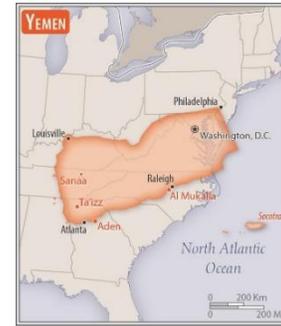




YEMEN



INTRODUCTION

The Kingdom of Yemen (colloquially known as North Yemen) became independent from the Ottoman Empire in 1918 and in 1962 became the Yemen Arab Republic. The British, withdrew in 1967 from what became the People's Republic of Southern Yemen (colloquially known as South Yemen). The two countries were formally unified as the Republic of Yemen in 1990.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Abd Rabuh Mansur HADI

Head of Government

Prime Minister Maeen Abd al-Malik SAEED

Government Type

in transition

Capital

Sanaa

Legislature

bicameral Parliament or Majlis consists of the Shura Council or Majlis Alshoora (111 seats) and the House of Representatives or Majlis al Nuwaab (301 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 527,968 sq km

Land: 527,968 sq km

Water: 0 sq km

Climate

mostly desert; hot and humid along west coast; temperate in western mountains affected by seasonal monsoon; extraordinarily hot, dry, harsh desert in east

Natural Resources

petroleum, fish, rock salt, marble, small deposits of coal, gold, lead, nickel, and copper, fertile soil in west

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

low-income Middle Eastern economy; infrastructure, trade, and economic institutions devastated by civil war; oil/gas-dependent but decreasing reserves; massive poverty, food insecurity, and unemployment; high inflation

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$73.63 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$2,500 (2017 est.)

Industries - crude oil production, petroleum refining, cotton textiles, leather goods, food processing, handicrafts, aluminum products, cement, commercial ship repair, natural gas production

Agricultural products - mangoes/guavas, potatoes, sorghum, onions, milk, poultry, watermelons, grapes, oranges, bananas

Exports \$384.5 million (2017 est.)

crude petroleum, gold, fish, industrial chemical liquids, scrap iron (2019)

partners: China 53%, Saudi Arabia 10%, UAE 7%, Australia 5% (2019)

Imports \$4.079 billion (2017 est.)

wheat, refined petroleum, iron, rice, cars (2019)

partners: China 25%, Turkey 10%, UAE 9%, Saudi Arabia 8%, India 7% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

30.4 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

1.93% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

predominantly Arab;
also Afro-Arab, South Asian, European

Language

Arabic (official); note: a distinct Socotri language is widely used on Socotra Island and Archipelago; Mahri is still fairly widely spoken in eastern Yemen

Religion

Muslim 99.1% (official; virtually all are citizens, an estimated 65% are Sunni and 35% are Shia), other 0.9% (many are refugees or temporary foreign residents) (2020 est.)

