SAUDI ARABIA

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
King and Prime Minister SALMAN bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud
Head of Government
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Government Type
absolute monarchy
Capital
Riyadh
Legislature
unicameral Consultative Council (150 seats)
Judiciary
High Court (consists of the court chief and is organized into circuits with 3-judge panels; criminal circuit has a 5-judge panel for cases involving major punishments)
Ambassador to US
Ambassador Princess REEMA bint Bandar Al Saud
US Ambassador
Ambassador John P. ABIZAID

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
Saudi Arabia has an oil-based economy with strong government controls over major economic activities. It has about 16% of the world's proven petroleum reserves.
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$1.775 trillion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$54,500 (2017 est.)
Exports
$221.1 billion (2017 est.)
partners: Japan 12.2%, China 11.7%, South Korea 9%, India 8.9%, US 8.3%, UAE 6.7%, Singapore 4.2% (2017)
Imports
$119.3 billion (2017 est.)
partners: China 15.4%, US 13.6%, UAE 6.5%, Germany 5.8%, Japan 4.1%, India 4.1%, South Korea 4% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
34.2 million (July 2020 est.)
Population Growth
1.6% (2020 est.)
Ethnicity
Arab 90%, Afro-Asian 10%
Language
Arabic (official)
Religion
Muslim (official; citizens are 85-90% Sunni and 10-15% Shia), other (includes Eastern Orthodox, Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist, and Sikh) (2012 est.)
Urbanization
urban population:84.3% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 2.17% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)
Literacy
78% (2015)

as of May 2020