



# Cambodia



<b>Background</b>	Most Cambodians consider themselves to be Khmers, descendants of the Angkor Empire that extended over much of Southeast Asia and reached its zenith between the 10th and 13th centuries. After Japanese occupation in World War II, Cambodia gained full independence from France in 1953.
<b>Capital</b>	name: Phnom Penh
<b>Government type</b>	parliamentary constitutional monarchy
<b>Area</b>	total : 181,035 sq km land: 176,515 sq km water: 4,520 sq km
<b>Climate</b>	tropical; rainy, monsoon season (May to November); dry season (December to April); little seasonal temperature variation
<b>Natural resources</b>	oil and gas, timber, gemstones, iron ore, manganese, phosphates, hydropower potential, arable land
<b>Population</b>	total: 17,063,669 (2024 est.)
<b>Population growth rate</b>	0.99% (2024 est.)
<b>Ethnic groups</b>	Khmer 95.4%, Cham 2.4%, Chinese 1.5%, other 0.7% (2019-20 est.)
<b>Religions</b>	Buddhist (official) 97.1%, Muslim 2%, Christian 0.3%, other 0.5% (2019 est.)
<b>Languages</b>	Khmer (official) 95.8%, minority languages 2.9%, Chinese 0.6%, Vietnamese 0.5%, other 0.2% (2019 est.)
<b>Executive branch</b>	chief of state: King Norodom SIHAMONI (since 29 October 2004) head of government: Prime Minister HUN MANET (since 22 August 2023)
<b>Diplomatic representation in the US</b>	chief of mission: Ambassador (vacant); Chargé d'Affaires Socheat OUM (since 20 September 2024)
<b>Diplomatic representation from the US</b>	chief of mission: Ambassador (vacant); Chargé d'Affaires Bridgette L. WALKER (since August 2024)
<b>Economic overview</b>	one of the fastest growing economies; tourism and clothing exports; substantial manufacturing and construction sectors; COVID-19 declines and the suspension of EU market preferential access; massive reductions in poverty, but rural areas remain disproportionately poor
<b>Real GDP (purchasing power parity)</b>	\$116.576 billion (2023 est.) \$111.067 billion (2022 est.) \$105.674 billion (2021 est.)

<b>Real GDP per capita</b>	\$6,700 (2023 est.) \$6,500 (2022 est.) \$6,200 (2021 est.)
<b>Exports</b>	\$27.753 billion (2023 est.) \$25.497 billion (2022 est.) \$20.178 billion (2021 est.)
<b>Exports - partners</b>	USA 36%, Germany 6%, China 6%, Japan 6%, Thailand 5% (2023)
<b>Exports - commodities</b>	garments, semiconductors, trunks and cases, footwear, gold (2023)
<b>Imports</b>	\$29.421 billion (2023 est.) \$34.759 billion (2022 est.) \$32.816 billion (2021 est.)
<b>Imports - partners</b>	China 39%, Thailand 20%, Vietnam 12%, Singapore 6%, Indonesia 3% (2023)
<b>Imports - commodities</b>	refined petroleum, fabric, gold, plastic products, synthetic fabric (2023)

## Population Pyramid

