

## GENERAL OVERVIEW OF KENYA

Geophysical Data	
Location:	On East African Coast astride the equator
Geographic coordinates	1 00 N, 38 00 E
Area:	Total: 582,650 sq Km Land: 569,250 sq Km Water: 13,400 sq Km
Climate:	Temperature is tropical to sub-tropical depending on altitude.
Neighbours:	Uganda, Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, Tanzania.
Seas:	Indian Ocean
Lakes:	Victoria, Turkana, Baringo, Naivasha
Cities:	Nairobi, Kisumu an Mombasa
Major Towns:	Nakuru, Eldoret, Nyeri
Currency:	Kenya shilling (KES)

People & Politics		
Religion	Protestants	45%
	Roman Catholic	33%
	Muslims	10%
	Indigenous beliefs	10%
	Others	2%
Political System	Multiparty democracy	1992
	Languages:	Official English, National Swahili and 40 others local languages
	Population	32.16 million (2003)
	Population growth rate	2.06% (2003)
	Population density	49 per sq Km (1999 census), 55.2 sq Km (2003)
	Age structure	Below 15 years = 44% (1999 census) 15 – 64 years = 52% Above 65 years = 4%
	Urbanization	Average of 7.05%, for 1995 - 2000
	Literacy	85.1%

	Parliament: Members 210 12	Multiparty Democracy - Unicameral house, Republic with elected President
	Independence	12 December, 1963 United Kingdom
	Presidents:	Jomo Kenyatta 1964-1978 Daniel T. Arap Moi 1978 - 2002 Mwai Kibaki 2002 to April 2013 Uhuru Kenyatta-April 2013 to date

The constitution provides guarantee against expropriation of private property. Kenya is a signatory of MIGA and member of the International Council for Settlement or Investment disputes (ICSID) & Africa Trade Insurance Agency (ATIA) Kenya is a member of UN, OAU, (UA), EAC, COMESA, ACP, non Aligned Movement, and WTO among others It hosts headquarters of UNEP and Habitat. Kenya is also a regional headquarters for numerous international and NGO Agencies

It also hosts regional offices of World Bank, IMF, IFC, WHO, UNDP, UNHCR UNESCO, East African Development Bank, Eastern and Southern African Trade Development Bank (PTA Bank) among others.

#### INFRASTRUCTURE:

##### **Airport:**

International airports are located in Nairobi, Mombasa, and Eldoret. There are more than 150 other airports and airstrips across the country

##### **Airports' passenger and cargo traffic: 1999 - 2003**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Passengers (000 No.)	4,002	4,383	4,329	4,474	4,747
Cargo (tones)	246,255	272,721	256,953	222,540	217,955

Source: Economic Survey 2004

For more information consult [www.kenyacivilaviation.or.ke/www.kenyaairports.co.ke](http://www.kenyacivilaviation.or.ke/www.kenyaairports.co.ke)

### Seaports:

Mombasa is the principal seaport of Kenya and hosts one of the most modern ports in Africa. It has 21 berths, 2 bulk oil jetties and dry bulk wharves. The port can handle all sizes of ships and all types of cargo.

Container traffic went up by 15.3% to 438,597 Twenty –Foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) in 2004 compared to 380,353 TEUs in 2003.

#### Container Traffic movement in TEUs by status: 2000 - 2004

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Imports	112,346	134,497	143,359	173,539	203,918
Exports	106,915	130,234	134,700	157,209	200,434
Transshipment	17,667	25,769	27,368	49,605	34,245
<b>Total</b>	<b>236,928</b>	<b>290,500</b>	<b>305,427</b>	<b>380,353</b>	<b>438,597</b>

Source. KPA Annual Review and Bulletin of Statistics, 2004

#### Composition of Port Traffic: 2000 – 2004 (000' DWT)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Domestic	7,476	8,180	8,009	8,873	9,620
Transit	1,454	2,117	2,215	2,453	2,891
Transshipment	196	303	340	605	409
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,126</b>	<b>10,600</b>	<b>10,564</b>	<b>11,931</b>	<b>12,920</b>

Source. KPA Annual Review and Bulletin of Statistics, 2004

For more information consult [www.kenya-ports.com](http://www.kenya-ports.com)

### Roads:

Roads are primarily communication links to all sectors of the economy and the population. It is widely recognized that an efficient road infrastructure is a prerequisite for economic and social development.

There is an extensive road network connecting most parts of the country. All weather roads connect major commercial centers

The size of Kenya's Road Network is estimated at 177,500 Km comprising 63,000 Km classified roads and 114,500 Km of unclassified roads. The road network is administered by the various Government departments as shown below.

Classification	Administering Agency	Network length (Km)
National Roads (Class A,B,C)		14,000
District Roads:	District Roads Committees	49,000
- Unclassified rural roads	County Councils	100,000
Urban Roads	City and Municipal Councils	14,500

### Earnings from Road Traffic, 1999 – 2003 (Kshs million)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Passenger	9,764	10,026	13,394	16,745	17,614
Freight	8,788	11,477	12,265	19,422	20,677
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,552</b>	<b>21,503</b>	<b>25,659</b>	<b>36,167</b>	<b>38,291</b>

Source. KPA Annual Review and Bulletin of Statistics, 2004

For more information consult [www.kroadsboard.go.ke](http://www.kroadsboard.go.ke)

Railways:

Kenya is served by a single-track railway system running from Mombasa through Nairobi to Uganda with branches to Nanyuki, Kitale and Kisumu

### Railway Traffic: 1998/1999 - 2002/2003

	1998/1999	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003
Freight (tones)	2,200	2,400	2,330	2,227	2,165
Passenger (no.000)	4,700	4,200	5,517	4,794	4,400

Source: Economic Survey 2004

### Telecommunications services

Kenya has a well-established telecommunication system. The country communication backbone is provided by Telkom Kenya, which is a government parastatal. Communication commission of Kenya (CCK) is a regulator in this industry providing the license. There is also developed postal and courier services provided by government parastatal, postal Corporation of Kenya as well as other courier companies.

Over 40 Internet service providers have been licensed to operate in Kenya. They provide leased line, dial up, wireless and other modern available technologies.

### Telecommunication services: 1999- 2003

	Unit	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Telephone exchange capacity	No.(000)	707	748	772	839	869
Telephone exchange connections	No.(000)	411	444	446	508	544
Public Call boxes	No.(000)	296	304	326	332	326
Tele density	No.(000)	3,500	3,861	5,412	3,098	1,395

Source: Economic Survey 2004

For more information consult [www.cck.go.ke/www.telkom.co.ke](http://www.cck.go.ke/www.telkom.co.ke)

## Power

Electricity is the main source of power in Kenya. It is supplied at 240 volts, 50 cycles single-phase and at 415 volts, 50 cycles three-phase. Generation of electricity is undertaken by Kenya Electricity Generation Company (KenGen) while the transmission and distribution is done by Kenya Power and Light Company (KPLC). Power generation is undertaken by both public and private companies.

Electricity Regulatory Board is a Government regulator charged with setting up tariff rates and licensing.

Below is a tabulation of installed and generation capacity of electricity in Kenya.

**Installed Capacity and Generation of Electricity: 1999 - 2003**

Year	Installed Capacity MW				Generation GWh						
	Hydro	Thermal oil	Geothermal	total	Hydro	Ken Gen	IPPs	Total thermal oil	geothermal	Wind	total
1999	594.5	290.7	45.0	930.2	3,062.5	716	420.1	1,136.1	383.0	0.2	4,581.8
2000	674.5	427.9	58.0	1,160.4	1,793.8	1,210.1	816.7	2,017.8	367.1	0.2	4,178.9
2001	677.2	407.0	58.0	1,142.2	2,031.0	652.6	1,312.8	1,965.4	455.6	0.1	4,452.1
2002	677.2	407.0	58.0	1,142.2	3,070.9	279.8	887.5	1,167.3	447.2	0.4	4,685.8
2003	677.2	407.0	58.0	1,142.2	3,233.3	248.1	682.5	930.6	498.4	0.4	4,662.6

Source. Economic Survey 2004

For more information consult [www.erb.go.ke/www.kengen.co.ke/www.kplc.co.ke](http://www.erb.go.ke/www.kengen.co.ke/www.kplc.co.ke)

## SOCIAL DATA

### Education:

Kenya has abundant, skilled and educated labour. The Kenya education system consists primarily of 8 years primary education, 4 years secondary education, and 4 years university education. In addition to university level course in engineering, medicine, computer science, law, architecture, arts education,

dentistry, agriculture, etc.; there are also numerous technical courses such as tailoring,, accountancy, secretarial, masonry, engineering, draughtsmanship, computer programming, carpentry, insurance, banking,

language, hospitality trades, which provide diploma courses. Other internationally recognized education systems are also offered. The national literacy rate is 78%.

Tertiary Education	
No of Public Universities	6
No of Private Universities	17, but 6 accredited
Public University Enrollment	58,017(2003/2004)
Private University Enrollment	9,541 (2003/2004)
% Female Enrollment at Public University	31.6%
% Female Enrollment at Private University	53.7%

Basic and Secondary Education	
Pre-Primary School Enrollment:	1.204 million (2003)
Primary School Enrollment:	7.208 million (2003)
Secondary School Enrollment:	0.863 million (2003)
Technical Education Enrollment at Polytechnics and Institutes of Technology	32,718 (2003)

### Other Education Institutions

International Schools in Kenya: Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, German, UK, US, Canadians, French, Swedish.

### Health

Kenya has a variety of medical institutions including Nairobi Hospital, Aga Khan, Kenya National, Mater Hospital etc. There are also public and private hospitals covering the entire country.

#### Selected medical personnel, 2002 - 2003

Type of medical personnel	2002		2003	
	No.	No. per 100,000 population	No.	No. per 100,000 population
Doctors	4,740	15.1	4,813	15.3

Dentist	761	2.6	772	2.7
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Registered Nurses	9,753	31.0	9,869	33.1
Enrolled Nurses	29,094	94.2	30,212	100.2

Foreign & Relations	
International and Regional Memberships:	COMESA, East Africa Community, UN, Non-aligned Movements, ACP, WTO, New Economic Partnership for Africa Development, Africa Union
Key Diplomatic Missions abroad:	Malaysia, Japan, China, India, Australia, Germany, U.A.E, Italy, Switzerland (WTO/ITC), USA, Canada, UK, France, Belgium, Sweden, Russia, Uganda, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Tanzania.
Key Diplomatic Missions in Kenya:	China, Japan, Korea, Germany, Canada, Colombia, Australia, France, US, UK, Switzerland, Netherlands, Thailand, Indonesia, Italy, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, South Africa.