INTRODUCTION

Hungary became a Christian kingdom in A.D. 1000 and for many centuries served as a bulwark against Ottoman Turkish expansion in Europe. The country fell under communist rule following World War II. Hungary held its first multiparty elections in 1990 and initiated a free market economy. It joined NATO in 1999 and the EU five years later.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State
President Katalin NOVAK

Head of Government
Prime Minister Viktor ORBAN

Government Type
parliamentary republic

Capital
Budapest

Legislature
unicameral National Assembly or Orszaggyules (199 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area
Total: 93,028 sq km
Land: 89,608 sq km
Water: 3,420 sq km

Climate
temperate; cold, cloudy, humid winters; warm summers

Natural Resources
bauxite, coal, natural gas, fertile soils, arable land

ECONOMY

Economic Overview
high-income EU and OECD economy; decreasing government spending; increasing judicial independence concerns; flat income taxation; increasingly dependent on energy imports; strong tourism and automotive manufacturing

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $302.3 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $31,000 (2020 est.)

Industries - mining, metallurgy, construction materials, processed foods, textiles, chemicals (including pharmaceuticals), vehicles

Agricultural products - maize, wheat, milk, sunflower seed, barley, rapeseed, sugar beets, apples, pork, grapes

Exports $123.8 billion (2020 est.)
cars/vehicle parts, packaged medicines, spark-ignition engines, video displays, broadcasting equipment (2019)
partners: Germany 27%, Romania 5%, Italy 5%, Slovakia 5% (2019)

Imports $120.3 billion (2020 est.)
cars/vehicle parts, integrated circuits, packaged medicines, broadcasting equipment, crude petroleum (2019)
partners: Germany 25%, China 6%, Poland 6%, Austria 6%, Czechia 5%, Slovakia 5%, Italy 5%, Netherlands 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population
9.7 million (July 2022 est.)

Population Growth
-0.3% (July 2022 est.)

Ethnicity
Hungarian 85.6%, Romani 3.2%, German 1.9%, other 2.6%, unspecified 14.1% (2011 est.)

Language
Hungarian (official) 99.6%, English 16%, German 11.2%, Russian 1.6%, Romanian 1.3%, French 1.2%, other 4.2% (2011 est.)

Religion
Roman Catholic 37.2%, Calvinist 11.6%, Lutheran 2.2%, Greek Catholic 1.8%, other 1.9%, none 18.2%, no response 27.2% (2011 est.)

as of May 2022