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.)