

## VITAL STATISTICS

Currency: **Emalangeni (E)** for plural, **Lilangeni** singular, on par with the South African rand

**Major towns:** 1.Capital city &gt; Mbabane

Largest city &gt; Manzini

**Population (2017):** 1 093 236

**Geographical size & Location:** 17 360 sq km,

**Official Languages:** SiSwati & English

**System of Government:** Tinkhundla

**GDP growth rate:** 1.9%

**GDP per capita:** US \$ 3639

**Inflation rate (2011 estimates):** 4.8%

**Human Development Index:** 0.498

**Literacy rate:** 89.1 %

**Life expectancy:** Males – 58;85 years Females – 63;52 years

**Major Religion(s):** Majority Christian, plus indigenous beliefs and small representations of other major world faiths

**Climate:** Swaziland's predominant summer rainfall season between October and March is characterized by occasional heavy downpours. The eastern side has a tropical sub humid with approx 60cm mean average rainfall. Midsummer (January) temperatures are known to reach 42 Degrees Celsius.

### **Average Temperatures:**

Midsummer: Mbabane (25 degrees c) Manzini (30 degrees c)

Autumn: Mbabane (20 degrees c) Manzini (25 degrees c)

**Midwinter:** Mbabane (15 degrees c) Manzini (20 degrees c)

**Spring:** Mbabane (22 degrees c) Manzini (25 degrees c)