

KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN

مملكة البحرين



Capital:
Manama

Land size:
778 km²

Human Development
Index: **35/191**

Oil reserves:
56/189

Gas reserves:
58/181

OVERVIEW

Currency:
Bahraini Dinar (BHD)

Official state religion:
Islam

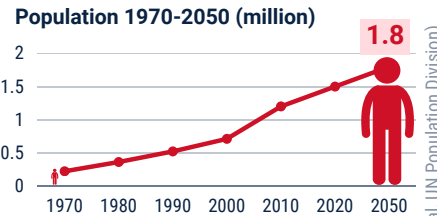
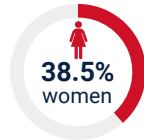
Official language:
Arabic

National symbols:



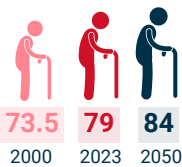
DEMOGRAPHICS

Population (2023):
1.5 million



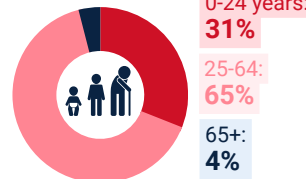
Annual population growth:
-1%

Average life expectancy:



Median age:
32.7

Population by age:



EDUCATION

15+ literacy rate:
92%

65+ literacy rate:
71.5%

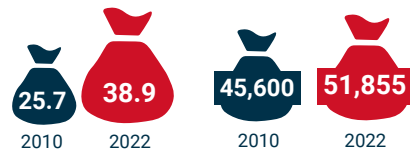
Spending on education as % of state budget:
7.8%

University participation (gross enrolment ratio):
83%
49%

(UNESCO, World Bank, Ministry of Finance & National Economy)

ECONOMY & TRADE

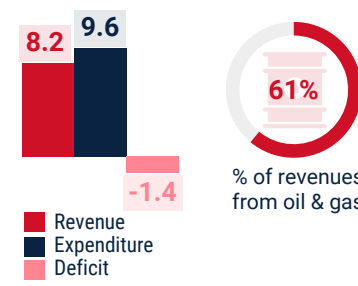
GDP (billion, constant 2015 US\$):
25.7 (2010) **38.9** (2022)



Real GDP growth (2023):
3% (IMF)

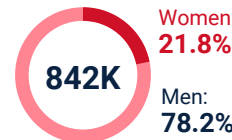
GDP per capita, PPP (constant 2017 intl.\$):
45,600 (2010) **51,855** (2022)

National Budget 2023 (billion US\$)



(Ministry of Finance & National Economy)

Labour Force:



Unemployment (2021):
5.4%

(World Bank, IMF)

MILITARY

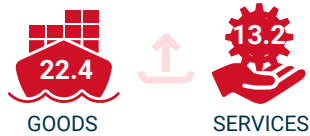
Military force:
Bahrain Defence Force

Size of military:
19,000

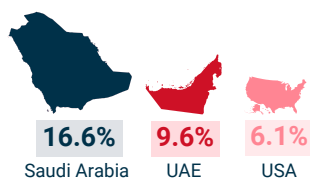
Military expenditure (% of GDP):
3.2% (2022, SIPRI)

TRADE WITH... THE WORLD

EXPORTS (billion US\$)



TOP PARTNERS*



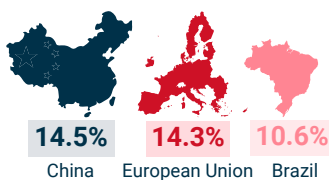
* trade in goods

(World Trade Organisation, European Commission, 2023)

IMPORTS (billion US\$)



TOP PARTNERS*



...THE EUROPEAN UNION

Rank as EU's trading partner:
80th

EU-Bahrain trade (2022)*:
€3.9 billion (EUR)

Of which imports from the EU:
47.8%

Portion of GCC-EU trade:
2.2%

*trade in goods (European Commission, 2023)

...THE UNITED KINGDOM

Rank as UK's trading partner:
60th

UK-Bahrain trade*:
£3.1 billion (GBP)

Of which imports from the UK:
74.2%

Portion of GCC-UK trade:
5%

*trade in goods (UK Department for International Trade, 2023)

KEY DATES

15 AUGUST 1971
Independence from the United Kingdom

16 DECEMBER: NATIONAL DAY
Independence (1971) and accession of Isa bin Salman Al-Khalifa to the throne in 1961

14 FEBRUARY 2002
The National Action Charter was adopted following a national referendum on making Bahrain a constitutional monarchy

GOVERNMENT

Head of State:
King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa (since 1999)

Crown Prince & Prime Minister:
Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa

Council of Ministers

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL (MAJLIS AL-SHURA)
40 members
Of which women: **20%**

- upper chamber
- appointed by the King

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES (MAJLIS AN-NUWAB)
40 members
Of which women: **25%**

- lower chamber
- directly elected every 4 years

next elections: **2026**