TURKMENISTAN

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Gurbanguly BERDIMUHAMEDOW
Head of Government
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Government Type
presidential republic; authoritarian
Capital
Ashgabat (Ashkhabad)
Legislature
unicameral National Assembly or Mejlis (125 seats)
Judiciary
Supreme Court of Turkmenistan (consists of the court president and 21 associate judges and organized into civil, criminal, and military chambers)
Ambassador to US
Ambassador Meret ORAZOW
US Ambassador
Ambassador Matthew S. KLIMOW

ECONOMY
largely a desert country with intensive agriculture in irrigated oases and significant natural gas and oil resources; agriculture occupies nearly half the workforce but only represents 8% of GDP; natural gas exports, mostly to China, make up 25% of GDP
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$103.7 billion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$18,200 (2017 est.)
Exports
$7.458 billion (2017 est.) partners China 83.7%, Turkey 5.1% (2017)
Imports
$4.571 billion (2017 est.) partners Turkey 24.2%, Algeria 14.4%, Germany 9.8%, China 8.9%, Russia 8%, US 6.6% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
5.4 million (July 2018 est.)
Population Growth
1.1% (2018 est.)
Ethnicity
Turkmen 85%, Uzbek 5%, Russian 4%, other 6% (2003)
Language
Turkmen (official) 72%, Russian 12%, Uzbek 9%, other 7%
Religion
Muslim 89%, Eastern Orthodox 9%, unknown 2%
Urbanization
urban population: 52% of total population (2019) rate of urbanization: 2.46% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)
Literacy
99.7% (2015)

as of December 2019