



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

Queen Elizabeth II

Head of Government

Prime Minister Theresa MAY

Government Type

parliamentary constitutional monarchy; a Constitutional realm

Capital

London

Legislature

bicameral Parliament consists of the House of Lords (membership is not fixed; as of May 2018, there were 780 eligible members) and the House of Commons (650 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court consists of 12 justices, including the court president and deputy president

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Sir Nigel Kim DARROCH

US Ambassador

Ambassador Robert Wood (Woody) JOHNSON IV

GEOGRAPHY

Area

total: 243,610 sq km

land: 241,930 sq km

water: 1,680 sq km

Climate

temperate; moderated by prevailing southwest winds over the North Atlantic Current; more than one-half of the days are overcast

Natural Resources

coal, petroleum, natural gas, iron ore, lead, zinc, gold, tin, limestone, salt, clay, chalk, gypsum, potash, silica sand, slate, arable land

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

65.6 million (July 2017 est.)

Population Growth Rate

0.52% (2017 est.)

Ethnic Groups

white 87.2%, black/African/Caribbean/black British 3%, Asian/Asian British: Indian 2.3%, Asian/Asian British: Pakistani 1.9%, mixed 2%, other 3.7% (2011 est.)

Language

English; recognized languages are: Scots (about 30% of the population of Scotland), Scottish Gaelic (about 60,000 in Scotland), Welsh (about 20% of the population of Wales), Irish (about 10% of the population of Northern Ireland), Cornish (some 2,000 to 3,000 people in Cornwall) (2012 est.)

Religion

Christian (includes Anglican, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist) 59.5%, Muslim 4.4%, Hindu 1.3%, other 2%, unspecified 7.2%, none 25.7% (2011 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 83.4% of total population (2018)
rate of urbanization: 0.89% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

world-leading trade and financial center hit hard by the 2008-2009 global financial crisis and now threatened by the June 2016 referendum to leave the EU, as a sustained depreciation of the British pound has increased consumer and producer prices without increasing exports

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$2.88 trillion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$43,600 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$436.5 billion (2017 est.)
partners: US 13.2%, Germany 10.5%, France 7.4%, Netherlands 6.2%, Ireland 5.6%, China 4.8%, Switzerland 4.5%, (2017)

Imports

\$602.5 billion (2017 est.)
partners: Germany 13.7%, US 9.5%, China 9.3%, Netherlands 8%, France 5.4%, Belgium 5% (2017)

