

## Introduction

Guinea-Bissau is a country located in West Africa bordering the Northern Atlantic Ocean between Guinea and Senegal. Guinea-Bissau is low-lying, swampy plateau rising to savanna in the east. The government system is a republic; the chief of state is the president, and the head of government is the prime minister. Guinea-Bissau has a largely traditional economic system in which most of the economy relies on fishing and farming, and government regulation is widely constrained. Guinea-Bissau is a member of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).



**Location:** Western Africa

**Capital City:** Bissau (GMT)

**Chief of State:** President José Mário Vaz

**Head of Govt.:** Prime Minister Umaro Sissoco Embaló

**Currency:** Communauté Financière Africaine franc (XOF)

**Major Languages:** Crioulo 90.4%, Portuguese 27.1% (official), French 5.1%, English 2.9%, other 2.4%

**Primary Religions:** Muslim 45.1%, Christian 22.1%, animist 14.9%, none 2%, unspecified 15.9%

**Calling Code:** 245

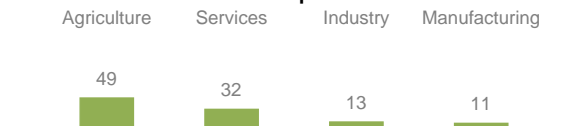
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## Key Websites

## Key Economic Facts

Income Level (by per capita GNI):	Low Income
Level of Development:	Developing
GDP, PPP (current international \$):	\$3.16 billion (2017)
GDP growth (annual %):	5.92% (2017)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):	\$1,700.22 (2017)
External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US\$):	\$328,361,151.10 (2017)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):	10.53% (2017)
Current account balance (BoP, current US\$):	\$0.01 billion (2016)
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %):	1.36% (2017)
Labor force, total:	779,982 (2017)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	6.10% (2017)
Imports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$0.43 billion (2017)
Exports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$0.37 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
Index of Economic Freedom	118 / 180
International Logistics Performance Index (LPI)	129 / 160
KOF Index of Globalization	173 / 185

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