Uzbekistan is the geographic and population center of Central Asia. The country has a diverse economy and a relatively young population. Independent since the dissolution of the USSR in 1991, the country has diversified agricultural production while developing its mineral and petroleum export capacity and increasing its manufacturing base.

**GOVERNMENT**

**Chief of State**
President Shavkat MIRZIYOYEV

**Head of Government**
Prime Minister Abdulla ARIPOV

**Government Type**
presidential republic; highly authoritarian

**Capital**
Tashkent

**Legislature**
bicameral. Supreme Assembly or Oliy Majlis consists of the Senate (100 seats) and the Legislative Chamber or Qonunchilik Palatasi (150 seats)

**ECONOMY**

**Economic Overview**
lower middle-income Central Asian economy; CIS Free Trade Area member but no intention of EAEU membership; key natural gas, cotton, and gold exporter; landlocked and environmentally fragile; positive growth through COVID-19, but poverty increasing

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** $239.4 billion (2020 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** $7,000 (2020 est.)

**Industries** - textiles, food processing, machine building, metallurgy, mining, hydrocarbon extraction, chemicals

**Agricultural products** - milk, wheat, potatoes, carrots/turnips, cotton, tomatoes, vegetables, grapes, onions, watermelons

**Exports** $14.52 billion (2020 est.)
gold, natural gas, cotton fibers, copper, ethylene polymers (2019)

**partners:** Switzerland 19%, UK 17%, Russia 15%, China 14%, Kazakhstan 9%, Turkey 8%, Kyrgyzstan 5% (2019)

**Imports** $22.56 billion (2020 est.)
cars/vehicle parts, packaged medicines, refined petroleum, aircraft, construction vehicles (2019)

**partners:** China 23%, Russia 18%, South Korea 11%, Kazakhstan 9%, Turkey 6%, Germany 5% (2019)

**PEOPLE & SOCIETY**

**Population**
30.8 million (July 2021 est.)

**Population Growth**
0.86% (2021 est.)

**Ethnicity**
Uzbek 83.8%, Tajik 4.8%, Kazakh 2.5%, Russian 2.3%, Karakalpak 2.2%, Tatar 1.5%, other 4.4% (2017 est.)

**Language**
Uzbek (official) 74.3%, Russian 14.2%, Tajik 4.4%, other 7.1%

**Religion**
Muslim 88% (mostly Sunni), Eastern Orthodox 9%, other 3%

**Urbanization**
urban population: 50.4% of total population (2021)
rate of urbanization: 1.25% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)

as of October 2021