

CAMEROON





GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Paul BIYA Head of Government

President Joseph Dion NGUTE

Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Yaounde

Legislature

bicamaeral Parliament consists of the Senate (100 seats) and the National Assembly (180 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court of Cameroon (consists of 9 titular and 6 surrogate judges); Constitutional Council (consists of 11 members)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Henri ETOUNDI ESSOMBA

US Ambassador

Ambassador Paul Henry BARLERIN

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 475,440 sq km Land: 472,710 sg km Water: 2,730 sg km

Climate

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

Natural Resources

petroleum, bauxite, iron ore, timber, hydropower





ECONOMY

Economic Overview

market-based, diversified economy; oil main export commodity that accounts for nearly 40% of exports: generally unfavorable climate for business enterprise

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$89.54 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$3,700 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$4.732 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Netherlands 15.6%, France 12.6%, China 11.7%, Belgium 6.8%, Italy 6.3%, Algeria 4.8%, Malaysia 4.4% (2017)

Imports

\$4.812 billion (2017 est.)

partners: China 19%, France 10.3%, Thailand 7.9%, Nigeria 4.1% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

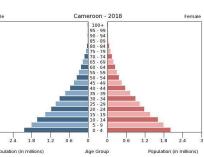
27.7 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

2.78% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

Bamileke-Bamu 24.3%, Beti/Bassa, Mbam 21.6%,



Biu-Mandara 14.6%, Arab-Choa/Hausa/Kanuri 11%, Adamawa-Ubangi, 9.8%, Grassfields 7.7%, Kako, Meka/Pygmy 3.3%, Cotier/Ngoe/Oroko 2.7%, Southwestern Bantu 0.7%, foreign/other ethnic group 4.5% (2018 est.)

Language

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

Religion

Roman Catholic 38.3%, Protestant 25.5%, other Christian 6.9%, Muslim 24.4%, animist 2.2%, other 0.5%, none 2.2% (2018 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 57.6% of total population (2020) rate of urbanization: 3.63% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

77.1% (2018)

