



Cameroon



Background Cameroon resulted from the merger of former French Cameroon and British Cameroon in the early 1960s. The country has generally enjoyed stability, permitting the development of agriculture, roads, railways, and a petroleum industry.

Capital name: Yaounde

Government type presidential republic

Area total: 475,440 sq km
land: 472,710 sq km
water: 2,730 sq km

Climate varies with terrain, from tropical along coast to semiarid and hot in north

Natural resources petroleum, bauxite, iron ore, timber, hydropower

Population total: 30,966,105 (2024 est.)

Population growth rate 2.71% (2024 est.)

Ethnic groups Bamileke-Bamu 22.2%, Biu-Mandara 16.4%, Arab-Choa/Hausa/Kanuri 13.5%, Beti/Bassa, Mbam 13.1%, Grassfields 9.9%, Adamawa-Ubangi, 9.8%, Cotier/Ngoe/Oroko 4.6%, Southwestern Bantu 4.3%, Kako/Meka 2.3%, foreign/other ethnic group 3.8% (2022 est.)

Religions Roman Catholic 33.1%, Muslim 30.6%, Protestant 27.1% other Christian 6.1%, animist 1.3%, other 0.7%, none 1.2% (2022 est.)

Languages 24 major African language groups, English (official), French (official)

Executive branch chief of state: President Paul BIYA (since 6 November 1982)
head of government: Prime Minister Joseph NGUTE (since 4 January 2019)

Diplomatic representation in the US chief of mission: Ambassador Henri ETOUNDI ESSOMBA (since 27 June 2016)

Diplomatic representation from the US chief of mission: Ambassador Christopher J. LAMORA (since 21 March 2022)

Economic overview largest CEMAC economy with many natural resources; recent political instability and terrorism reducing economic output; systemic corruption; poor property rights enforcement; increasing poverty in northern regions

Real GDP (purchasing power parity) \$143.264 billion (2024 est.)
\$138.191 billion (2023 est.)
\$133.843 billion (2022 est.)

Real GDP per capita \$4,900 (2024 est.)
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\$4,800 (2022 est.)

Exports	\$8.353 billion (2023 est.) \$8.641 billion (2022 est.) \$7.447 billion (2021 est.)
Exports - partners	Netherlands 21%, France 14%, UAE 13%, India 9%, China 8% (2023)
Exports - commodities	crude petroleum, natural gas, gold, cocoa beans, wood (2023)
Imports	\$10.294 billion (2023 est.) \$9.759 billion (2022 est.) \$9.025 billion (2021 est.)
Imports - partners	China 43%, France 6%, India 6%, Belgium 4%, UAE 4% (2023)
Imports - commodities	garments, refined petroleum, plastic products, wheat, rice (2023)

Population Pyramid

