

TURKEY









INTRODUCTION

Modern Turkey was founded in 1923 from the remnants of the defeated Ottoman Empire by national hero Mustafa KEMAL, who was later honored with the title Ataturk or "Father of the Turks." Under his leadership, the country adopted radical social, legal, and political reforms. Turkey joined the UN in 1945 and in 1952 it became a member of NATO. In 1963, Turkey became an associate member of the European Community.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Recep Tayyip ERDOGAN

Head of Government

President Recep Tayyip ERDOGAN

Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Ankara

Legislature

unicameral Grand National Assembly of Turkey or Turkiye Buyuk Millet Meclisi (600 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 783,562 sq km Land: 769,632 sq km Water: 13,930 sq km

Climate

temperate; hot, dry summers with mild, wet winters; harsher in interior

Natural Resources

coal, iron ore, copper, chromium, antimony, mercury, gold, barite, borate, celestite (strontium), emery, feldspar, limestone, magnesite, marble, perlite, pumice, pyrites (sulfur), clay, arable land, hydropower

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

upper middle-income, diversified Middle Eastern economy; economic instability from 2016 attempted coup and 2018 currency recession; hit hard by COVID-19, increasing poverty and unemployment; endemic corruption; large agriculture labor force

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$2.394 trillion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$28,400 (2020 est.)
Industries - textiles, food processing, automobiles, electronics, mining, steel, petroleum, construction, lumber, paper

Agricultural products - milk, wheat, sugar beets, tomatoes, barley, maize, potatoes, grapes, watermelons, apples

Exports \$203.3 billion (2020 est.)

cars/vehicle parts, refined petroleum, delivery trucks, jewelry, clothing, apparel (2019)

partners: Germany 9%, UK 6%, Iraq 5%, Italy 5%, US 5% (2019) **Imports** \$232 billion (2020 est.)

gold, refined and crude petroleum, vehicle parts, scrap iron (2019) **partners:** Germany 11%, China 9%, Russia 9%, US 5%, Italy 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

82.5 million (July 2021 est.)

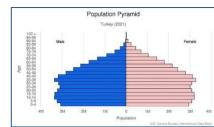
Population Growth

0.7% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Turkish 70-75%, Kurdish

19%, other minorities 7-12% (2016 est.)



Language

Turkish (official), Kurdish, other minority languages

Religion

Muslim 99.8% (mostly Sunni), other 0.2% (mostly Christians and Jews)

Urbanization

urban population: 76.6% of total population (2021)

rate of urbanization: 1.11% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)

Literacy

96.2% (2017)