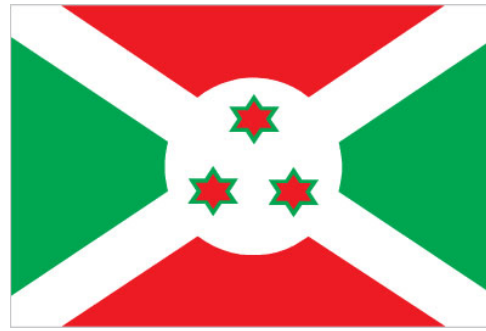




# BURUNDI



## INTRODUCTION

Burundi gained its independence from Belgium in 1962 as the Kingdom of Burundi, but the monarchy was overthrown in 1966 and a republic established. The assassination of Burundi's president in 1993 triggered over 10 years of ethnic violence between Hutu and Tutsi factions. Political violence and non-democratic transfers of power have marked much of its history.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE

### Head of Government

President Evariste NDAYISHIMIYE

### Government Type

presidential republic

### Capital

Gitega (political capital), Bujumbura (commercial capital)

### Legislature

bicameral Parliament consists of Senate (39 seats) and National Assembly (123 seats)

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 27,830 sq km

Land: 25,680 sq km

Water: 2,150 sq km

### Climate

equatorial; high plateau with considerable altitude variation; two wet seasons (February to May and September to November) and two dry seasons (June to August and December to January)

### Natural Resources

nickel, uranium, rare earth oxides, peat, cobalt, copper, platinum, vanadium, arable land, hydropower, niobium, tantalum, gold, tin, tungsten, kaolin, limestone

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

highly agrarian, low-income Sub-Saharan economy; declining foreign assistance; increasing fiscal insolvencies; dense and still growing population; COVID-19 weakened economic recovery and flipped two years of deflation

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$8.69 billion (2020 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$700 (2020 est.)

**Industries** - light consumer goods (sugar, shoes, soap, beer), cement, assembly of imported components, public works construction, food processing (fruits)

**Agricultural products** - cassava, bananas, sweet potatoes, plantains, beans, vegetables, potatoes, cashew nuts, maize, taro

**Exports** \$279 million (2019 est.)

gold, coffee, tea, raw earth metal ores, wheat flours (2019)

**partners:** UAE 50%, Democratic Republic of the Congo 7% (2019)

**Imports** \$1.04 billion (2019 est.)

refined petroleum, packaged medicines, cement, raw sugar, cars (2019)

**partners:** China 14%, Saudi Arabia 14%, India 9%, Kenya 7%, UAE 7%, Tanzania 5%, Zambia 5% (2019)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

12.2 million (July 2021 est.)

### Population Growth

3.68% (2021 est.)

### Ethnicity

Hutu, Tutsi, Twa (Pygmy)

### Language

Kirundi 29.7% (official), French only .3% (official), Swahili only .2%, English only .1% (official), Kirundi and French 8.4%, Kirundi, French, and English 2.4%, other language combinations 2%, unspecified 56.9% (2008 est.)

### Religion

Roman Catholic 58.6%, Protestant 35.3% (includes Adventist 2.7% and other Protestant 32.6%), Muslim 3.4%, other 1.3%, none 1.3% (2016-17 est.)

