CAMBODIA

INTRODUCTION
Most Cambodians consider themselves to be Khmers, descendants of the Angkor Empire that extended over much of Southeast Asia and reached its zenith between the 10th and 13th centuries. Following Japanese occupation in World War II, Cambodia gained full independence from France in 1953.

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
King Norodom SIHAMONI
Head of Government
Prime Minister HUN SEN
Government Type
parliamentary constitutional monarchy
Capital
Phnom Penh
Legislature
bicameral Parliament of Cambodia consists of the Senate (62 seats) and the National Assembly (125 seats/5-year terms)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 181,035 sq km
Land: 176,515 sq km
Water: 4,520 sq km
Climate
tropical; rainy, monsoon season (May to November); dry season (December to April); little seasonal temperature variation
Natural Resources
oil and gas, timber, gemstones, iron ore, manganese, phosphates, hydropower potential, arable land

as of December 2021

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
one of the fastest growing economies; tourism and clothing exports; substantial manufacturing and construction sectors; COVID-19 declines and the suspension of EU market preferential access; massive reductions in poverty, but rural areas remain disproportionately poor
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $70.08 billion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $4,200 (2020 est.)
Industries - tourism, garments, construction, rice milling, fishing, wood and wood products, rubber, cement, gem mining, textiles
Agricultural products - cassava, rice, maize, vegetables, sugar cane, soybeans, rubber, oil palm fruit, bananas, pork
Exports $19.4 billion (2020 est.)
clothing, precious metal scraps, trunks/cases, gold, leather footwear (2019)
partners: US 21%, Singapore 8%, Thailand 8%, Germany 7%, Japan 6%, China 5%, Canada 5%, UK 5% (2019)
Imports $23.12 billion (2020 est.)
refined petroleum, clothing, gold, cars, flavored water (2019)
partners: China 27%, Thailand 25%, Vietnam 15%, Singapore 8% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
17.3 million (July 2021 est.)
Population Growth
1.34% (2021 est.)
Ethnicity
Khmer 97.6%, Cham 1.2%, Chinese 0.1%, Vietnamese 0.1%, other 0.9% (2013 est.)
Language
Khmer (official) 95.8%, other 4.2% (2019 est.)
Religion
Buddhist (official) 97.1%, Muslim 2%, Christian 0.3%, other 0.5% (2019 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 24.7% of total population (2021)
rate of urbanization: 3.06% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)