



# LUXEMBOURG



## INTRODUCTION

Founded in 963, Luxembourg became a grand duchy in 1815 and an independent state under the Netherlands. It lost more than half of its territory to Belgium in 1839 but gained a larger measure of autonomy. In 1867, Luxembourg attained full independence under the condition that it promise perpetual neutrality. The country became one of the six founding countries of the EEC (later the EU), and in 1999 it joined the euro currency zone.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

Grand Duke HENRI

### Head of Government

Prime Minister Xavier BETTEL

### Government Type

constitutional monarchy

### Capital

Luxembourg

### Legislature

unicameral Chamber of Deputies or Chambre des Deputes (60 seats)

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 2,586 sq km

Land: 2,586 sq km

Water: 0 sq km

### Climate

modified continental with mild winters, cool summers

### Natural Resources

iron ore (no longer exploited), arable land

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

high-income, EU-member European economy; global financial and information storage leader; high government spending; one of highest GDP per capita countries; unique audit accountancy based on company sizing; aging labor force; hit by COVID-19

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$69.72 billion (2020 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$110,300 (2020 est.)

**Industries** - banking/financial services, construction, real estate services, iron, metals, steel, information technology

**Agricultural products** - milk, wheat, barley, triticale, potatoes, pork, beef, grapes, rapeseed, oats

**Exports** \$137.1 billion (2020 est.)

iron/iron products, tires, cars, broadcasting equipment, clothing/apparel (2019)

**partners:** Germany 23%, France 13%, Belgium 12%, Netherlands 6%, Italy 5% (2019)

**Imports** \$110.1 billion (2020 est.)

cars, refined petroleum, broadcasting equipment, scrap iron, aircraft (2019)

**partners:** Belgium 27%, Germany 24%, France 11%, Netherlands 5% (2019)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

639,590 (July 2021 est.)

### Population Growth

1.7% (2021 est.)

### Ethnicity

Luxembourger 51.1%, Portuguese 15.7%, French 7.5%, Italian 3.6%, Belgian 3.3%, German 2.1%, Spanish 1.1%, British 1%, other 14.6% (2019 est.)

### Language

Luxembourgish (official language) 55.8%, Portuguese 15.7%, French (official administrative, judicial, and legislative language) 12.1%, German (official administrative and judicial language) 3.1%, Italian 2.9%, English 2.1%, other 8.4% (2011 est.)

### Religion

Christian (predominantly Roman Catholic) 70.4%, Muslim 2.3%, other 0.5%, none 26.8% (2010 est.)

