INTRODUCTION
Slovakia traces its roots to the 9th century state of Great Moravia. After the dissolution of the Austro-Hungarian Empire at the close of World War I, the Slovaks joined the Czechs to form Czechoslovakia. In 1993, Czechoslovakia underwent a nonviolent "velvet divorce" into its two national components, Slovakia and the Czech Republic.

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Zuzana CAPUTOVA
Head of Government
Prime Minister Eduard HEGER
Government Type
parliamentary republic
Capital
Bratislava
Legislature
unicameral National Council or Narodna Rada (150 seats)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 49,035 sq km
Land: 48,105 sq km
Water: 930 sq km
Climate
temperate; cool summers; cold, cloudy, humid winters
Natural Resources
lignite, small amounts of iron ore, copper and manganese ore, salt, arable land

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
high-income, EU-member European economy; major electronics and automobile exporter; new anticorruption and judiciary reforms; low unemployment; low regional innovation; strong financial sector
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $165.6 billion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $30,300 (2020 est.)
Industries - automobiles, metal/metal products, electricity, gas, coke, oil, nuclear fuel, chemicals, synthetic fibers, wood/paper products, machinery, earthenware/ceramics, textiles, electrical and optical apparatus, rubber products, food/beverages
Agricultural products - wheat, maize, sugar beets, milk, barley, rapeseed, potatoes, sunflower seed, soybeans, pork
Exports $89.92 billion (2020 est.)
cars/vehicle parts, video displays, broadcasting equipment, tires, refined petroleum (2019)
partners: Germany 22%, Czechia 11%, Poland 7%, France 7%, Hungary 6%, Austria 5%, UK 5% (2019)
Imports $87.95 billion (2020 est.)
cars/vehicle parts, broadcasting equipment, crude petroleum, natural gas, insulated wiring (2019)
partners: Germany 18%, Czechia 18%, Poland 8%, Hungary 7%, Russia 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
5.4 million (July 2021 est.)
Population Growth
-0.08% (2021 est.)
Ethnicity
Slovak 80.7%, Hungarian 8.5%, Romani 2%, other 1.8% (includes Czech, Ruthenian, Ukrainian, Russian, German, Polish), unspecified 7% (2011 est.)
Language
Slovak (official) 78.6%, Hungarian 9.4%, Roma 2.3%, Ruthenian 1%, other or unspecified 8.8% (2011 est.)
Religion
Roman Catholic 62%, Protestant 8.2%, Greek Catholic 3.8%, other or unspecified 12.5%, none 13.4% (2011 est.)