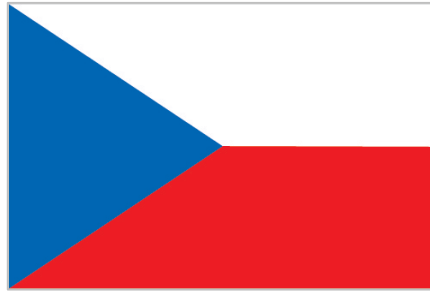




CZECHIA



INTRODUCTION

Following World War I, the Czechs and Slovaks of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire merged to form Czechoslovakia, but then split in 1993 in the nonviolent “velvet divorce.” The Czech Republic joined NATO in 1999 and the EU in 2004. The country added the short-form name Czechia in 2016.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Milos ZEMAN

Head of Government

Prime Minister Petr FIALA

Government Type

parliamentary republic

Capital

Prague

Legislature

bicameral Parliament or Parliament consists of the Senate or Senat (81 seats) and the Chamber of Deputies or Poslanecka Snemovna (200 seats)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Miloslav STAŠEK

US Ambassador

Ambassador Bijan SABET

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 78,867 sq km
Land: 77,247 sq km
Water: 1,620 sq km

Climate

temperate; cool summers; cold, cloudy, humid winters

Natural Resources

hard coal, soft coal, kaolin, clay, graphite, timber, arable land

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

high income, diversified EU economy; advanced services and automotive exporter; mostly intra-EU trader; low unemployment; usually maintains a positive trade balance; large investments in systems innovation and information technologies

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$428 billion (2021 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$40,700 (2021 est.)

Industries - motor vehicles, metallurgy, machinery and equipment, glass, armaments

Agricultural products - wheat, sugar beets, milk, barley, rapeseed, potatoes, maize, pork, triticale, poultry

Exports \$204.8 billion (2021 est.)

cars/vehicle parts, computers, broadcasting equipment, office machinery/parts, seating (2019)

partners: Germany 31%, Slovakia 7%, Poland 6%, France 5% (2019)

Imports \$196.2 billion (2021 est.)

broadcasting equipment, cars/vehicle parts, office machinery/parts, computers, packaged medicines (2019)

partners: Germany 27%, China 12%, Poland 9%, Slovakia 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

10.7 million (July 2022 est.)

Population Growth

0.02% (2022 est.)

Ethnicity

Czech 57.3%, Moravian 3.4%, other 7.7%, unspecified 31.6% (2021 est.)

Language

Czech (official) 88.4%, Slovak 1.5%, other 2.6%, unspecified 7.2% (2021 est.)

Religion

Roman Catholic 7%, other believers belonging to a church or religious society 6% (includes Evangelical United Brethren Church and Czechoslovak Hussite Church), believers unaffiliated with a religious society 9.1%, none 47.8%, unspecified 30.1% (2021 est.)