

# COUNTRY PROFILE

## MYANMAR



**Location:** Southeastern Asia, bordering the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal, between Bangladesh and Thailand

**Capital:** Naypyidaw

**Government type:** Parliamentary Republic

**Area:**

Total: 676,578 sq km

Land: 653,508 sq km

Water: 23,070 sq km

**Population:** 56,890,418

**Population Density:** (per sq KM) 83 (2015)

**Population Growth Rate:** 1% (2016 est.)

**Population below Poverty Line:** 32.7% (2007 est.)

**Ethnic Groups:** Burman 68%, Shan 9%, Karen 7%, Rakhine 4%, Chinese 3%, Indian 2%, Mon 2%, other 5%

**Climate:** Tropical monsoon; cloudy, rainy, hot, humid summers (southwest monsoon, June to September); less cloudy, scant rainfall, mild temperatures, lower humidity during winter (northeast monsoon, December to April)

**Natural Resources:** Petroleum, timber, tin, antimony, zinc, copper, tungsten, lead, coal, marble, limestone, precious stones, natural gas, hydropower, arable land

**Languages:** Burmese (official)

**Religions:** Buddhist 87.9%, Christian 6.2%, Muslim 4.3%, Animist 0.8%, Hindu 0.5%, other 0.2%.

**Land Use:**

Agricultural Land: 19.2% (arable land 16.5%; permanent crops 2.2%; permanent pasture 0.5%)

Forest: 48.2%

Other: 32.6% (2011 est.)

**Natural hazards:** Destructive earthquakes and cyclones; flooding and landslides common during rainy season (June to September); periodic droughts

**Literacy:** 93.1%

**GDP - Real Growth Rate:** 8.1% (2016 est.)

**GDP - Per Capita (PPP):** \$6,000 (2016 est.)

**Exports:** \$10.49 billion (2016 est.)

**Export Commodities:** Natural gas; wood products; pulses and beans; fish; rice; clothing; minerals, including jade and gems

**Improved Drinking Water Source:** 80.6% of population

**Improved Sanitation Facility Access:** 77.4% of population