



# CAMBODIA



## INTRODUCTION

Most Cambodians consider themselves to be Khmers, descendants of the Angkor Empire that extended over much of Southeast Asia and reached its zenith between the 10th and 13th centuries. Following Japanese occupation in World War II, Cambodia gained full independence from France in 1953.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

King Norodom SIHAMONI

### Head of Government

Prime Minister HUN SEN

### Government Type

parliamentary constitutional monarchy

### Capital

Phnom Penh

### Legislature

bicameral Parliament of Cambodia consists of the Senate (62 seats) and the National Assembly (125 seats)

### Ambassador to US

Ambassador H.E. KEO Chhea

### US Ambassador

Ambassador W. Patrick MURPHY

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 181,035 sq km  
Land: 176,515 sq km  
Water: 4,520 sq km

### Climate

tropical; temperate; rainy, monsoon season (May to November); dry season (December to April)

### Natural Resources

oil and gas, timber, gemstones, iron ore, manganese, phosphates, hydropower potential, arable land

as of August 2023

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

one of the fastest growing Southeast Asian economies; rebounding tourism and clothing exports; substantial manufacturing and construction sectors; new trade agreements expanding agricultural markets; significant public debt; investing in new ports and roads

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$72.24 billion (2021 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$4,400 (2021 est.)

**Industries** - tourism, garments, construction, rice milling, fishing, wood and wood products, rubber, cement, gem mining, textiles

**Agricultural products** - cassava, rice, maize, vegetables, sugar cane, soybeans, rubber, oil palm fruit, bananas, pork

**Exports** \$20.13 billion (2021 est.)

clothing and footwear, trunks and cases, rice, rubber, light fixtures (2021)

**partners:** US 35%, China 7%, Germany 7%, Vietnam 7%, Japan 6% (2021)

**Imports** \$32.83 billion (2021 est.)

refined petroleum, clothing, gold, cars, flavored water (2019)

**partners:** China 27%, Singapore 27%, Thailand 16%, Vietnam 12%, Hong Kong 2% (2021)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

16.9 million (2023 est.)

### Population Growth

1.04% (2023 est.)

### Ethnicity

Khmer 95.4%, Cham 2.4%, Chinese 1.5%, other 0.7% (2019-20 est.)

### Language

Khmer (official) 95.8%, minority languages 2.9%, Chinese 0.6%, Vietnamese 0.5%, other 0.2% (2019 est.)

### Religion

Buddhist (official) 97.1%, Muslim 2%, Christian 0.3%, other 0.5% (2019 est.)

### Urbanization

urban population: 25.6% of total population (2023)  
rate of urbanization: 3.06% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)