



# Lithuania



**Background** Lithuanian lands were united in 1236. Over the next century, Lithuania extended its territory to include most of present-day Belarus and Ukraine. By the end of the 14th century, Lithuania was the largest state in Europe. The USSR annexed Lithuania in 1940. In 1990, Lithuania became the first of the Soviet republics to declare its independence.

**Capital** name: Vilnius

**Government type** semi-presidential republic

**Area** total: 65,300 sq km  
land: 62,680 sq km  
water: 2,620 sq km

**Climate** transitional, between maritime and continental; wet, moderate winters and summers

**Natural resources** peat, arable land, amber

**Population** total: 2,628,186 (2024 est.)

**Population growth rate** -1.05% (2024 est.)

**Ethnic groups** Lithuanian 84.6%, Polish 6.5%, Russian 5%, Belarusian 1%, other 1.1%, unspecified 1.8% (2021 est.)

**Religions** Roman Catholic 74.2%, Russian Orthodox 3.7%, Old Believer 0.6%, Evangelical Lutheran 0.6%, Evangelical Reformist 0.2%, other (including Sunni Muslim, Jewish, Greek Catholic, and Karaite) 0.9%, none 6.1%, unspecified 13.7% (2021 est.)

**Languages** Lithuanian (official) 85.3%, Russian 6.8%, Polish 5.1%, other 1.1%, two mother tongues 1.7% (2021 est.)

**Executive branch** chief of state: President Gitanas NAUSEDAS (since 12 July 2019)

head of government: Acting Prime Minister Rimantas SADZIUS (since 4 August 2025)

**Diplomatic representation in the US** chief of mission: Ambassador (vacant); Chargé d'Affaires Jurate USEVIČIŪTĖ (since 14 July 2025)

**Diplomatic representation from the US** chief of mission: Ambassador Kara C. McDONALD (since 26 January 2024)

**Economic overview** high-income EU and eurozone member, largest Baltic economy; recovery supported by private consumption and EU fund-driven investments; structural challenges include pension reform, aging workforce, and high energy-import costs

**Real GDP (purchasing power parity)** \$136.227 billion (2024 est.)  
\$132.552 billion (2023 est.)  
\$132.099 billion (2022 est.)

<b>Real GDP per capita</b>	\$47,200 (2024 est.) \$46,200 (2023 est.) \$46,700 (2022 est.)
<b>Exports</b>	\$62.896 billion (2024 est.) \$61.02 billion (2023 est.) \$61.448 billion (2022 est.)
<b>Exports - partners</b>	Latvia 11%, Poland 8%, Germany 7%, Netherlands 6%, Russia 6% (2023)
<b>Exports - commodities</b>	refined petroleum, furniture, plastic products, wheat, cars (2023)
<b>Imports</b>	\$58.491 billion (2024 est.) \$57.899 billion (2023 est.) \$62.916 billion (2022 est.)
<b>Imports - partners</b>	Germany 13%, Poland 13%, Latvia 8%, USA 7%, Norway 5% (2023)
<b>Imports - commodities</b>	crude petroleum, cars, natural gas, packaged medicine, plastic products (2023)

## Population Pyramid

