



# THE GAMBIA



## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President Adama BARROW

### Head of Government

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### Government Type

presidential republic

### Capital

Banjul

### Legislature

unicameral National Assembly (58 seats)

### Judiciary

Supreme Court of The Gambia (consists of chief justice and 6 justices; court sessions held with 5 justices)

### Ambassador to US

Ambassador Dawda D. FADERA

### US Ambassador

Ambassador Richard "Carl" PASCHALL

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 11,300 sq km

Land: 10,120 sq km

Water: 1,180 sq km

### Climate

tropical; hot rainy season (June to November); cooler, dry season (November to May)

### Natural Resources

fish, clay, silica sand, titanium (rutile and ilmenite), tin, zircon

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

agriculture provides about one third of GDP and relies heavily on remittances from workers overseas and tourist receipts; unemployment and underemployment remain high

### GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$5.56 billion (2017 est.)

### GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$2,600 (2017 est.)

### Exports

\$72.9 million (2017 est.)

partners: Guinea-Bissau 51.9%, Vietnam 14.6%, Senegal 8.8%, Mali 7.2% (2017)

### Imports

\$376.9 million (2017 est.)

partners: Cote d'Ivoire 11.5%, Brazil 10.6%, Spain 10.2%, China 7.8%, Russia 6.4%, Netherlands 5.3%, India 5% (2017)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

2.2 million (July 2020 est.)

### Population Growth

1.87% (2020 est.)

### Ethnicity

Mandinka/Jahanka 34%, Fulani/Tukulur/Lorobo 22.4%, Wolof 12.6%, Jola/Karoninka 10.7%, Serahuleh 6.6%, Serer 3.2%, other 9.9%, no answer 0.6% (2013 est.)

### Language

English (official), Mandinka, Wolof, Fula, other indigenous vernaculars

### Religion

Muslim 95.7%, Christian 4.2%, none 0.1%, no response 0.1% (2013 est.)

### Urbanization

urban population: 62.6% of total population (2020)  
rate of urbanization: 4.07% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

### Literacy

55.5% (2015 est.)

