

Namibia Fact Sheet

Location:

Situated on the south-western coast of Africa, bordering Angola and Zambia towards the North, South Africa in the south with Botswana in the east.

Area:

Total: 824,273 square kilometers
Coastline: 1,628 kilometers
Sanddunes: 33 000 square kilometers
Namib Desert: 165 000 square kilometers
(20% of total surface area)

Natural Resources: Diamonds, Copper, Uranium, Gold, Silver, Tin, Lead, Lithium, Cadmium, Tungsten, Zinc, Salt, Hydropower, Fish.

Natural Hazards: Prolonged periods of drought

Ethnic Groups: Indigenous 87.5%, European Origin 6%, Mixed 6.5%

Note: About 50% of the population belong to the Ovambo tribe and 9% to the Kavango tribe; Other ethnic groups include Herero, Damara, Nama, Caprivian, San, Baster and Tswana.

Language: English (Official), 29 other languages and dialects spoken

Population: 2,165,828 (July 2012 estimate)

Urbanization: Urban population is 38% of total population (as per 2010), Rate of urbanization is 3.3% annual rate of change. (2010 - 2015 estimate)

Capital City population (Windhoek): 342,000

Health Expenditures: 5.9% of GDP

Education Expenditures: 6.4% of GDP

Government Type: Democratic

Time Difference: GMT + 2 (16 hours ahead of Washington DC, during normal time)

Namibia observe winter time during the following periods: GMT + 1 From the first Sunday in April to the first Sunday in September

Administrative Divisions: 13 Regions; Caprivi, Erongo, Hardap, Karas, Khomas, Kunene, Ohangwena, Okavango, Omaheke, Omusati, Oshana, Oshikoto, Otjozondjupa.

Independence: Previously South African Mandate

Legal System: Roman - Dutch and Customary law.

Chief of state: Dr Hage Geingob

Climate: 4 Definite seasons are observed

Sept to Nov –Pleasantly warm (Spring) **Dec to Feb** - Warm dry heat with rain (Summer) **Mar to May** - Cool (Autumn) **Jun to Aug** - Cold (Winter)

Roads: 35 000 km which is gravel: 7 500 km which is asphalt

Airports and Landing Strips: 368 in total

Currency: The Namibian Dollar (The Namibia Dollar and the South African Rand are the only legal tender in Namibia.

Electricity: 220 volts AC, 50Hz