



ARMENIA



INTRODUCTION

Armenia declared independence from the Soviet Union on 21 September 1991. Armenia prides itself on being the first nation to formally adopt Christianity (early 4th century).

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Armen SARKISSIAN

Head of Government

Prime Minister Nikol PASHINYAN

Government Type

parliamentary democracy

Capital

Yerevan

Legislature

unicameral National Assembly (Parliament) or Azgayin Zhoghov (minimum 101 seats, currently 132)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 29,743 sq km

Land: 28,203 sq km

Water: 1,540 sq km

Climate

highland continental, hot summers, cold winters

Natural Resources

small deposits of gold, copper, molybdenum, zinc, bauxite

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

EEU-and CIS-member state but seeking more EU and US trade; business-friendly growth environments; stable monetary regime but vulnerable demand economy; key copper and gold exporter; persistent unemployment; large diaspora and remittances

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$37.31 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$12,600 (2020 est.)

Industries - brandy, mining, diamond processing, metal-cutting machine tools, forging and pressing machines, electric motors, knitted wear, hosiery, shoes, silk fabric, chemicals, trucks

Agricultural products - milk, potatoes, grapes, vegetables, tomatoes, watermelons, wheat, apples, cabbages, barley

Exports \$3.82 billion (2020 est.)

copper ore, gold, tobacco, liquors, iron alloys (2019)

partners: Russia 22%, Switzerland 20%, China 7%, Bulgaria 6%, Iraq 5%, Serbia 5%, Netherlands 5%, Germany 5% (2019)

Imports \$5 billion (2020 est.)

natural gas, cars, refined petroleum, broadcasting equipment, diamonds (2019)

partners: Russia 29%, China 10%, Georgia 8%, Iran 6%, Turkey 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

3.0 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

-0.35% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Armenian 98.1%, Yezidi (Kurd) 1.2%, other 0.7% (2011 est.)

Language

Armenian (official) 97.9%, Kurdish (spoken by Yezidi minority) 1%, other 1% (2011 est.)

note: Russian is widely spoken

Religion

Armenian Apostolic 92.6%, Evangelical 1%, other 2.4%, none 1.1%, unspecified 2.9% (2011 est.)

