

## Zimbabwe – Country Fact sheet

Zimbabwe is a landlocked country in the southern part of Africa. It borders South Africa, Botswana, Zambia, and Mozambique. Its residents are mostly from the Shona ethnic group (82%) and the Ndebele ethnic group (14%). The rest of the population is made up of other African ethnicities (2%) and a minority population of Asians, Caucasians, and mixed races (2%). English is the official language but numerous tribal dialects are used. The most significant of these languages are Shona and Sindebele or Ndebele. Half of Zimbabweans have syncretic beliefs, incorporating some Christian traditions with indigenous beliefs. A quarter are Christians, 24% hold indigenous beliefs, and 1% are Muslim or other.

Motto: Unity, Freedom, Work

Anthem: *Simudzai Mureza Wedu weZimbabwe* (Shona) or *Kalibusiswe Ilizwe leZimbabwe* (Ndebele) ("Blessed be the land of Zimbabwe")

GDP (PPP) 2007 estimate: Total \$6.186 billion  
Per capita: \$500

Capital and largest city: Harare

Area:  
*total*: 390,580 sq km  
*land*: 386,670 sq km  
*water*: 3,910 sq km

Natural resources:  
coal, chromium ore, asbestos, gold, nickel, copper, iron ore, vanadium, lithium, tin, platinum group metals

Land use:  
*arable land*: 8.24%  
*permanent crops*: 0.33%  
*other*: 91.43% (2005)

Population:  
12,382,920  
*note*: estimates for this country explicitly take into account the effects of excess mortality due to AIDS; this can result in lower life expectancy, higher infant mortality, higher death rates, lower population growth rates, and changes in the

would otherwise be expected (July 2008 est.)

Infant mortality rate:  
*total*: 50.58 deaths/1,000 live births  
*male*: 53.29 deaths/1,000 live births  
*female*: 47.8 deaths/1,000 live births (2008 est.)

Life expectancy at birth:  
*total population*: 39.73 years  
*male*: 40.87 years  
*female*: 38.55 years (2008 est.)

Unemployment rate:  
80% (2005 est.)

Population below poverty line:  
68% (2004 est.)

Agriculture - products:  
corn, cotton, tobacco, wheat, coffee, sugarcane, peanuts; sheep, goats, pigs

Industries:  
mining (coal, gold, platinum, copper, nickel, tin, clay, numerous metallic and nonmetallic ores), steel; wood products, cement, chemicals, fertilizer, clothing and footwear, foodstuffs, beverages

Industrial production growth rate:  
0.5% (2007 est.)

