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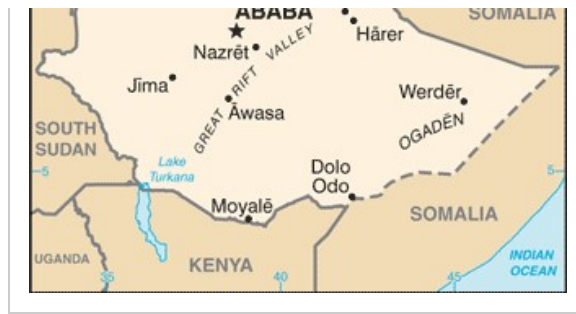
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Introduction :: ETHIOPIA

Background: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2028&term=Background](#)) ([../fields/2028.html#et](#))

Unique among African countries, the ancient Ethiopian monarchy maintained its freedom from colonial rule with the exception of a short-lived Italian occupation from 1936–41. In 1974, a military junta, the Derg, deposed Emperor Haile SELASSIE (who had ruled since 1930) and established a socialist state. Torn by bloody coups, uprisings, wide-scale drought, and massive refugee problems, the regime was finally toppled in 1991 by a coalition of rebel forces, the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front. A constitution was adopted in 1994, and Ethiopia's first multiparty elections were held in 1995. A border war with Eritrea in the late 1990s ended with a peace treaty in December 2000. In November 2007, the Eritrea-Ethiopia Border Commission (EEBC) issued specific coordinates as virtually demarcating the border and pronounced its work finished. Alleging that the EEBC acted beyond its mandate in issuing the coordinates, Ethiopia has not accepted them and has not withdrawn troops from previously contested areas pronounced by the EEBC as belonging to Eritrea. In August 2012, longtime leader Prime Minister MELES Zenawi died in office and was replaced by his Deputy Prime Minister HAILEMARIAM Desalegn, marking the first peaceful transition of power in decades.

Geography :: ETHIOPIA

Location: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2144&term=Location](#)) ([../fields/2144.html#et](#))

Eastern Africa, west of Somalia

Geographic coordinates: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2011&term=Geographic coordinates](#)) ([../fields/2011.html#et](#))

8 00 N, 38 00 E

Map references: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2145&term=Map references](#)) ([../fields/2145.html#et](#))

Africa

Area: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2147&term=Area](#)) ([../fields/2147.html#et](#))

total: 1,104,300 sq km

land: 1 million sq km

water: 104,300 sq km

country comparison to the world: 27 ([../rankorder/2147rank.html#et](#))

Area - comparative: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2023&term=Area - comparative](#)) ([../fields/2023.html#et](#))

slightly less than twice the size of Texas

Area comparison map:



Land boundaries: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2096&term=Land boundaries](#)) ([../fields/2096.html#et](#))

total: 5,925 km

border countries (6): Djibouti 342 km, Eritrea 1,033 km, Kenya 867 km, Somalia 1,640 km, South Sudan 1,299 km, Sudan 744 km

Coastline: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2060&term=Coastline](#)) ([../fields/2060.html#et](#))

0 km (landlocked)

Maritime claims: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2106&term=Maritime claims](#)) ([../fields/2106.html#et](#))

none (landlocked)

Climate: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2059&term=Climate](#)) ([../fields/2059.html#et](#))

tropical monsoon with wide topographic-induced variation

Terrain: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2125&term=Terrain](#)) ([../fields/2125.html#et](#))


high plateau with central mountain range divided by Great Rift Valley

Elevation: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2020&term=Elevation](#)) ([../fields/2020.html#et](#))


mean elevation: 1,330 m

elevation extremes: lowest point: Danakil Depression -125 m

highest point: Ras Dejen 4,533 m

Natural resources: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2111&term=Natural resources) (../fields/2111.html#et) 

small reserves of gold, platinum, copper, potash, natural gas, hydropower


Land use: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2097&term=Land use) (../fields/2097.html#et) 

agricultural land: 36.3%


arable land 15.2%; permanent crops 1.1%; permanent pasture 20%

forest: 12.2%


other: 51.5% (2011 est.)

Irrigated land: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2146&term=Irrigated land) (../fields/2146.html#et) 

2,900 sq km (2012)


Total renewable water resources: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2201&term=Total renewable water resources) (../fields/2201.html#et) 

122 cu km (2011)

Freshwater withdrawal (domestic/industrial/agricultural): (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2202&term=Freshwater withdrawal (domestic/industrial/agricultural)) (../fields/2202.html#et) 


total: 5.56 cu km/yr (13%/1%/86%)

per capita: 80.5 cu m/yr (2005)


Natural hazards: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2021&term=Natural hazards) (../fields/2021.html#et) 

geologically active Great Rift Valley susceptible to earthquakes, volcanic eruptions; frequent droughts

volcanism: volcanic activity in the Great Rift Valley; Erta Ale (elev. 613 m), which has caused frequent lava flows in recent years, is the country's most active volcano; Dabbahu became active in 2005, forcing evacuations; other historically active volcanoes include Alayta, Dalaffilla, Dallol, Dama Ali, Fentale, Kone, Manda Hararo, and Manda-Inakir


Environment - current issues: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2032&term=Environment - current issues) (../fields/2032.html#et) 

deforestation; overgrazing; soil erosion; desertification; water shortages in some areas from water-intensive farming and poor management

Environment - international agreements: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2033&term=Environment - international agreements) (../fields/2033.html#et) 


party to: Biodiversity, Climate Change, Climate Change-Kyoto Protocol, Desertification, Endangered Species, Hazardous Wastes, Ozone Layer Protection

signed, but not ratified: Environmental Modification, Law of the Sea

Geography - note: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2113&term=Geography - note) (../fields/2113.html#et) 

landlocked - entire coastline along the Red Sea was lost with the de jure independence of Eritrea on 24 May 1993; Ethiopia is, therefore, the most populous landlocked country in the world; the Blue Nile, the chief headstream of the Nile by water volume, rises in T'ana Hayk (Lake Tana) in northwest Ethiopia; three major crops are believed to have originated in Ethiopia: coffee, grain sorghum, and castor bean


People and Society :: ETHIOPIA

Population: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2119&term=Population) (../fields/2119.html#et) 

102,374,044


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 distribution of population by age and sex than would otherwise be expected (July 2016 est.)

country comparison to the world: 14 (../rankorder/2119rank.html#et)


Nationality: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2110&term=Nationality) (../fields/2110.html#et) 

noun: Ethiopian(s)


adjective: Ethiopian

Ethnic groups: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2075&term=Ethnic groups) (../fields/2075.html#et) 


Oromo 34.4%, Amhara (Amara) 27%, Somali (Somalie) 6.2%, Tigray (Tigrinya) 6.1%, Sidama 4%, Gurage 2.5%, Welaita 2.3%, Hadiya 1.7%, Afar (Affar) 1.7%, Gamo 1.5%, Gedeo 1.3%, Silte 1.3%, Kefficho 1.2%, other 8.8% (2007 est.)

Languages: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2098&term=Languages) (../fields/2098.html#et) 

Oromo (official working language in the State of Oromiya) 33.8%, Amharic (official national language) 29.3%, Somali (official working language of the State of Sumale) 6.2%, Tigrigna (Tigrinya) (official working language of the State of Tigray) 5.9%, Sidamo 4%, Wolaytta 2.2%, Gurage 2%, Afar (official working language of the State of Afar) 1.7%, Hadiyya 1.7%, Gamo 1.5%, Gedeo 1.3%, Opuuo 1.2%, Kafa 1.1%, other 8.1%, English (major foreign language taught in schools), Arabic (2007 est.)

Religions: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2122&term=Religions) (../fields/2122.html#et) 

Ethiopian Orthodox 43.5%, Muslim 33.9%, Protestant 18.5%, traditional 2.7%, Catholic 0.7%, other 0.6% (2007 est.)

Age structure: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2010&term=Age structure) (../fields/2010.html#et) 

0-14 years: 43.71% (male 22,430,798/female 22,316,910)


15-24 years: 20.04% (male 10,182,973/female 10,332,626)

25-54 years: 29.45% (male 14,970,645/female 15,178,999)

55-64 years: 3.89% (male 1,939,635/female 2,047,041)

65 years and over: 2.91% (male 1,338,985/female 1,635,432) (2016 est.)

population pyramid: 


Dependency ratios: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2261&term=Dependency ratios) (../fields/2261.html#et) 

total dependency ratio: 81.6%

youth dependency ratio: 75.2%

elderly dependency ratio: 6.3%

potential support ratio: 15.8% (2015 est.)


Median age: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2177&term=Median age) (../fields/2177.html#et) 

total: 17.8 years

male: 17.6 years


female: 18 years (2016 est.)

country comparison to the world: 218 (../rankorder/2177rank.html#et)

Population growth rate: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2002&term=Population growth rate) (../fields/2002.html#et) 


2.88% (2016 est.)

country comparison to the world: 9 (../rankorder/2002rank.html#et)

Birth rate: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2054&term=Birth rate) (../fields/2054.html#et) 


36.9 births/1,000 population (2016 est.)

country comparison to the world: 13 (../rankorder/2054rank.html#et)

Death rate: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2066&term=Death rate) (../fields/2066.html#et) 


7.9 deaths/1,000 population (2016 est.)

country comparison to the world: 102 (../rankorder/2066rank.html#et)

Net migration rate: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2112&term=Net migration rate) (../fields/2112.html#et) 

-0.2 migrant(s)/1,000 population (2016 est.)

country comparison to the world: 112 (../rankorder/2112rank.html#et)

Urbanization: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2212&term=Urbanization) (../fields/2212.html#et) 


urban population: 19.5% of total population (2015)

rate of urbanization: 4.89% annual rate of change (2010-15 est.)

Major urban areas - population: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2219&term=Major urban areas - population) 

(../fields/2219.html#et)

ADDIS ABABA (capital) 3.238 million (2015)

Sex ratio: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2018&term=Sex ratio) (../fields/2018.html#et) 

at birth: 1.03 male(s)/female

0-14 years: 1.01 male(s)/female

15-24 years: 0.99 male(s)/female

25-54 years: 0.99 male(s)/female

55-64 years: 0.95 male(s)/female


65 years and over: 0.82 male(s)/female

total population: 0.82 male(s)/female (2016 est.)

Mother's mean age at first birth: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2256&term=Mother) (../fields/2256.html#et) 


19.6

note: median age at first birth among women 25-29 (2011 est.)

Maternal mortality rate: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2223&term=Maternal mortality rate) (../fields/2223.html#et) 

353 deaths/100,000 live births (2015 est.)

country comparison to the world: 33 (../rankorder/2223rank.html#et)


Infant mortality rate: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2091&term=Infant mortality rate) (../fields/2091.html#et) 

total: 51.1 deaths/1,000 live births

male: 58.5 deaths/1,000 live births

female: 43.4 deaths/1,000 live births (2016 est.)

country comparison to the world: 32 (../rankorder/2091rank.html#et)


Life expectancy at birth: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2102&term=Life expectancy at birth) (../fields/2102.html#et) 

total population: 62.2 years

male: 59.8 years


female: 64.7 years (2016 est.)

country comparison to the world: 194 (../rankorder/2102rank.html#et)














Total fertility rate: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2127&term=Total fertility rate) (../fields/2127.html#et) 

5.07 children born/woman (2016 est.)


country comparison to the world: 14 (../rankorder/2127rank.html#et)

Contraceptive prevalence rate: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2258&term=Contraceptive prevalence rate) 

(../fields/2258.html#et)

28.6% (2010/11)
Health expenditures: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2225&term=Health expenditures) (../fields/2225.html#et) 
4.9% of GDP (2014)
country comparison to the world: 166 (../rankorder/2225rank.html#et)
Physicians density: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2226&term=Physicians density) (../fields/2226.html#et) 
0.03 physicians/1,000 population (2009)
Hospital bed density: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2227&term=Hospital bed density) (../fields/2227.html#et) 
6.3 beds/1,000 population (2011)
Drinking water source: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2216&term=Drinking water source) (../fields/2216.html#et) 
improved:
urban: 93.1% of population
rural: 48.6% of population
total: 57.3% of population
unimproved:
urban: 6.9% of population
rural: 51.4% of population
total: 42.7% of population (2015 est.)
Sanitation facility access: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2217&term=Sanitation facility access) (../fields/2217.html#et) 
improved:
urban: 27.2% of population
rural: 28.2% of population
total: 28% of population
unimproved:
urban: 72.8% of population
rural: 71.8% of population
total: 72% of population (2015 est.)
HIV/AIDS - adult prevalence rate: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2155&term=HIV/AIDS - adult prevalence rate) (../fields/2155.html#et) 
1.15% (2014 est.)
country comparison to the world: 40 (../rankorder/2155rank.html#et)
HIV/AIDS - people living with HIV/AIDS: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2156&term=HIV/AIDS - people living with HIV/AIDS) (../fields/2156.html#et) 
730,300 (2014 est.)
country comparison to the world: 12 (../rankorder/2156rank.html#et)
HIV/AIDS - deaths: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2157&term=HIV/AIDS - deaths) (../fields/2157.html#et) 
23,400 (2014 est.)
country comparison to the world: 13 (../rankorder/2157rank.html#et)
Major infectious diseases: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2193&term=Major infectious diseases) (../fields/2193.html#et) 
degree of risk: very high
food or waterborne diseases: bacterial and protozoal diarrhea, hepatitis A, and typhoid fever
vectorborne diseases: malaria and dengue fever
respiratory disease: meningococcal meningitis
animal contact disease: rabies
water contact disease: schistosomiasis (2016)
Obesity - adult prevalence rate: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2228&term=Obesity - adult prevalence rate) (../fields/2228.html#et) 
3.3% (2014)
country comparison to the world: 191 (../rankorder/2228rank.html#et)
Children under the age of 5 years underweight: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2224&term=Children under the age of 5 years underweight) (../fields/2224.html#et) 
25.2% (2014)
country comparison to the world: 15 (../rankorder/2224rank.html#et)
Education expenditures: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2206&term=Education expenditures) (../fields/2206.html#et) 
4.5% of GDP (2013)
country comparison to the world: 85 (../rankorder/2206rank.html#et)
Literacy: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2103&term=Literacy) (../fields/2103.html#et) 
definition: age 15 and over can read and write
total population: 49.1%
male: 57.2%


female: 41.1% (2015 est.)

School life expectancy (primary to tertiary education): (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2205&term=School life expectancy (primary to tertiary education)) (../fields/2205.html#et) 

total: 8 years


male: 9 years

female: 8 years (2012)

Child labor - children ages 5-14: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2255&term=Child labor - children ages 5-14) (../fields/2255.html#et) 

total number: 10,693,164

percentage: 53% (2005 est.)

Unemployment, youth ages 15-24: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2229&term=Unemployment, youth ages 15-24) (../fields/2229.html#et) 


total: 7.3%

male: 5%

female: 9.6% (2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 36 (../rankorder/2229rank.html#et)

Government :: ETHIOPIA

Country name: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2142&term=Country name) (../fields/2142.html#et) 

conventional long form: Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

conventional short form: Ethiopia


local long form: Ityop'iya Federalawi Demokrasiyawi Ripeblik

local short form: Ityop'iya


former: Abyssinia, Italian East Africa

abbreviation: FDRE

etymology: the country name derives from the Greek word "Aethiopia," which in classical times referred to lands south of Egypt in the Upper Nile region

Government type: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2128&term=Government type) (../fields/2128.html#et) 


federal parliamentary republic

Capital: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2057&term=Capital) (../fields/2057.html#et) 


name: Addis Ababa

geographic coordinates: 9 02 N, 38 42 E


time difference: UTC+3 (8 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Administrative divisions: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2051&term=Administrative divisions) (../fields/2051.html#et) 


9 ethnically based states (kililoch, singular - kilil) and 2 self-governing administrations* (astedadero, singular - astedader); Adis Abeba* (Addis Ababa), Afar, Amara (Amhara), Binshangul Gumuz, Dire Dawa*, Gambela Hizboch (Gambela Peoples), Hareri Hizb (Harari People), Oromiya (Oromia), Sumale (Somali), Tigray, Ye Debub Biheroch Bihereseboch na Hizboch (Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples)

Independence: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2088&term=Independence) (../fields/2088.html#et) 


oldest independent country in Africa and one of the oldest in the world - at least 2,000 years (may be traced to the Aksumite Kingdom, which coalesced in the first century B.C.)

National holiday: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2109&term=National holiday) (../fields/2109.html#et) 


National Day (defeat of MENGISTU regime), 28 May (1991)

Constitution: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2063&term=Constitution) (../fields/2063.html#et) 


several previous; latest drafted June 1994, adopted 8 December 1994, entered into force 21 August 1995 (2016)

Legal system: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2100&term=Legal system) (../fields/2100.html#et) 

civil law system

International law organization participation: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2220&term=International law organization participation) (../fields/2220.html#et) 

has not submitted an ICJ jurisdiction declaration; non-party state to the ICCT


Citizenship: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2263&term=Citizenship) (../fields/2263.html#et) 

citizenship by birth: no


citizenship by descent only: at least one parent must be a citizen of Ethiopia

dual citizenship recognized: no

residency requirement for naturalization: 4 years

Suffrage: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2123&term=Suffrage) (../fields/2123.html#et) 

18 years of age; universal

Executive branch: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2077&term=Executive branch) (../fields/2077.html#et) 

chief of state: President MULATU Teshome Wirtu (since 7 October 2013)

head of government: Prime Minister HAILEMARIAM Desalegn (since 21 September 2012); Deputy Prime Ministers DEMEKE Mekonnen Hassen and DEBRETSION Gebre-Michael

cabinet: Council of Ministers selected by the prime minister and approved by the House of People's Representatives

elections/appointments: president indirectly elected by both chambers of Parliament for a 6-year term (eligible for a second term); election last held on 7 October 2013 (next to be held in October 2019); prime minister designated by the majority party following legislative elections

election results: MULATU Teshome Wirtu (OPDO) elected president by acclamation

Legislative branch: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2101&term=Legislative branch](#)) ([../fields/2101.html#et](#))

bicameral Parliament consists of the House of Federation or Yefedereshein Mikir Bete (108 seats; members indirectly elected by state assemblies to serve 5-year terms) and the House of People's Representatives or Yehizb Tewokayoch Mekir Bete (547 seats; members directly elected in single-seat constituencies by simple majority vote to serve 5-year terms); note - the House of Federation is responsible for interpreting the constitution and federal-regional issues and the House of People's Representatives is responsible for passing legislation

elections: last held on 24 May 2015 (next to be held in 2020)

election results: House of Representatives percent of vote - NA; seats by party - EPRDF 500, SPDP 24, BGPDP 9, ANDP 8, GPUDM 3, APDO 1, HNL 1, independent 1

Judicial branch: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2094&term=Judicial branch](#)) ([../fields/2094.html#et](#))

highest court(s): Federal Supreme Court or Supreme Imperial Court (consists of 11 judges); note - the Federal Supreme Court has jurisdiction for all constitutional issues

judge selection and term of office: president and vice president of Federal Supreme Court nominated by the prime minister and appointed by the House of People's Representatives; other Supreme Court judges nominated by the Federal Judicial Administrative Council and appointed by the House of People's Representatives; judges serve until retirement at age 60
subordinate courts: federal high courts and federal courts of first instance; state court systems (mirror structure of federal system); sharia courts and customary and traditional courts

Political parties and leaders: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2118&term=Political parties and leaders](#)) ([../fields/2118.html#et](#))

Afar National Democratic Party or ANDP [Mohammed KEDIR]

Argoba People's Democratic Organization or APDO

Benishangul Gumuz People's Democratic Party or BGPDP

Blue Party (Semayawi Party) [Yanatan TESFAYE, spokesman]

Ethiopian Federal Democratic Forum or FORUM [Dr. Moga FRISSA] (a UDJ-led 6-party alliance established for the 2010 parliamentary elections)

Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front or EPRDF [Hailemariam DESALEGN] (including the following organizations: Amhara National Democratic Movement or ANDM; Oromo People's Democratic Organization or OPDO; Southern Ethiopian People's Democratic Movement or SEPDM; Tigray People's Liberation Front or TPLF)

Gambella Peoples Unity Democratic Movement or GPUDM

Harari National League or HNL [YASIN Husein]

Somali People's Democratic Party or SPDP

Political pressure groups and leaders: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2115&term=Political pressure groups and leaders](#)) ([../fields/2115.html#et](#))

Ethiopian People's Patriotic Front or EPPF

Ogaden National Liberation Front or ONLF

Oromo Liberation Front or OLF [DAOUD Ibsa]

International organization participation: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2107&term=International organization participation](#)) ([../fields/2107.html#et](#))

ACP, AfDB, AU, COMESA, EITI (candidate country), FAO, G-24, G-77, IAEA, IBRD, ICAO, ICRM, IDA, IFAD, IFC, IFRCs, IGAD, ILO, IMF, IMO, Interpol, IOC, IOM, IPU, ISO, ITSO, ITU, ITUC (NGOs), MIGA, NAM, OPCW, PCA, UN, UNAMID, UNCTAD, UNESCO, UNHCR, UNIDO, UNISFA, UNMIL, UNOCI, UNWTO, UPU, WCO, WFTU (NGOs), WHO, WIPO, WMO, WTO (observer)

Diplomatic representation in the US: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2149&term=Diplomatic representation in the US](#)) ([../fields/2149.html#et](#))

chief of mission: Ambassador GIRMA Birru Geda (since 6 January 2011)

chancery: 3506 International Drive NW, Washington, DC 20008

telephone: [1] (202) 364-1200

FAX: [1] (202) 587-0195

consulate(s) general: Los Angeles, Seattle

consulate(s): Houston, New York

Diplomatic representation from the US: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2007&term=Diplomatic representation from the US](#)) ([../fields/2007.html#et](#))


chief of mission: Ambassador (vacant); Charge d'Affaires Peter H. VROOMAN (since 2015)


embassy: Entoto Street, Addis Ababa


mailing address: P.O. Box 1014, Addis Ababa

telephone: [251] 11 130-6000


FAX: 124-2401 [251] 11 124 2401

Flag description: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2081&term=Flag description](#)) ([../fields/2081.html#et](#)) 
three equal horizontal bands of green (top), yellow, and red, with a yellow pentagram and single yellow rays emanating from the angles between the points on a light blue disk centered on the three bands; green represents hope and the fertility of the land, yellow symbolizes justice and harmony, while red stands for sacrifice and heroism in the defense of the land; the blue of the disk symbolizes peace and the pentagram represents the unity and equality of the nationalities and peoples of Ethiopia
note: Ethiopia is the oldest independent country in Africa, and the three main colors of her flag (adopted ca. 1895) were so often appropriated by other African countries upon independence that they became known as the Pan-African colors; the emblem in the center of the current flag was added in 1996

National symbol(s): ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2230&term=National symbol\(s\)](#)) ([../fields/2230.html#et](#)) 
Abyssinian lion (traditional), yellow pentagram with five rays of light on a blue field (promoted by current government);
national colors: green, yellow, red


National anthem: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2218&term=National anthem](#)) ([../fields/2218.html#et](#)) 
name: "Whedefit Gesgeshi Woud Enat Ethiopia" (March Forward, Dear Mother Ethiopia)
lyrics/music: DEREJE Melaku Mengesha/SOLOMON Lulu
note: adopted 1992


Economy :: ETHIOPIA


Economy - overview: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2116&term=Economy - overview](#)) ([../fields/2116.html#et](#)) 
Ethiopia has grown at a rate between 8% and 11% annually for more than a decade and the country is the fifth-fastest growing economy among the 188 IMF member countries. This growth has been driven by sustained progress in the agricultural and service sectors. Ethiopia has the lowest level of income-inequality in Africa and one of the lowest in the world, with a Gini coefficient comparable to that of the Scandinavian countries. Yet despite progress toward eliminating extreme poverty, Ethiopia remains one of the poorest countries in the world, due both to rapid population growth and a low starting base. Changes in rainfall associated with world-wide weather patterns resulted in the worst drought in thirty years in 2015/2016, creating food insecurity for millions of Ethiopians.

Almost 80% of Ethiopia's population is still employed in the agricultural sector, but services have surpassed agriculture as the principal source of GDP. Under Ethiopia's constitution, the state owns all land and provides long-term leases to tenants. Since 2005, the Ethiopian government has introduced a system to register traditional land use rights and provide certificates documenting these rights. Initial surveys show that land-use certificates have significantly increased the willingness of farmers to invest in improvements on their land, from terracing to irrigation. However, title rights in urban areas, particularly Addis Ababa, are poorly regulated, and subject to corruption.

Ethiopia's export earnings are led by the services sector - primarily Ethiopian airlines - followed by several commodities. While coffee remains the largest foreign exchange earner, Ethiopia is diversifying exports and commodities such as gold, sesame, khat, livestock and horticulture products are becoming increasingly important. Manufacturing represents less than 8% of total exports. The banking, insurance, telecommunications, and micro-credit industries are restricted to domestic investors, but Ethiopia has attracted significant foreign investment in textiles, leather, commercial agriculture, and light manufacturing. Ethiopia remains a one-party state with a planned economy. In the fall of 2015, the government finalized and published the current 2016-2020 five year plan, known as the Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP II). GTP II emphasizes developing manufactures in sectors where Ethiopia has a comparative advantage in exporting, including textiles and garments, leather goods, and processed agricultural products. New infrastructure projects are to include power production and distribution, roads, rails, airports and industrial parks. To support industrialization, Ethiopia plans to increase power generation by 8,320 MW, up from an installed capacity of 2,000 MW, by building three more major dams and expanding to other sources of renewable energy. Construction is underway on an electric railway network that will connect Ethiopia to all its neighbors, with a link to the Port of Djibouti already finished and partially functioning. A tripling of capacity at the international airport in Addis Ababa to 25 million passengers will be completed in 2017, while construction of a completely new airport is being planned by 2025. Meanwhile, the domestic airport network has expanded to nineteen airports in a country where mountains and deserts make developing and maintaining a road network challenging. Despite difficult topography, more than a hundred thousand kilometers of roads have been built, connecting previously isolated regions.

GDP (purchasing power parity): ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2001&term=GDP \(purchasing power parity\)](#)) ([../fields/2001.html#et](#)) 
\$161.6 billion (2015 est.)
\$146.7 billion (2014 est.)
\$133 billion (2013 est.)
note: data are in 2015 US dollars


country comparison to the world: 72 ([../rankorder/2001rank.html#et](#))
GDP (official exchange rate): ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2195&term=GDP \(official exchange rate\)](#)) ([../fields/2195.html#et](#)) 
\$61.63 billion (2015 est.)

GDP - real growth rate: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2003&term=GDP - real growth rate](#)) ([../fields/2003.html#et](#)) 
10.2% (2015 est.)

10.3% (2014 est.)

9.9% (2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 2 (../rankorder/2003rank.html#et)

GDP - per capita (PPP): (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2004&term=GDP - per capita (PPP)) (../fields/2004.html#et) 


\$1,800 (2015 est.)

\$1,700 (2014 est.)

\$1,500 (2013 est.)

note: data are in 2015 US dollars

country comparison to the world: 208 (../rankorder/2004rank.html#et)


Gross national saving: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2260&term=Gross national saving) (../fields/2260.html#et) 

27% of GDP (2015 est.)

26.7% of GDP (2014 est.)

28.1% of GDP (2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 39 (../rankorder/2260rank.html#et)

GDP - composition, by end use: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2259&term=GDP - composition, by end use) (../fields/2259.html#et) 

household consumption: 68.6%


government consumption: 8.3%

investment in fixed capital: 39%

investment in inventories: 0%

exports of goods and services: 10.3%


imports of goods and services: -26.2% (2015 est.)

GDP - composition, by sector of origin: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2012&term=GDP - composition, by sector of origin) (../fields/2012.html#et) 


agriculture: 41.4%

industry: 15.6%


services: 43% (2015 est.)

Agriculture - products: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2052&term=Agriculture - products) (../fields/2052.html#et) 

cereals, coffee, oilseed, cotton, sugarcane, vegetables, khat, cut flowers; hides, cattle, sheep, goats; fish


Industries: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2090&term=Industries) (../fields/2090.html#et) 

food processing, beverages, textiles, leather, garments, chemicals, metals processing, cement

Industrial production growth rate: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2089&term=Industrial production growth rate) (../fields/2089.html#et) 


8.5% (2015 est.)

country comparison to the world: 14 (../rankorder/2089rank.html#et)

Labor force: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2095&term=Labor force) (../fields/2095.html#et) 

49.27 million (2015 est.)


country comparison to the world: 14 (../rankorder/2095rank.html#et)

Labor force - by occupation: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2048&term=Labor force - by occupation) (../fields/2048.html#et) 

agriculture: 85%

industry: 5%


services: 10% (2009 est.)

Unemployment rate: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2129&term=Unemployment rate) (../fields/2129.html#et) 


17.5% (2012 est.)

18% (2011 est.)

country comparison to the world: 162 (../rankorder/2129rank.html#et)


Population below poverty line: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2046&term=Population below poverty line) (../fields/2046.html#et) 

29.6% (2014 est.)

Household income or consumption by percentage share: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2047&term=Household income or consumption by percentage share) (../fields/2047.html#et) 

lowest 10%: 4.1%


highest 10%: 25.6% (2005)

Distribution of family income - Gini index: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2172&term=Distribution of family income - Gini index) (../fields/2172.html#et) 

33 (2011)

30 (2000)

country comparison to the world: 105 (../rankorder/2172rank.html#et)

Budget: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2056&term=Budget) (../fields/2056.html#et) 

revenues: \$9.114 billion

expenditures: \$11 billion (2015 est.)

Taxes and other revenues: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2221&term=Taxes and other revenues](#))
([../fields/2221.html#et](#))

15.8% of GDP (2015 est.)

country comparison to the world: 187 ([../rankorder/2221rank.html#et](#))

Budget surplus (+) or deficit (-): ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2222&term=Budget surplus \(+\) or deficit \(-\)](#))
([../fields/2222.html#et](#))

-3.3% of GDP (2015 est.)

country comparison to the world: 124 ([../rankorder/2222rank.html#et](#))

Public debt: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2186&term=Public debt](#)) ([../fields/2186.html#et](#))

45.8% of GDP (2015 est.)

47.5% of GDP (2014 est.)

note: official data cover central government debt, including debt instruments issued (or owned) by government entities other than the treasury and treasury debt owned by foreign entities; the data exclude debt issued by subnational entities, as well as intragovernmental debt; debt instruments for the social funds are not sold at public auctions

country comparison to the world: 97 ([../rankorder/2186rank.html#et](#))

Fiscal year: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2080&term=Fiscal year](#)) ([../fields/2080.html#et](#))

8 July - 7 July

Inflation rate (consumer prices): ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2092&term=Inflation rate \(consumer prices\)](#))
([../fields/2092.html#et](#))

10.1% (2015 est.)

7.4% (2014 est.)

country comparison to the world: 211 ([../rankorder/2092rank.html#et](#))

Central bank discount rate: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2207&term=Central bank discount rate](#))
([../fields/2207.html#et](#))

NA%

Commercial bank prime lending rate: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2208&term=Commercial bank prime lending rate](#))
([../fields/2208.html#et](#))

11.5% (31 December 2015 est.)

11% (31 December 2014 est.)

country comparison to the world: 71 ([../rankorder/2208rank.html#et](#))

Stock of narrow money: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2214&term=Stock of narrow money](#)) ([../fields/2214.html#et](#))

\$11.53 billion (31 December 2015 est.)

\$9.981 billion (31 December 2014 est.)

country comparison to the world: 75 ([../rankorder/2214rank.html#et](#))

Stock of broad money: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2215&term=Stock of broad money](#)) ([../fields/2215.html#et](#))

\$23.77 billion (31 December 2015 est.)

\$20.75 billion (31 December 2014 est.)

country comparison to the world: 84 ([../rankorder/2215rank.html#et](#))

Stock of domestic credit: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2211&term=Stock of domestic credit](#))
([../fields/2211.html#et](#))

\$27.75 billion (31 December 2015 est.)

\$22.58 billion (31 December 2014 est.)

country comparison to the world: 77 ([../rankorder/2211rank.html#et](#))

Market value of publicly traded shares: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2200&term=Market value of publicly traded shares](#)) ([../fields/2200.html#et](#))

\$NA

Current account balance: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2187&term=Current account balance](#))
([../fields/2187.html#et](#))

-\$7.893 billion (2015 est.)

-\$4.407 billion (2014 est.)

country comparison to the world: 175 ([../rankorder/2187rank.html#et](#))

Exports: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2078&term=Exports](#)) ([../fields/2078.html#et](#))

\$3.761 billion (2015 est.)

\$3.721 billion (2014 est.)

country comparison to the world: 123 ([../rankorder/2078rank.html#et](#))

Exports - commodities: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2049&term=Exports - commodities](#)) ([../fields/2049.html#et](#))

coffee (27%, by value), oilseeds (17%), edible vegetables including khat (17%), gold (13%), flowers (7%), live animals (7%), raw leather products (3%), meat products (3%)

Exports - partners: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2050&term=Exports - partners](#)) ([../fields/2050.html#et](#))

Switzerland 14.3%, China 11.7%, US 9.5%, Netherlands 8.8%, Saudi Arabia 5.9%, Germany 5.7% (2015)

Imports: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2087&term=Imports) (../fields/2087.html#et)

\$10.69 billion (2015 est.)

\$11.57 billion (2014 est.)

country comparison to the world: 95 (../rankorder/2087rank.html#et)

Imports - commodities: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2058&term=Imports - commodities) (../fields/2058.html#et)
machinery and aircraft (14%, by value), metal and metal products, (14%), electrical materials, (13%), petroleum products (12%), motor vehicles, (10%), chemicals and fertilizers (4%)

Imports - partners: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2061&term=Imports - partners) (../fields/2061.html#et)

China 20.4%, US 9.2%, Saudi Arabia 6.5%, India 4.5% (2015)

Reserves of foreign exchange and gold: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2188&term=Reserves of foreign exchange and gold) (../fields/2188.html#et)

\$3.589 billion (31 December 2015 est.)

\$3.483 billion (31 December 2014 est.)

country comparison to the world: 103 (../rankorder/2188rank.html#et)

Debt - external: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2079&term=Debt - external) (../fields/2079.html#et)

\$15.55 billion (31 December 2014 est.)

\$12.56 billion (31 December 2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 95 (../rankorder/2079rank.html#et)

Exchange rates: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2076&term=Exchange rates) (../fields/2076.html#et)

birr (ETB) per US dollar -

21.55 (2015 est.)

19.8 (2014 est.)

19.8 (2013 est.)

17.71 (2012 est.)

16.899 (2011 est.)

Energy :: ETHIOPIA

Electricity access: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2268&term=Electricity access) (../fields/2268.html#et)

population without electricity: 71.2 million

electrification - total population: 24 %

electrification - urban areas: 85 %

electrification - rural areas: 10 % (2013)

Electricity - production: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2232&term=Electricity - production) (../fields/2232.html#et)

6.632 billion kWh (2012 est.)

country comparison to the world: 111 (../rankorder/2232rank.html#et)

Electricity - consumption: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2233&term=Electricity - consumption)

(../fields/2233.html#et)

5.227 billion kWh (2012 est.)

country comparison to the world: 114 (../rankorder/2233rank.html#et)

Electricity - exports: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2234&term=Electricity - exports) (../fields/2234.html#et)

400 million kWh (2012 est.)

country comparison to the world: 72 (../rankorder/2234rank.html#et)

Electricity - imports: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2235&term=Electricity - imports) (../fields/2235.html#et)

0 kWh (2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 146 (../rankorder/2235rank.html#et)

Electricity - installed generating capacity: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2236&term=Electricity - installed generating capacity) (../fields/2236.html#et)

2.47 million kW (2012 est.)

country comparison to the world: 99 (../rankorder/2236rank.html#et)

Electricity - from fossil fuels: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2237&term=Electricity - from fossil fuels)

(../fields/2237.html#et)

8.3% of total installed capacity (2012 est.)

country comparison to the world: 201 (../rankorder/2237rank.html#et)

Electricity - from nuclear fuels: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2239&term=Electricity - from nuclear fuels)

(../fields/2239.html#et)

0% of total installed capacity (2012 est.)


country comparison to the world: 89 (../rankorder/2239rank.html#et)

Electricity - from hydroelectric plants: (../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2238&term=Electricity - from hydroelectric plants)

(../fields/2238.html#et)


88.2% of total installed capacity (2012 est.)

country comparison to the world: 14 (../rankorder/2238rank.html#et)

Electricity - from other renewable sources: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2240&term=Electricity - from other renewable sources](#)) ([../fields/2240.html#et](#)) 


3.6% of total installed capacity (2012 est.)

country comparison to the world: 66 ([../rankorder/2240rank.html#et](#))

Crude oil - production: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2241&term=Crude oil - production](#)) ([../fields/2241.html#et](#)) 


0 bbl/day (2014 est.)

country comparison to the world: 132 ([../rankorder/2241rank.html#et](#))

Crude oil - exports: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2242&term=Crude oil - exports](#)) ([../fields/2242.html#et](#)) 


0 bbl/day (2012 est.)

country comparison to the world: 121 ([../rankorder/2242rank.html#et](#))

Crude oil - imports: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2243&term=Crude oil - imports](#)) ([../fields/2243.html#et](#)) 


0 bbl/day (2012 est.)

country comparison to the world: 187 ([../rankorder/2243rank.html#et](#))

Crude oil - proved reserves: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2244&term=Crude oil - proved reserves](#)) ([../fields/2244.html#et](#)) 


430,000 bbl (1 January 2015 est.)

country comparison to the world: 101 ([../rankorder/2244rank.html#et](#))

Refined petroleum products - production: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2245&term=Refined petroleum products - production](#)) ([../fields/2245.html#et](#)) 


0 bbl/day (2012 est.)

country comparison to the world: 179 ([../rankorder/2245rank.html#et](#))

Refined petroleum products - consumption: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2246&term=Refined petroleum products - consumption](#)) ([../fields/2246.html#et](#)) 


51,000 bbl/day (2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 98 ([../rankorder/2246rank.html#et](#))

Refined petroleum products - exports: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2247&term=Refined petroleum products - exports](#)) ([../fields/2247.html#et](#)) 


0 bbl/day (2012 est.)

country comparison to the world: 179 ([../rankorder/2247rank.html#et](#))

Refined petroleum products - imports: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2248&term=Refined petroleum products - imports](#)) ([../fields/2248.html#et](#)) 


51,960 bbl/day (2012 est.)

country comparison to the world: 79 ([../rankorder/2248rank.html#et](#))

Natural gas - production: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2249&term=Natural gas - production](#)) ([../fields/2249.html#et](#)) 


0 cu m (2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 184 ([../rankorder/2249rank.html#et](#))

Natural gas - consumption: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2250&term=Natural gas - consumption](#)) ([../fields/2250.html#et](#)) 


0 cu m (2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 141 ([../rankorder/2250rank.html#et](#))

Natural gas - exports: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2251&term=Natural gas - exports](#)) ([../fields/2251.html#et](#)) 


0 cu m (2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 96 ([../rankorder/2251rank.html#et](#))

Natural gas - imports: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2252&term=Natural gas - imports](#)) ([../fields/2252.html#et](#)) 


0 cu m (2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 194 ([../rankorder/2252rank.html#et](#))

Natural gas - proved reserves: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2253&term=Natural gas - proved reserves](#)) ([../fields/2253.html#et](#)) 

24.92 billion cu m (1 January 2014 est.)


country comparison to the world: 73 ([../rankorder/2253rank.html#et](#))

Carbon dioxide emissions from consumption of energy: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2254&term=Carbon dioxide emissions from consumption of energy](#)) ([../fields/2254.html#et](#)) 

8.213 million Mt (2012 est.)

country comparison to the world: 110 ([../rankorder/2254rank.html#et](#))


Communications :: ETHIOPIA


Telephones - fixed lines: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2150&term=Telephones - fixed lines](#)) ([../fields/2150.html#et](#)) 


total subscriptions: 890,642


subscriptions per 100 inhabitants: 1 (July 2015 est.)


country comparison to the world: 87 ([../rankorder/2150rank.html#et](#))


Telephones - mobile cellular: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2151&term=Telephones - mobile cellular](#)) ([../fields/2151.html#et](#)) 
total: 42.312 million
subscriptions per 100 inhabitants: 43 (July 2015 est.)
country comparison to the world: 41 ([../rankorder/2151rank.html#et](#))


Telephone system: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2124&term=Telephone system](#)) ([../fields/2124.html#et](#)) 
general assessment: inadequate telephone system with the Ethio Telecom maintaining a monopoly over telecommunication services; open-wire, microwave radio relay; radio communication in the HF, VHF, and UHF frequencies; 2 domestic satellites provide the national trunk service
domestic: the number of mobile telephones is increasing steadily from a small base and now stands at over 40 per 100 persons
international: country code - 251; open-wire to Sudan and Djibouti; microwave radio relay to Kenya and Djibouti; satellite earth stations - 3 Intelsat (1 Atlantic Ocean and 2 Pacific Ocean) (2015)

Broadcast media: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2213&term=Broadcast media](#)) ([../fields/2213.html#et](#)) 
6 public TV stations broadcasting nationally and 10 public radio broadcasters; 7 private radio stations and 18 community radio stations (2015)


Radio broadcast stations: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2013&term=Radio broadcast stations](#)) ([../fields/2013.html#et](#)) 
AM 8, FM 0, shortwave 1 (2001)

Television broadcast stations: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2015&term=Television broadcast stations](#)) ([../fields/2015.html#et](#)) 
1 (plus 24 repeaters) (2001)


Internet country code: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2154&term=Internet country code](#)) ([../fields/2154.html#et](#)) 
.et

Internet hosts: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2184&term=Internet hosts](#)) ([../fields/2184.html#et](#)) 
179 (2012)


country comparison to the world: 203 ([../rankorder/2184rank.html#et](#))


Internet users: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2153&term=Internet users](#)) ([../fields/2153.html#et](#)) 
total: 11.538 million
percent of population: 11.6% (July 2015 est.)
country comparison to the world: 107 ([../rankorder/2153rank.html#et](#))


Transportation :: ETHIOPIA


Airports: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2053&term=Airports](#)) ([../fields/2053.html#et](#)) 
57 (2013)


country comparison to the world: 83 ([../rankorder/2053rank.html#et](#))

Airports - with paved runways: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2030&term=Airports - with paved runways](#)) ([../fields/2030.html#et](#)) 
total: 17
over 3,047 m: 3
2,438 to 3,047 m: 8
1,524 to 2,437 m: 4
under 914 m: 2 (2013)

Airports - with unpaved runways: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2031&term=Airports - with unpaved runways](#)) ([../fields/2031.html#et](#)) 
total: 40
2,438 to 3,047 m: 3
1,524 to 2,437 m: 9
914 to 1,523 m: 20
under 914 m: 8 (2013)

Railways: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2121&term=Railways](#)) ([../fields/2121.html#et](#)) 
total: 681 km (Ethiopian segment of the 781 km Addis Ababa-Djibouti railroad)
narrow gauge: 681 km 1.000-m gauge
note: railway is under joint control of Djibouti and Ethiopia (2015)
country comparison to the world: 102 ([../rankorder/2121rank.html#et](#))

Roadways: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2085&term=Roadways](#)) ([../fields/2085.html#et](#)) 
total: 110,414 km
paved: 14,354 km
unpaved: 96,060 km (2015)
country comparison to the world: 78 ([../rankorder/2085rank.html#et](#))

Merchant marine: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2108&term=Merchant marine](#)) ([../fields/2108.html#et](#)) 
total: 8
by type: cargo 8 (2010)

country comparison to the world: 121 ([../rankorder/2108rank.html#et](#))

Ports and terminals: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2120&term=Ports and terminals](#)) ([../fields/2120.html#et](#))

Ethiopia is landlocked and uses the ports of Djibouti in Djibouti and Berbera in Somalia

Military and Security :: ETHIOPIA

Military branches: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2055&term=Military branches](#)) ([../fields/2055.html#et](#))

Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF): Ground Forces, Ethiopian Air Force (Ye Ityopya Ayer Hayl, ETAF) (2013)

Military service age and obligation: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2024&term=Military service age and obligation](#)) ([../fields/2024.html#et](#))

18 years of age for voluntary military service; no compulsory military service, but the military can conduct callups when necessary and compliance is compulsory (2012)

Military expenditures: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2034&term=Military expenditures](#)) ([../fields/2034.html#et](#))

0.91% of GDP (2012)

1.1% of GDP (2011)

0.91% of GDP (2010)

country comparison to the world: 107 ([../rankorder/2034rank.html#et](#))

Transnational Issues :: ETHIOPIA

Disputes - international: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2070&term=Disputes - international](#)) ([../fields/2070.html#et](#))

Eritrea and Ethiopia agreed to abide by the 2002 Eritrea-Ethiopia Boundary Commission's (EEBC) delimitation decision, but neither party responded to the revised line detailed in the November 2006 EEBC Demarcation Statement; the undemarcated former British administrative line has little meaning as a political separation to rival clans within Ethiopia's Ogaden and southern Somalia's Oromo region; Ethiopian forces invaded southern Somalia and routed Islamist courts from Mogadishu in January 2007; "Somaliland" secessionists provide port facilities in Berbera and trade ties to landlocked Ethiopia; civil unrest in eastern Sudan has hampered efforts to demarcate the porous boundary with Ethiopia

Refugees and internally displaced persons: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2194&term=Refugees and internally displaced persons](#)) ([../fields/2194.html#et](#))

refugees (country of origin): 281,944 (South Sudan) (refugees and asylum seekers); 254,277 (Somalia) (refugees); 155,276 (Eritrea) (refugees and asylum seekers); 37,959 (Sudan) (refugees and asylum seekers) (2016)

IDPs: 450,000 (border war with Eritrea from 1998-2000; ethnic clashes; and ongoing fighting between the Ethiopian military and separatist rebel groups in the Sumale and Oromiya regions; natural disasters; intercommunal violence; most IDPs live in Sumale state) (2015)

Illicit drugs: ([../docs/notesanddefs.html?fieldkey=2086&term=Illicit drugs](#)) ([../fields/2086.html#et](#))

transit hub for heroin originating in Southwest and Southeast Asia and destined for Europe, as well as cocaine destined for markets in southern Africa; cultivates qat (khat) for local use and regional export, principally to Djibouti and Somalia (legal in all three countries); the lack of a well-developed financial system limits the country's utility as a money laundering center

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