SVALBARD

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
   King HARALD V of Norway
Head of Government
   Governor Kjerstin ASKHOLT
Government Type
   non-self-governing territory of Norway
Capital
   Longyearbyen
Legislature
   unicameral Longyearbyen Community Council (15 seats)
Judiciary
   Svalbard is subordinate to Norway’s Nord- Troms District Court and Halogaland Court of Appeal
Ambassador to US
   none (territory of Norway)
US Ambassador
   none (territory of Norway)

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
   coal mining, tourism, and international research are major industries; coal industry in decline due to global coal price fluctuations; tourism and hospitality industry has grown rapidly
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
   NA
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
   NA
Exports
   NA
Imports
   NA

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
   2,900 (July 2019 est.)
Population Growth
   -0.03% (2014 est.)
Ethnicity
   Norwegian 58%, foreign population 42% (consists primarily of Russians, Thais, Swedes, Filipinos, and Ukrainians) (2019 est.)
Language
   Norwegian, Russian
Religion
   NA
Urbanization
   NA
Literacy
   NA

GEOGRAPHY
Area
   Total: 62,045 sq km
   Land: 62,045 sq km
   Water: 0 sq km
Climate
   arctic, tempered by warm North Atlantic Current; cool summers, cold winters; North Atlantic Current flows along west and north coasts of Spitsbergen, keeping water open and navigable most of the year
Natural Resources
   coal, iron ore, copper, zinc, phosphate, wildlife, fish

as of March 2020