



# ALBANIA



## INTRODUCTION

In the early 1990s, Albania ended 46 years of isolated communist rule and established a multiparty democracy. A large informal economy and a weak energy and transportation infrastructure remain obstacles.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President of the Republic Ilir META

### Head of Government

Prime Minister Edi RAMA

### Government Type

parliamentary republic

### Capital

Tirana (Tirane)

### Legislature

unicameral Assembly or Kuvendi (140 seats)

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 28,748 sq km

Land: 27,398 sq km

Water: 1,350 sq km

### Climate

mild temperate; cool, cloudy, wet winters; hot, clear, dry summers; interior is cooler and wetter

### Natural Resources

petroleum, natural gas, coal, bauxite, chromite, copper, iron ore, nickel, salt, timber, hydropower, arable land

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

future hopeful EU member state; oil and gas exporter but investing toward a "blue economy"; COVID-19 and earthquake economic disruptions and declines; experiencing high debt and account balances; strengthening private sector growth and public sector trust

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$37.73 billion (2020 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$13,300 (2020 est.)

**Industries** – food, footwear, apparel and clothing, lumber, oil, cement, chemicals, mining, basic metals, hydropower

**Agricultural products** - milk, maize, tomatoes, potatoes, watermelons, wheat, grapes, cucumbers, onions, apples

**Exports** \$3.47 billion (2020 est.)

leather footwear and parts, crude petroleum, iron alloys, clothing, electricity, perfumes (2019)

**partners:** Italy 45%, Spain 8%, Germany 6%, Greece 5%, (2019)

**Imports** \$5.67 billion (2020 est.)

refined petroleum, cars, tanned hides, packaged medical supplies, footwear parts (2019)

**partners:** Italy 28%, Greece 12%, China 11%, Turkey 9%, Germany 5% (2019)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

3.1 million (July 2021 est.)

### Population Growth

0.24% (2021 est.)

### Ethnicity

Albanian 82.6%, Greek 0.9%, other 1% (including Vlach, Romani, Macedonian, Montenegrin, and Egyptian), unspecified 15.5% (2011 est.)

### Language

Albanian 98.8% (official - derived from Tosk dialect), Greek 0.5%, other 0.6% (including Macedonian, Romani, Vlach, Turkish, Italian, and Serbo-Croatian), unspecified 0.1% (2011 est.)

### Religion

Muslim 56.7%, Roman Catholic 10%, Orthodox 6.8%, atheist 2.5%, Bektashi (a Sufi order) 2.1%, other 5.7%, unspecified 16.2% (2011 est.)

