**INTRODUCTION**
The Mongols gained fame in the 13th century when they established a huge Eurasian empire through conquest. The Mongols eventually retired to their original steppe homelands and in the late 17th century came under Chinese rule. The Mongolian Revolution of 1921 ended Chinese dominance, and a communist regime, the Mongolian People’s Republic, took power in 1924.

**GOVERNMENT**
Chief of State
President Ukhnaa KHURELSUKH
Head of Government
Prime Minister Luvsannamsrai OYUN-ERDENE
Government Type
semi-presidential republic
Capital
Ulaanbaatar
Legislature
unicameral State Great Hural or Ulsyn Ikh Khural (76 seats; 4-year terms)

**GEOGRAPHY**
Area
Total: 1,564,116 sq km
Land: 1,553,556 sq km
Water: 10,560 sq km
Climate
desert; continental (large daily and seasonal temperature ranges)
Natural Resources
oil, coal, copper, molybdenum, tungsten, phosphates, tin, nickel, zinc, fluorspar, gold, silver, iron

**ECONOMY**
Economic Overview
lower middle-income East Asian economy; large human capital improvements over last 3 decades; agricultural and natural resource rich; Chinese border closures and COVID-19 hurt; growth and poverty decline mainly in rural areas
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $37.6 billion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $11,500 (2020 est.)
Industries - construction/construction materials, mining (coal, copper, molybdenum, fluorspar, tin, tungsten, gold), oil, food/beverages, animal products processing, cashmere and natural fiber manufacturing
Agricultural products - milk, wheat, goat milk, potatoes, mutton, sheep milk, beef, goat meat, horse meat, carrots/turnips
Exports $7.65 billion (2020 est.)
coal, copper, gold, iron, crude petroleum (2019)
partners: China 81%, Switzerland 9% (2019)
Imports $7.34 billion (2020 est.)
refined petroleum, cars, delivery trucks, construction vehicles, aircraft (2019)
partners: China 31%, Russia 29%, Japan 10%, South Korea 5% (2019)

**PEOPLE & SOCIETY**
Population
3.2 million (July 2021 est.)
Population Growth
0.93% (2021 est.)
Ethnicity
Khalkh 83.8%, Kazak 3.8%, Durvud 2.6%, Bayad 2%, Buriad 1.4%, Zakhchin 1.2%, Dariganga 1.1%, other 4.1% (2020 est.)
Language
Mongolian 90% (official; Khalkha dialect is predominant), Turkic, Russian (1999)
Religion
Buddhist 51.7%, Muslim 3.2%, Shamanist 2.5%, Christian 1.3%, other 0.7%, none 40.6% (2020 est.)
as of December 2021