



SLOVAKIA



INTRODUCTION

Slovakia traces its roots to the 9th century state of Great Moravia. After the dissolution of the Austro-Hungarian Empire at the close of World War I, the Slovaks joined the Czechs to form Czechoslovakia. In 1993, Czechoslovakia underwent a nonviolent "velvet divorce" into its two national components, Slovakia and the Czech Republic.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Zuzana CAPUTOVA

Head of Government

Prime Minister Eduard HEGER

Government Type

parliamentary republic

Capital

Bratislava

Legislature

unicameral National Council or Narodna Rada (150 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 49,035 sq km

Land: 48,105 sq km

Water: 930 sq km

Climate

temperate; cool summers; cold, cloudy, humid winters

Natural Resources

lignite, small amounts of iron ore, copper and manganese ore, salt, arable land

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

high-income, EU-member European economy; major electronics and automobile exporter; new anticorruption and judiciary reforms; low unemployment; low regional innovation; strong financial sector

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$165.6 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$30,300 (2020 est.)

Industries - automobiles, metal/metal products, electricity, gas, coke, oil, nuclear fuel, chemicals, synthetic fibers, wood/paper products, machinery, earthenware/ceramics, textiles, electrical and optical apparatus, rubber products, food/beverages

Agricultural products - wheat, maize, sugar beets, milk, barley, rapeseed, potatoes, sunflower seed, soybeans, pork

Exports \$89.92 billion (2020 est.)

cars/vehicle parts, video displays, broadcasting equipment, tires, refined petroleum (2019)

partners: Germany 22%, Czechia 11%, Poland 7%, France 7%, Hungary 6%, Austria 5%, UK 5% (2019)

Imports \$87.95 billion (2020 est.)

cars/vehicle parts, broadcasting equipment, crude petroleum, natural gas, insulated wiring (2019)

partners: Germany 18%, Czechia 18%, Poland 8%, Hungary 7%, Russia 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

5.4 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

-0.08% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Slovak 80.7%, Hungarian 8.5%, Romani 2%, other 1.8% (includes Czech, Ruthenian, Ukrainian, Russian, German, Polish), unspecified 7% (2011 est.)

Language

Slovak (official) 78.6%, Hungarian 9.4%, Roma 2.3%, Ruthenian 1%, other or unspecified 8.8% (2011 est.)

Religion

Roman Catholic 62%, Protestant 8.2%, Greek Catholic 3.8%, other or unspecified 12.5%, none 13.4% (2011 est.)

