



# Haiti



**Background** In 1697, Spain ceded to the French the western third of the island of Hispaniola, which later became Haiti. The French colony, based on forestry and sugar-related industries, became one of the wealthiest in the Caribbean. Currently the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, Haiti continues to experience bouts of political instability.

**Capital** name: Port-au-Prince

**Government type** semi-presidential republic

**Area**  
total: 27,750 sq km  
land: 27,560 sq km  
water: 190 sq km

**Climate** tropical; semiarid where mountains in east cut off trade winds

**Natural resources** bauxite, copper, calcium carbonate, gold, marble, hydropower, arable land

**Population** total: 11,753,943 (2024 est.)

**Population growth rate** 1.23% (2024 est.)

**Ethnic groups** Black 95%, mixed and White 5%

**Religions** Catholic 55%, Protestant 29%, Vodou 2.1%, other 4.6%, none 10% (2018 est.)

**Languages** French (official), Creole (official)

**Executive branch** chief of state: President (vacant)  
head of government: Prime Minister Alix Didier FILS-AIMÉ (since 10 November 2024)

**Diplomatic representation in the US** chief of mission: Ambassador (vacant); Chargé d'Affaires Louis Harold JOSEPH (since 15 May 2023)

**Diplomatic representation from the US** chief of mission: Ambassador Dennis HANKINS (since 3 May 2024)

**Economic overview** small Caribbean island economy and OECS-member state; extreme poverty and inflation; enormous income inequality; ongoing civil unrest due to recent presidential assassination; US preferential market access; very open to foreign direct investment

**Real GDP (purchasing power parity)**\$34.406 billion (2023 est.)  
\$35.059 billion (2022 est.)  
\$35.659 billion (2021 est.)

**Real GDP per capita**\$3,000 (2023 est.)  
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\$3,100 (2021 est.)

<b>Exports</b>	\$1.095 billion (2023 est.) \$1.355 billion (2022 est.) \$1.272 billion (2021 est.)
<b>Exports - partners</b>	USA 82%, Canada 4%, Mexico 2%, France 2%, India 2% (2023)
<b>Exports - commodities</b>	garments, essential oils, scrap iron, industrial acids/oils/alcohols, bedding (2023)
<b>Imports</b>	\$5.303 billion (2023 est.) \$5.451 billion (2022 est.) \$5.048 billion (2021 est.)
<b>Imports - partners</b>	USA 31%, Dominican Republic 23%, China 14%, Indonesia 4%, India 3% (2023)
<b>Imports - commodities</b>	refined petroleum, rice, garments, cotton fabric, plastic products (2023)

## Population Pyramid

