



# KAZAKHSTAN



## INTRODUCTION

Ethnic Kazakhs, a mix of Turkic and Mongol nomadic tribes with additional Persian cultural influences, migrated to the region in the 15th century. The area was conquered by Russia in the 18th and 19th centuries, and Kazakhstan became a Soviet Republic in 1925. The country gained independence in 1991.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President Kassym-Zhomart TOKAYEV

### Head of Government

Prime Minister Askar MAMIN

### Government Type

presidential republic

### Capital

Nur-Sultan

### Legislature

bicameral Parliament consists of the Senate (49 seats) and the Mazhilis (107 seats)

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 2,724,900 sq km  
Land: 2,699,700 sq km  
Water: 25,200 sq km

### Climate

continental, cold winters and hot summers, arid and semiarid

### Natural Resources

major deposits of petroleum, natural gas, coal, iron ore, manganese, chrome ore, nickel, cobalt, copper, molybdenum, lead, zinc, bauxite, gold, uranium

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

oil and gas giant, with growing international investment; domestic economy hit hard by COVID-19 disruptions; reforming civil society and improving business confidence; legacy state controls and Russian influence inhibit growth and autonomy

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$475.2 billion (2020 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$25,300 (2020 est.)

**Industries** - oil, coal, iron ore, manganese, chromite, lead, zinc, copper, titanium, bauxite, gold, silver, phosphates, sulfur, uranium

**Agricultural products** - wheat, milk, potatoes, barley, watermelons, melons, linseed, onions, maize, sunflower seed

**Exports** \$51.75 billion (2020 est.)

crude petroleum, natural gas, copper, iron alloys, radioactive chemicals (2019)

**partners:** China 13%, Italy 12%, Russia 10%, Netherlands 7%, France 6%, South Korea 5% (2019)

**Imports** \$44.3 billion (2020 est.)

packaged medicines, natural gas, cars, broadcasting equipment, aircraft (2019)

**partners:** Russia 34%, China 24% (2019)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

19.2 mil. (July 2021 est.)

### Population Growth

0.81% (2021 est.)

### Ethnicity

Kazakh (Qazaq) 68%, Russian 19.3%, Uzbek 3.2%, Ukrainian 1.5%, Uighur 1.5%, Tatar 1.1%, German 1%, other 4.4% (2019 est.)

### Language

Kazakh (official, Qazaq) 83.1% (understand spoken language), trilingual (Kazakh, Russian, English) 22.3% (2017 est.); Russian (official, used in everyday business, designated as "language of interethnic communication") 94.4% (understand spoken language) (2009 est.)

### Religion

Muslim 70.2%, Christian 26.2% (mainly Russian Orthodox), other 0.2%, atheist 2.8%, unspecified 0.5% (2009 est.)

