

NORTH MACEDONIA



INTRODUCTION

North Macedonia gained its independence peacefully from Yugoslavia in 1991 under the name of "Macedonia." In June 2018, Macedonia and Greece signed the Prespa Accord whereby the Republic of Macedonia agreed to change its name to the Republic of North Macedonia. Following ratification by both countries, the agreement went into force on 12 February 2019.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Stevo PENDAROVSKI

Head of Government

Prime Minister Zoran ZAEV

Government Type

parliamentary republic

Capital

Skopje

Legislature

unicameral Assembly - Sobrane in Macedonian, Kuvend in Albanian (between 120 and 140 seats, currently 120)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 25,713 sq km

Land: 25,433 sq km

Water: 280 sq km

Climate

warm, dry summers and autumns; relatively cold winters with heavy snowfall

Natural Resources

low-grade iron ore, copper, lead, zinc, chromite, manganese, nickel, tungsten, gold, silver, asbestos, gypsum, timber, arable land

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

growing upper middle-income European economy; EU accession stalled due to Bulgarian dispute; new NATO member; private consumption-driven growth; investment declined due to COVID-19; regional economic power gains since Greek naming resolution

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$33.02 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$15,800 (2020 est.)

Industries - food processing, beverages, textiles, chemicals, iron, steel, cement, energy, pharmaceuticals, automotive parts

Agricultural products - milk, grapes, wheat, potatoes, green chillies/peppers, cabbages, tomatoes, maize, barley, watermelons

Exports \$7.18 billion (2020 est.)

support catalysts, centrifuges, insulated wiring, vehicle parts, buses, seats (2019)

partners: Germany 45%, Serbia 8%, Bulgaria 5% (2019)

Imports \$8.76 billion (2020 est.)

platinum, refined petroleum, laboratory ceramics, cars, insulated wiring (2019)

partners: UK 14%, Germany 14%, Greece 8%, Serbia 8% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

2.1 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

0.13% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Macedonian 64.2%, Albanian 25.2%, Turkish 3.9%, Romani 2.7%, Serb 1.8%, other 2.2% (2002 est.)

Language

Macedonian (official) 66.5%, Albanian 25.1%, Turkish 3.5%, Romani 1.9%, Serbian 1.2%, other (includes Aromanian (Vlach) and Bosnian) 1.8% (2002 est.)

Religion

Macedonian Orthodox 64.8%, Muslim 33.3%, other Christian 0.4%, other and unspecified 1.5% (2002 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 58.8% of total population (2021)

rate of urbanization: 0.61% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)

