



SLOVENIA



INTRODUCTION

In 1918, the Slovenes joined the Serbs and Croats in forming a new multinational state, which was named Yugoslavia in 1929. After WWII, Slovenia was one of the communist republics in the restored Yugoslavia. The country became independent in 1991. Slovenia acceded to NATO and the EU in 2004 and joined the euro zone and the Schengen Area in 2007.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Natasa PIRC MUSAR

Head of Government

Prime Minister Robert GOLOB

Government Type

parliamentary republic

Capital

Ljubljana

Legislature

bicameral Parliament consists of the National Council or Drzavni Svet (40 seats) and the National Assembly or Drzavni Zbor (90 seats)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Iztok MIROŠIČ

US Ambassador

Ambassador Jamie L. HARPOOTLIAN

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 20,273 sq km

Land: 20,151 sq km

Water: 122 sq km

Climate

Mediterranean climate on the coast, continental climate with mild to hot summers and cold winters in the plateaus and valleys to the east

Natural Resources

lignite, lead, zinc, building stone, hydropower, forests

as of February 2024

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

high-income, fast-growing EU-member economy; high human capital; key health infrastructure investments; high government spending; key Croatian investments; high-technology and manufacturing sectors; growing financial hub

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$84.40 billion (2021 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$40,000 (2021 est.)

Industries - ferrous metallurgy, aluminum products, lead/zinc smelting, electronics, trucks/automobiles, electric power equipment, wood products, textiles, chemicals, machine tools

Agricultural products - milk, maize, wheat, grapes, barley, potatoes, poultry, apples, beef, pork

Exports \$51.63 billion (2021 est.)

packaged medicines, cars/vehicle parts, refined petroleum, electrical lighting/signaling equipment, electricity (2019)

partners: Germany 18%, Italy 11%, Croatia 8%, Austria 7%, France 5%, Switzerland 5% (2019)

Imports \$47.67 billion (2021 est.)

packaged medicines, cars/vehicle parts, refined petroleum, delivery trucks, electricity (2019)

partners: Germany 14%, Italy 12%, Austria 8%, Switzerland 8%, China 7% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

2.1 million (2023 est.)

Population Growth

-0.08% (2023 est.)

Ethnicity

Slovene 83.1%, Serb 2%, Croat 1.8%, Bosniak 1.1%, other or unspecified 12% (2002 est.)

Language

Slovene (official) 87.7%, Croatian 2.8%, Serbo-Croatian 1.8%, Bosnian 1.6%, Serbian 1.6%, Hungarian 0.4% (official, only in municipalities where Hungarian national communities reside), Italian 0.2% (official, only in municipalities where Italian national communities reside), other or unspecified 3.9% (2002 est.)

Religion

Catholic 69%, Orthodox 4%, Muslim 3%, Christian 1%, other 3%, atheist 14%, non-believer/agnostic 4%, refused to answer 2% (2019 est.)