



Algeria



Background Algeria was heavily colonized by the French in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. A bloody eight-year struggle culminated in Algerian independence in 1962.

Capital name: Algiers

Government type presidential republic

Area total: 2,381,740 sq km
land: 2,381,740 sq km
water: 0 sq km

Climate arid to semiarid; mild, wet winters with hot, dry summers along coast; drier with cold winters and hot summers on high plateau; sirocco is a hot, dust/sand-laden wind especially common in summer

Natural resources petroleum, natural gas, iron ore, phosphates, uranium, lead, zinc

Population total: 47,022,473 (2024 est.)

Population growth rate 1.54% (2024 est.)

Ethnic groups Arab-Amazigh 99%, European less than 1%

Religions Muslim (official; predominantly Sunni) 99%, other (includes Christian, Jewish, Ahmadi Muslim, Shia Muslim, Ibadi Muslim) <1% (2012 est.)

Languages Arabic (official), French (lingua franca), Tamazight (official) (dialects include Kabyle (Taqbaylit), Shawiya (Tacawit), Mzab, Tuareg (Tamahaq))

Executive branch chief of state: President Abdelmadjid TEBBOUNE (since 12 December 2019)
head of government: Prime Minister Nadir LARBAOUI (since 11 November 2023)

Diplomatic representation in the US chief of mission: Ambassador Sabri BOUKADOUM (since 27 February 2024)

Diplomatic representation from the US chief of mission: Ambassador Elizabeth Moore AUBIN (since 9 February 2022)

Economic overview suffering oil and gas economy; lack of sector and market diversification; political instability chilling domestic consumption; poor credit access and declines in business confidence; COVID-19 austerity policies; delayed promised socio-economic reforms

Real GDP (purchasing power parity) \$699.818 billion (2023 est.)
\$672.256 billion (2022 est.)
\$648.896 billion (2021 est.)

Real GDP per capita \$15,200 (2023 est.)
\$14,800 (2022 est.)
\$14,500 (2021 est.)

Exports	\$59.426 billion (2023 est.) \$69.226 billion (2022 est.) \$41.846 billion (2021 est.)
Exports - partners	Italy 29%, France 14%, Spain 13%, USA 6%, Netherlands 4% (2023)
Exports - commodities	natural gas, crude petroleum, refined petroleum, fertilizers, iron bars (2023)
Imports	\$51.131 billion (2023 est.) \$46.613 billion (2022 est.) \$44.287 billion (2021 est.)
Imports - partners	China 24%, France 12%, Italy 8%, Turkey 7%, Brazil 6% (2023)
Imports - commodities	wheat, plastics, cars, milk, corn (2023)

Population Pyramid

