

Saudi Arabia



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Government

Chief of State: King and Prime Minister SALMAN bin Abd al- Aziz Al Saud

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Government Type: Absolute Monarchy

Capital: Riyadh

Legislature: Unicameral Consultative Council (150 seats)

Judiciary: High Court (consists of the court chief and organized into circuits with 3-judge panels; criminal circuit has a 5-judge panel for cases involving major punishments)

Geography

Area

Total: 2.15 million sq km

Land: 2.15 million sq km

Water: 0 sq km

Climate: Harsh, dry desert with great temperature extremes

Natural Resources: Petroleum, natural gas, iron ore, gold, copper

People & Society

Population: 34.2 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth: 1.6% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity: Arab 90%, Afro-Asian 10%

Language: Arabic (official communication) 94.4% (understand spoken language) (2009 est.)

Religion: Muslim (official; citizens are 85-90% Sunni and 10-15% Shia), other (includes Eastern Orthodox, Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist, and Sikh) (2012 est.)

Urbanization:

Urban Population: 84.3% of total population (2020)

Rate of Urbanization: 2.17% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy: 78% (2015)

Italian presence: 1269

Economy

Economic Overview: Saudi Arabia has an oil-based economy with strong government controls over major economic activities. It has about 16% of the world's proven petroleum reserves.

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity):

\$1.775 trillion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity):

\$54,500 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$221.1 billion (2017 est.)

Partners: Japan 12.2%, China 11.7%, South Korea 9%, India 8.9%, US 8.3%, UAE 6.7%, Singapore 4.2% (2017)

Imports

\$119.3 billion (2017 est.)

Partners: China 15.4%, US 13.6%, UAE 6.5%, Germany 5.8%, Japan 4.1%, India 4.1%, South Korea 4% (2017)

