

ALGERIA









INTRODUCTION

Algeria was heavily colonized by the French in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. A bloody eight-year struggle culminated in Algerian independence in 1962.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Abdelmadjid TEBBOUNE

Head of Government

Prime Minister Ayman BENABDERRAHMANE

Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Algiers

Legislature

bicameral Parliament consists of Council of the Nation (upper house with 144 seats) and the National People's Assembly (lower house with 407 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 2,381,740 sq km Land 2,381,740 sq km Water: 0 sq km

Climate

arid to semiarid; dry, hot summers along the coast; drier with cold winters and hot summers on high plateau

Natural Resources

petroleum, natural gas, iron ore, phosphates, uranium, lead, zinc

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

suffering oil and gas economy; lack of sector and market diversification; political instability chilling domestic consumption; poor credit access and declines in business confidence; COVID-19 austerity policies; delayed promised socio-economic reforms

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$468.4 billion (2020 est.) **GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$10,700 (2020 est.)

Industries - petroleum, natural gas, light industries, mining, electrical, petrochemical, food processing

Agricultural products - potatoes, wheat, milk, watermelons, barley, onions, tomatoes, oranges, dates, vegetables

Exports \$34.37 billion (2017 est.)

crude petroleum, natural gas, refined petroleum, fertilizers, ammonia (2019)

partners: Italy 13%, France 13%, Spain 12%, US 7%, UK 7%, India 5%, South Korea 5% (2019)

Imports \$48.54 billion (2017 est.)

refined petroleum, wheat, packaged medical supplies, milk, vehicle parts (2019)

partners: China 18%, France 14%, Italy 8%, Spain 8%, Germany 5%, Turkey 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

43.6 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

1.41% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Arab-Berber 99%,

European less than 1%

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Population Pyramid

Language

Arabic (official), French (lingua franca), Berber or Tamazight (official); dialects include Kabyle Berber (Taqbaylit), Shawiya Berber (Tacawit), Mzab Berber, Tuareg Berber (Tamahag)

Religion

Muslim (official; predominantly Sunni) 99%, other (includes Christian and Jewish) <1% (2012 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 74.3% of total population (2021)

rate of urbanization: 1.99% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)