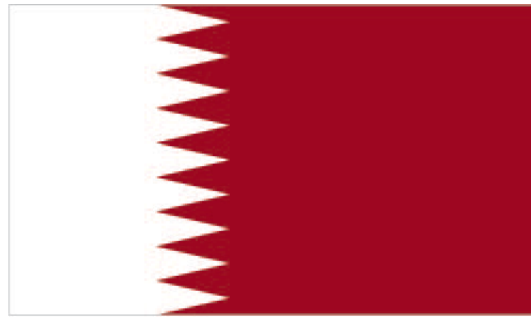




QATAR



INTRODUCTION

Ruled by the Al Thani family since the mid-1800s, Qatar within the last 60 years transformed itself from a poor British protectorate noted mainly for pearling into an independent state with significant oil and natural gas revenues. Leadership changes in 1995 ushered in wide-sweeping political and media reforms, unprecedented economic investment, and a growing Qatari regional leadership role.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

Amir TAMIM bin Hamad Al Thani

Head of Government

Prime Minister and Foreign Minister
MUHAMMAD bin Abd al-Rahman Al Thani

Government Type

absolute monarchy

Capital

Doha

Legislature

unicameral Advisory Council or Majlis al-Shura
(45 seats)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador MISHAL bin Hamad bin Muhammad
Al Thani

US Ambassador

Ambassador Timmy DAVIS

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 11,586 sq km
Land: 11,586 sq km
Water: 0 sq km

Climate

arid; mild, pleasant winters; very hot, humid
summers

Natural Resources

petroleum, fish, natural gas

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

high-income, oil-and-gas-based Middle Eastern economy; better regional integration after 2021 terrorism resolution; sports-led infrastructure investments; Islamic finance leader; citizenship-based labor force growth

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$260.2 billion (2022 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$96,600 (2022 est.)

Industries - liquefied natural gas, crude oil production and refining, ammonia, fertilizer, petrochemicals, steel reinforcing bars, cement, commercial ship repair

Agricultural products - eggs, tomatoes, dates, poultry, cucumbers, camel milk, sheep milk, goat milk, pumpkins/gourds, poultry

Exports \$161.7 billion (2022 est.)

natural gas, crude petroleum, refined petroleum, fertilizers, ethylene polymers (2022)

partners: China 18%, India 15%, Japan 10%, South Korea 9%, United Kingdom 6% (2022)

Imports \$74.5 billion (2022 est.)

gas turbines, jewelry, cars, aircraft, broadcasting equipment (2022)

partners: UAE 13%, China 11%, US 10%, UK 8%, India 5% (2022)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

2.5 million (2023 est.)

Population Growth

0.86% (2023 est.)

Ethnicity

non-Qatari 88.4%, Qatari 11.6% (2015 est.)

Language

Arabic (official), English commonly used as a second language

Religion

Muslim 65.2%, Christian 13.7%, Hindu 15.9%, Buddhist 3.8%, folk religion <0.1%, Jewish <0.1%, other <1%, unaffiliated <1% (2020 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 99.4% of total population (2023)

rate of urbanization: 1.66% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)