



Zimbabwe

Capital: Harare

Official Language: Shona, Sindebele and English

Population: 12,891,000

Government: Presidential Republic

Politics: Robert Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union – Patriotic Front is the dominant political party having won every election since independence. However Zimbabwe has been marred by a series of controversial election results with allegations of vote-rigging, intimidation and fraud.

Economy: Zimbabwe's government faces an array of economic problems after abandoning attempts to create a market economy. These problems include a shortage of foreign exchange, elevated inflation as well as supply shortages.

Health: Life expectancy in Zimbabwe for men is 37 years and for women is 34 years. As of 2006 this was the lowest life expectancy in the world. Health is a major issue with the HIV infection rate estimated to be at 20.1% for people aged 15-49 in 2006.

Refugee Crisis: The economic and political instability have lead to a flood of refugees leaving Zimbabwe. It is estimated that 3.4 million Zimbabweans (one quarter of the population) had fled abroad by mid 2007.



40-50% of the Zimbabwe population belong to Christian denominations.

Protestants represent about 33% of all Zimbabweans

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