



Kyrgyzstan



Background In 1876, the Russian Empire annexed Kyrgyzstan, a Central Asian country of incredible natural beauty and proud nomadic traditions. Kyrgyzstan became a Soviet republic in 1936 and achieved independence in 1991 when the USSR dissolved.

Capital name: Bishkek

Government type parliamentary republic

Area total : 199,951 sq km
land: 191,801 sq km
water: 8,150 sq km

Climate dry continental to polar in high Tien Shan Mountains; subtropical in southwest (Fergana Valley); temperate in northern foothill zone

Natural resources abundant hydropower; gold, rare earth metals; locally exploitable coal, oil, and natural gas; other deposits of nepheline, mercury, bismuth, lead, and zinc

Population total: 6,172,101 (2024 est.)

Population growth rate 0.79% (2024 est.)

Ethnic groups Kyrgyz 73.8%, Uzbek 14.8%, Russian 5.1%, Dungan 1.1%, other 5.2% (includes Uyghur, Tajik, Turk, Kazakh, Tatar, Ukrainian, Korean, German) (2021 est.)

Religions Muslim 90% (majority Sunni), Christian 7% (Russian Orthodox 3%), other 3% (includes Jewish, Buddhist, Baha'i) (2017 est.)

Languages Kyrgyz (state language) 71.4%, Uzbek 14.4%, Russian (official language) 9%, other 5.2% (2009 est.)

Executive branch chief of state: President Sadyr JAPAROV (since 28 January 2021)
head of government: President Adylbek KASYMALIYEV (since 18 December 2024)

Diplomatic representation in the US chief of mission: Ambassador Aibek MOLDOGAZIEV (since 25 February 2025)

Diplomatic representation from the US chief of mission: Ambassador Lesslie VIGUERIE (since 29 December 2022)

Economic overview landlocked, lower-middle-income Central Asian economy; natural resource rich; growing hydroelectricity and tourism; high remittances; corruption limits investment; COVID-19 and political turmoil hurt GDP, limited public revenues, and increased spending

Real GDP (purchasing power parity) \$50.907 billion (2024 est.)
\$46.686 billion (2023 est.)
\$42.826 billion (2022 est.)

Real GDP per capita	\$7,000 (2024 est.) \$6,600 (2023 est.) \$6,100 (2022 est.)
Exports	\$3.628 billion (2022 est.) \$3.292 billion (2021 est.) \$2.435 billion (2020 est.)
Exports - partners	Switzerland 30%, Russia 19%, Kazakhstan 14%, UAE 10%, Turkey 8% (2023)
Exports - commodities	gold, coal, precious metal ore, refined petroleum, garments (2023)
Imports	\$10.655 billion (2022 est.) \$5.928 billion (2021 est.) \$4.051 billion (2020 est.)
Imports - partners	China 44%, Russia 12%, Kazakhstan 6%, Turkey 6%, Uzbekistan 4% (2023)
Imports - commodities	cars, garments, refined petroleum, fabric, footwear (2023)

Population Pyramid

