

# FACTSHEET: ZIMBABWE

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## FAST FACTS

**Population:** 14,793,708

**Capital:** Harare

**President:** Emmerson Mnangagwa

**2019 Freedom House Score:** 31/100

**Data protection law?** No

## LAW

Zimbabwe's constitution acknowledges the right to privacy, and while no law currently protects the data privacy of Zimbabweans, sectoral laws address the right to privacy and protection of personal information for specific types of data and activities. The Revised ICT Policy states that a law on data protection and privacy will be passed, and currently a draft Data Protection Bill is circulating online for comments from stakeholders.

## PERSONAL DATA

*Personal information* is defined in the [Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act](#) as recorded information about an identifiable person including:

- name, address or telephone number;
- race, national or ethnic origin, religious or political beliefs, or associations;
- age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, or family status;
- identifying numbers, symbols, or other particulars assigned to that person;
- fingerprints, blood type, or inheritable characteristics;
- information about healthcare history, including a physical or mental disability;
- information about educational, financial, criminal, or employment history;
- a third party's opinions about the individual;
- an individual's personal views or opinions (except if they are about someone else); or
- personal correspondence with home or family.

## COLLECTION AND PROCESSING

No laws require data controllers to obtain consent for personal data processing.

## REGISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

There is no data protection authority in Zimbabwe, and no requirement to appoint data protection officers.

## CROSS-BORDER TRANSFER

There are no data transfer restrictions in Zimbabwe.

## SECURITY AND BREACH PROTOCOL

There are no data security or breach notification requirements in Zimbabwe.

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