



SLOVAKIA



INTRODUCTION

Slovakia traces its roots to the 9th century state of Great Moravia. After the dissolution of the Austro-Hungarian Empire at the close of World War I, the Slovaks joined the Czechs to form Czechoslovakia. In 1993, Czechoslovakia underwent a nonviolent "velvet divorce" into its two national components, Slovakia and the Czech Republic.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Zuzana CAPUTOVA

Head of Government

Prime Minister Eduard HEGER

Government Type

parliamentary republic

Capital

Bratislava

Legislature

unicameral National Council or Narodna Rada (150 seats)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Radovan JAVORCIK

US Ambassador

Ambassador Gautam A. RANA

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 49,035 sq km
Land: 48,105 sq km
Water: 930 sq km

Climate

temperate; cool summers; cold, cloudy, humid winters

Natural Resources

lignite, small amounts of iron ore, copper and manganese ore, salt, arable land

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

high-income, EU-member European economy; major electronics and automobile exporter; new anticorruption and judiciary reforms; low unemployment; low regional innovation; strong financial sector

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$173.6 billion (2021 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$31,900 (2021 est.)

Industries - automobiles, metal/metal products, electricity, gas, coke, oil, nuclear fuel, chemicals, synthetic fibers, wood/paper products, machinery, earthenware/ceramics, textiles, electrical and optical apparatus, rubber products, food/beverages

Agricultural products - wheat, maize, sugar beets, milk, barley, rapeseed, potatoes, sunflower seeds, soybeans, pork

Exports \$107.43 billion (2021 est.)

cars/vehicle parts, video displays, broadcasting equipment, tires, refined petroleum (2019)

partners: Germany 22%, Czechia 11%, Poland 7%, France 7%, Hungary 6%, Austria 5%, UK 5% (2019)

Imports \$107.36 billion (2021 est.)

cars/vehicle parts, broadcasting equipment, crude petroleum, natural gas, insulated wiring (2019)

partners: Germany 18%, Czechia 18%, Poland 8%, Hungary 7%, Russia 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

5.4 million (2022 est.)

Population Growth

-0.1% (2022 est.)

Ethnicity

Slovak 83.8%, Hungarian 7.8%, Romani 1.2%, other 1.8% (includes Czech, Ruthenian, Ukrainian, Russian, German, Polish), unspecified 5.4% (2021 est.)

Language

Slovak (official) 81.8%, Hungarian 8.5%, Roma 1.8%, other 2.2%, unspecified 5.7% (2021 est.)

Religion

Roman Catholic 55.8%, Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession 5.3%, Greek Catholic 4%, Reformed Christian 1.6%, other 3%, none 23.8%, unspecified 6.5% (2021 est.)