



# TURKEY



## INTRODUCTION

Modern Turkey was founded in 1923 from the remnants of the defeated Ottoman Empire by national hero Mustafa KEMAL, who was later honored with the title Atatürk or "Father of the Turks." Under his leadership, the country adopted radical social, legal, and political reforms. Turkey joined the UN in 1945 and in 1952 it became a member of NATO. In 1963, Turkey became an associate member of the European Community.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President Recep Tayyip ERDOGAN

### Head of Government

President Recep Tayyip ERDOGAN

### Government Type

presidential republic

### Capital

Ankara

### Legislature

unicameral Grand National Assembly of Turkey or Türkiye Büyük Millet Meclisi (600 seats)

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 783,562 sq km

Land: 769,632 sq km

Water: 13,930 sq km

### Climate

temperate; hot, dry summers with mild, wet winters; harsher in interior

### Natural Resources

coal, iron ore, copper, chromium, antimony, mercury, gold, barite, borate, celestite (strontium), emery, feldspar, limestone, magnesite, marble, perlite, pumice, pyrites (sulfur), clay, arable land, hydropower

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

upper middle-income, diversified Middle Eastern economy; economic instability from 2016 attempted coup and 2018 currency recession; hit hard by COVID-19, increasing poverty and unemployment; endemic corruption; large agriculture labor force

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$2.394 trillion (2020 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$28,400 (2020 est.)

**Industries** - textiles, food processing, automobiles, electronics, mining, steel, petroleum, construction, lumber, paper

**Agricultural products** - milk, wheat, sugar beets, tomatoes, barley, maize, potatoes, grapes, watermelons, apples

**Exports** \$203.3 billion (2020 est.)

cars/vehicle parts, refined petroleum, delivery trucks, jewelry, clothing, apparel (2019)

**partners:** Germany 9%, UK 6%, Iraq 5%, Italy 5%, US 5% (2019)

**Imports** \$232 billion (2020 est.)

gold, refined and crude petroleum, vehicle parts, scrap iron (2019)

**partners:** Germany 11%, China 9%, Russia 9%, US 5%, Italy 5% (2019)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

82.5 million (July 2021 est.)

### Population Growth

0.7% (2021 est.)

### Ethnicity

Turkish 70-75%, Kurdish 19%, other minorities 7-12% (2016 est.)

### Language

Turkish (official), Kurdish, other minority languages

### Religion

Muslim 99.8% (mostly Sunni), other 0.2% (mostly Christians and Jews)

### Urbanization

urban population: 76.6% of total population (2021)

rate of urbanization: 1.11% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)

### Literacy

96.2% (2017)

