



# SINGAPORE



## 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

## 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.)

