KOSOVO

INTRODUCTION
During the medieval period, Kosovo became the center of a Serbian Empire and saw the construction of many important Serb religious sites. Formerly part of Yugoslavia, Kosovo became independent in 2008. Demonstrating Kosovo’s development into a sovereign, multi-ethnic, democratic country, the international community ended the period of Supervised Independence in 2012.

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Vjosa OSMANI
Head of Government
Prime Minister Albin KURTI
Government Type
parliamentary republic
Capital
Pristina
Legislature
unicameral Assembly or Kuvendi i Kosoves/Skupstina Kosova (120 seats)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 10,887 sq km
Land: 10,887 sq km
Water: 0 sq km
Climate
influenced by continental air masses resulting in relatively cold winters with heavy snowfall and hot, dry summers and autumns; Mediterranean and alpine influences create regional variation; maximum rainfall between October and December
Natural Resources
nickel, lead, zinc, magnesium, lignite, kaolin, chrome, bauxite

as of October 2021

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
small-but-growing European economy; non-EU member but unilateral euro user; very high unemployment, especially youth; vulnerable reliance on diaspora tourism services, curtailed by COVID-19 disruptions; unclear public loan portfolio health
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $19.13 billion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $10,800 (2020 est.)
Industries - mineral mining, construction materials, base metals, machinery, appliances, foodstuffs/beverages, textiles
Agricultural products - wheat, corn, berries, potatoes, peppers, fruit, dairy, livestock, fish
Exports $1.69 billion (2020 est.)
making, processed metal products, scrap metals, leather products, machinery, appliances, prepared foodstuffs, beverages, tobacco
partners: Albania 16%, India 14%, North Macedonia 12%, Serbia 11%, Switzerland 6%, Germany 5% (2017)
Imports $4.19 billion (2020 est.)
foodstuffs, livestock, wood, petroleum, chemicals, machinery, minerals, textiles, stone, ceramic/glass products, electrical equipment
partners: Germany 12%, Serbia 12%, Turkey 10%, China 9%, Italy 6%, North Macedonia 5%, Albania 5% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
1.9 million (July 2021 est.)
Population Growth
0.67% (2021 est.)
Ethnicity
Albanians 92.9%, Bosniaks 1.6%, Serbs 1.5%, Turk 1.1%, Ashkali 0.9%, Egyptian 0.7%, Gorani 0.6%, Romani 0.5%, other/unspecified 0.2% (2011 est.)
Language
Albanian (official) 94.5%, Bosnian 1.7%, Serbian (official) 1.6%, Turkish 1.1%, other 0.9% (includes Romani), unspecified 0.1% (2011 est.)
Religion
Muslim 95.6%, Roman Catholic 2.2%, Orthodox 1.5%, other 0.1%, none 0.1%, unspecified 0.6% (2011 est.)