

# KOSOVO









#### INTRODUCTION

During the medieval period, Kosovo became the center of a Serbian Empire and saw the construction of many important Serb religious sites. Formerly part of Yugoslavia, Kosovo became independent in 2008. Demonstrating Kosovo's development into a sovereign, multiethnic, democratic country, the international community ended the period of Supervised Independence in 2012.

# **GOVERNMENT**

#### **Chief of State**

President Viosa OSMANI

#### **Head of Government**

Prime Minister Albin KURTI

#### **Government Type**

parliamentary republic

#### Capital

Pristina

#### Legislature

unicameral Assembly or Kuvendi i Kosoves/Skupstina Kosova (120 seats)

# **GEOGRAPHY**

#### Area

Total: 10,887 sq km Land: 10,887 sq km Water: 0 sq km

# Climate

influenced by continental air masses resulting in relatively cold winters with heavy snowfall and hot, dry summers and autumns; Mediterranean and alpine influences create regional variation; maximum rainfall between

#### **Natural Resources**

nickel, lead, zinc, magnesium, lignite, kaolin,

October and December

chrome, bauxite

## **ECONOMY**

#### **Economic Overview**

small-but-growing European economy; non-EU member but unilateral euro user: very high unemployment, especially vouth: vulnerable reliance on diaspora tourism services, curtailed by COVID-19 disruptions; unclear public loan portfolio health

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$19.13 billion (2020 est.) GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$10,800 (2020 est.) **Industries -** mineral mining, construction materials, base metals, leather, machinery, appliances, foodstuffs/beverages, textiles

Agricultural products - wheat, corn, berries, potatoes, peppers, fruit, dairy, livestock, fish

Exports \$1.69 billion (2020 est.)

mining, processed metal products, scrap metals, leather products, machinery, appliances, prepared foodstuffs, beverages, tobacco partners: Albania 16%, India 14%, North Macedonia 12%, Serbia 11%, Switzerland 6%, Germany 5% (2017)

Imports \$4.19 billion (2020 est.)

foodstuffs, livestock, wood, petroleum, chemicals, machinery, minerals, textiles, stone, ceramic/glass products, electrical

partners: Germany 12%, Serbia 12%, Turkey 10%, China 9%, Italy 6%, North Macedonia 5%, Albania 5% (2017)

#### **PEOPLE & SOCIETY**

# **Population**

1.9 million (July 2021 est.)

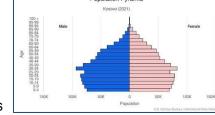
# **Population Growth**

0.67% (2021 est.)

#### **Ethnicity**

Albanians 92.9%, Bosniaks

1.6%, Serbs 1.5%, Turk 1.1%, Ashkali 0.9%, Egyptian 0.7%, Gorani 0.6%, Romani 0.5%, other/unspecified 0.2% (2011 est.)



### Language

Albanian (official) 94.5%, Bosnian 1.7%, Serbian (official) 1.6%, Turkish 1.1%, other 0.9% (includes Romani), unspecified 0.1% (2011 est.)

### Religion

Muslim 95.6%, Roman Catholic 2.2%, Orthodox 1.5%, other 0.1%, none 0.1%, unspecified 0.6% (2011 est.)