

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



INTRODUCTION

Bosnia and Herzegovina declared sovereignty in October 1991 and independence from the former Yugoslavia in March 1992. On 21 November 1995, in Dayton, Ohio, warring parties initiated a peace agreement that ended three years of interethnic civil strife (the final agreement was signed in Paris on 14 December 1995).

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

Chairman of the Presidency Zeljko KOMSIC

Head of Government

Chairman of the Council of Ministers Zoran TEGELTIJA

Government Type

parliamentary republic

Capital

Sarajevo

Legislature

bicameral Parliamentary Assembly or Skupstina consists of the House of Peoples or Dom Naroda (15 seats) and the House of Representatives or Predstavnicki Dom (42 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 51,197 sq km
Land: 561,187 sq km
Water: 10 sq km

Climate

hot summers and cold winters; areas of high elevation have short, cool summers and long, severe winters; mild, rainy winters along coast

Natural Resources

coal, iron ore, antimony, bauxite, copper, lead, zinc, chromite, cobalt, manganese, nickel, clay, gypsum, salt, sand, timber, hydropower

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

import-dominated economy; remains consumption-heavy; lack of private sector investments and diversification; jointly addressing structural economic challenges; Chinese energy infrastructure investments; high unemployment; tourism industry impacted by COVID-19

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$47.050 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$14,300 (2020 est.)

Industries - steel, coal, iron ore, lead, zinc, manganese, bauxite, aluminum, motor vehicle assembly, textiles, tobacco products, wooden furniture, ammunition, domestic appliances, oil refining

Agricultural products - maize, milk, vegetables, potatoes, wheat, plums/sloes, apples, barley, cabbages, poultry

Exports \$6.810 billion (2020 est.)

electricity, seating, leather shoes, furniture, insulated wiring (2019)

partners: Germany 14%, Italy 12%, Croatia 11%, Serbia 11%, Austria 9%, Slovenia 8% (2019)

Imports \$9.710 billion (2020 est.)

refined petroleum, cars, packaged medicines, coal, electricity (2019)

partners: Croatia 15%, Serbia 13%, Germany 10%, Italy 9%, Slovenia 7%, China 6% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

3.8 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

-0.21% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Bosniak 50.1%, Serb 30.8%, Croat 15.4%, other 2.7%, not declared/no answer 1% (2013 est.)

Language

Bosnian (official) 52.9%, Serbian (official) 30.8%, Croatian (official) 14.6%, other 1.6%, no answer 0.2% (2013 est.)

Religion

Muslim 50.7%, Orthodox 30.7%, Roman Catholic 15.2%, atheist 0.8%, agnostic 0.3%, other 1.2%, undeclared/no answer 1.1% (2013 est.)

