



# Gibraltar



**Background** Spain ceded the strategically important Gibraltar to Great Britain in 1713. The British garrison there was formally declared a colony in 1830. In a referendum held in 1967, Gibraltarians voted overwhelmingly to remain a British dependency, although Spain has since continued to push for control of Gibraltar.

**Capital** name: Gibraltar

**Government type** parliamentary democracy (Parliament); self-governing overseas territory of the UK

**Area**  
total: 7 sq km  
land: 6.5 sq km  
water: 0 sq km

**Climate** Mediterranean with mild winters and warm summers

**Natural resources** none

**Population** total: 29,683 (2024 est.)

**Population growth rate** 0.17% (2024 est.)

**Ethnic groups** Gibraltarian 79%, other British 13.2%, Spanish 2.1%, Moroccan 1.6%, other EU 2.4%, other 1.6% (2012 est.)

**Religions** Roman Catholic 72.1%, Church of England 7.7%, other Christian 3.8%, Muslim 3.6%, Jewish 2.4%, Hindu 2%, other 1.1%, none 7.1%, unspecified 0.1% (2012 est.)

**Languages** English (used in schools and for official purposes), Spanish, Italian, Portuguese

**Executive branch** chief of state: King CHARLES III (since 8 September 2022); represented by Governor Sir David STEEL (since 11 June 2020)

head of government: Chief Minister Fabian PICARDO (since 9 December 2011)

**Economic overview** British territorial high-income economy; Brexit caused significant economic disruption to longstanding financial services, shipping, and tourism industries; ongoing negotiations to rejoin EU Schengen Area; independent taxation authority

**Real GDP (purchasing power parity)** \$2.044 billion (2014 est.)

**Real GDP per capita** \$61,700 (2014 est.)

**Exports** \$202.3 million (2014 est.)

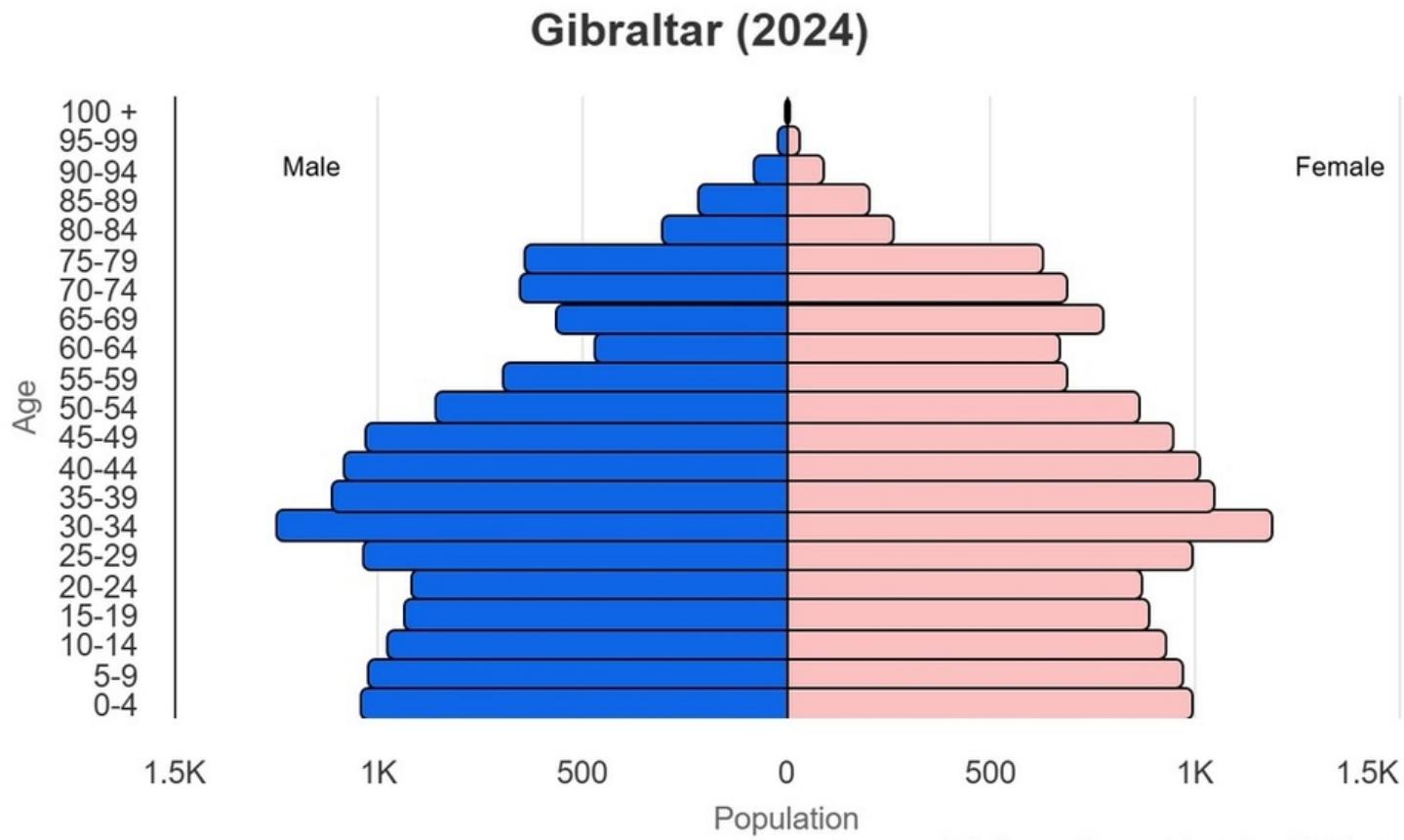
**Exports - partners** Netherlands 38%, France 26%, Cyprus 7%, Poland 7%, Sweden 6% (2023)

**Exports - commodities** refined petroleum, natural gas, ships, cars, scrap iron (2023)

**Imports - partners** Italy 26%, Greece 12%, Spain 10%, Netherlands 9%, India 9% (2023)

**Imports - commodities** refined petroleum, crude petroleum, coal tar oil, natural gas, ships (2023)

Population Pyramid



U.S. Census Bureau, International Database