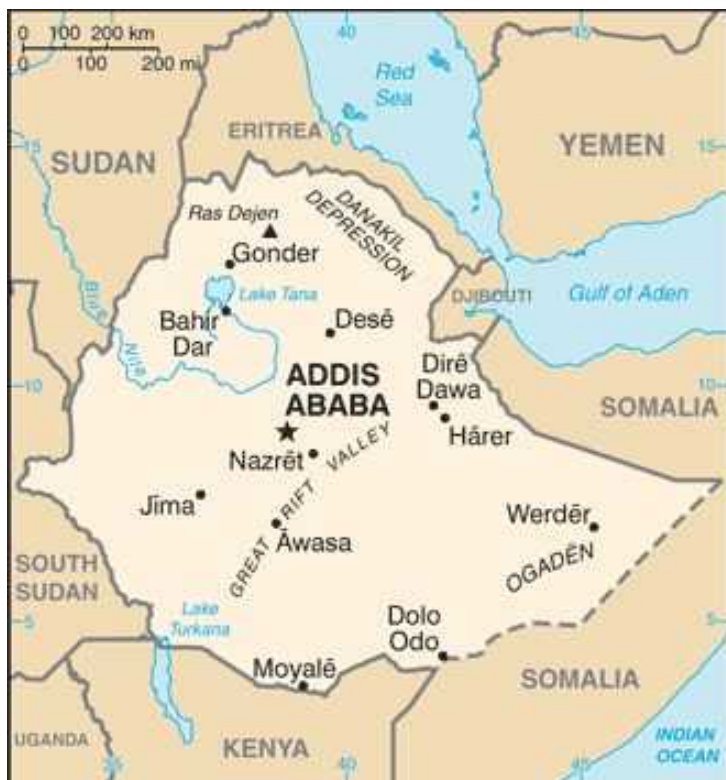




# Ethiopia



**Background** Unique among African countries, the ancient Ethiopian monarchy maintained its freedom from colonial rule with the exception of a short-lived Italian occupation from 1936-41. In recent years, Ethiopia has experienced periods of ethnic-based violence.

**Capital** name: Addis Ababa

**Government type** federal parliamentary republic

**Area** total : 1,104,300 sq km  
land: 1,096,570 sq km  
water: 7,730 sq km

**Climate** tropical monsoon with wide topographic-induced variation

**Natural resources** small reserves of gold, platinum, copper, potash, natural gas, hydropower

**Population** total: 118,550,298 (2024 est.)

**Population growth rate** 2.37% (2024 est.)

**Ethnic groups** Oromo 35.8%, Amhara 24.1%, Somali 7.2%, Tigray 5.7%, Sidama 4.1%, Guragie 2.6%, Welaita 2.3%, Afar 2.2%, Silte 1.3%, Kefficho 1.2%, other 13.5% (2022 est.)

**Religions** Ethiopian Orthodox 43.8%, Muslim 31.3%, Protestant 22.8%, Catholic 0.7%, traditional 0.6%, other 0.8% (2016 est.)

**Languages** Oromo (official regional working language) 33.8%, Amharic (official national language) 29.3%, Somali (official regional working language) 6.2%, Tigrigna (Tigrinya) (official regional working language) 5.9%, Sidamo 4%, Wolaytta 2.2%, Gurage 2%, Afar (official regional working language) 1.7%, Hadiyya 1.7%, Gamo 1.5%, Gedeo 1.3%, Opuuo 1.2%, Kafa 1.1%, other 8.1%, English (2007 est.)

**Executive branch** chief of state: President TAYE Atske Selassie (since 7 October 2024)

head of government: Prime Minister ABIY Ahmed Ali (since April 2018)

**Diplomatic representation in the US** chief of mission: Ambassador BINALF Andualem Ashenef (since 25 February 2025)

**Diplomatic representation from the US** chief of mission: Ambassador Ervin MASSINGA (since 4 October 2023)

**Economic overview** low-income, fast-growing Horn of Africa economy; widespread poverty and food insecurity worsened by conflict and environmental factors; landlocked with tensions over seaport access; development aid supporting reforms to boost private-sector growth and financial stability; challenge of creating jobs for growing labor force

<b>Real GDP (purchasing power parity)</b>	\$354.604 billion (2023 est.) \$332.968 billion (2022 est.) \$316.145 billion (2021 est.)
<b>Real GDP per capita</b>	\$2,800 (2023 est.) \$2,700 (2022 est.) \$2,600 (2021 est.)
<b>Exports</b>	\$10.865 billion (2023 est.) \$10.971 billion (2022 est.) \$9.496 billion (2021 est.)
<b>Exports - partners</b>	USA 12%, China 10%, UAE 8%, Saudi Arabia 8%, Netherlands 5% (2023)
<b>Exports - commodities</b>	coffee, garments, dried legumes, cut flowers, oil seeds (2023)
<b>Imports</b>	\$22.951 billion (2023 est.) \$24.187 billion (2022 est.) \$20.859 billion (2021 est.)
<b>Imports - partners</b>	China 26%, Djibouti 16%, India 7%, Kuwait 7%, Saudi Arabia 6% (2023)
<b>Imports - commodities</b>	refined petroleum, fertilizers, plastics, raw sugar, cars (2023)

## Population Pyramid

