



Angola



Background 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.

Capital name: Luanda

Government type presidential republic

Area total : 1,246,700 sq km
land: 1,246,700 sq km
water: 0 sq km

Climate semiarid in south and along coast to Luanda; north has cool, dry season (May to October) and hot, rainy season (November to April)

Natural resources petroleum, diamonds, iron ore, phosphates, copper, feldspar, gold, bauxite, uranium

Population total: 38,984,796 (2025 est.)

Population growth rate 3.32% (2025 est.)

Ethnic groups Ovimbundu 37%, Kimbundu 25%, Bakongo 13%, Mestico (mixed European and native African) 2%, European 1%, other 22%

Religions Roman Catholic 41.1%, Protestant 38.1%, other 8.6%, none 12.3% (2014 est.)

Languages Portuguese 71.2% (official), Umbundu 23%, Kikongo 8.2%, Kimbundu 7.8%, Chokwe 6.5%, Nhaneca 3.4%, Nkangwela 3.1%, Fiote 2.4%, Kwanhama 2.3%, Muhumbi 2.1%, Luvala 1%, other 3.6% (2014 est.)

Executive branch chief of state: President Joao Manuel Goncalves LOURENCO (since 26 September 2017)
head of government: President Joao Manuel Goncalves LOURENCO (since 26 September 2017)

Diplomatic representation in the US chief of mission: Ambassador Agostinho de Carvalho dos Santos VAN-DÚNEM (since 30 June 2023)

Diplomatic representation from the US chief of mission: Ambassador (vacant); Chargé d'Affaires Shannon Nagy CAZEAU (since 2 October 2025)

Economic overview 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

Real GDP (purchasing power parity) \$278.239 billion (2024 est.)
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\$263.61 billion (2022 est.)

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

Population Pyramid

