



Singapore



Background A Malay trading port known as Temasek existed on the island of Singapore by the 14th century. The settlement changed hands several times and was eventually burned in the 17th century. In 1819, the British founded modern Singapore as a trading colony on the same site. It joined the Malaysian Federation in 1963 but was ousted two years later and became independent.

Capital name: Singapore

Government type parliamentary republic

Area
total: 719 sq km
land: 709.2 sq km
water: 10 sq km

Climate tropical; hot, humid, rainy; two distinct monsoon seasons - northeastern monsoon (December to March) and southwestern monsoon (June to September); inter-monsoon - frequent afternoon and early evening thunderstorms

Natural resources fish, deepwater ports

Population total: 6,028,459 (2024 est.)

Population growth rate 0.87% (2024 est.)

Ethnic groups Chinese 74.2%, Malay 13.7%, Indian 8.9%, other 3.2% (2021 est.)

Religions Buddhist 31.1%, Christian 18.9%, Muslim 15.6%, Taoist 8.8%, Hindu 5%, other 0.6%, none 20% (2020 est.)

Languages English (official) 48.3%, Mandarin (official) 29.9%, other Chinese dialects (includes Hokkien, Cantonese, Teochew, Hakka) 8.7%, Malay (official) 9.2%, Tamil (official) 2.5%, other 1.4% (2020 est.)

Executive branch chief of state: President THARMAN Shanmugaratnam (since 14 September 2023)
head of government: Prime Minister Lawrence WONG (since 15 May 2024)

Diplomatic representation in the US chief of mission: Ambassador LUI Tuck Yew (since 30 June 2023)

Diplomatic representation from the US chief of mission: Ambassador (vacant); Chargé d'Affaires Graham MAYER (since August 2025)

Economic overview high-income, service-based economy; global financial hub; business-friendly policies and open to investment and trade; inflation easing but persistent in services; public investments in education, healthcare, and infrastructure; strong human capital development challenged by aging population

Real GDP (purchasing power parity) \$800.304 billion (2024 est.)
\$766.662 billion (2023 est.)
\$752.948 billion (2022 est.)

Real GDP per capita	\$132,600 (2024 est.) \$129,600 (2023 est.) \$133,600 (2022 est.)
Exports	\$978.597 billion (2024 est.) \$917.683 billion (2023 est.) \$947.355 billion (2022 est.)
Exports - partners	Hong Kong 13%, China 11%, USA 10%, Malaysia 9%, S. Korea 6% (2023)
Exports - commodities	integrated circuits, refined petroleum, machinery, vaccines, gold (2023)
Imports	\$786.02 billion (2024 est.) \$728.5 billion (2023 est.) \$744.364 billion (2022 est.)
Imports - partners	China 15%, Malaysia 11%, Taiwan 11%, USA 10%, S. Korea 6% (2023)
Imports - commodities	integrated circuits, refined petroleum, crude petroleum, gold, gas turbines (2023)

Population Pyramid

