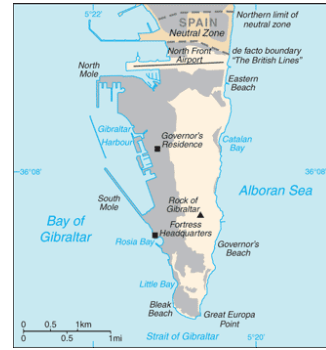




GIBRALTAR



INTRODUCTION

Strategically important, Gibraltar was ceded to Great Britain by Spain in 1713. The British garrison was formally declared a colony in 1830. In a referendum held in 1967, Gibraltarians voted overwhelmingly to remain a British dependency.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

Queen ELIZABETH II
represented by Governor Sir David STEEL

Head of Government

Chief Minister Fabian PICARDO

Government Type

parliamentary democracy (Parliament); self-governing overseas territory of the UK

Capital

Gibraltar

Legislature

unicameral Parliament (18 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 6.5 sq km
Land: 6.5 sq km
Water: 0 sq km

Climate

Mediterranean with mild winters and warm summers

Natural Resources

fish

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

British territorial high-income economy; Brexit caused significant economic disruption to longstanding financial services, shipping, and tourism industries; ongoing negotiations to rejoin EU Schengen Area; independent taxation authority

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$2.044 billion (2014 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$61,700 (2014 est.)

Industries - tourism, banking and finance, ship repairing, tobacco

Agricultural products - none

Exports \$202.3 million (2014 est.)

cars, ships, refined petroleum, fish, recreational boats (2019)

partners: Poland 31%, Netherlands 27%, France 11%, Germany 8%, US 6% (2019)

Imports \$2.967 billion (2017 est.)

refined petroleum, recreational boats, cars, coal tar oil, crude petroleum (2019)

partners: Spain 19%, US 12%, India 12%, Italy 12%, Netherlands 11%, UK 7%, Greece 6% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

29,520 (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

0.19% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Gibraltarian 79%, other British 13.2%, Spanish 2.1%, Moroccan 1.6%, other EU 2.4%, other 1.6% (2012 est.)

Language

English (used in schools and for official purposes), Spanish, Italian, Portuguese

Religion

Roman Catholic 72.1%, Church of England 7.7%, other Christian 3.8%, Muslim 3.6%, Jewish 2.4%, Hindu 2%, other 1.1%, none 7.1%, unspecified 0.1% (2012 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 100% of total population (2021)

rate of urbanization: 0.45% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

