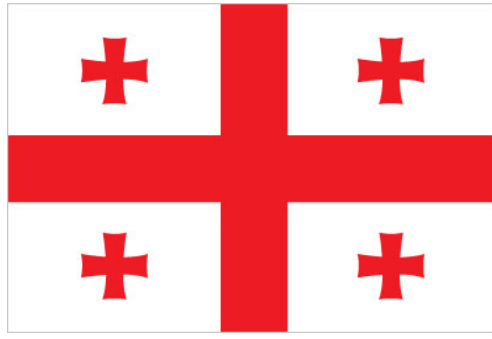




GEORGIA



INTRODUCTION

Georgia contained the ancient kingdoms of Colchis and Kartli-Iberia. The area came under Roman influence in the first centuries A.D., and Christianity became the state religion in the 330s. Independent for three years (1918-1921) following the Russian revolution, it was forcibly incorporated into the USSR in 1921 and regained its independence when the Soviet Union dissolved in 1991.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Salome ZOURABICHVILI

Head of Government

Prime Minister Irakli GARIBASHVILI

Government Type

semi-presidential republic

Capital

Tbilisi

Legislature

unicameral Parliament or Sakartvelos Parlamenti (150 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 69,700 sq km
Land: 69,700 sq km
Water: 0 sq km

Climate

warm and pleasant; Mediterranean-like on Black Sea coast

Natural Resources

timber, hydropower, manganese deposits, iron ore, copper, minor coal and oil deposits; coastal climate and soils allow for important tea and citrus growth

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

COVID-19 crippled tourism, transportation, and construction sectors; rising unemployment, public debts and poverty; foreign investment and domestic bond issuance

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$52.33 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$14,100 (2020 est.)

Industries - steel, machine tools, electrical appliances, mining (manganese, copper, gold), chemicals, wood products, wine

Agricultural products - milk, grapes, maize, potatoes, wheat, watermelons, tomatoes, tangerines/mandarins, barley, apples

Exports \$5.94 billion (2020 est.)

copper, cars, iron alloys, wine, packaged medicines (2019)

partners: Russia 12%, Azerbaijan 12%, Armenia 9%, Bulgaria 8%, China 6%, Turkey 6%, Ukraine 6% (2019)

Imports \$8.94 billion (2020 est.)

cars, refined petroleum, copper, packaged medicines, natural gas (2019)

partners: Turkey 17%, China 11%, Russia 9%, Azerbaijan 6%, US 6%, Germany 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

4.9 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

0.05% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Georgian 86.8%, Azeri 6.3%, Armenian 4.5%, other 2.3% (includes Russian, Ossetian, Yazidi, Ukrainian, Kist, Greek) (2014 est.)

Language

Georgian (official) 87.6%, Azeri 6.2%, Armenian 3.9%, Russian 1.2%, other 1% (2014 est.)

Religion

Orthodox (official) 83.4%, Muslim 10.7%, Armenian Apostolic 2.9%, other 1.2%, none 0.5%, unspecified/no answer 1.2% (2014 est.)

