



# TURKEY



## INTRODUCTION

Modern Turkey was founded in 1923 from the remnants of the defeated Ottoman Empire by national hero Mustafa KEMAL, who was later honored with the title Atatürk or "Father of the Turks." Under his leadership, the country adopted radical social, legal, and political reforms. Turkey joined the UN in 1945, and in 1952 it became a member of NATO. It began accession talks with the EU in 2005.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President Recep Tayyip ERDOGAN

### Head of Government

President Recep Tayyip ERDOGAN

### Government Type

presidential republic

### Capital

Ankara

### Legislature

unicameral Grand National Assembly of Turkey or Turkey Büyük Millet Meclisi (600 seats)

### Ambassador to US

Chargé d'Affaires Halime Digidem BUNER

### US Ambassador

Ambassador Jeffrey L. FLAKE

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 783,562 sq km

Land: 769,632 sq km

Water: 13,930 sq km

### Climate

temperate; hot, dry summers with mild, wet winters; harsher in interior

### Natural Resources

coal, iron ore, copper, chromium, antimony, mercury, gold, barite, borate, celestite (strontium), emery, feldspar, limestone, magnesite, marble, perlite, pumice, pyrites (sulfur), clay, arable land, hydropower

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

upper middle-income, diversified Middle Eastern economy; heightened inflation and currency depreciation triggered by expansionary monetary and fiscal policy ahead of 2023 elections, now being reversed; industrializing economy that maintains large agricultural base

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$2.817 trillion (2022 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$33,100 (2022 est.)

**Industries** - textiles, food processing, automobiles, electronics, mining, steel, petroleum, construction, lumber, paper

**Agricultural products** - eggs, milk, wheat, sugar beets, tomatoes, barley, maize, potatoes, apples, grapes

**Exports** \$343.7 billion (2022 est.)

refined petroleum, cars, jewelry, motor vehicle parts/accessories, delivery trucks (2022)

**partners:** Germany 8%, US 7%, UK 5%, Iraq 5%, Italy 5% (2022)

**Imports** \$383.5 billion (2022 est.)

gold, refined petroleum, scrap iron, cars, natural gas (2022)

**partners:** China 13%, Germany 9%, Russia 8%, US 5%, Italy 5% (2022)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

83.6 million (2023 est.)

### Population Growth

0.64% (2023 est.)

### Ethnicity

Turkish 70-75%, Kurdish 19%, other minorities 7-12% (2016 est.)

### Language

Turkish (official), Kurdish, other minority languages

### Religion

Muslim 99.8% (mostly Sunni), other 0.2% (mostly Christians and Jews)

### Urbanization

urban population: 77.5% of total population (2023)

rate of urbanization: 1.11% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)

### Literacy

96.7% (2019)