MONTENEGRO

INTRODUCTION
From 1496, Montenegro maintained a level of autonomy within the Ottoman Empire. From the 16th to 19th centuries, Montenegro was a theocracy ruled by a series of bishop princes. In 1852, it transformed into a secular principality. In 1918, Montenegro was absorbed by the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes, which became Yugoslavia in 1929. When the latter dissolved in 1992, Montenegro first federated with Serbia, but in 2006 voted for complete independence.

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Milo DJUKANOVIC
Head of Government
Prime Minister Zdravko KRIVOKAPIC
Government Type
parliamentary republic
Capital
Podgorica
Legislature
unicameral Assembly or Skupstina (81 seats)

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
upper middle-income Balkan economy; unsanctioned euro user; controversial religious property ownership law; persistent corruption; major infrastructure investments and high expenditures; growing offshore banking destination
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $11.36 billion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $18,300 (2020 est.)
Industries - steelmaking, aluminum, agricultural processing, consumer goods, tourism
Agricultural products - milk, potatoes, grapes, vegetables, tomatoes, watermelons, wheat, apples, cabbages, barley
Exports $1.24 billion (2020 est.)
aluminum, packaged medicines, cars, zinc, wine (2019)
partners: Serbia 17%, Hungary 15%, China 11%, Russia 7%, Bosnia and Herzegovina 6%, Germany 6%, Italy 5%, Poland 5% (2019)
Imports $2.9 billion (2020 est.)
refined petroleum, cars, packaged medicines, recreational boats, cigarettes (2019)
partners: Serbia 30%, Bosnia and Herzegovina 8%, Croatia 8%, Italy 6%, Greece 6%, Germany 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population 607,410 (July 2021 est.)
Population Growth -0.4% (2021 est.)
Ethnicity
Montenegrin 45%, Serbian 28.7%, Bosniak 8.7%, Albanian 4.9%, Muslim 3.3%, Romani 1%, Croat 1%, other 2.6%, unspecified 4.9% (2011 est.)
Language
Serbian 42.9%, Montenegrin (official) 37%, Bosnian 5.3%, Albanian 5.3%, Serbo-Croat 2%, other 3.5%, unspecified 4% (2011 est.)
Religion
Orthodox 72.1%, Muslim 19.1%, Catholic 3.4%, atheist 1.2%, other 1.5%, unspecified 2.6% (2011 est.)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 13,812 sq km
Land: 13,452 sq km
Water: 360 sq km
Climate
Mediterranean climate, hot dry summers and autumns and relatively cold winters with heavy snowfalls inland
Natural Resources
bauxite, hydroelectricity

as of October 2021