KYRGYZSTAN

INTRODUCTION
A Central Asian country of incredible natural beauty and proud nomadic traditions, most of the territory of the present-day Kyrgyz Republic was formally annexed to the Russian Empire in 1876. The Kyrgyz Republic became a Soviet republic in 1936 and achieved independence in 1991 when the USSR dissolved.

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Sadyr JAPAROV
Head of Government
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Government Type
parliamentary republic
Capital
Bishkek
Legislature
unicameral Supreme Council or Jogorku Kengesh (120 seats)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 199,951 sq km
Land: 191,801 sq km
Water: 8,150 sq km
Climate
dry continental to polar in high Tien Shan Mountains; subtropical in southwest (Fergana Valley); temperate in northern foothill zone
Natural Resources
abundant hydropower; gold, rare earth metals; locally exploitable coal, oil, and natural gas; other deposits of nepheline, mercury, bismuth, lead, and zinc

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
landlocked, lower-middle-income Central Asian economy; natural resource rich; growing hydroelectricity and tourism; high remittances; corruption limits investment; COVID-19 and political turmoil hurt GDP, limited public revenues, and increased spending
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $31.02 billion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $4,700 (2020 est.)
Industries - small machinery, textiles, food processing, cement, shoes, lumber, refrigerators, furniture, electric motors, gold, rare earth metals
Agricultural products - milk, potatoes, sugar beets, maize, wheat, barley, tomatoes, watermelons, onions, carrots/turnips
Exports $2.742 billion (2019 est.)
gold, precious metals, various beans, refined petroleum, scrap copper (2019)
partners: UK 56%, Kazakhstan 13%, Russia 13%, Uzbekistan 5% (2019)
Imports $5.477 billion (2019 est.)
refined petroleum, footwear, clothing, apparel, broadcasting equipment, walnuts (2019)
partners: China 53%, Russia 17%, Kazakhstan 7%, Uzbekistan 7%, Turkey 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
6.1 mil. (July 2022 est.)
Population Growth
0.86% (2022 est.)
Ethnicity
Kyrgyz 73.8%, Uzbek 14.8%, Russian 5.1%, Dungan 1.1%, other 5.2% (includes Uyghur, Tajik, Turk, Kazakh, Tatar, Ukrainian, Korean, German) (2021 est.)
Language
Kyrgyz (official) 71.4%, Uzbek 14.4%, Russian (official) 9%, other 5.2% (2009 est.)
Religion
Muslim 90% (majority Sunni), Christian 7% (Russian Orthodox 3%), other 3% (includes Jewish, Buddhist, Baha’i) (2017 est.)
as of May 2022