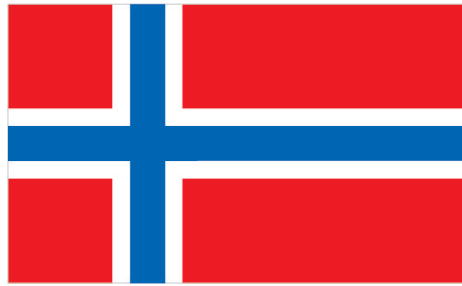




NORWAY



INTRODUCTION

Two centuries of Viking raids into Europe tapered off following the adoption of Christianity in 994. In 1397, Norway was absorbed into a union with Denmark that lasted more than four centuries. Rising nationalism throughout the 19th century led to a 1905 referendum granting Norway independence from Sweden.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

King HARALD V

Head of Government

Prime Minister Jonas Gahr STORE

Government Type

parliamentary constitutional monarchy

Capital

Oslo

Legislature

unicameral Parliament or Storting (169 seats)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Anniken Ramberg KRUTNES

US Ambassador

Ambassador Marc NATHANSON

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 323,802 sq km

Land: 304,282 sq km

Water: 19,520 sq km

Climate

temperate along coast, modified by North Atlantic Current; colder interior with increased precipitation and colder summers; rainy year-round on west coast

Natural Resources

petroleum, natural gas, iron ore, copper, lead, zinc, titanium, pyrites, nickel, fish, timber, hydropower

as of September 2023

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

high-income non-EU European economy; aging labor force; large state-owned energy company constrains budget and spending; largest oil sovereign wealth fund; major fishing, forestry, and extraction industries; large welfare system

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$368.1 billion (2022 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$67,500 (2022 est.)

Industries - petroleum and gas, shipping, fishing, aquaculture, food processing, shipbuilding, pulp and paper products, metals, chemicals, timber, mining, textiles

Agricultural products - milk, barley, wheat, potatoes, oats, pork, poultry, beef, eggs, rye

Exports \$199.1 billion (2021 est.)

natural gas, crude petroleum, salmon, refined petroleum, aluminum (2021)

partners: United Kingdom 21%, Germany 19%, Sweden 8%, Netherlands 7%, China 6% (2021)

Imports \$140.4 billion (2021 est.)

cars, refined petroleum, broadcasting equipment, computers, ships, nickel (2021)

partners: Sweden 18%, Germany 12%, China 10%, Denmark 6%, United States 5% (2021)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

5.6 million (2023 est.)

Population Growth

0.79% (2023 est.)

Ethnicity

Norwegian 81.5% (includes about 60,000 Sami), other European 8.9%, other 9.6% (2021 est.)

Language

Bokmal Norwegian (official), Nynorsk Norwegian (official), small Sami- and Finnish-speaking minorities

Religion

Church of Norway (Evangelical Lutheran - official) 67.5%, Muslim 3.1%, Roman Catholic 3.1%, other Christian 3.8%, other 2.6%, unspecified 19.9% (2021 est.)