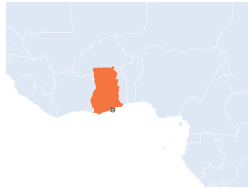


## Introduction

Ghana is a country located in Western Africa. Neighboring countries include Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Togo, and the Gulf of Guinea. Lake Volta, the largest artificial lake in the world, is located entirely within Ghana. The government system is a constitutional democracy; the chief of state and head of government is the president. Ghana has a mixed economic system which includes some private freedom, combined with weak centralized economic planning and government regulation. Ghana is a member of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).



**Location:** Western Africa

**Capital City:** Accra (0 GMT)

**Chief of State:** President Nana Akufo-Addo

**Head of Govt.:** President Nana Akufo-Addo

**Currency:** Cedi (GHS)

**Major Languages:** <p>Asante 16%, Ewe 14%, Fante 11.6%, Boron (Brong) 4.9%, Dagomba 4.4%, Dangme 4.2%, Dagarte (Dagaba) 3.9%, Kokomba 3.5%, Akyem 3.2%, Ga 3.1%, other 31.2%</p>

**Primary Religions:** <p>Christian 71.2% (Pentecostal/Charismatic 28.3%, Protestant 18.4%, Catholic 13.1%, other 11.4%), Muslim 17.6%, traditional 5.2%, other 0.8%, none 5.2%</p>

**Calling Code:** 233

**Voltage:** 230

## Key Websites

Main Government Page: [ghana.gov.gh](http://ghana.gov.gh)

Commerce Ministry: [moti.gov.gh](http://moti.gov.gh)

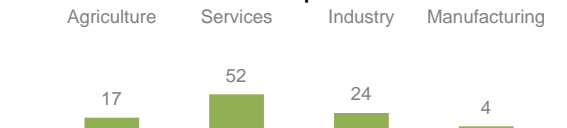
Export Promotion Agency: [gepaghana.org](http://gepaghana.org)

Investment Promotion Agency: [gipcghana.com](http://gipcghana.com)

## Key Economic Facts

Income Level (by per capita GNI):	Lower Middle Income
Level of Development:	Developing
GDP, PPP (current international \$):	\$133.83 billion (2017)
GDP growth (annual %):	8.51% (2017)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):	\$4,641.32 (2017)
External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US\$):	\$22,022,402,494.00 (2017)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):	4.16% (2017)
Current account balance (BoP, current US\$):	-\$2.00 billion (2017)
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %):	12.37% (2017)
Labor force, total:	13,636,862 (2017)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	2.36% (2017)
Imports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$24.00 billion (2017)
Exports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$18.89 billion (2017)

## 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	81 / 178
Global Competitiveness Index	106 / 139
Global Enabling Trade Index	100 / 136
Global Services Location Index	32 / 55
Index of Economic Freedom	109 / 179
International Logistics Performance Index (LPI)	106 / 160
Inward FDI Potential Index	111 / 139
KOF Index of Globalization	97 / 185
Networked Readiness Index (NRI)	102 / 139
Open Budget Index	45 / 115

## Risk Assessment (Provided by Coface)

**Country rating: B** - Political and economic uncertainties and an occasionally difficult business environment can affect corporate payment behavior. Corporate default probability is appreciable.

**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

- Significant mining and agricultural resources (gold, cocoa), as well as oil and gas resources
- Established democracy
- Attractive business climate, favourable for FDIs
- International financial support

### Weaknesses

- High level of public debt
- Infrastructure gaps (energy, transport)
- Dependent on commodity prices (gold, oil, cocoa)
- Weak public banks which affects entire banking sector

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