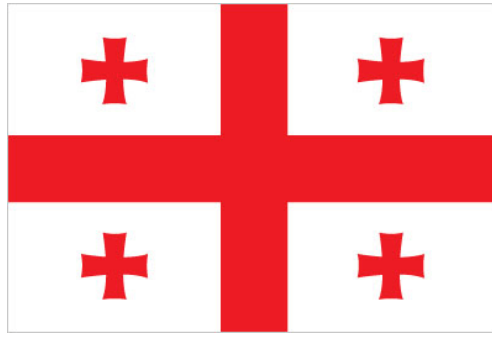




# GEORGIA



## INTRODUCTION

Georgia once contained the ancient kingdoms of Colchis and Kartli-Iberia. It has been dominated by many powers, including its absorption into the Russian Empire in the 19th century. Forcibly incorporated into the USSR in 1921, it regained its independence following the dissolution of the USSR in 1991. Georgia achieved EU candidate status in December 2023.

## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President Salome ZOURABICHVILI

### Head of Government

Prime Minister (in transition)

### Government Type

semi-presidential republic

### Capital

Tbilisi

### Legislature

unicameral Parliament or Sakartvelos Parliamenti (150 seats)

### Ambassador to US

Ambassador David ZALKALIANI

### US Ambassador

Ambassador Robin L. DUNNIGAN

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 69,700 sq km

Land: 69,700 sq km

Water: 0 sq km

### Climate

warm and pleasant; Mediterranean-like on Black Sea coast

### Natural Resources

timber, hydropower, manganese deposits, iron ore, copper, minor coal and oil deposits

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

main economic activities include cultivation of agricultural products, such as grapes, citrus fruits, and hazelnuts; mining of manganese, copper, and gold; producing alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$63.4 billion (2022 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)** \$17,100 (2022 est.)

**Industries** – steel, machine tools, electrical appliances, mining, chemicals, wood products, wine

**Agricultural Products** – milk, grapes, maize, potatoes, wheat, watermelons, tomatoes, tangerines/mandarins, barley, apples

**Exports** \$13.11 billion (2022 est.)

copper, iron alloys, cars, wine, refined petroleum, nitrogen fertilizers, liquors

**partners:** China 13%, Russia 12%, Azerbaijan 11%, Turkey 7%, Ukraine 6% (2021)

**Imports** \$15.55 billion (2022 est.)

cars, refined petroleum, copper, packaged medicines, natural gas

**partners:** Turkey 17%, China 9%, Russia 9%, US 7%, Azerbaijan 6% (2021)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

4.9 million (2023 est.)

### Population Growth

-0.57% (2023 est.)

### Ethnicity

Georgian 86.8%, Azeri 6.3%, Armenian 4.5%, other 2.3% (includes Russian, Ossetian, Yazidi, Ukrainian, Kist, Greek) (2014 est.)

### Language

Georgian (official) 87.6%, Azeri 6.2%, Armenian 3.9%, Russian 1.2%, other 1% (2014 est.)

### Religion

Orthodox (official) 83.4%, Muslim 10.7%, Armenian Apostolic 2.9%, other 1.2%, none 0.5%, unspecified/no answer 1.2% (2014 est.)