INTRODUCTION
A Malay trading port known as Temasek existed on the island of Singapore by the 14th century. The British founded modern Singapore as a trading colony on the site in 1819. Singapore subsequently became one of the world’s most prosperous countries with strong international trading links.

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President HALIMAH Yacob

Head of Government
Prime Minister LEE Hsien Loong

Government Type
parliamentary republic

Capital
Singapore

Legislature
unicameral Parliament (104 seats/5-year terms)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
total: 719.2 sq km
land: 709.2 sq km
water: 10 sq km

Climate
tropical; hot, humid, rainy; two distinct monsoon seasons - northeastern monsoon (December to March) and southwestern monsoon (June to September); inter-monsoon - frequent afternoon and early evening thunderstorms

Natural Resources
fish, deep-water ports

as of October 2021

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
high-income, service-based Southeast Asian economy; renowned for financial markets and Asian Infrastructure Exchange; business-driven regulations; low unemployment; electronics, oil, and chemicals exporter; continuing education investment

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $531 billion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $93,400 (2020 est.)

Industries - electronics, chemicals, financial services, oil drilling equipment, petroleum refining, biomedical products, scientific instruments, telecommunication equipment, food/beverages

Agricultural products - poultry, eggs, vegetables, pork, duck meat, spinach, pig offals, bird eggs, pig fat, cabbages

Exports $599.2 billion (2020 est.)
integrated circuits, refined petroleum, gold, gas turbines, packaged medicines (2019)
partners: China 15%, Hong Kong 13%, Malaysia 9%, US 8%, Indonesia 7%, India 5% (2019)

Imports $490.7 billion (2020 est.)
integrated circuits, refined and crude petroleum, gold, gas turbines (2019)
partners: China 16%, Malaysia 11%, US 9%, Taiwan 7%, Japan 5%, Indonesia 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
5.86 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth
0.95% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity
Chinese 74.3%, Malay 13.5%, Indian 9%, other 3.2% (2020 est.)

Language
English (official) 48.3%, Mandarin (official) 29.9%, other Chinese dialects 8.7%, Malay (official) 9.2%, Tamil (official) 2.5%, other 1.4% (2020 est.)

Religion
Buddhist 31.1%, Christian 18.9%, Muslim 15.6%, Taoist 8.8%, Hindu 5%, other 0.6%, none 20% (2020 est.)