



KOSOVO



INTRODUCTION

During the medieval period, Kosovo became the center of a Serbian Empire and saw the construction of many important Serb religious sites. Formerly part of Yugoslavia, Kosovo became independent in 2008. Demonstrating Kosovo's development into a sovereign, multi-ethnic, democratic country, the international community ended the period of Supervised Independence in 2012.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Vjosa OSMANI-Sadriu

Head of Government

Prime Minister Albin KURTI

Government Type

parliamentary republic

Capital

Pristina

Legislature

unicameral Assembly or Kuvendi i Kosovës/Skupština Kosova (120 seats)

Ambassador to the US

Ilir DUGOLLI

US Ambassador

Jeffrey M. HOVENIER

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 10,887 sq km

Land: 10,887 sq km

Water: 0 sq km

Climate

influenced by continental air masses resulting in relatively cold winters with heavy snowfall and hot, dry summers and autumns

Natural Resources

nickel, lead, zinc, magnesium, lignite, kaolin, chrome, bauxite

as of January 2023

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

small-but-growing European economy; non-EU member but unilateral euro user; very high unemployment, especially youth; vulnerable reliance on diaspora tourism services, curtailed by COVID-19 disruptions; unclear public loan portfolio health

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$21.22 billion (2021 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$11,900 (2021 est.)

Industries - mineral mining, construction materials, base metals, leather, machinery, appliances, foodstuffs/beverages, textiles

Agricultural products - wheat, corn, berries, potatoes, peppers, fruit, dairy, livestock, fish

Exports \$3.318 billion (2021 est.)

mining, processed metal products, scrap metals, leather products, machinery, appliances, prepared foodstuffs, beverages, tobacco

partners: Albania 16%, India 14%, North Macedonia 12%, Serbia 11%, Switzerland 6%, Germany 5% (2017)

Imports \$6.128 billion (2021 est.)

foodstuffs, livestock, wood, petroleum, chemicals, machinery, minerals, textiles, stone, ceramic/glass products, electrical equipment

partners: Germany 12%, Serbia 12%, Turkey 10%, China 9%, Italy 6%, North Macedonia 5%, Albania 5% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

2 million (July 2022 est.)

Population Growth

0.57% (2022 est.)

Ethnicity

Albanians 92.9%, Bosniaks 1.6%, Serbs 1.5%, Turk 1.1%, Ashkali 0.9%, Egyptian 0.7%, Gorani 0.6%, Romani 0.5%, other/unspecified 0.2% (2011 est.)

Language

Albanian (official) 94.5%, Bosnian 1.7%, Serbian (official) 1.6%, Turkish 1.1%, other 0.9% (includes Romani), unspecified 0.1% (2011 est.)

Religion

Muslim 95.6%, Roman Catholic 2.2%, Orthodox 1.5%, other 0.1%, none 0.1%, unspecified 0.6% (2011 est.)