



# Tajikistan



**Background** The Tajik people came under Russian imperial rule in the 1860s and 1870s. In 1929, the USSR designated Tajikistan a separate republic. Tajikistan became independent in 1991 following the breakup of the Soviet Union.

**Capital** name: Dushanbe

**Government type** presidential republic

**Area** total : 144,100 sq km  
land: 141,510 sq km  
water: 2,590 sq km

**Climate** mid-latitude continental, hot summers, mild winters; semiarid to polar in Pamir Mountains

**Natural resources** hydropower, some petroleum, uranium, mercury, brown coal, lead, zinc, antimony, tungsten, silver, gold

**Population** total: 10,394,063

**Population growth rate** 1.92% (2024 est.)

**Ethnic groups** Tajik 84.3% (includes Pamiri and Yagnobi), Uzbek 13.8%, other 2% (includes Kyrgyz, Russian, Turkmen, Tatar, Arab) (2014 est.)

**Religions** Muslim 98% (Sunni 95%, Shia 3%) other 2% (2014 est.)

**Languages** Tajik (official) 84.4%, Uzbek 11.9%, Kyrgyz 0.8%, Russian 0.5%, other 2.4% (2010 est.)

**Executive branch** chief of state: President Emomali RAHMON (since 6 November 1994; head of state and Supreme Assembly Chairman since 19 November 1992)  
head of government: Prime Minister Qohir RASULZODA (since 23 November 2013)

**Legislative branch** summary: bicameral Supreme Assembly consists of the National Assembly (34 seats) and the Assembly of Representatives (63 seats)

**Diplomatic representation in the US** chief of mission: Ambassador Farrukh HAMRALIZODA (since 17 February 2021)

**Diplomatic representation from the US** chief of mission: Ambassador Manuel P. MICALLER Jr. (since 9 March 2023)

**Economic overview** lower middle-income Central Asian economy; key gold, cotton, and aluminum exporter; declining poverty; sustained high growth; very limited private sector; substantial illicit drug trade; significant remittances; environmentally fragile

**Real GDP (purchasing power parity)** \$46.467 billion (2023 est.)  
\$42.905 billion (2022 est.)  
\$39.727 billion (2021 est.)

**Real GDP per capita** \$4,600 (2023 est.)  
\$4,300 (2022 est.)  
\$4,100 (2021 est.)

<b>Exports</b>	\$2.105 billion (2023 est.) \$1.753 billion (2022 est.) \$2.161 billion (2021 est.)
<b>Exports - partners</b>	Kazakhstan 20%, Switzerland 19%, China 17%, Turkey 8%, Uzbekistan 8% (2022)
<b>Exports - commodities</b>	gold, precious metal ore, cotton, copper ore, aluminum (2022)
<b>Imports</b>	\$5.931 billion (2023 est.) \$5.261 billion (2022 est.) \$4.258 billion (2021 est.)
<b>Imports - partners</b>	China 33%, Russia 22%, Kazakhstan 13%, Uzbekistan 6%, Turkey 6% (2022)
<b>Imports - commodities</b>	refined petroleum, garments, wheat, cars, natural gas (2022)