ALGERIA

INTRODUCTION
Algeria was heavily colonized by the French in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. A bloody eight-year struggle culminated in Algerian independence in 1962.

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Abdelmadjid TEBBOUNE
Head of Government
Prime Minister Ayman BENABDERRAHMANE
Government Type
presidential republic
Capital
Algiers
Legislature
bicameral Parliament consists of Council of the Nation (upper house with 144 seats) and the National People’s Assembly (lower house with 407 seats)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 2,381,740 sq km
Land: 2,381,740 sq km
Water: 0 sq km
Climate
arid to semiarid; dry, hot summers along the coast; drier with cold winters and hot summers on high plateau
Natural Resources
petroleum, natural gas, iron ore, phosphates, uranium, lead, zinc

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
suffering oil and gas economy; lack of sector and market diversification; political instability chilling domestic consumption; poor credit access and declines in business confidence; COVID-19 austerity policies; delayed promised socio-economic reforms
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $468.4 billion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $10,700 (2020 est.)
Industries - petroleum, natural gas, light industries, mining, electrical, petrochemical, food processing
Agricultural products - potatoes, wheat, milk, watermelons, barley, onions, tomatoes, oranges, dates, vegetables
Exports $34.37 billion (2017 est.)
crude petroleum, natural gas, refined petroleum, fertilizers, ammonia (2019)
partners: Italy 13%, France 13%, Spain 12%, US 7%, UK 7%, India 5%, South Korea 5% (2019)
Imports $48.54 billion (2017 est.)
refined petroleum, wheat, packaged medical supplies, milk, vehicle parts (2019)
partners: China 18%, France 14%, Italy 8%, Spain 8%, Germany 5%, Turkey 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
43.6 million (July 2021 est.)
Population Growth
1.41% (2021 est.)
Ethnicity
Arab-Berber 99%, European less than 1%
Language
Arabic (official), French (lingua franca), Berber or Tamazight (official); dialects include Kabyle Berber (Taqbayilt), Shawiya Berber (Tacawit), Mzab Berber, Tuareg Berber (Tamahaq)
Religion
Muslim (official; predominantly Sunni) 99%, other (includes Christian and Jewish) <1% (2012 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 74.3% of total population (2021)
rate of urbanization: 1.99% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)
as of October 2021