



Oman



Background The inhabitants of the area of Oman have long prospered from Indian Ocean trade. In the late 18th century, the nascent sultanate in Muscat signed the first in a series of friendship treaties with Britain. Over time, Oman's dependence on British political and military advisors increased. In 1970, QABOOS bin Said Al-Said overthrew his father, and during his 50-year rule ushered Oman into the modern age.

Capital name: Muscat

Government type absolute monarchy

Area total : 309,500 sq km
land: 309,500 sq km
water: 0 sq km

Climate dry desert; hot, humid along coast; hot, dry interior; strong southwest summer monsoon (May to September) in far south

Natural resources petroleum, copper, asbestos, some marble, limestone, chromium, gypsum, natural gas

Population total: 3,901,992 (2024 est.)

Population growth rate 1.75% (2024 est.)

Ethnic groups Arab, Baluchi, South Asian (Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Bangladeshi), African

Religions Muslim 85.9%, Christian 6.4%, Hindu 5.7%, other and unaffiliated 2% (2020 est.)

Languages Arabic (official), English, Baluchi, Swahili, Urdu, Indian dialects

Executive branch chief of state: Sultan and Prime Minister HAITHAM bin Tarik Al Said (since 11 January 2020)
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Diplomatic representation in the US chief of mission: Ambassador Talal Sulaiman AL-RAHBI (since 24 July 2025)

Diplomatic representation from the US chief of mission: Ambassador Ana ESCROGIMA (since 4 December 2023)

Economic overview high-income, oil-based economy; large welfare system; growing government debt; citizenship-based labor force growth policy; US free trade agreement; diversifying portfolio; high female labor force participation

Real GDP (purchasing power parity)	\$193.591 billion (2024 est.) \$190.403 billion (2023 est.) \$188.169 billion (2022 est.)
Real GDP per capita	\$36,700 (2024 est.) \$37,700 (2023 est.) \$39,800 (2022 est.)
Exports	\$64.749 billion (2023 est.) \$69.483 billion (2022 est.) \$46.572 billion (2021 est.)
Exports - partners	China 43%, India 6%, Saudi Arabia 5%, UAE 5%, South Africa 4% (2023)
Exports - commodities	crude petroleum, refined petroleum, natural gas, semi-finished iron, fertilizers (2023)
Imports	\$47.412 billion (2023 est.) \$46.682 billion (2022 est.) \$37.216 billion (2021 est.)
Imports - partners	UAE 25%, Saudi Arabia 12%, India 8%, China 7%, Qatar 5% (2023)
Imports - commodities	refined petroleum, cars, crude petroleum, iron ore, iron pipes (2023)

Population Pyramid

