



# MONGOLIA



## 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, fluor spar, 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, fluor spar, 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.)

