



HUNGARY



INTRODUCTION

Hungary became a Christian kingdom in A.D. 1000 and for many centuries served as a bulwark against Ottoman Turkish expansion in Europe. The country fell under communist rule following World War II. Hungary held its first multiparty elections in 1990 and initiated a free market economy. It joined NATO in 1999 and the EU five years later.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Katalin NOVAK

Head of Government

Prime Minister Viktor ORBAN

Government Type

parliamentary republic

Capital

Budapest

Legislature

unicameral National Assembly or Országgyűlés (199 seats)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Szabolcs Ferenc TAKACS

US Ambassador

Ambassador David PRESSMAN

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 93,028 sq km
Land: 89,608 sq km
Water: 3,420 sq km

Climate

temperate; cold, cloudy, humid winters; warm summers

Natural Resources

bauxite, coal, natural gas, fertile soils, arable land

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

high-income EU and OECD economy; decreasing government spending; increasing judicial independence concerns; flat income taxation; increasingly dependent on energy imports; strong tourism and automotive manufacturing

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$326.19 billion (2021 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$33,600 (2021 est.)

Industries - mining, metallurgy, construction materials, processed foods, textiles, chemicals (including pharmaceuticals), vehicles

Agricultural products - maize, wheat, milk, sunflower seed, barley, rapeseed, sugar beets, apples, pork, grapes

Exports \$148.23 billion (2021 est.)

cars/vehicle parts, packaged medicines, spark-ignition engines, video displays, broadcasting equipment (2019)

partners: Germany 27%, Romania 5%, Italy 5%, Slovakia 5% (2019)

Imports \$147.58 billion (2021 est.)

cars/vehicle parts, integrated circuits, packaged medicines, broadcasting equipment, crude petroleum (2019)

partners: Germany 25%, China 6%, Poland 6%, Austria 6%, Czechia 5%, Slovakia 5%, Italy 5%, Netherlands 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

9.7 million (July 2022 est.)

Population Growth

-0.3% (July 2022 est.)

Ethnicity

Hungarian 85.6%, Romani 3.2%, German 1.9%, other 2.6%, unspecified 14.1% (2011 est.)

Language

Hungarian (official) 99.6%, English 16%, German 11.2%, Russian 1.6%, Romanian 1.3%, French 1.2%, other 4.2% (2011 est.)

Religion

Roman Catholic 37.2%, Calvinist 11.6%, Lutheran 2.2%, Greek Catholic 1.8%, other 1.9%, none 18.2%, no response 27.2% (2011 est.)