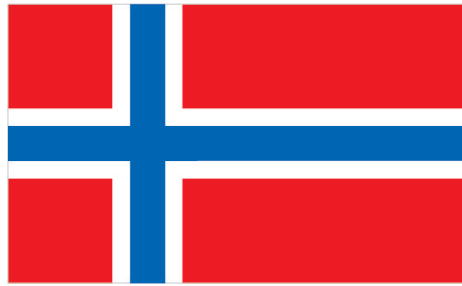




NORWAY



INTRODUCTION

Two centuries of Viking raids into Europe tapered off following the adoption of Christianity in 994. In 1397, Norway was absorbed into a union with Denmark that lasted more than four centuries. Rising nationalism throughout the 19th century led to a 1905 referendum granting Norway independence from Sweden.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

King HARALD V

Head of Government

Prime Minister Erna SOLBERG

Government Type

parliamentary constitutional monarchy

Capital

Oslo

Legislature

unicameral Parliament or Storting (169 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 323,802 sq km

Land: 304-282 sq km

Water: 19,520 sq km

Climate

temperate along coast, modified by North Atlantic Current; colder interior with increased precipitation and colder summers; rainy year-round on west coast

Natural Resources

petroleum, natural gas, iron ore, copper, lead, zinc, titanium, pyrites, nickel, fish, timber, hydropower

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

high-income non-EU European economy; aging labor force; large state-owned energy company constrains budget and spending; largest oil sovereign wealth fund; major fishing, forestry, and extraction industries; large welfare system

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$342.1 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$63,600 (2020 est.)

Industries - petroleum and gas, shipping, fishing, aquaculture, food processing, shipbuilding, pulp and paper products, metals, chemicals, timber, mining, textiles

Agricultural products - milk, barley, wheat, potatoes, oats, pork, poultry, beef, eggs, rye

Exports \$117.1 billion (2020 est.)

crude petroleum, natural gas, fish, refined petroleum, aluminum (2019)

partners: UK 18%, Germany 14%, Netherlands 10%, Sweden 9%, France 6%, US 5% (2019)

Imports \$119.1 billion (2020 est.)

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

partners: Sweden 17%, Germany 12%, China 8%, Denmark 7%, US 6%, UK 5%, Netherlands 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

5.5 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

0.8% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Norwegian 81.5% (includes about 60,000 Sami), other European 8.9%, other 9.6% (2021 est.)

Language

Bokmal Norwegian (official), Nynorsk Norwegian (official), small Sami- and Finnish-speaking minorities

Religion

Church of Norway (Evangelical Lutheran - official) 67.5%, Muslim 3.1%, Roman Catholic 3.1%, other Christian 3.8%, other 2.6%, unspecified 19.9% (2021 est.)

