



# Liechtenstein



**Background** The Principality of Liechtenstein was established within the Holy Roman Empire in 1719. It became a sovereign state in 1806 and joined the German Confederation in 1815. Liechtenstein became fully independent in 1866 when the Confederation dissolved. Since World War II (in which Liechtenstein remained neutral), the country's low taxes have spurred outstanding economic growth.

**Capital** name: Vaduz

**Government type** constitutional monarchy

**Area** total : 160 sq km  
land: 160 sq km  
water: 0 sq km

**Climate** continental; cold, cloudy winters with frequent snow or rain; cool to moderately warm, cloudy, humid summers

**Natural resources** hydroelectric potential, arable land

**Population** total: 40,272 (2024 est.)

**Population growth rate** 0.69% (2024 est.)

**Ethnic groups** Liechtensteiner 65.6%, Swiss 9.6%, Austrian 5.8%, German 4.5%, Italian 3.1%, other 11.4% (2021 est.)

**Religions** Roman Catholic (official) 73.4%, Protestant Reformed 6.3%, Muslim 5.9%, Christian Orthodox 1.3%, Lutheran 1.2%, other Protestant 0.7%, other Christian 0.3%, other 0.8%, none 7%, unspecified 3.3% (2015 est.)

**Languages** German 91.5% (official, Alemannic is the main dialect), Italian 1.5%, Turkish 1.3%, Portuguese 1.1%, other 4.6% (2015 est.)

**Executive branch** chief of state: Prince HANS-ADAM II (since 13 November 1989, assumed executive powers on 26 August 1984)  
head of government: Prime Minister Brigitte HAAS (since 10 April 2025)

**Diplomatic representation in the US** chief of mission: Ambassador Georg SPARBER (since 1 December 2021)

**Economic overview** high-income European economy; Schengen Area participant; key European financial leader; integrated with Swiss economy and franc currency user; one of the highest GDP per capita countries; relies on US and Eurozone markets for exports

**Real GDP (purchasing power parity)**\$7.172 billion (2024 est.)  
\$7.031 billion (2023 est.)  
\$6.885 billion (2022 est.)

<b>Real GDP per capita</b>	\$210,600 (2024 est.)
	\$201,200 (2023 est.)
	\$187,700 (2022 est.)
<b>Exports</b>	\$3.217 billion (2015 est.)
	\$3.774 billion (2014 est.)

<b>Exports - commodities</b>	small specialty machinery, connectors for audio and video, parts for motor vehicles, dental products, hardware
<b>Imports - commodities</b>	agricultural products, raw materials, energy products, machinery, metal goods, textiles, foodstuffs, motor vehicles

## Population Pyramid

