INTRODUCTION
The Tajik people came under Russian imperial rule in the 1860s and 1870s. In 1929, the USSR designated Tajikistan a separate republic. Tajikistan became independent in 1991 following the breakup of the Soviet Union.

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Emomali RAHMON
Head of Government
Prime Minister Qohir RASULZODA
Government Type
presidential republic
Capital
Dushanbe
Legislature
bicameral Supreme Assembly or Majlisi Oli consists of the National Assembly or Majlisi Milli (34 seats) and the Assembly of Representatives or Majlisi Namoyandagon (63 seats)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 144,100 sq km
Land: 141,510 sq km
Water: 2,590 sq km
Climate
mid-latitude continental, hot summers, mild winters; semiarid to polar in Pamir Mountains
Natural Resources
hydropower, some petroleum, uranium, mercury, brown coal, lead, zinc, antimony, tungsten, silver, gold

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ECONOMY
Economic Overview
lower middle-income Central Asian economy; key gold, cotton, and aluminum exporter; declining poverty; sustained high growth; very limited private sector; substantial illicit drug trade; significant remittances; environmentally fragile
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $34.88 billion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $3,700 (2020 est.)
Industries - aluminum, cement, coal, gold, silver, antimony, textiles, vegetable oil
Agricultural products - milk, potatoes, wheat, watermelons, onions, tomatoes, vegetables, cotton, carrots/tumips, beef
Exports $1.41 billion (2020 est.)
gold, aluminum, cotton, zinc, antimony, lead (2019)
partners: Turkey 24%, Switzerland 22%, Uzbekistan 16%, Kazakhstan 12%, China 10% (2019)
Imports $3.13 billion (2020 est.)
refined petroleum, wheat, natural gas, bauxite, aircraft (2019)
partners: China 40%, Russia 38%, Kazakhstan 19%, Uzbekistan 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
9 million (July 2021 est.)
Population Growth
1.44% (2021 est.)
Ethnicity
Tajik 84.3% (includes Pamiri and Yagnobi), Uzbek 13.8%, other 2% (includes Kyrgyz, Russian, Turkmen, Tatar, Arab) (2014 est.)
Language
Tajik (official) 84.4%, Uzbek 11.9%, Kyrgyz 0.8%, Russian 0.5%, other 2.4% (2010 est.)
note: Russian widely used in government and business
Religion
Muslim 98% (Sunni 95%, Shia 3%), other 2% (2014 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 27.7% of total population (2021)
rate of urbanization: 2.73% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)