



MOLDOVA



INTRODUCTION

A large portion of present-day Moldovan territory became a province of the Russian Empire in 1812 and then unified with Romania in 1918 in the aftermath of World War I. This territory was then incorporated into the Soviet Union at the close of World War II. Moldova has been independent from the Soviet Union since 1991.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Maia SANDU

Head of Government

Prime Minister Dorin RECEAN

Government Type

parliamentary republic

Capital

Chisinau in Romanian (Kishinev in Russian)

Legislature

unicameral Parliament (101 seats)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Viorel URSU

US Ambassador

Ambassador Kent D. LOGSDON

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 33,851 sq km
Land: 32,891 sq km
Water: 960 sq km

Climate

moderate winters, warm summers

Natural Resources

lignite, phosphorites, gypsum, limestone, arable land

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

upper middle-income Eastern European economy; sustained growth reversed by COVID-19; significant remittances; Russian energy and regional dependence; agricultural exporter; declining workforce due to emigration and low fertility

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$33.79 billion (2022 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$13,300 (2022 est.)

Industries - sugar processing, vegetable oil, food processing, agricultural machinery, foundry equipment, refrigerators and freezers, washing machines, hosiery, shoes, textiles

Agricultural products - maize, wheat, sunflower seeds, grapes, apples, sugar beets, milk, potatoes, barley, plums/sloes

Exports \$5.983 billion (2022 est.)

insulated wiring, sunflower seeds, wine, corn, seats (2021)

partners: Romania 24%, Russia 9%, Turkey 8%, Germany 7%, Italy 7% (2021)

Imports \$10.08 billion (2022 est.)

refined petroleum, cars, insulated wiring, packaged medicines, broadcasting equipment (2021)

partners: Romania 18%, Russia 13%, Ukraine 11%, China 9%, Germany 7% (2021)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

3.3 million (2023 est.)

Population Growth

-0.58% (2023 est.)

Ethnicity

Moldovan 75.1%, Romanian 7%, Ukrainian 6.6%, Gagauz 4.6%, Russian 4.1%, Bulgarian 1.9%, other 0.8% (2014 est.)

Language

Moldovan/Romanian 80.2% (official), Russian 9.7%, Gagauz 4.2% (a Turkish language), Ukrainian 3.9%, Bulgarian 1.5%, Romani 0.3%, other 0.2% (2014 est.)

Religion

Orthodox 90.1%, other Christian 2.6%, other 0.1%, agnostic <0.1%, atheist 0.2%, unspecified 6.9% (2014 est.)