



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

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