



CAMBODIA



INTRODUCTION

Most Cambodians consider themselves to be Khmers, descendants of the Angkor Empire that extended over much of Southeast Asia and reached its zenith between the 10th and 13th centuries. Following Japanese occupation in World War II, Cambodia gained full independence from France in 1953.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

King Norodom SIHAMONI

Head of Government

Prime Minister HUN SEN

Government Type

parliamentary constitutional monarchy

Capital

Phnom Penh

Legislature

bicameral Parliament of Cambodia consists of the Senate (62 seats) and the National Assembly (125 seats/5-year terms)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 181,035 sq km
Land: 176,515 sq km
Water: 4,520 sq km

Climate

tropical; rainy, monsoon season (May to November); dry season (December to April); little seasonal temperature variation

Natural Resources

oil and gas, timber, gemstones, iron ore, manganese, phosphates, hydropower potential, arable land

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

one of the fastest growing economies; tourism and clothing exports; substantial manufacturing and construction sectors; COVID-19 declines and the suspension of EU market preferential access; massive reductions in poverty, but rural areas remain disproportionately poor

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$70.08 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$4,200 (2020 est.)

Industries - tourism, garments, construction, rice milling, fishing, wood and wood products, rubber, cement, gem mining, textiles

Agricultural products - cassava, rice, maize, vegetables, sugar cane, soybeans, rubber, oil palm fruit, bananas, pork

Exports \$19.4 billion (2020 est.)

clothing, precious metal scraps, trunks/cases, gold, leather footwear (2019)

partners: US 21%, Singapore 8%, Thailand 8%, Germany 7%, Japan 6%, China 5%, Canada 5%, UK 5% (2019)

Imports \$23.12 billion (2020 est.)

refined petroleum, clothing, gold, cars, flavored water (2019)

partners: China 27%, Thailand 25%, Vietnam 15%, Singapore 8% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

17.3 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

1.34% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Khmer 97.6%, Cham 1.2%, Chinese 0.1%, Vietnamese 0.1%, other 0.9% (2013 est.)

Language

Khmer (official) 95.8%, other 4.2% (2019 est.)

Religion

Buddhist (official) 97.1%, Muslim 2%, Christian 0.3%, other 0.5% (2019 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 24.7% of total population (2021)
rate of urbanization: 3.06% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)

