

Bahrain



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Government

Chief of State: King HAMAD bin Isa Al-Khalifa

Head of Government: Prime Minister KHALIFA bin Salman Al-Khalifa

Government Type: Constitutional Monarchy

Capital: Manama

Legislature: Bicameral National Assembly consists of the Consultative Council (40 seats) and the Council of Representatives (40 seats)

Judiciary: Court of Cassation (consists of the chairman and 3 judges)

Geography

Area

Total: 760 sq km

Land: : 760 sq km

Water: 0 sq km

Climate: Arid; mild, pleasant winters; very hot, humid summers

Natural Resources: Oil, associated and nonassociated natural gas, fish, pearls

People & Society

Population: 1.5 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth: 2.08% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity: Bahraini 46%, Asian 45.5%, other Arab 4.7%, African %, European 1%, other 1.2% (includes Gulf Co-operative country nationals, North and South Americans, and Oceanians) (2010 est.)

Language: Arabic (official), English, Farsi, Urdu

Religion: Muslim 73.7%, Christian 9.3%, Jewish 0.1%, other 16.9% (2017)

Urbanization:

Urban Population: 89.5% of total population (2020)

Rate of Urbanization: 4.38% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy: 97.5% (2018)

Italian presence: 400

Economy

Economic Overview

Oil and natural gas play a dominant role in Bahrain's economy; despite the government's past efforts to diversify the economy, oil still comprises 85% of budget revenues

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity):

\$71.17 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity):

\$49,000 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$15.38 billion (2017 est.)

Partners: UAE 19.6%, Saudi Arabia 11.7%, US 10.8%, Oman 8.1%, China 6.5%, Qatar 5.7%, Japan 4.2% (2017)

Imports

\$16.08 billion (2017 est.)

Partners: China 8.8%, UAE 7.2%, US 7.1%, Australia 5.3%, Japan 4.8% (2017)