ALBANIA

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President of the Republic Ilir META
Head of Government
Prime Minister Edi RAMA
Government Type
parliamentary republic
Capital
Tirana (Tirane)
Legislature
unicameral Assembly or Kuvendi (140 seats)
Judiciary
Supreme Court (consists of 19 judges)
Ambassador to US
Ambassador Floreta FABER
US Ambassador
Charge d’Affaires Leyla MOSES-ONES

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
formerly closed, centrally planned state, is a developing country with a modern open-market economy
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$36.01 billion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$12,500 (2017 est.)
Exports
$900.7 million (2017 est.) partners: Italy 53.4%, Kosovo 7.7%, Spain 5.6%, Greece 4.2% (2017)
Imports
$4.1 billion (2017 est.) partners: Italy 28.5%, Turkey 8.1%, Germany 8%, Greece 8%, China 7.9%, Serbia 4% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
3.1 million (July 2018 est.)
Population Growth
0.3% (2018 est.)
Ethnicity
Albanian 82.6%, Greek 0.9%, other 1% (including Vlach, Romani, Macedonian, Montenegrin, and Egyptian), unspecified 15.5% (2011 est.)
Language
Albanian 98.8% (official - derived from Tosk dialect), Greek 0.5%, other 0.6% (including Macedonian, Romani, Vlach, Turkish, Italian, and Serbo-Croatian), unspecified 0.1% (2011 est.)
Religion
Muslim 56.7%, Roman Catholic 10%, Orthodox 6.8%, atheist 2.5%, Bektashi (a Sufi order) 2.1%, other 5.7%, unspecified 16.2% (2011 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 61.2% of total population (2019)
rate of urbanization: 1.69% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)
Literacy
97.6% (2015)

as of December 2019

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 28,748 sq km
Land: 27,398 sq km
Water: 1,350 sq km
Climate
mild temperate; cool, cloudy, wet winters; hot, clear, dry summers; interior is cooler and wetter
Natural Resources
petroleum, natural gas, coal, bauxite, chromite, copper, iron ore, nickel, salt, timber, hydropower, arable land