



UKRAINE



INTRODUCTION

During the 10th and 11th centuries, Ukraine was the center of Kyivan Rus, the largest and most powerful in Europe. Upon dissolution of the USSR in 1991, Ukraine achieved independence, but the legacy of state control stalled efforts at economic reform, privatization, and civil liberties. Ukraine is fiercely resisting the 2022 Russian invasion, which has destroyed infrastructure and caused a humanitarian crisis.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Volodymyr ZELENSKYI

Head of Government

Prime Minister Denys SHMYHAL

Government Type

semi-presidential republic

Capital

Kyiv

Legislature

unicameral Supreme Council or Verkhovna Rada (450 seats)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Oksana MARKAROVA

US Ambassador

Bridget A. BRINK

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 603,550 sq km

Land: 579,330 sq km

Water: 24,220 sq km

Climate

Mediterranean on the southern Crimean coast; winters vary from cool along the Black Sea to cold farther inland; warm summers across the greater part of the country; hot in the south

Natural Resources

iron ore, coal, manganese, natural gas, oil, salt, sulfur, graphite, titanium, magnesium, kaolin, nickel, mercury, timber, arable land

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

lower middle-income non-EU Eastern European economy; key wheat, corn, and industrials exporter; emerging electronics producer; war-related massive labor shortages and displacement, as well as environmental destruction of agricultural areas; critical humanitarian and military aid recipient; large inflation and poverty increases; wartime data collection inconsistencies for Western areas

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$379.9 billion (2022 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$10,700 (2022 est.)

Industries - industrial machinery, ferrous and nonferrous metals, automotive and aircraft components, electronics, chemicals, textiles, mining, construction

Agricultural products - sunflower seed, maize, wheat, rapeseed, barley, poultry meats, soybeans

Exports \$56.9 billion (2022 est.)

corn, sunflower seed oils, iron/iron products, wheat, insulated wiring, rapeseed (2021)

partners: China 12%, Poland 7%, Turkey 6%, Russia 5%, Italy 5% (2021)

Imports \$83.86 billion (2022 est.)

refined petroleum, cars, natural gas, packaged medicines, coal, broadcasting equipment (2021)

partners: China 14%, Russia 11%, Poland 9%, Germany 9%, Belarus 6% (2021)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

43.3 million (2023 est.)

Population Growth

2.33% (2023 est.)

Ethnicity

Ukrainian 77.8%, Russian 17.3%, other 4.9% (2001 est.)

Language

Ukrainian (official) 67.5%, Russian (regional language) 29.6%, other 2.9% (2001 est.)

Religion

Orthodox, Ukrainian Greek Catholic, Roman Catholic, Protestant, Muslim, Jewish (2013 est.)