on diamond exports; ranks as one of the least corrupt and best places to do business in Sub-Saharan Africa

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$39.01 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$17,000 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$5.934 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Belgium 20.3%, India 12.6%, UAE 12.4%, South Africa 11.9%, Singapore 8.7%, Israel 7%, Hong Kong 4.1%, Namibia 4.1% (2017)

Imports

\$5.005 billion (2017 est.)

partners: South Africa 66.1%, Canada 8.3%, Israel 5.3% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

2.3 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

1.48% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

Tswana (or Setswana)

79%, Kalanga 11%,

Basarwa 3%, other, including Kgalagadi and white 7% (2011 est.)

Language

Setswana 77.3%, Sekalanga 7.4%, Shekgalagadi 3.4%, English (official) 2.8%, Zezuru/Shona 2%, Sesarwa 1.7%, Sembukushu 1.6%, Ndebele 1%, other 2.8% (2011 est.)

Religion

Christian 79.1%, Badimo 4.1%, other 1.4% (includes Baha'i, Hindu, Muslim, Rastafarian), none 15.2%, unspecified 0.3% (2011 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 70.9% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: 2.87% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

88.5% (2015)

