



## Qatar



<b>Background</b>	Ruled by the Al Thani family since the mid-1800s, Qatar within the last 60 years transformed itself from a poor British protectorate noted mainly for pearling into an independent state with significant oil and natural gas revenues. Leadership changes in 1995 ushered in wide-sweeping political and media reforms, unprecedented economic investment, and a growing Qatari regional leadership role.
<b>Capital</b>	name: Doha
<b>Government type</b>	absolute monarchy
<b>Area</b>	total : 11,586 sq km land: 11,586 sq km water: 0 sq km
<b>Climate</b>	arid; mild, pleasant winters; very hot, humid summers
<b>Natural resources</b>	petroleum, fish, natural gas
<b>Population</b>	total: 2,552,088 (2024 est.)
<b>Population growth rate</b>	0.71% (2024 est.)
<b>Ethnic groups</b>	non-Qatari 88.4%, Qatari 11.6% (2015 est.)
<b>Religions</b>	Muslim 65.2%, Christian 13.7%, Hindu 15.9%, Buddhist 3.8%, folk religion <0.1%, Jewish <0.1%, other <1%, unaffiliated <1% (2020 est.)
<b>Languages</b>	Arabic (official), English commonly used as a second language
<b>Executive branch</b>	chief of state: Amir TAMIM bin Hamad Al Thani (since 25 June 2013) head of government: Prime Minister and Foreign Minister MUHAMMAD bin Abd al-Rahman Al Thani (since 7 March 2023)
<b>Diplomatic representation in the US</b>	chief of mission: Ambassador Meshal bin Hamad AL THANI (since 24 April 2017)
<b>Diplomatic representation from the US</b>	chief of mission: Ambassador Timmy DAVIS (since 5 September 2022)
<b>Economic overview</b>	high-income, oil-and-gas-based Middle Eastern economy; implementing "National Vision 2030" government strategy for economic development, diversification, and favorable business conditions to boost investment and employment; expansion of LNG sector expected to boost growth; Islamic finance leader
<b>Real GDP (purchasing power parity)</b>	\$308.522 billion (2023 est.) \$304.903 billion (2022 est.) \$292.655 billion (2021 est.)
<b>Real GDP per capita</b>	\$116,200 (2023 est.) \$114,700 (2022 est.) \$116,800 (2021 est.)
<b>Exports</b>	\$128.709 billion (2023 est.) \$161.693 billion (2022 est.) \$105.549 billion (2021 est.)
<b>Exports - partners</b>	China 18%, India 11%, S. Korea 10%, Japan 7%, Pakistan 6% (2023)
<b>Exports - commodities</b>	natural gas, crude petroleum, refined petroleum, plastics, fertilizers (2023)
<b>Imports</b>	\$72.174 billion (2023 est.) \$74.52 billion (2022 est.) \$61.204 billion (2021 est.)
<b>Imports - partners</b>	USA 12%, China 12%, UAE 9%, UK 7%, India 5% (2023)
<b>Imports - commodities</b>	gas turbines, cars, aircraft, iron pipes, ships (2023)

Population Pyramid

