



Georgia



Background Georgia once contained the ancient kingdoms of Colchis and Kartli-Iberia. Many powers have since dominated the country, including the Russian Empire in the 19th century. Georgia was forcibly incorporated into the Soviet Union in 1921 and regained its independence after the Soviet collapse in 1991. Georgia achieved EU candidate status in December 2023.

Capital name: Tbilisi

Government type semi-presidential republic

Area total: 69,700 sq km
land: 69,700 sq km
water: 0 sq km

Climate warm and pleasant; Mediterranean-like on Black Sea coast

Natural resources timber, hydropower, manganese deposits, iron ore, copper, minor coal and oil deposits; coastal climate and soils allow for important tea and citrus growth

Population total: 4,900,961 (2024 est.)

Population growth rate -0.5% (2024 est.)

Ethnic groups Georgian 86.8%, Azeri 6.3%, Armenian 4.5%, other 2.3% (includes Russian, Ossetian, Yazidi, Ukrainian, Kist, Greek) (2014 est.)

Religions Eastern Orthodox Christian (official) 83.4%, Muslim 10.7%, Armenian Apostolic Christian 2.9%, other 1.2% (includes Roman Catholic Christian, Jehovah's Witness, Yazidi, Protestant Christian, Jewish), none 0.5%, unspecified/no answer 1.2% (2014 est.)

Languages Georgian (official) 87.6%, Azeri 6.2%, Armenian 3.9%, Russian 1.2%, other 1% (including Abkhaz, the official language in Abkhazia) (2014 est.)

Executive branch chief of state: President Mikheil KAVELASHVILI (since 29 December 2024)
head of government: Prime Minister Irakli KOBAKHIDZE (since 8 February 2024)

Diplomatic representation in the US chief of mission: Ambassador Tamar TALIASHVILI (since 24 July 2025)

Diplomatic representation from the US chief of mission: Ambassador Robin L. DUNNIGAN (since 12 October 2023)

Economic overview	upper-middle income, fast-growing South Caucasus economy; regionally focused exporter of cars, metal ores, and energy; financial and migrant inflows resulting from Ukraine conflict; EU accession talks suspended over disputed election and foreign influence law; low inflation but persistent high unemployment
Real GDP (purchasing power parity)	\$91.849 billion (2024 est.) \$83.935 billion (2023 est.) \$77.838 billion (2022 est.)
Real GDP per capita	\$25.000 (2024 est.) \$22.600 (2023 est.) \$21.000 (2022 est.)
Exports	\$16.321 billion (2024 est.) \$15.173 billion (2023 est.) \$13.24 billion (2022 est.)
Exports - partners	Azerbaijan 13%, Turkey 11%, Armenia 11%, Russia 10%, Kyrgyzstan 8% (2023)
Exports - commodities	cars, copper ore, electricity, garments, wine (2023)
Imports	\$18.915 billion (2024 est.) \$17.816 billion (2023 est.) \$15.665 billion (2022 est.)
Imports - partners	Turkey 16%, USA 13%, Russia 11%, China 8%, Germany 6% (2023)
Imports - commodities	cars, refined petroleum, packaged medicine, natural gas, garments (2023)

Population Pyramid

