NORTH MACEDONIA

INTRODUCTION
North Macedonia gained its independence peacefully from Yugoslavia in 1991 under the name of "Macedonia." In June 2018, Macedonia and Greece signed the Prespa Accord whereby the Republic of Macedonia agreed to change its name to the Republic of North Macedonia. Following ratification by both countries, the agreement went into force on 12 February 2019.

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Stevo PENDAROVSKI
Head of Government
Prime Minister Zoran ZAEV
Government Type
parliamentary republic
Capital
Skopje
Legislature
unicameral Assembly - Sobra in Macedonian, Kuvend in Albanian (between 120 and 140 seats, currently 120)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 25,713 sq km
Land: 25,433 sq km
Water: 280 sq km
Climate
warm, dry summers and autumns; relatively cold winters with heavy snowfall
Natural Resources
low-grade iron ore, copper, lead, zinc, chromite, manganese, nickel, tungsten, gold, silver, asbestos, gypsum, timber, arable land

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
Growing upper middle-income European economy; EU accession stalled due to Bulgarian dispute; new NATO member; private consumption-driven growth; investment declined due to COVID-19; regional economic power gains since Greek naming resolution
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $33.02 billion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $15,800 (2020 est.)
Industries - food processing, beverages, textiles, chemicals, iron, steel, cement, energy, pharmaceuticals, automotive parts
Agricultural products - milk, grapes, wheat, potatoes, green chillies/peppers, cabbages, tomatoes, maize, barley, watermelons
Exports $7.18 billion (2020 est.)
support catalysts, centrifuges, insulated wiring, vehicle parts, buses, seats (2019)
partners: Germany 45%, Serbia 8%, Bulgaria 5% (2019)
Imports $8.76 billion (2020 est.)
platinum, refined petroleum, laboratory ceramics, cars, insulated wiring (2019)
partners: UK 14%, Germany 14%, Greece 8%, Serbia 8% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
2.1 million (July 2021 est.)
Population Growth
0.13% (2021 est.)
Ethnicity
Macedonian 64.2%, Albanian 25.2%, Turkish 3.9%, Romani 2.7%, Serb 1.8%, other 2.2% (2002 est.)
Language
Macedonian (official) 66.5%, Albanian 25.1%, Turkish 3.5%, Romani 1.9%, Serbian 1.2%, other (includes Aromanian (Vlach) and Bosnian) 1.8% (2002 est.)
Religion
Macedonian Orthodox 64.8%, Muslim 33.3%, other Christian 0.4%, other and unspecified 1.5% (2002 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 58.8% of total population (2021)
rate of urbanization: 0.61% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)