



INTRODUCTION

Founded in the 12th century, the Principality of Muscovy was able to emerge from over 200 years of Mongol domination and to gradually conquer and absorb surrounding principalities. In the early 17th century, Russia continued this policy of expansion across Siberia to the Pacific. Communists under Vladimir LENIN seized power soon after the 1917 revolution and formed the USSR. December 1991 saw dissolution of the USSR into Russia and 14 other independent states.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Vladimir Vladimirovich PUTIN

Head of Government

Premier Mikhail Vladimirovich MISHUSTIN

Government Type

semi-presidential federation

Capital

Moscow

Legislature

bicameral Federal Assembly or Federalnoye Sobraniye consists of Federation Council or Sovet Federatsii (170 seats) and State Duma or Gosudarstvennaya Duma (450 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 17,098,242 sq km Land: 16,377,742 sq km Water: 720,500 sq km

Climate

subarctic in Siberia to tundra climate in the polar north; winters vary from cool along Black Sea coast to frigid in Siberia; summers vary from warm in the steppes to cool along Arctic coast

Natural Resources

major deposits of oil, natural gas, coal, and many strategic minerals, bauxite, reserves of rare earth elements, timber

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

natural resource-rich Eurasian economy; leading energy exporter to Europe and Asia; decreased oil export reliance; endemic corruption, Ukrainian invasion, and lack of green infrastructure limit investment and have led to sanctions

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$3.876 trillion (2020 est.) GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$26,500 (2020 est.)

Industries - mining/extractive industries (coal, oil, gas, chemicals, metals), machine building (including high-performance aircraft, space vehicles), defense industries (including radar, missile production, advanced electronic components), shipbuilding

Agricultural products - wheat, sugar beets, milk, potatoes, barley, sunflower seed, maize, poultry, oats, soybeans

Exports \$379.1 billion (2020 est.)

crude and refined petroleum, natural gas, coal, wheat, iron (2019) **partners:** China 14%, Netherlands 10%, Belarus 5%, Germany 5% (2019)

Imports \$304.7 billion (2020 est.)

cars/vehicle parts, packaged medicines, broadcasting equipment, aircraft, computers (2019)

Population Pyramic

partners: China 20%, Germany 13%, Belarus 6% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

142.3 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

-0.2% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Russian 77.7%, Tatar 3.7%,

Ukrainian 1.4%, Bashkir 1.1%, Chuvash 1%, Chechen 1%, other 10.2%, unspecified 3.9% (2010 est.)

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Language

Russian (official) 85.7%, Tatar 3.2%, Chechen 1%, other 10.1% (2010 est.)

Religion

Russian Orthodox 15-20%, Muslim 10-15%, other Christian 2% (2006 est.)