BURMA

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State
President WIN MYINT

Head of Government
President WIN MYINT

Government Type
parliamentary republic

Capital
Rangoon (Yangon); note - Nay Pyi Taw is the administrative capital

Legislature
bicameral Assembly of the Union or Pyidaungsu consists of the House of Nationalities or Amyotha Hluttaw (224 seats) and the House of Representatives or Pyithu Hluttaw (440 seats)

Judiciary
Supreme Court of the Union (consists of the chief justice and 7-11 judges)

Ambassador to US
Ambassador AUNG LYNN

US Ambassador
Ambassador Scot MARCIEL

GEOGRAPHY

Area
Total: 676,578 sq km
Land: 653,508 sq km
Water: 23,070 sq km

Climate
tropical monsoon; cloudy, rainy, hot, humid summers (southwest monsoon, June to September); less cloudy, scant rainfall, mild temperatures, lower humidity during winter (northeast monsoon, December to April)

Natural Resources
petroleum, timber, tin, antimony, zinc, copper, tungsten, lead, coal, marble, limestone, precious stones, natural gas, hydropower, arable land

as of August 2020

ECONOMY

Economic Overview
economic reforms implemented since the transition to a civilian-led government in 2011 have resulted in economic growth rates between 6% and 8% between 2014 and 2018; remains one of the poorest countries in Asia; economic performance is hampered by poor infrastructure, endemic corruption, underdeveloped human resources, and inadequate access to capital

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$329.8 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$6,300 (2017 est.)

Exports
$9.83 billion (2017 est.)
partners: China 36.5%, Thailand 21.8%, Japan 6.6%, Singapore 6.4%, India 5.9% (2017)

Imports
$15.78 billion (2017 est.)
partners: China 31.4%, Singapore 15%, Thailand 11.1%, Saudi Arabia 7.5%, Malaysia 6.2%, Japan 6%, India 5.5%, Indonesia 4.5% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population
56.6 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth
0.85% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity
Burman (Bamar) 68%, Shan 9%, Karen 7%, Rakhine 4%, Chinese 3%, Indian 2%, Mon 2%, other 5%

Language
Burmese (official)

Religion
Buddhist 87.9%, Christian 6.2%, Muslim 4.3%, Animist 0.8%, Hindu 0.5%, other 0.2%, none 0.1% (2014 est.)

Urbanization
urban population: 31.1% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 1.74% annual rate of change

Literacy
75.6% (2016)