



ALBANIA



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President of the Republic Ilir META

Head of Government

Prime Minister Edi RAMA

Government Type

parliamentary republic

Capital

Tirana (Tirane)

Legislature

unicameral Assembly or Kuvendi (140 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court (consists of 19 judges)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Yuri KIM

US Ambassador

Charge d'Affaires Leyla MOSES-ONES

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 28,748 sq km

Land: 27,398 sq km

Water: 1,350 sq km

Climate

mild temperate; cool, cloudy, wet winters; hot, clear, dry summers; interior is cooler and wetter

Natural Resources

petroleum, natural gas, coal, bauxite, chromite, copper, iron ore, nickel, salt, timber, hydropower, arable land

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

formerly closed, centrally planned state, is a developing country with a modern open-market economy

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$36.01 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$12,500 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$900.7 million (2017 est.)

partners: Italy 53.4%, Kosovo 7.7%, Spain 5.6%, Greece 4.2% (2017)

Imports

\$4.1 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Italy 28.5%, Turkey 8.1%, Germany 8%, Greece 8%, China 7.9%, Serbia 4% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

3.1 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

0.28% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

Albanian 82.6%, Greek 0.9%, other 1% (including Vlach, Romani, Macedonian, Montenegrin, and Egyptian), unspecified 15.5% (2011 est.)

Language

Albanian 98.8% (official - derived from Tosk dialect), Greek 0.5%, other 0.6% (including Macedonian, Romani, Vlach, Turkish, Italian, and Serbo-Croatian), unspecified 0.1% (2011 est.)

Religion

Muslim 56.7%, Roman Catholic 10%, Orthodox 6.8%, atheist 2.5%, Bektashi (a Sufi order) 2.1%, other 5.7%, unspecified 16.2% (2011 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 61.2% of total population (2019)

rate of urbanization: 1.69% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

98.1% (2018)

