



SERBIA



INTRODUCTION

The Kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes was formed in 1918; its name was changed to Yugoslavia in 1929. In 1989, Yugoslavia broke up along ethnic lines. In 1991, Croatia, Slovenia, and Macedonia declared independence, followed by Bosnia in 1992. Montenegro and Serbia declared independence in 2006.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Aleksandar VUCIC

Head of Government

Prime Minister Ana BRNABIC

Government Type

parliamentary republic

Capital

Belgrade

Legislature

unicameral National Assembly or Narodna Skupstina (250 seats)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Marko DJURIC

US Ambassador

Ambassador Christopher R. HILL

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 77,474 sq km
Land: 77,474 sq km
Water: 0 sq km

Climate

in the north, cold winters and hot, humid summers with well-distributed rainfall; in other parts, relatively cold winters with heavy snowfall and hot, dry summers and autumns

Natural Resources

oil, gas, coal, iron ore, copper, zinc, antimony, chromite, gold, silver, magnesium, pyrite, limestone, marble, salt, arable land

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

upper middle-income Balkan economy; current EU accession candidate; hit by COVID-19; pursuing green growth development; manageable public debt; new anticorruption efforts; falling unemployment; historic Russian relations; energy import-dependent

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$135.5 billion (2021 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$19,800 (2021 est.)

Industries - automobiles, base metals, furniture, food processing, machinery, chemicals, sugar, tires, clothes, pharmaceuticals

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

Exports \$33.73 billion (2021 est.)

insulated wiring, tires, corn, cars, iron products, copper (2019)

partners: Germany 12%, Italy 10%, Bosnia and Herzegovina 7%, Romania 6%, Russia 5% (2019)

Imports \$39.04 billion (2021 est.)

crude petroleum, cars, packaged medicines, natural gas, refined petroleum (2019)

partners: Germany 13%, Russia 9%, Italy 8%, Hungary 6%, China 5%, Turkey 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

6.7 million (July 2022 est.)

Population Growth

-0.75% (2022 est.)

Ethnicity

Serb 83.3%, Hungarian 3.5%, Romani 2.1%, Bosniak 2%, other 5.7%, undeclared or unknown 3.4% (2011 est.)

Language

Serbian (official) 88.1%, Hungarian 3.4%, Bosnian 1.9%, Romani 1.4%, other 3.4%, undeclared or unknown 1.8% (2011 est.)

Religion

Orthodox 84.6%, Catholic 5%, Muslim 3.1%, Protestant 1%, atheist 1.1%, other 0.8% (includes agnostics, other Christians, Eastern, Jewish), undeclared or unknown 4.5% (2011 est.)