

Introduction

Cabo Verde is an island country spanning an archipelago of 10 islands in the central Atlantic Ocean. Cabo Verde is in Western Africa off the coast of Senegal with a strategic location near major north-south sea routes. The geography of the islands is rugged, rocky, and volcanic. The government system is a republic; the chief of state is the president, and the head of government is the prime minister. Cabo Verde has a market economic system in which the prices of goods and services are determined in a free price system. Cabo Verde is a member of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).



Location: Western Africa

Capital City: Praia (-1 GMT)

Chief of State: President Jose Maria Neves

Head of Govt.: Prime Minister Jose Ulisses Correia E. Silva

Currency: Cabo Verdean Escudo (CVE)

Major Languages: <p>Portuguese (official), Krioulo (a blend of Portuguese and West African languages)</p>

Primary Religions: <p>Roman Catholic 77.3%, Protestant 4.6% (includes Church of the Nazarene 1.7%, Adventist 1.5%, Assembly of God 0.9%, Universal Kingdom of God 0.4%, and God and Love 0.1%), other Christian 3.4% (includes Christian Rationalism 1.9%, Jehovah's Witness 1%, and New Apostolic 0.5%), Muslim 1.8%, other 1.3%, none 10.8%, unspecified 0.7% (2010 est.)</p>

Calling Code: 238

Voltage: 220

Key Websites

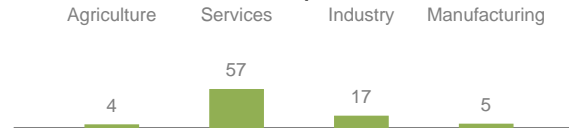
Main Government Page: governo.cv

Investment Promotion cvtradeinvest.com
Agency:

Key Economic Facts

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| Income Level (by per capita GNI): | Lower Middle Income |
| Level of Development: | Developing |
| GDP, PPP (current international \$): | \$5.39 billion (2022) |
| GDP growth (annual %): | 17.71% (2022) |
| GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$): | \$9,082.84 (2022) |
| External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US\$): | \$2,059,769,905.90 (2021) |
| Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP): | 4.66% (2022) |
| Current account balance (BoP, current US\$): | -\$0.08 billion (2022) |
| Inflation, consumer prices (annual %): | 1.86% (2021) |
| Labor force, total: | 245,779 (2022) |
| Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate): | 13.57% (2022) |
| Imports of goods and services (current US\$): | \$1.32 billion (2022) |
| Exports of goods and services (current US\$): | \$0.89 billion (2022) |

GDP Composition %



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

Rankings

| Index | Rank |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Corruption Perceptions Index | 38 / 178 |
| Global Competitiveness Index | 112 / 141 |
| Index of Economic Freedom | 47 / 176 |
| KOF Index of Globalization | 132 / 185 |
| Networked Readiness Index (NRI) | 85 / 139 |

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: B - The business environment is mediocre. The availability and the reliability of corporate financial information vary widely. Debt collection can sometimes be difficult. The institutional framework has a few troublesome weaknesses. Intercompany transactions run appreciable risks in the unstable, largely inefficient environments rated B.

Strengths

- Fishery reserves
- Efficient banking and telecommunications services
- Stable political institutions
- Exchange rate cooperation agreement with Portugal, guaranteeing convertibility and a fixed rate with the euro, and a credit facility
- 20% of the country's energy consumption currently comes from solar panels and wind turbines, with a target of 50% by 2030

Weaknesses

- Weak diversification of the economy and dependence on tourism
- Very high level of public debt
- Heavily dependent on the economic performance of Eurozone countries
- Ageing, poor-quality infrastructure
- Island location: dependent on food imports (85% of total imports) and energy products
- exposed to climate change, volcanic and earthquake events, and hurricanes

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