

Introduction

Timor-Leste is a country located in Southeastern Asia bordering the Ombai Strait, Wetar Strait, and the Banda Sea. It comprises the eastern half and a northwest enclave of the island of Timor and the islands of Pulau Atauro and Pulau Jaco. Timor-Leste occupies the island of Timor with Indonesia. The geography of Timor-Leste is mountainous. The government system is a republic; the chief of state is the president, and the head of government is the prime minister. Timor-Leste has a mixed economy in which there is limited private freedom, but the economy remains highly controlled by the government.



Location: South-Eastern Asia

Capital City: Dili (+9 GMT)

Chief of State: President Francisco Guterres

Head of Govt.: Prime Minister Taur Matan Ruak

Currency: U.S. Dollar (USD)

Major Languages: Tetun Prasa 30.6%, Mambai 16.6%, Makasai 10.5%, Tetun Terik 6.1%, Baikenu 5.9%, Kemak 5.8%, Bunak 5.5%, Tokodede 4%, Fataluku 3.5%, Waima 1.8%, Galoli 1.4%, Naueti 1.4%, Idate 1.2%, Midiki 1.2%, other 4.5%

Primary Religions: Roman Catholic 97.6%, Protestant/Evangelical 2%, Muslim 0.2%, other 0.2% (2015 est.)

Calling Code: 670

Voltage: 220

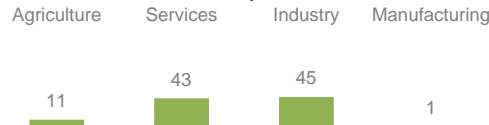
Key Websites

Main Government Page: timor-leste.gov.tl

Key Economic Facts

Income Level (by per capita GNI):	Lower Middle Income
GDP, PPP (current international \$):	\$9.37 billion (2017)
GDP growth (annual %):	-8.00% (2017)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):	\$7,228.17 (2017)
External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US\$):	\$50,302,399.40 (2017)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):	0.72% (2016)
Current account balance (BoP, current US\$):	-\$0.34 billion (2017)
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %):	0.56% (2017)
Labor force, total:	291,623 (2018)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	3.00% (2018)
Imports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$1.52 billion (2016)
Exports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$1.46 billion (2016)

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	91 / 178
Index of Economic Freedom	171 / 179
KOF Index of Globalization	157 / 185
Open Budget Index	69 / 115

Risk Assessment (Provided by Coface)

Country rating: E - The highest-risk political and economic situation and the most difficult business environment.

Corporate default is likely.

Business Climate rating: C - The business environment is difficult. Corporate financial information is often unavailable and when available often unreliable. Debt collection is unpredictable. The institutional framework has many troublesome weaknesses. Intercompany transactions run major risks in the difficult environments rated C.

Strengths

- Oil and gas reserves in the Timor Sea
- Supported by the Community of Portuguese-speaking countries
- Attractive tourist destination (protected natural sites, rich cultural heritage)

Weaknesses

- Vulnerable to natural disasters (landslides, typhoons, floods)
- Underdeveloped infrastructure
- Human capital deficit
- Very heavily dependent on oil income (98% of exports)
- Almost half the population lives below the poverty threshold
- High unemployment among young people (40%)
- Weak bank intermediation

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