



Country Profile: Haiti

Haiti is one of the least developed and least stable countries in the Western Hemisphere. The availability of consumer goods and services is barely adequate in the capital, Port-au-Prince, but other parts of the country experience chronic shortages. Most consumer products are imported and expensive. Some tourism facilities in the large cities and resort areas are satisfactory, but many are rudimentary at best, and are difficult to find in most rural areas and small towns. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Haiti for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Haiti
Continent:	Caribbean
Capital City:	Port-au-Prince
Boundary Countries:	Dominican Republic
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Polyclinique Centrale (Port-au-Prince)
Main Cities:	Port-au-Prince, Les Cayes, Jacmel, Hinche, Verrettes, Cap Haïtien, Port-de-Paix, Jérémie, Miragoâne, Saint-Marc
Country Size:	27,750 sq km
Population:	8,706,497

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	French (official), Creole (official)
Currency:	gourde (HTG)
Predominant Religions:	Roman Catholic 80%, Protestant 16% (Baptist 10%, Pentecostal 4%, Adventist 1%, other 1%), none 1%, other 3% <i>note:</i> roughly half of the population practices voodoo
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 1 January (1804)
Economic Status:	Haiti is the poorest Country in the Western Hemisphere, with 80% of the population living under the poverty line and 54%
Security:	No regular military forces- small coast guard; the regular Haitian Armed Forces (FAdH)- Army, Navy, and Air Force- have been demobilized but still exist on paper unless they are constitutionally abolished.
US Presence:	The Consular Section of the US Embassy is located at 104, rue Oswald Durand, Port-au-Prince. Tel (509) 223-7011, 223-6440, 223-6443, 223-6421, 223-6426, 223-6424, 223-6407, 223-7008, 222-0200, fax (509) 223-9665, and email is acspap@hotmail.com . Hours are 8:00a to 12:30p, Monday through Friday. The Consular Section is closed on US and local holidays. The US Embassy is located at 5 Blvd. Harry Truman, Port-au-Prince; tel (509) 222-0200, 222-0354, 223-0955 or 222-0269; fax (509) 223-1641. Internet: http://portauPrince.usembassy.gov/ .
Major Airports:	Airports: 12, Airports w/paved runways: 4 Port-au-Prince – Toussaint Louverture Int'l Airport (PAP/MTPP) Port-au-Prince Airport, Haiti, PO Box 1792, Port-au-Prince, HAITI Tel: +509 (0)250 4105, +509 (0)250 4106, +509 (0)250 1123/5

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