

SULTANATE OF OMAN

سلطنة عُمان



Capital:
Muscat

Land size:
309,500 km²

Human Development
Index: **54/191**

Oil reserves:
22/189

Gas reserves:
28/181

OVERVIEW

Currency:
Omani Rial (OMR)

Official state religion:
Islam

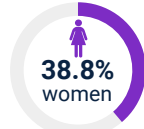
Official language:
Arabic

National symbols:

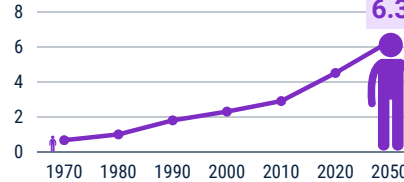


DEMOGRAPHICS

Population (2022):
4.6 million

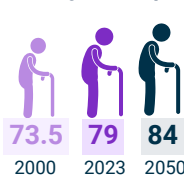


Population 1970-2050 (million)

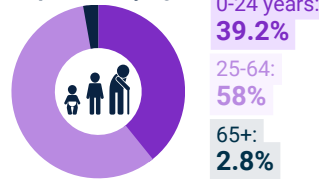


Annual population growth:
-0.5

Average life expectancy:



Population by age:



EDUCATION

15+ literacy rate:
96%

65+ literacy rate:
56.9%

Spending on education as % of state budget:
18%

University participation (gross enrolment ratio):
53%

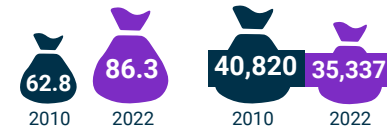
42%

(Source: World Bank, UN Population Division)

(UNESCO, World Bank, Oman's Ministry of Finance, 2023)

ECONOMY & TRADE

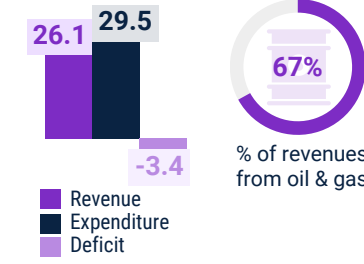
GDP (billion, constant 2015 US\$):
62.8 (2010), **86.3** (2022)



Real GDP growth (2023):
1.7%

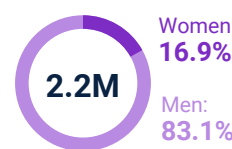
(World Bank, IMF)

National Budget 2023 (billion US\$):
26.1 (Revenue), **29.5** (Expenditure), **-3.4** (Deficit)



(Oman's Ministry of Finance)

Labour Force:

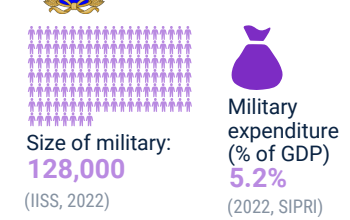


Unemployment (2021):
1.9%

(World Bank, IMF)

MILITARY

Military force:
Sultan's Armed Forces

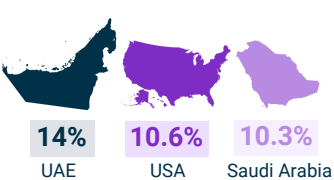


TRADE WITH... THE WORLD

EXPORTS (billion US\$)



TOP PARTNERS*



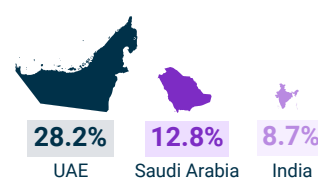
* trade in goods

(World Trade Organisation, European Commission, 2023)

IMPORTS (billion US\$)



TOP PARTNERS*



...THE EUROPEAN UNION

Rank as EU's trading partner:
67th

EU-Oman trade (2022)*:
€5.1 billion (EUR)

Of which imports from the EU:



Portion of GCC-EU trade:



*trade in goods (European Commission, 2023)

...THE UNITED KINGDOM

Rank as UK's trading partner:
82nd

UK-Oman trade (2022)*:
£1.3 billion (GBP)

Of which imports from the UK:



Portion of GCC-UK trade:



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

KEY DATES

18 NOVEMBER: NATIONAL DAY

Independence from Portugal (1650)

AUGUST 1970

Accession of Sultan Qaboos, the country's name was changed from the *Sultanate of Muscat and Oman* to the *Sultanate of Oman*

11 JANUARY: ASCENSION DAY

Ascension to power of Sultan Haitham bin Tariq, succeeding the late Sultan Qaboos (2020)

GOVERNMENT



Head of State, Prime Minister & Defence Minister (since 2020)

Sultan Haitham bin Tariq Al-Said



Crown Prince & Minister of Culture, Youth & Sports:
Theyazin bin Haitham Al-Said



Council of Ministers

COUNCIL OF OMAN

STATE COUNCIL (MAJLIS AL-DAWLA)

- upper chamber
- appointed by the Sultan

85 members

Of which women:



CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL (MAJLIS AL-SHURA)

- lower chamber
- directly elected every 4 years

next elections: **October 2023**

86 members

Of which women:

