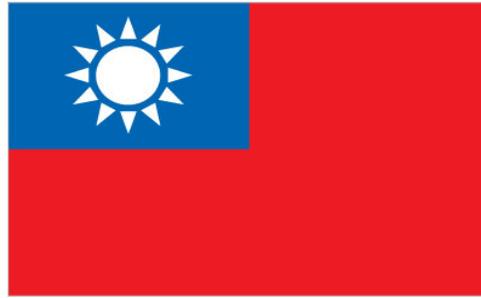




TAIWAN



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President TSAI Ing-wen

Head of Government

Premier SU Tseng-chang

Government Type

semi-presidential republic

Capital

Taipei

Legislature

unicameral Legislative Yuan (113 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court (consists of the court president, vice president, and approximately 100 judges organized into 8 civil and 12 criminal divisions); Constitutional Court (consists of the court president, vice president, and 13 justices)

Ambassador to US

None; Stanley KAO heads the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO)

US Ambassador

None; Director William Brent CHRISTENSEN heads the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 35,980 sq km

Land: 32,260 sq km

Water: 3,720 sq km

Climate

tropical; marine; rainy season during southwest monsoon (June to August); extensive and persistent cloudiness all year

Natural Resources

small deposits of coal, natural gas, limestone, marble, asbestos, arable land

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

dynamic economy driven largely by industrial manufacturing; heavy dependence on exports exposes the economy to fluctuations in global demand; diplomatic isolation, low birth rate, rapidly aging population, and increasing competition from China and other Asia Pacific markets are major long-term challenges

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$1.189 trillion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$50,500 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$329.5 billion (2019 est.)
partners: China 27.9%, US 14.1%, Hong Kong 12.3%, Japan 7.1%, Singapore 5.5%, South Korea 5.1% (2019 est.)

Imports

\$285.9 billion (2019 est.)
partners: China 20.1%, Japan 15.4%, US 12.3%, South Korea 6.2% (2019 est.)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

23.6 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

0.11% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

Han Chinese more than 95%, indigenous Malayo-Polynesian peoples 2.3%

Language

Mandarin Chinese (official), Taiwanese (Min Nan), Hakka dialects, approximately 16 indigenous languages

Religion

Buddhist 35.3%, Taoist 33.2%, Christian 3.9%, folk (includes Confucian) approximately 10%, none or unspecified 18.2% (2005 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 78.9% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 0.8% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

98.5% (2014)

