

SLOVENIA









INTRODUCTION

In 1918, the Slovenes joined the Serbs and Croats in forming a new multinational state, which was named Yugoslavia in 1929. After World War II, Slovenia was one of the communist republics in the restored Yugoslavia. Slovenes succeeded in establishing their independence in 1991.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Borut PAHOR

Head of Government

President Janez JANSA

Government Type

parliamentary republic

Capital

Ljubljana

Legislature

bicameral Parliament consists of the National Council or Drzavni Svet (40 seats) and the National Assembly or Drzavni Zbor (90 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 20,273 sq km Land: 20,151 sq km Water: 122 sq km

Climate

Mediterranean climate on the coast, continental climate with mild to hot summers and cold winters in the plateaus and valleys to the east

Natural Resources

lignite, lead, zinc, building stone, hydropower, forests

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

high-income, fast-growing EU-member economy; high human capital; key health infrastructure investments; high government spending; key Croatian investments; high-technology and manufacturing sectors; growing financial hub

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$76.75 billion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$36,500 (2020 est.)

Industries - ferrous metallurgy, aluminum products, lead/zinc smelting, electronics, trucks/automobiles, electric power equipment, wood products, textiles, chemicals, machine tools

Agricultural products - milk, maize, wheat, grapes, barley, potatoes, poultry, apples, beef, pork

Exports \$41.73 billion (2020 est.)

packaged medicines, cars/vehicle parts, refined petroleum, electrical lighting/signaling equipment, electricity (2019)

partners: Germany 18%, Italy 11%, Croatia 8%, Austria 7%, France 5%, Switzerland 5% (2019)

Imports \$36.6 billion (2020 est.)

packaged medicines, cars/vehicle parts, refined petroleum, delivery trucks, electricity (2019)

partners: Germany 14%, Italy 12%, Austria 8%, Switzerland 8%, China 7% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

2.1 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

-0.03% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Slovene 83.1%, Serb 2%, Croat 1.8%, Bosniak 1.1%,

other or unspecified 12% (2002 est.)

Population Pyramid

Language

Slovene (official) 91.1%, Serbo-Croatian 4.5%, other or unspecified 4.4%, Italian (official in municipalities where Italian national communities reside), Hungarian (official in municipalities where Hungarian national communities reside) (2002 est.)

Religion

Catholic 57.8%, Muslim 2.4%, Orthodox 2.3%, other Christian 0.9%, unaffiliated 3.5%, other, unspecified, or none 33.1% (2002 est.)