



TURKMENISTAN



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Gurbanguly BERDIMUHAMEDOW

Head of Government

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Government Type

presidential republic; authoritarian

Capital

Ashgabat (Ashkhabad)

Legislature

unicameral National Assembly or Mejlis (125 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court of Turkmenistan (consists of the court president and 21 associate judges and organized into civil, criminal, and military chambers)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Meret ORAZOW

US Ambassador

Ambassador Matthew S. KLIMOW

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 488,100 sq km

Land: 469,930 sq km

Water: 18,170 sq km

Climate

subtropical desert

Natural Resources

petroleum, natural gas, sulfur, salt

ECONOMY

largely a desert country with intensive agriculture in irrigated oases and significant natural gas and oil resources; agriculture occupies nearly half the workforce but only represents 8% of GDP; natural gas exports, mostly to China, make up 25% of GDP

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$103.7 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$18,200 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$7.458 billion (2017 est.)

partners China 83.7%, Turkey 5.1% (2017)

Imports

\$4.571 billion (2017 est.)

partners Turkey 24.2%, Algeria 14.4%, Germany 9.8%, China 8.9%, Russia 8%, US 6.6% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

5.5 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

1.1% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

Turkmen 85%, Uzbek 5%, Russian 4%, other 6% (2003)

Language

Turkmen (official) 72%, Russian 12%, Uzbek 9%, other 7%

Religion

Muslim 89%, Eastern Orthodox 9%, unknown 2%

Urbanization

urban population: 52.5% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: 2.46% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

99.7% (2015)

