LITHUANIA

INTRODUCTION
Lithuanian lands were united in 1236. Over the next century, through alliances and conquest, Lithuania extended its territory to include most of present-day Belarus and Ukraine. By the end of the 14th century Lithuania was the largest state in Europe. Lithuania was annexed by the USSR in 1940. On 11 March 1990, Lithuania became the first of the Soviet republics to declare its independence.

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Gitanas NAUSEDA

Head of Government
Prime Minister Ingrida SIMONYTE

Government Type
semi-presidential republic

Capital
Vilnius

Legislature
unicameral Parliament or Seimas (141 seats)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 65,300 sq km
Land: 62,680 sq km
Water: 2,620 sq km

Climate
transitional, between maritime and continental; wet, moderate winters and summers

Natural Resources
peat, arable land, amber

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
high-income, EU-member, largest Baltic economy; privatized most state-owned enterprises; unmoved youth emigration; systemic corruption; issued Europe’s first bank-backed digital coin (LBICOIN); highly educated workforce; lowest EU household debt

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $102.7 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $36,700 (2020 est.)

Industries - metal-cutting machine tools, electric motors, televisions, refrigerators/freezers, petroleum refining, shipbuilding, furniture, textiles, food processing, fertilizer, agricultural machinery, optical equipment, lasers, electronic components

Agricultural products - wheat, milk, sugar beets, rapeseed, barley, triticale, potatoes, oats, peas, beans

Exports $41.48 billion (2020 est.)
refined petroleum, furniture, cigarettes, wheat, polyethylene (2019)
Partners: Russia 13%, Latvia 9%, Poland 8%, Germany 7%, Estonia 5% (2019)

Imports $36.06 billion (2020 est.)
crude petroleum, cars, packaged medicines, refined petroleum, electricity (2019)
Partners: Poland 12%, Russia 12%, Germany 12%, Latvia 7%, Netherlands 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
2.7 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth
-1.04% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity
Lithuanian 84.1%, Polish 6.6%, Russian 5.8%, Belarusian 1.2%, other 1.1%, unspecified 1.2% (2011 est.)

Language
Lithuanian (official) 82%, Russian 8%, Polish 5.6%, other 0.9%, unspecified 3.5% (2011 est.)

Religion
Roman Catholic 77.2%, Russian Orthodox 4.1%, Old Believer 0.8%, Evangelical Lutheran 0.6%, Evangelical Reformist 0.2%, other (including Sunni Muslim, Jewish, Greek Catholic, and Karaite) 0.8%, none 6.1%, unspecified 10.1% (2011 est.)

as of October 2021