INTRODUCTION
Armenia declared independence from the Soviet Union on 21 September 1991. Armenia prides itself on being the first nation to formally adopt Christianity (early 4th century).

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Armen SARISSIAN
Head of Government
Prime Minister Nikol PASHINYAN
Government Type
parliamentary democracy
Capital
Yerevan
Legislature
unicameral National Assembly (Parliament) or Azgayin Zhoghov (minimum 101 seats, currently 132)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 29,743 sq km
Land: 28,203 sq km
Water: 1,540 sq km
Climate
highland continental, hot summers, cold winters
Natural Resources
small deposits of gold, copper, molybdenum, zinc, bauxite

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
EEU-and CIS-member state but seeking more EU and US trade; business-friendly growth environments; stable monetary regime but vulnerable demand economy; key copper and gold exporter; persistent unemployment; large diaspora and remittances
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $37.31 billion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $12,600 (2020 est.)
Industries - brandy, mining, diamond processing, metal-cutting machine tools, forging and pressing machines, electric motors, knitted wear, hosiery, shoes, silk fabric, chemicals, trucks
Agricultural products - milk, potatoes, grapes, vegetables, tomatoes, watermelons, wheat, apples, cabbages, barley
Exports $3.82 billion (2020 est.)
copper ore, gold, tobacco, liquors, iron alloys (2019)
partners: Russia 22%, Switzerland 20%, China 7%, Bulgaria 6%, Iraq 5%, Serbia 5%, Netherlands 5%, Germany 5% (2019)
Imports $5 billion (2020 est.)
natural gas, cars, refined petroleum, broadcasting equipment, diamonds (2019)
partners: Russia 29%, China 10%, Georgia 8%, Iran 6%, Turkey 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
3.0 million (July 2021 est.)
Population Growth
-0.35% (2021 est.)
Ethnicity
Armenian 98.1%, Yezidi (Kurd) 1.2%, other 0.7% (2011 est.)
Language
Armenian (official) 97.9%, Kurdish (spoken by Yezidi minority) 1%, other 1% (2011 est.)
note: Russian is widely spoken
Religion
Armenian Apostolic 92.6%, Evangelical 1%, other 2.4%, none 1.1%, unspecified 2.9% (2011 est.)

as of October 2021