

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: 42239854.00 WB-2023

Rural Population: 30.86 million

Population Density: (per sq KM) 61.48 2021 WB

Population Growth Rate: 2.66% 2023. WB

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

UNDP.

Ethnic Groups: Pashtun, Tajik, Hazara, Uzbek, Turkman, Baluch, Pashaie, Nuristani, Aymaq, Arab, Qirghiz, Qizilbash, Gujur, and Brahui ethnicities

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, lingua franca) 77%, Pashto (official) 48%, Uzbeki 11%, English 6%, Turkmani 3%, Urdu 3%, Pashaie 1%, Nuristani 1%, Arabic 1%, Balochi 1%, other <1%

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

Land Use:

Agricultural Land: 58.7 (2022) WB/ (Arable land 20.4% (2022) WB/ Permanent crops 0.6% (2022) WB/ Permanent meadows and pastures 79.0% (2022) WB

Forest: 1.85%/. 2021. WB

Other: 39.8%

Natural Hazards: Damaging earthquakes occur in Hindu Kush mountains; flooding; droughts

<https://climateknowledgeportal.worldbank.org/>. 2021

Literacy: 37.37 % WB. 2021

GDP - Real Growth Rate: -6.24% WB. 2022. Annual growth

GDP - Per Capita (PPP): 372.61 USD/2022

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: 82.17% Of population 2022. UNICEF

Improved Sanitation Facility Access: 50.71% of population in 2022 WB