



MOLDOVA



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Igor DODON

Head of Government

Prime Minister Ion CHICU

Government Type

parliamentary republic

Capital

Chisinau in Romanian (Kishinev in Russian)

Legislature

unicameral Parliament (101 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court of Justice (consists of the chief judge, 3 deputy-chief judges, 45 judges, and 7 assistant judges); Constitutional Court (consists of the court president and 6 judges)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Eugen CARAS

Ambassador

Ambassador Dereck J. HOGAN

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

one of the poorest countries in Europe; with moderate climate and productive farmland, economy relies heavily on agriculture sector; vulnerable to corruption, political uncertainty, weak administrative capacity, vested bureaucratic interests, energy import dependence

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$23.72 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$6,700 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$1.86 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Romania 24.6%, Russia 13.7%, Italy 9.1%, Germany 6.2%, Ukraine 5.3%, UK 4.6%, Poland 4.6% (2017)

Imports

\$4.43 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Romania 15.5%, Ukraine 11.4%, Russia 10.6%, China 10.4%, Germany 8.9%, Italy 6.9%, Turkey 6.1% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

3.36 mil. (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

-1.08% (2020 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 (2014 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 42.8% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: -0.07% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

99.4% (2015)

