Mongolia Country Factsheet









Introduction

Background

The Mongols established through conquest a huge Eurasian empire in the 13th century. They eventually retired to their original steppe homelands in present-day Mongolia and came under Chinese rule in the late 17th century. The Mongolian Revolution of 1921 ended Chinese dominance but ushered in Soviet control. Mongolia transitioned to an independent democracy in 1990.

Geography

Area

total: 1,564,116 sq km **land**: 1,553,556 sq km **water**: 10,560 sq km

Climate

desert; continental (large daily and seasonal temperature ranges)

Natural resources

oil, coal, copper, molybdenum, tungsten, phosphates, tin, nickel, zinc, fluorspar, gold, silver, iron

People and Society

Population

total: 3,281,676

Ethnic groups

Khalkh 83.8%, Kazak 3.8%, Durvud 2.6%, Bayad 2%, Buriad 1.4%, Zakhchin 1.2%, Dariganga 1.1%, other 4.1% (2020 est.)

Languages

Mongolian 90% (official, Khalkha dialect is predominant), Turkic, Russian (1999)

Religions

Buddhist 51.7%, Muslim 3.2%, Shamanist 2.5%, Christian 1.3%, other 0.7%, none 40.6% (2020 est.)

Population growth rate

0.78% (2024 est.)

Government

Government type

semi-presidential republic

Capital

name: Ulaanbaatar

Executive branch

chief of state: President Ukhnaagiin KHURELSUKH (since 25 June 2021)

head of government: Prime Minister Luvsannamsrai OYUN-ERDENE (since 27 January 2021)

Legislative branch

summary: unicameral State Great Hural (126 seats)

Diplomatic representation in the US

chief of mission: Ambassador BATBAYAR Ulziidelger (since 1 December 2021)

Diplomatic representation from the US

chief of mission: Ambassador Richard L. BUANGAN (since November 2022)

Economy

Economic overview

lower middle-income East Asian economy; large human capital improvements over last 3 decades; agricultural and natural resource rich; export and consumption-led growth; high inflation due to supply bottlenecks and increased food and energy prices; currency depreciation

Real GDP (purchasing power parity)

\$56.264 billion (2023 est.) \$52.572 billion (2022 est.) \$50.053 billion (2021 est.)

Real GDP per capita

\$16,300 (2023 est.) \$15,500 (2022 est.) \$15,000 (2021 est.)

Exports

\$15.501 billion (2023 est.) \$10.989 billion (2022 est.) \$8.95 billion (2021 est.)

Exports - partners

China 78%, Switzerland 15%, Singapore 3%, South Korea 2%, Russia 1% (2022)

Exports - commodities

coal, copper ore, gold, animal hair, iron ore (2022)

Imports

\$13.545 billion (2023 est.) \$12.112 billion (2022 est.) \$9.256 billion (2021 est.)

Imports - partners

China 36%, Russia 29%, Japan 7%, South Korea 5%, US 3% (2022)

Imports - commodities

refined petroleum, cars, trucks, trailers, raw iron bars (2022)

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