NORTH MACEDONIA

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State
President Stevo PENDAROVSKI

Head of Government
Interim Prime Minister Oliver SPASOVSKI

Government Type
parliamentary republic

Capital
Skopje

Legislature
unicameral Assembly - Sobraine in Macedonian, Kuvend in Albanian (between 120 and 140 seats, currently 120)

Judiciary
Supreme Court (consists of 22 judges); Constitutional Court (consists of 9 judges)

Ambassador to US
Ambassador Vasko NAUMOVSKI

US Ambassador
Ambassador Kate Marie BYRNES

ECONOMY

Economic Overview
has made progress in liberalizing its economy and improving its business environment since its independence in 1991; unemployment remains high, but its gray market is extensive

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$31.03 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$14,900 (2017 est.)

Exports
$4.601 billion (2017 est.)
partners: Germany 46.7%, Bulgaria 6.1%, Serbia 4.4%, Belgium 4.1% (2017)

Imports
$6.63 billion (2017 est.)
partners: Germany 11.9%, UK 10%, Greece 8%, Serbia 7.1%, China 5.9%, Italy 5.5%, Turkey 4.5%, Bulgaria 4.3% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population
2.13 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth
0.15% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity
Macedonian 64.2%, Albanian 25.2%, Turkish 3.9%, Romani 2.7%, Serb 1.8%, other 2.2% (2002 est.)

Language
Macedonian (official) 66.5%, Albanian 25.1%, Turkish 3.5%, Romani 1.9%, Serbian 1.2%, other (includes Aromanian (Vlach) and Bosnian) 1.8% (2002 est.)

Religion
Macedonian Orthodox 64.8%, Muslim 33.3%, other Christian 0.4%, other and unspecified 1.5% (2002 est.)

Urbanization
urban population: 58.5% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 0.45% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy
97.8% (2015)

GEOGRAPHY

Area
Total: 25,713 sq km
Land: 25,433 sq km
Water: 280 sq km

Climate
warm, dry summers and autumns; relatively cold winters with heavy snowfall

Natural Resources
low-grade iron ore, copper, lead, zinc, chromite, manganese, nickel, tungsten, gold, silver, asbestos, gypsum, timber, arable land

as of August 2020