



# POLAND



## INTRODUCTION

By the mid-16th century, the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth ruled a vast tract of land in Central and Eastern Europe. During the 18th century, internal disorders weakened the nation, and in a series of agreements between 1772 and 1795, Russia, Prussia, and Austria partitioned Poland among themselves. Poland became a Soviet satellite state following World War II. Free elections in 1989 and 1990 brought the communist era to a close.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President Andrzej DUDA

### Head of Government

Prime Minister Mateusz MORAWIECKI

### Government Type

parliamentary republic

### Capital

Warsaw

### Legislature

bicameral legislature consists of the Senate or Senat (100 seats) and the Sejm (460 seats)

### Ambassador to US

Ambassador Marek Grzegorz MAGIEROWSKI

### US Ambassador

Ambassador Mark BRZEZINSKI

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 312,685 sq km

Land: 304,255 sq km

Water: 8,430 sq km

### Climate

temperate with cold, cloudy, moderately severe winters with frequent precipitation; mild summers with frequent rain

### Natural Resources

coal, sulfur, copper, natural gas, silver, lead, salt, amber, arable land

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

diversified, high-growth European economy; COVID-19 led to first recession in nearly 3 decades; recovering strongly; ongoing war in neighboring Ukraine likely to continue this trend; EU and NATO member; bolstering US relations; economic concentration in western region; aging labor force; growing debt

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$1.318 trillion (2021 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$34,900 (2021 est.)

**Industries** - machine building, iron, steel, coal mining, chemicals, shipbuilding, food processing, glass, beverages, textiles

**Agricultural products** - milk, sugar beets, wheat, potatoes, triticale, maize, barley, apples, mixed grains, rye

**Exports** \$411.62 billion (2021 est.)

cars/vehicle parts, seats, furniture, electric batteries, computers (2020)

**partners:** Germany 28%, Czechia 6%, France 6%, UK 6%, Netherlands 4% (2020)

**Imports** \$380.70 billion (2021 est.)

cars/vehicle parts, crude petroleum, packaged medicines, broadcasting equipment, and office machinery/parts (2020)

**partners:** Germany 25%, China 12%, Italy 5%, Netherlands 5%, Czechia 4% (2020)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

38 million (2023 est.)

### Population Growth

-0.28% (2023 est.)

### Ethnicity

Polish 96.9%, Silesian 1.1%, German 0.2%, Ukrainian 0.1%, other and unspecified 1.7% (2011 est.)

### Language

Polish (official) 98.2%, Silesian 1.4%, other 1.1%, unspecified 1.2% (2011 est.)

### Religion

Catholic 85%, Orthodox 1.3%, Protestant 0.4%, other 0.3%, unspecified 12.9% (2020 est.)