



Czechia



Background After World War I, the Czechs and Slovaks of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire merged to form Czechoslovakia, but then split in 1993 in the nonviolent “velvet divorce.” The Czech Republic joined NATO in 1999 and the EU in 2004. The country added the short-form name Czechia in 2016.

Capital name: Prague

Government type parliamentary republic

Area total : 78,867 sq km
land: 77,247 sq km
water: 1,620 sq km

Climate temperate; cool summers; cold, cloudy, humid winters

Natural resources hard coal, soft coal, kaolin, clay, graphite, timber, arable land

Population total: 10,837,890 (2024 est.)

Population growth rate 0.04% (2024 est.)

Ethnic groups Czech 57.3%, Moravian 3.4%, other 7.7%, unspecified 31.6% (2021 est.)

Religions Roman Catholic 7%, other believers belonging to a church or religious society 6% (includes Evangelical United Brethren Church and Czechoslovak Hussite Church), believers unaffiliated with a religious society 9.1%, none 47.8%, unspecified 30.1% (2021 est.)

Languages Czech (official) 88.4%, Slovak 1.5%, other 2.6%, unspecified 7.2% (2021 est.)

Executive branch chief of state: President Petr PAVEL (since 9 March 2023)
head of government: Prime Minister Andrej BABIS (since 9 December 2025)

Diplomatic representation in the US chief of mission: Ambassador Miloslav STAŠEK (since 16 September 2022)

Diplomatic representation from the US chief of mission: Ambassador Nicholas MERRICK (since 23 October 2025)

Economic overview high-income, diversified EU economy; manufacturing-oriented exporter led by automotive industry; moderate growth driven by household consumption and investments, despite negative contribution from net exports; tight labor market with low unemployment; gained energy independence from Russian oil in April 2025

Real GDP (purchasing power parity) \$521.928 billion (2024 est.)
\$516.145 billion (2023 est.)
\$516.431 billion (2022 est.)

Real GDP per capita	\$48,000 (2024 est.) \$47,500 (2023 est.) \$48,400 (2022 est.)
Exports	\$239.259 billion (2024 est.) \$236.103 billion (2023 est.) \$219.419 billion (2022 est.)
Exports - partners	Germany 29%, Slovakia 7%, Poland 6%, France 5%, UK 5% (2023)
Exports - commodities	cars, vehicle parts/accessories, broadcasting equipment, computers, plastic products (2023)
Imports	\$216.741 billion (2024 est.) \$219.09 billion (2023 est.) \$216.042 billion (2022 est.)
Imports - partners	Germany 22%, China 17%, Poland 8%, Slovakia 5%, Italy 4% (2023)
Imports - commodities	broadcasting equipment, vehicle parts/accessories, cars, plastic products, computers (2023)

Population Pyramid

