



Djibouti



Background	The French Territory of the Afars and the Issas became Djibouti in 1977. The government has longstanding ties to France, which maintains a military presence in the country, as do the US, Japan, Italy, Germany, Spain, and China.
Capital	name: Djibouti
Government type	presidential republic
Area	total : 23,200 sq km land: 23,180 sq km water: 20 sq km
Climate	desert; torrid, dry
Natural resources	potential geothermal power, gold, clay, granite, limestone, marble, salt, diatomite, gypsum, pumice, petroleum
Population	total: 994,974 (2024 est.)
Population growth rate	1.89% (2024 est.)
Ethnic groups	Somali 60%, Afar 35%, other 5% (mostly Yemeni Arab, also French, Ethiopian, and Italian)
Religions	Sunni Muslim 94% (nearly all Djiboutians), other 6% (mainly foreign-born residents - Shia Muslim, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Baha'i, and atheist)
Languages	French (official), Arabic (official), Somali, Afar
Executive branch	chief of state: President Ismail Omar GUELLEH (since 8 May 1999) head of government: Prime Minister Abdoulkader Kamil MOHAMED (since 1 April 2013)
Diplomatic representation in the US	chief of mission: Ambassador Mohamed Siad DOUALEH (28 January 2016)
Diplomatic representation from the US	chief of mission: Ambassador Cynthia KIERSCHT (since 17 October 2024)
Economic overview	food import-dependent Horn of Africa economy driven by various national military bases and port-based trade; fairly resilient from COVID-19 disruptions; major re-exporter; increasing Ethiopian and Chinese trade relations; investing in infrastructure
Real GDP (purchasing power parity)	\$7.995 billion (2024 est.) \$7.546 billion (2023 est.) \$7.028 billion (2022 est.)
Real GDP per capita	\$6,800 (2024 est.) \$6,500 (2023 est.) \$6,200 (2022 est.)

Exports	\$5.25 billion (2024 est.) \$5.877 billion (2023 est.) \$5.674 billion (2022 est.)
Exports - partners	Ethiopia 77%, UAE 5%, China 3%, Singapore 2%, France 2% (2023)
Exports - commodities	raw sugar, seed oils, cars, palm oil, rice (2023)
Imports	\$4.765 billion (2024 est.) \$5.269 billion (2023 est.) \$5.096 billion (2022 est.)
Imports - partners	China 32%, India 12%, UAE 10%, Turkey 6%, Morocco 5% (2023)
Imports - commodities	refined petroleum, palm oil, fertilizers, cars, seed oils (2023)

Population Pyramid

