



# Angola



<b>Background</b>	Angola was the site of multiple kingdoms through the mid-19th century, the most prominent being the Kongo and Ndongo. In the 16th century, Portugal began establishing a colony. Angola gained independence from Portugal in 1975. A 27-year civil war ended in 2002.
<b>Capital</b>	name: Luanda
<b>Government type</b>	presidential republic
<b>Area</b>	total: 1,246,700 sq km land: 1,246,700 sq km water: 0 sq km
<b>Climate</b>	semiarid in south and along coast to Luanda; north has cool, dry season (May to October) and hot, rainy season (November to April)
<b>Natural resources</b>	petroleum, diamonds, iron ore, phosphates, copper, feldspar, gold, bauxite, uranium
<b>Population</b>	total: 38,984,796 (2025 est.)
<b>Population growth rate</b>	3.32% (2025 est.)
<b>Ethnic groups</b>	Ovimbundu 37%, Kimbundu 25%, Bakongo 13%, Mestico (mixed European and native African) 2%, European 1%, other 22%
<b>Religions</b>	Roman Catholic 41.1%, Protestant 38.1%, other 8.6%, none 12.3% (2014 est.)
<b>Languages</b>	Portuguese 71.2% (official), Umbundu 23%, Kikongo 8.2%, Kimbundu 7.8%, Chokwe 6.5%, Nhaneca 3.4%, Nganguelu 3.1%, Fiote 2.4%, Kwanhama 2.3%, Muhumbi 2.1%, Luvale 1%, other 3.6% (2014 est.)
<b>Executive branch</b>	chief of state: President Joao Manuel Goncalves LOURENCO (since 26 September 2017) head of government: President Joao Manuel Goncalves LOURENCO (since 26 September 2017)
<b>Diplomatic representation in the US</b>	chief of mission: Ambassador Agostinho de Carvalho dos Santos VAN-DUNEM (since 30 June 2023)
<b>Diplomatic representation from the US</b>	chief of mission: Ambassador (vacant); Chargé d'Affaires Shannon Nagy CAZEAU (since 2 October 2025)
<b>Economic overview</b>	middle-income, oil-dependent African economy; widespread poverty; rising inflation and currency depreciation; seeking diversification through agricultural production; significant corruption in public institutions; major infrastructure investments from China and US; exited OPEC in 2023
<b>Real GDP (purchasing power parity)</b>	\$278.239 billion (2024 est.) \$266.452 billion (2023 est.) \$263.61 billion (2022 est.)

<b>Real GDP per capita</b>	\$7,300 (2024 est.) \$7,300 (2023 est.) \$7,400 (2022 est.)
<b>Exports</b>	\$36.924 billion (2024 est.) \$36.961 billion (2023 est.) \$50.12 billion (2022 est.)
<b>Exports - partners</b>	China 40%, India 9%, UAE 6%, Spain 6%, Netherlands 5% (2023)
<b>Exports - commodities</b>	crude petroleum, diamonds, natural gas, ships, refined petroleum (2023)
<b>Imports</b>	\$22.683 billion (2024 est.) \$23.688 billion (2023 est.) \$28.564 billion (2022 est.)
<b>Imports - partners</b>	China 19%, Portugal 10%, UAE 7%, India 6%, USA 5% (2023)
<b>Imports - commodities</b>	refined petroleum, wheat, ships, cars, trucks (2023)

## Population Pyramid

