



BRUNEI



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

Sultan and Prime Minister Sir HASSANAL Bolkiah

Head of Government

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Government Type

absolute monarchy or sultanate

Capital

Bandar Seri Begawan

Legislature

unicameral Legislative Council or Majlis Mesyuarat Negara Brunei (36 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court (consists of the Court of Appeal and the High Court, each with a chief justice and 2 judges); Sharia Court (consists of the Court of Appeals and the High Court); note - Brunei has a dual judicial system of secular and sharia (religious) courts

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Serbini ALI

US Ambassador

Charge d'Affaires Emily M. FLECKNER

GEOGRAPHY

Area

total: 5,765 sq km
land: 5,265 sq km
water: 500 sq km

Climate

tropical; hot, humid, rainy

Natural Resources

petroleum, natural gas, timber

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

per capita GDP is among the highest in the world, and substantial income from overseas investment supplements income from domestic hydrocarbon production; citizens pay no personal income taxes, and the government provides free medical services and free education through the university level

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$33.87 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$78,900 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$5.885 billion (2017 est.)
partners: Japan 27.8%, South Korea 12.4%, Thailand 11.5%, Malaysia 11.3%, India 9.3%, Singapore 7.7%, Switzerland 5%, China 4.7% (2017)

Imports

\$2.998 billion (2017 est.)
partners: China 19.6%, Singapore 19%, Malaysia 18.8%, US 9.2%, Germany 5.9%, Japan 4.1%, UK 4% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

464,478 (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

1.51% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

Malay 65.7%, Chinese 10.3%, other 24% (2016 est.)

Language

Malay (Bahasa Melayu) (official), English, Chinese dialects

Religion

Muslim (official) 78.8%, Christian 8.7%, Buddhist 7.8%, other (includes indigenous beliefs) 4.7% (2011 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 78.3% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 1.66% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

total population: 97.2% (2018)

