

# Papua New Guinea

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Country Official Name: Independent State of Papua New Guinea  
Capital: Port Moresby

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## Geodata

Area: 461 690 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 3.91 million (91),  
growth 2.3%

Natural Resources: gold, copper,  
silver, gas, timber

Major Religions: 22% Roman Catholic,  
44% Protestant, 34% indigenous beliefs

Major Language(s): English (especially a  
pidgin English), 715 indigenous languages



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## Political Data

Type of Government:  
Constitutional monarchy (E II)

Leaders:  
Elections pending.  
Results not available at time of printing.

Democratic Institutions:  
Unicameral parliament, multiparty

UN Human Development Index:  
129/173 (low)

## Economic Data

GDP (per capita):  
US \$ 800 (92), growth 9% (91)

Main Exports:  
gold, copper ore, coffee, palm oil,  
logs, cocoa, lobster

Main Imports:  
machinery and transportation equipment,  
fuels, food, chemicals, consumer goods

Export to Canada:  
C \$ 0.49 million (92)

Import from Canada:  
C \$ 5.1 million (92)

External Debt:  
US \$ 2.8 billion (91)

Main Donors:  
Australia, Japan, Germany

Canadian ODA:  
C \$ 0.5 million (FY 93-94) est.