# UNITED KINGDOM







## INTRODUCTION

The United Kingdom played a leading role in developing parliamentary democracy and in advancing literature and science. At its zenith in the 19th century, the British Empire stretched over one-fourth of the earth's surface. With the dismantling of the Empire, the UK rebuilt itself into a modern and prosperous European nation. The Scottish Parliament, the National Assembly for Wales, and the Northern Ireland Assembly were established in 1998.

## **GOVERNMENT**

## **Chief of State**

Queen ELIZABETH II

#### **Head of Government**

Prime Minister Boris JOHNSON

## **Government Type**

parliamentary constitutional monarchy

#### Capital

London

## Legislature

bicameral Parliament consists of the House of Lords (membership not fixed) and the House of Commons (650 seats)

## **GEOGRAPHY**

#### Area

Total: 243,610 sq km Land: 241,930 sq km Water: 1,680 sq km

#### Climate

temperate; moderated by prevailing southwest winds over the North Atlantic Current

#### **Natural Resources**

coal, petroleum, natural gas, iron ore, lead, zinc, gold, tin, limestone, salt, clay, chalk, gypsum, potash, silica sand, slate, arable land

## **ECONOMY**

## **Economic Overview**

high-income, diversified non-EU European economy; fifth-largest importer and exporter globally; after 2016 EU Brexit, increased quantitative easing avoided economic decline; 10% GDP contraction from COVID-19; global financial and diplomacy leader GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$2.798 trillion (2020 est.) GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$41,600 (2020 est.) Industries - machine tools, electric power equipment, automation equipment, railroad equipment, shipbuilding, aircraft, motor vehicles and parts, electronics and communications equipment Agricultural products - wheat, milk, barley, sugar beets, potatoes, rapeseed, poultry, oats, pork, beef

Exports \$742 billion (2020 est.)

cars, gas turbines, gold, crude petroleum, packaged medicines (2019)

partners: US 15%, Germany 10%, China 7%, Netherlands 7%, France 7%, Ireland 6% (2019)

**Imports** \$752.8 billion (2020 est.)

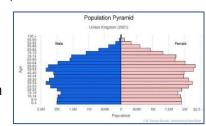
gold, cars, crude and refined petroleum, broadcasting equipment (2019)

partners: Germany 13%, China 10%, US 8%, Netherlands 7%, France 6%, Belgium 5% (2019)

## **PEOPLE & SOCIETY**

## **Population**

67.1 million (June 2020 est.) England 84.3%, Scotland 8.1%, Wales 4.7%, Northern Ireland 2.8%



## **Population Growth**

0.48% (2021 est.)

## **Ethnicity**

White 87.2%, Black/African/Caribbean/Black British 3%, Asian/Asian British: Indian 2.3%, Asian/Asian British: Pakistani 1.9%, mixed 2%, other 3.7% (2011 est.)

## Language

English; Scots, Scottish Gaelic, Welsh, Irish, Cornish

## Religion

Christian 59.5%, Muslim 4.4%, Hindu 1.3%, other 2%, unspecified 7.2%, none 25.7% (2011 est.)