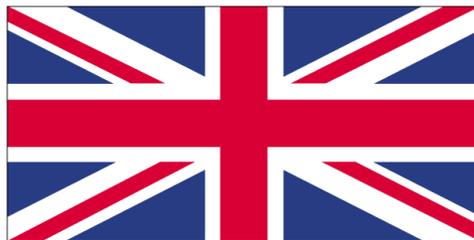


UNITED KINGDOM



INTRODUCTION

The United Kingdom played a leading role in developing parliamentary democracy and in advancing literature and science. At its zenith in the 19th century, the British Empire stretched over one-fourth of the earth's surface. With the dismantling of the Empire, the UK rebuilt itself into a modern and prosperous European nation. The Scottish Parliament, the National Assembly for Wales, and the Northern Ireland Assembly were established in 1998.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

King CHARLES III

Head of Government

Prime Minister Rishi SUNAK

Government Type

parliamentary constitutional monarchy

Capital

London

Legislature

bicameral Parliament consists of the House of Lords (membership not fixed) and the House of Commons (650 seats)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Karen Elizabeth PIERCE

US Ambassador

Ambassador Jane HARTLEY

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 243,610 sq km

Land: 241,930 sq km

Water: 1,680 sq km

Climate

temperate; moderated by prevailing southwest winds over the North Atlantic Current

Natural Resources

coal, petroleum, natural gas, iron ore, lead, zinc, gold, tin, limestone, salt, clay, chalk, gypsum, potash, silica sand, slate, arable land

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

high-income, diversified non-EU European economy; sixth-largest importer and exporter; global financial and diplomatic leader; nominal consumption-led growth; high inflation and increased interest rates eroding purchasing power despite real wage growth

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$3.136 trillion (2022 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$46,800 (2022 est.)

Industries - machine tools, electric power equipment, automation equipment, railroad equipment, shipbuilding, aircraft, motor vehicles and parts, electronics and communications equipment

Agricultural products - wheat, milk, barley, sugar beets, potatoes, rapeseed, poultry, oats, pork, beef

Exports \$874.5 billion (2021 est.)

cars, gold, gas turbines, crude petroleum, packaged medicines (2021)

partners: United States 13%, Germany 9%, Netherlands 8%, Ireland 7%, Switzerland 6% (2021)

Imports \$898.7 billion (2021 est.)

gold, cars, natural gas, crude petroleum, packaged medicines (2021)

partners: China 13%, Germany 11%, United States 8%, Netherlands 6%, Norway 5% (2021)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

68.1 million (2023 est.)

England 84.3%, Scotland 8.2%, Wales 4.6%, Northern Ireland 2.8%

Population Growth

0.49% (2023 est.)

Ethnicity

White 87.2%, Black/African/Caribbean/Black British 3%, Asian/Asian British: Indian 2.3%, Asian/Asian British: Pakistani 1.9%, mixed 2%, other 3.7% (2011 est.)

Language

English; Scots, Scottish Gaelic, Welsh, Irish, Cornish

Religion

Christian 59.5%, Muslim 4.4%, Hindu 1.3%, other 2%, unspecified 7.2%, none 25.7% (2011 est.)