

SOUTH SUDAN



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Salva Kiir Mayardit

Head of Government

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Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Juba

Legislature

bicameral National Legislature consisting of a Council of States (50 seats) and Transitional National Legislative Assembly (400 seats; will be expanded to 550 members after the transitional government forms)

Judiciary

Supreme Court of South Sudan (consists of the chief, deputy chief justices, 9 other justices)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Philip Jada NATANA

US Ambassador

Ambassador Thomas HUSHEK

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 644,329 sq km
Land: 644,329 sq km
Water: 0 sq km

Climate

hot with seasonal rainfall influenced by the annual shift of the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone; rainfall heaviest in upland areas of the south and diminishes to the north

Natural Resources

hydropower, fertile agricultural land, gold, diamonds, petroleum, hardwoods, limestone, iron ore, copper, chromium ore, zinc, tungsten, mica, silver

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

industry and infrastructure severely underdeveloped and poverty widespread following several decades of conflict; instability disrupting what remains of the economy; vast majority of the population dependent on subsistence agriculture and humanitarian assistance; markets are not well-organized

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$20.01 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$1,600 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$1.13 billion (2016 est.)
partners: N/A

Imports

\$ 3.795 (2016 est.)
partners: N/A

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

10.5 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

2.7% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

Dinka (Jieng) 35.8%,
Nuer (Naath) 15.6%,
Shilluk (Chollo), Azande,
Bari, Kakwa, Kuku, Murle, Mandari, Didinga, Ndogo, Bviri, Lndi, Anuak, Bongo, Lango, Dungotona, Acholi, Baka, Fertit (2011 est.)

Language

English (official), Arabic (includes Juba and Sudanese variants), regional languages include Dinka, Nuer, Bari, Zande, Shilluk

Religion

animist, Christian, Muslim

Urbanization

urban population: 20.2% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 4.1% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

34.5% (2018)

