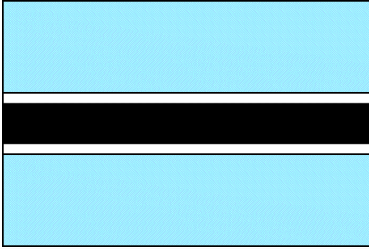




BOTSWANA



Map of Botswana



Botswana Flag

FAST FACTS

OFFICIAL NAME: Republic of Botswana
FORM OF GOVERNMENT: Parliamentary Republic
CAPITAL: Gaborone
POPULATION: 2,155,784
OFFICIAL LANGUAGE: English and Setswana
MONEY: Pula
AREA: 224,607 square miles (581,730 square kilometers)

NATURE

Most of the country is covered by **grassland** called **savanna**. Botswana's climate is semi-arid. The most common tree is the baobab tree and some baobabs are 2,000 years old. The Okavango Delta and Chobe National Park have **outstanding** natural beauty and animal life.

Elephants at Chobe National Park are the largest type of elephants. Meerkats, cheetahs and lions are also common in the country.

Tourists from all over the globe visit Botswana for **safaris** and a chance to see amazing giraffes, hyenas, lions, cheetahs, and other animal species. Flamingos live in Botswana.

*grassland – pradera
savanna – sabana
outstanding – excepcional*

meerkats – suricatas

*safaris – safaris
hyenas – hienas
cheetahs – guepardos*



PEOPLE & CULTURE

Most of the people in Botswana are Tswana live in large **cities** and **towns**, but many also still live in **villages** and take care of **livestock** and grow food.













Children go to primary school for seven years and then on to secondary school for five years. They learn English, but not many people become **fluent**. The **native language** Setswana is also one of South Africa's **official** languages.

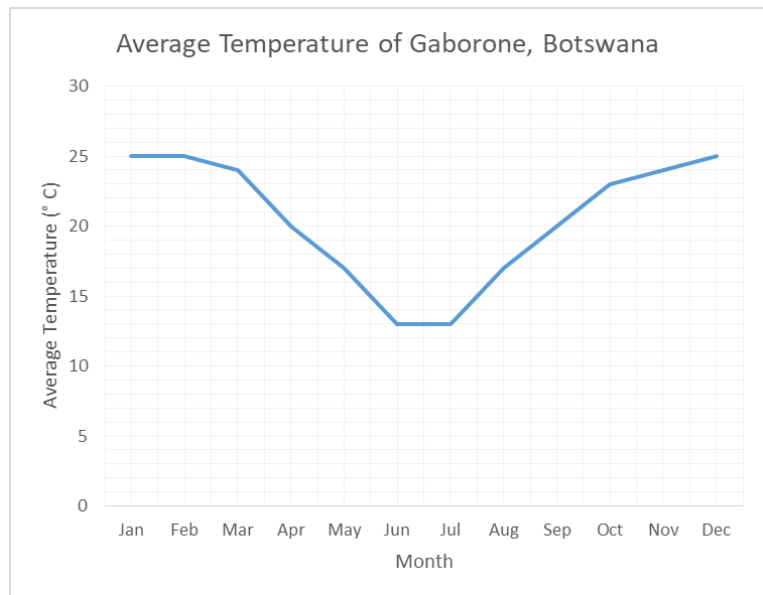
AIDS is an **epidemic** in Botswana and one of every three people is **infected** with the virus.

*cities – ciudades
towns – grandes pueblos
villages – pueblos
livestock – ganado*

*fluent – fluidon
native language – lengua
materna
official – oficial*

*epidemic – epidemia
infected – infectado*

Month	Average Temperature (° C)	Weather
Jan	25	
Feb	25	
Mar	24	
Apr	20	
May	17	
Jun	13	
Jul	13	
Aug	17	
Sep	20	
Oct	23	
Nov	24	
Dec	25	



GEOGRAPHY

Botswana is in the **middle** of the continent Africa. Most of Botswana is the Kalahari **Desert**.

Because **drought** is a problem in Botswana, rain is **precious**. When rain comes, it can cause **flooding**.

HISTORY

Botswana wanted to be **independent** from South Africa. Botswana **gained** its independence from Britain in 1966. Sereste Khama was the country's first president.

In 1967, **diamond** were **discovered**. Botswana **earns** about one billion dollars a year from diamond **mining**.

*middle – medio
desert - desierto*

*drought – sequía
precious – precioso
flooding – inundación*

*Independent –
independiente
Gained – ganado*

*diamond – diamon
discovered – descubierto
earns – gana
mining – minería*

