



SINGAPORE



INTRODUCTION

A Malay trading port known as Temasek existed on the island of Singapore by the 14th century. The British founded modern Singapore as a trading colony on the site in 1819. Singapore subsequently became one of the world's most prosperous countries with strong international trading links.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President HALIMAH Yacob

Head of Government

Prime Minister LEE Hsien Loong

Government Type

parliamentary republic

Capital

Singapore

Legislature

unicameral Parliament (104 seats)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador LUI Tuck Yew

US Ambassador

Ambassador Jonathan KAPLAN

GEOGRAPHY

Area

total: 719 sq km
land: 709.2 sq km
water: 10 sq km

Climate

tropical; hot, humid, rainy; monsoon seasons - northeastern monsoon (December to March), southwestern monsoon (June to September); inter-monsoon - frequent afternoon and early evening thunderstorms

Natural Resources

fish, deep-water ports

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

high-income, service-based Southeast Asian economy; renowned for financial markets and Asian Infrastructure Exchange; business-driven regulations; low unemployment; electronics, oil, and chemicals exporter; continuing education investment

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$578.2 billion (2021 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$106,000 (2021 est.)

Industries - electronics, chemicals, financial services, oil drilling equipment, petroleum refining, biomedical products, scientific instruments, telecommunication equipment, food/beverages

Agricultural products - poultry, eggs, vegetables, pork, duck meat, spinach, pig offals, bird eggs, pig fat, cabbages

Exports \$733.8 billion (2021 est.)

integrated circuits, refined petroleum, gold, packaged medicines, appliances, photo lab equipment (2021)

partners: China 16%, Hong Kong 16%, US 8%, Malaysia 9%, Indonesia 5% (2021)

Imports \$609.3 billion (2021 est.)

integrated circuits, refined petroleum, crude petroleum, gold, gas turbines (2021)

partners: China 15%, Malaysia 14%, Taiwan 9%, United States 9%, Japan 5% (2021)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

6 million (2023 est.)

Population Growth

0.9% (2023 est.)

Ethnicity

Chinese 74.2%, Malay 13.7%, Indian 8.9%, other 3.2% (2021 est.)

Language

English (official) 48.3%, Mandarin (official) 29.9%, other Chinese dialects 8.7%, Malay (official) 9.2%, Tamil (official) 2.5%, other 1.4% (2020 est.)

Religion

Buddhist 31.1%, Christian 18.9%, Muslim 15.6%, Taoist 8.8%, Hindu 5%, other 0.6%, none 20% (2020 est.)