

# **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 Minister of Interior Sheikh KHALID ibn Khalifa ibn Abdul Aziz Al Thani

## **Government Type**

absolute monarchy

# Capital

Doha

#### Legislature

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

# **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; infrastructure investments ahead of 2022 World Cup; Islamic finance leader; citizenship-based labor force growth

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$245.7 billion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$85,300 (2020 est.)
Industries - liquefied natural gas, crude oil production and refining, ammonia, fertilizer, petrochemicals, steel reinforcing bars, cement, commercial ship repair

Agricultural products - tomatoes, dates, camel milk, sheep milk, goat milk, pumpkins/gourds, mutton, poultry, milk, eggplants

Exports \$70.93 billion (2020 est.)

natural gas, crude petroleum, refined petroleum, ethylene polymers, fertilizers (2019)

partners: Japan 17%, South Korea 16%, India 14%, China 13%, Singapore 7% (2019)

**Imports** \$59.06 billion (2020 est.)

aircraft, gas turbines, cars, jewelry, iron piping (2019)

**partners:** US 15%, France 13%, UK 9%, China 9%, Germany 5%, Italy 5% (2019)

# **PEOPLE & SOCIETY**

# **Population**

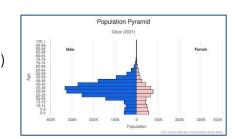
2.5 million (July 2021 est.)

# **Population Growth**

1.23% (2021 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: 99.3% of total population (2021)

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