

## IR IRAN

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: 89,172,767 WDI-2023

Rural Population: 20,280,562 (2023)

Population Density: (per sq KM) 54.19 2021 WDI

Population Growth Rate: 0.70% 2023 WDI

Population below Poverty Line: 27.0% ( 2019) WB

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 Farsi (official), Azeri and other Turkic dialects, Kurdish, Gilaki and Mazandarani, Luri, Balochi, Arabic

Religions: Muslim (official) 98.5%, Christian 0.7%, Baha'i 0.3%, agnostic 0.3%, other (includes Zoroastrian, Jewish, Hindu) 0.2%

Land Use:

Agricultural Land: 29.0% (2022) FAO. (Arable land 33.4% (2022) FAO/ Permanent crops 4.0% (2022) FAO/ Permanent meadows and pastures 62.6% (2022)

Forest: 6.63% 2021 WDI

Other: 63.1% (2011 est.)

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

Literacy: 88.96% WDI 2022

GDP - Real Growth Rate: 4.95% WDI 2023

GDP - Per Capita (PPP): \$5739.94 WDI 2023

Exports: \$82,156million (2021)

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

Improved Drinking Water Source: 97.69% of population (2022) WDI.

Improved Sanitation Facility Access: 90.36%. of population (2022) WDI