



PORTUGAL



INTRODUCTION

Following its heyday as a global maritime power during the 15th and 16th centuries, Portugal lost much of its wealth and status with the destruction of Lisbon in a 1755 earthquake, occupation during the Napoleonic Wars, and the independence of Brazil, its wealthiest colony, in 1822. Portugal is a founding member of NATO and entered the EC (now the EU) in 1986.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Marcelo REBELO DE SOUSA

Head of Government

Prime Minister Antonio Luis Santos da COSTA

Government Type

semi-presidential republic

Capital

Lisbon

Legislature

unicameral Assembly of the Republic or Assembleia da Republica (230 seats)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Francisco Antonio DUARTE LOPES

US Ambassador

Ambassador Randi Charno LEVINE

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 92,090 sq km

Land: 91,470 sq km

Water: 620 sq km

Climate

maritime temperate; cool and rainy in north, warmer and drier in south

Natural Resources

fish, forests (cork), iron ore, copper, zinc, tin, tungsten, silver, gold, uranium, marble, clay, gypsum, salt, arable land, hydropower

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

fast-growing, high-income European economy; EU and NATO member; higher hydrocarbon energy costs due to cessation of Russian gas; major tourism, banking, and telecommunications sectors; high public debt and inflation; major renewable energy producer

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$347.7 billion (2021 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$33,700 (2021 est.)

Industries - textiles, clothing/footwear, wood and cork, paper and pulp, chemicals, fuels and lubricants, automobiles/auto parts, base metals, minerals, porcelain and ceramics, glassware

Agricultural products - milk, tomatoes, olives, grapes, maize, potatoes, pork, apples, oranges, poultry

Exports \$105.6 billion (2021 est.)

cars and vehicle parts, refined petroleum, leather footwear, tires, paper (2021)

partners: Spain 26%, France 12%, Germany 12%, US 6%, UK 5% (2021)

Imports \$112.4 billion (2021 est.)

crude petroleum, cars and vehicle parts, refined petroleum, packaged medicines, natural gas (2021)

partners: Spain 31%, Germany 12%, France 6%, Italy 5%, Netherlands 5% (2021)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

10.2 million (2023 est.)

Population Growth

-0.17% (2022 est.)

Ethnicity

Portuguese 95%; citizens from Portugal's former colonies in Africa, Asia (Han Chinese), and South America (Brazilian) and other foreign born 5%

Language

Portuguese (official), Mirandese (official, but locally used)

Religion

Roman Catholic 79.7%, Protestant 2.2%, other Christian 2.5%, other non-Christian 1.1%, none 14.5% (2021 est.)