



NEW ZEALAND



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

Queen ELIZABETH II

Head of Government

Prime Minister Jacinda ARDERN

Government Type

parliamentary democracy under a constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth realm

Capital

Wellington

Legislature

unicameral House of Representatives - commonly called Parliament (120 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court (consists of 5 justices, including the chief justice)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Rosemary BANKS

US Ambassador

Ambassador Scott P. BROWN

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 268,838 sq km

Land: 264,537 sq km

Water: 4,301 sq km

Climate

temperate with sharp regional contrasts

Natural Resources

natural gas, iron ore, sand, coal, timber, hydropower, gold, limestone

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

over the past 40 years, the government has transformed New Zealand from an agrarian economy, dependent on concessionary British market access, to a more industrialized, free market economy that can compete globally

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$189 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$39,000 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$37.35 billion (2017 est.)

partners: China 22.4%, Australia 16.4%, US 9.9%, Japan 6.1% (2017)

Imports

\$39.74 billion (2017 est.)

partners: China 19%, Australia 12.1%, US 10.5%, Japan 7.3%, Germany 5.3%, Thailand 4.6% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

4.9 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

1.44% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

European 64.1%, Maori 16.5%, Chinese 4.9%,

Indian 4.7%, Samoan 3.9%, Tongan 1.8%, Cook Islands Maori 1.7%, English 1.5%, Filipino 1.5%, New Zealander 1%, other 13.7% (2018 est.)

Language

English (de facto official) 95.4%, Maori (de jure official) 4%, Samoan 2.2%, Northern Chinese 2%, Hindi 1.5%, French 1.2%, Yue 1.1%, New Zealand Sign Language (de jure official) .5%, other or not stated 17.2% (2018 est.)

Religion

Christian 37.3%, Hindu 2.7%, Maori 1.3%, Muslim, 1.3%, Buddhist 1.1%, other religion 1.6%, no religion 48.6%, objected to answering 6.7% (2018 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 86.7% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: 1.01% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

