



# Bahrain



**Background** In 1783, the Sunni Al-Khalifa family took power in Bahrain. In order to secure these holdings, it entered into a series of treaties with the UK during the 19th century that made Bahrain a British protectorate. The archipelago attained its independence in 1971.

**Capital** name: Manama

**Government type** constitutional monarchy

**Area** total : 760 sq km  
land: 760 sq km  
water: 0 sq km

**Climate** arid; mild, pleasant winters; very hot, humid summers

**Natural resources** oil, associated and nonassociated natural gas, fish, pearls

**Population** total: 1,566,888

**Population growth rate** 0.82% (2024 est.)

**Ethnic groups** Bahraini 47.4%, Asian 43.4%, other Arab 4.9%, African 1.4%, North American 1.1%, Gulf Co-operative countries 0.9%, European 0.8%, other 0.1% (2020 est.)

**Religions** Muslim 74.2%, other (includes Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Baha'i) 25.8% (2020 est.)

**Languages** Arabic (official), English, Farsi, Urdu

**Executive branch** chief of state: King HAMAD bin Isa Al-Khalifa (since 6 March 1999)

head of government: Prime Minister Crown Prince SALMAN bin Hamad Al-Khalifa (since 11 November 2020)

**Diplomatic representation in the US** chief of mission: Ambassador Abdulla bin Rashed AL KHALIFA (since 21 July 2017)

**Diplomatic representation from the US** chief of mission: Ambassador Steven C. BONDY (since 9 February 2022)

**Economic overview** high-income, growing Middle Eastern island economy; oil and aluminum exporter with diversification led by services, construction and manufacturing; regional finance and tourism hub; high public debt linked to oil revenue dependence and limited tax base; vulnerable to water reservoir depletion

<b>Real GDP (purchasing power parity)</b>	\$90.228 billion (2023 est.) \$87.617 billion (2022 est.) \$82.672 billion (2021 est.)
<b>Real GDP per capita</b>	\$57,200 (2023 est.) \$57,500 (2022 est.) \$55,000 (2021 est.)
<b>Exports</b>	\$40.344 billion (2023 est.) \$44.58 billion (2022 est.) \$35.653 billion (2021 est.)
<b>Exports - partners</b>	Saudi Arabia 15%, UAE 10%, US 9%, Japan 5%, India 4% (2022)
<b>Exports - commodities</b>	aluminum, refined petroleum, iron ore, aluminum wire, iron blocks (2022)
<b>Imports</b>	\$32.374 billion (2023 est.) \$33.066 billion (2022 est.) \$27.996 billion (2021 est.)
<b>Imports - partners</b>	China 15%, UAE 12%, Brazil 9%, Australia 8%, India 7% (2022)
<b>Imports - commodities</b>	iron ore, aluminum oxide, cars, gold, ships (2022)