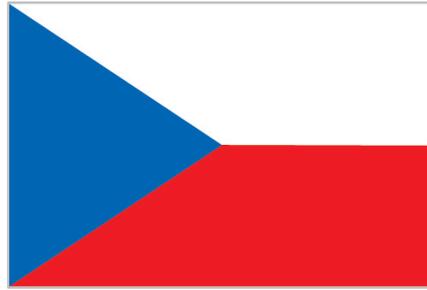




CZECHIA



INTRODUCTION

Following World War I, the Czechs and Slovaks of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire merged to form Czechoslovakia, but then split in 1993 in the nonviolent “velvet divorce.” The Czech Republic joined NATO in 1999 and the EU in 2004. The country added the short-form name Czechia in 2016.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Milos ZEMAN

Head of Government

Prime Minister Andrej BABIS

Government Type

parliamentary republic

Capital

Prague

Legislature

bicameral Parliament or Parliament consists of: Senate or Senat (81 seats); Chamber of Deputies or Poslanecka Snemovna (200 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 78,867 sq km

Land: 77,247 sq km

Water: 1,620 sq km

Climate

temperate; cool summers; cold, cloudy, humid winters

Natural Resources

hard coal, soft coal, kaolin, clay, graphite, timber, arable land

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

high income, diversified EU economy; advanced services and automotive exporter; mostly intra-EU trader; low unemployment; usually maintains a positive trade balance; large investments in systems innovation and information technologies

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$410 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$38,300 (2020 est.)

Industries - motor vehicles, metallurgy, machinery and equipment, glass, armaments

Agricultural products - wheat, sugar beets, milk, barley, rapeseed, potatoes, maize, pork, triticale, poultry

Exports \$174.9 billion (2020 est.)

cars/vehicle parts, computers, broadcasting equipment, office machinery/parts, seating (2019)

partners: Germany 31%, Slovakia 7%, Poland 6%, France 5% (2019)

Imports \$158 billion (2020 est.)

broadcasting equipment, cars/vehicle parts, office machinery/parts, computers, packaged medicines (2019)

partners: Germany 27%, China 12%, Poland 9%, Slovakia 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

10.7 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

0.04% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Czech 64.3%, Moravian 5%, Slovak 1.4%, other 1.8%, unspecified 27.5% (2011 est.)

Language

Czech (official) 95.4%, Slovak 1.6%, other 3% (2011 census)

Religion

Roman Catholic 10.4%, Protestant (includes Czech Brethren and Hussite) 1.1%, other and unspecified 54%, none 34.5% (2011 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 74.2% of total population (2021)

rate of urbanization: 0.2% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)

