

AFGHANISTAN

Location: Southern Asia, north and west of Pakistan, east of Iran

Capital: Kabul

Government type: Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, / Govern by Taliban

Total: 652,230 sq km

Land: 652,230 sq km

Water: 0 sq km

Population: 40099462.00. WB-2021

Rural Population: 29.5 million

Population Density: (per sq KM) 59.75 2020. WB

Population Growth Rate: 2.85% 2021. WB

Population below Poverty Line: 97% (2021-2022) Afghanistan: Socio Economic Outlook. UNDP.

Ethnic Groups: Pashtun, Tajik, Hazara, Uzbek, and others

Climate: Arid to semiarid; cold winters and hot summers

Natural Resources: Natural gas, petroleum, coal, copper, chromite, talc, barites, sulfur, lead, zinc, iron ore, salt, precious and semiprecious stones, arable land

Languages: Afghan Persian or Dari (official) 50%, Pashto (official) 35%, Turkic languages

11%, 30 minor languages 4%, much bilingualism, but Dari functions as the lingua franca

Religions: Muslim 99.7% (Sunni 84.7 - 89.7%, Shia 10 - 15%), other 0.3% (2009 est.)

Land Use:

Agricultural Land: 58.8 (2020) WB/ (arable land 12% (2020) WB/ permanent crops 0.4 (2020) WB/ permanent pasture 58.81. 2020. WB

Forest: 2.1%/1.85.2020. WB

Other: 39.8%

Natural Hazards: Damaging earthquakes occur in Hindu Kush mountains; flooding; droughts
<https://climateknowledgeportal.worldbank.org/>. 2021

Literacy: 37 % WB. 2021

GDP - Real Growth Rate: 20.7 WB. 2021. Annual growth

GDP - Per Capita (PPP): 368.75 USD/2021

Exports: \$850.10 USD Million in 2021. [National Statistics and Information Authority \(NSIA\)](#)

Exports Commodities: Opium, fruits and nuts, hand-woven carpets, wool, cotton, hides and pelts, precious and semi-precious gems

Improved Drinking Water Source: 67%. Of population 2021. UNICEF

Improved Sanitation Facility Access: 50% of population in 2020 WB.