Location: Middle East, bordering the Gulf of Oman, the Persian Gulf, and the Caspian Sea, between Iraq and Pakistan

Capital: Tehran

Government Type: Theocratic Republic

Area:
- Total: 1,648,195 sq km
- Land: 1,531,595 sq km
- Water: 116,600 sq km

Population: 82,801,633 (July 2016 est.)

Population Density: (per sq KM) 49 (2015)

Population Growth Rate: 1.18% (2016 est.)

Population below Poverty Line: 18.7% (2007 est.)

Ethnic Groups: Persian, Azeri, Kurd, Lur, Baloch, Arab, Turkmen and Turkic tribes

Climate: Mostly arid or semiarid, subtropical along Caspian coast

Natural Resources: Petroleum, natural gas, coal, chromium, copper, iron ore, lead, manganese etc.

Languages: Persian (official), Azeri Turkic and Turkic dialects, Kurdish, Gilaki and Mazandarani, Luri, Balochi, Arabic, other

Religions: Muslim (official) 99.4% (Shia 90-95%, Sunni 5-10%), other (includes Zoroastrian, Jewish, and Christian) 0.3%, unspecified 0.4% (2011 est.)

Land Use:
- Agricultural land: 30.1%(arable lands 10.8%; permanent crops 1.2%; permanent pasture 18.1%)
- Forest: 6.8%
- Other: 63.1% (2011 est.)

Natural Hazards: Periodic droughts, floods; dust storms, sandstorms; earthquakes

Literacy: 86.8%

GDP - Real Growth Rate: 4.5% (2016 est.)

GDP - Per Capita (PPP): $18,100 (2016 est.)

Exports: $87.52 billion (2016 est.)

Export Commodities: Petroleum 80%, chemical and petrochemical products, fruits and nuts, carpets, cement, ore etc.

Improved Drinking Water Source: 96.2% of population

Improved Sanitation Facility Access: 90% of population