

IRAN









GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

Supreme Leader Ali Hoseini-KHAMENEI

Head of Government

President Hasan Fereidun ROHANI

Government Type

theocratic republic

Capital

Tehran

Legislature

unicameral Islamic Consultative Assembly (290 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court (consists of the chief justice and organized into 42 two-bench branches, each with a justice and a judge)

Ambassador to US

none; Iran has an Interests Section in the Pakistani Embassy

US Ambassador

none; the US Interests Section is located in the Embassy of Switzerland

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 1.65 million 7 sq km Land: 1.35 million sq km Water: 116,600 sq km

Climate

mostly arid or semiarid, subtropical along Caspian coast

Natural Resources

petroleum, natural gas, coal, chromium, copper, iron ore, lead, manganese, zinc, sulfur

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

Iran's economy is marked by statist policies, inefficiencies, and reliance on oil and gas exports, but Iran also possesses significant agricultural, industrial, and service sectors.

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$1.64 trillion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$20,100 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$101.4 billion (2017 est.)

partners: China 27.5%, India 15.1%, South Korea 11.4%, Turkey 11.1%, Italy 5.7%, Japan 5.3% (2017)

Imports

\$76.39 billion (2017 est.)

partners: UAE 29.8%, China 12.7%, Turkey 4.4%, South Korea 4%, Germany 4% (2017))

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

84.9 million (2020 est.)

Population Growth

1.1% (2018 est.)

Ethnicity

Persian, Azeri, Kurd, Lur, Baloch, Arab, Turkmen and Turkic tribes

Language

Persian Farsi (official), Azeri and other Turkic dialects, Kurdish, Gilaki and Mazandarani, Luri, Balochi, Arabic

Religion

Muslim (official) 99.4% (Shia 90-95%, Sunni 5-10%), other (includes Zoroastrian, Jewish, and Christian) 0.3%, unspecified 0.4% (2011 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 75.9% of total population (2020) rate of urbanization: 1.71% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

85.5% (2016)

as of September 2020