

# Yemen



## KEY CONTACTS

### EMBASSY OF ITALY IN SANA'A

*The activities of the Italian Embassy in Yemen are temporarily suspended.*

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## Government

**Chief of State:** President Abd Rabuh Mansur HADI

**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Maeen Abd al-Malik SAEED

**Government Type:** In transition

**Capital:** Sanaa

**Legislature:** Supreme Court (consists of the president of the Court, 2 deputies, and nearly 50 judges)

**Judiciary:** Bicameral Parliament or Majlis consists of the Shura Council or Majlis Alshoora (111 seats) and the House of Representatives or Majlis al Nuwaab (301 seats)

## Geography

### Area

**Total:** 527,968 sq km

**Land:** 527,968 sq km

**Water:** 0 sq km

**Climate:** Mostly desert; hot and humid along west coast; temperate in western mountains affected by seasonal monsoon; extraordinarily hot, dry, harsh desert in east

**Natural Resources:** Petroleum, fish, rock salt, marble; small deposits of coal, gold, lead, nickel, and copper; fertile soil in west

## Population

**Population:** 30.56 mil. (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth 0.88 % (2021 est.)

**Ethnicity:** Predominantly Arab; also Afro-Arab, South Asian, European

**Language:** Arabic (official); note: a distinct Socotri language is widely used on Socotra Island and Archipelago; Mahri is still fairly widely spoken in eastern Yemen

**Religion:** Muslim 99.1% (official; virtually all are citizens, an estimated 65% are Sunni and 35% are Shia), other 0.9% (many are refugees or temporary foreign residents) (2010 est.)

### Urbanization:

**Urban Population:** 37.9% of total population (2020)

**Rate of Urbanization:** 4.06% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

**Literacy:** 70.1% (2015)

**Italian presence:** 62

## Economy

**Economic Overview:** A low-income country struggling to stabilize its economy in the face of armed conflict, a severe humanitarian crisis, declining water resources, and food scarcity; will require significant international assistance

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity):**

\$223 billion (2017 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity):**

\$6,900 (2017 est.)

### Exports

\$384.5 million (2017 est.)

**Partners:** Egypt 29.4%, Thailand 16.7%, Belarus 13.5%, Oman 10.5%, UAE 6.5%, Saudi Arabia 5% (2017)

### Imports

\$4.079 billion (2017 est.)

**Partners:** UAE 12.2%, China 12.1%, Turkey 8.7%, Brazil 7.3%, Saudi Arabia 6.5%, Argentina 5.5%, India 4.7% (2017)