Angola is a country in Southern Africa bordering the South Atlantic Ocean. Neighboring countries include the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of the Congo, Namibia, and Zambia. The governmental system is a republic with a multiparty presidential regime; the chief of state and the head of government is the president. Angola has a controlled economic system in which the central government directs the economy regarding the production and distribution of goods. Angola is a member of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

**Location:** Middle Africa  
**Capital City:** Luanda (+1 GMT)  
**Chief of State:** President João Lourenço  
**Head of Govt.:** President João Lourenço  
**Currency:** Kwanza (AOA)

**Major Languages:** Portuguese 71.2% (official), Umbundu 23%, Kimbundu 7.8%, Chokwe 6.5%, Nhaneca 3.4%, Nganguela 3.1%, Fiote 2.4%, Kwanhama 2.3%, Muhumbi 2.1%, Luvale 1%, other 3.6% note: most widely spoken languages; shares sum to more than 100% because some respondents gave more than one answer on the census (2014 est.).

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

**Calling Code:** 244  
**Voltage:** 220

**Key Websites**  
Main Government Page: governo.gov.ao  
Commerce Ministry: minco.gov.ao

**Key Economic Facts**

Income Level (by per capita GNI): Upper Middle Income Level of Development: Developing  
GDP, PPP (current international $): $198.44 billion (2018)  
GDP growth (annual %): -2.13% (2018)  
GDP per capita, PPP (current international $): $6,440.98 (2018)  
External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US$): $37,201,179,123.50 (2017)  
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP): 6.58% (2017)  
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %): 20.19% (2018)  
Labor force, total: 12,774,775 (2018)  
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate): 7.25% (2018)  
Exports of goods and services (current US$): $35.42 billion (2017)

**GDP Composition %**

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*Although Manufacturing is included in the Industry figures, it is also separately reported because it plays a critical role in economy.

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**Risk Assessment (Provided by Coface)**

**Country rating:** C - A very uncertain political and economic outlook and a business environment with many troublesome weaknesses can have a significant impact on corporate payment behavior. Corporate default probability is high.

**Business Climate rating:** D - The business environment is very difficult. Corporate financial information is rarely available and when available usually unreliable. The legal system makes debt collection very unpredictable. The institutional framework has very serious weaknesses. Intercompany transactions can thus be very difficult to manage in the highly risky environments rated D.

**Strengths**
- Significant oil production and liquefied natural gas producer
- Significant economic potential: diamonds, iron, gold, leather, agriculture, fisheries, hydropower
- International financial support

**Weaknesses**
- Vulnerability to an oil price reversal
- High unemployment, high social inequalities and regional disparities
- Deficient infrastructure
- Fragile banking sector
- Conflict with separatists in the Cabinda enclave

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