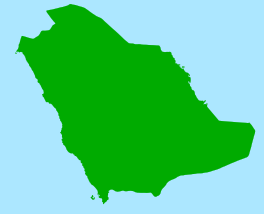


KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

المملكة العربية السعودية



Capital: **Riyadh**
 Land size: **2,150,000 km²**
 Human Development Index: **35/191**
 Oil reserves: **2/189**
 Gas reserves: **6/181**

OVERVIEW

Currency: **Saudi Riyal (SAR)**
 Official state religion: **Islam**
 Official language: **Arabic**
National symbols:
 Arabian Camel
 Falcon
 Arfaj flower

DEMOGRAPHICS

Population (2022): **32.2 million**
 38.8% women
 58.8% nationals
 Population 1970-2050 (million) **48.4**
 Average life expectancy
 2000: **72.5** | 2023: **78.1** | 2050: **82.9**
 Annual population growth: **4.5%**
 Population by age:
 0-24 years: **40.1%**
 25-64: **56.9%**
 65+: **3.1%**

EDUCATION

15+ literacy rate: **98%**
 65+ literacy rate: **62.4%**
 Spending on education as % of state budget: **17%**
 University participation (gross enrolment ratio): **71%**
72%

ECONOMY & TRADE

GDP (billion, constant 2015 US\$)
 2010: **511** | 2022: **767**
GDP per capita, PPP (constant 2017 intl. \$)
 2010: **41,232** | 2022: **50,023**
National Budget 2023 (billion US\$)
 Revenue: **301.3** | Expenditure: **297** | Surplus: **+4.3**
 % of revenues from oil & gas (2022): **74.5%**
Labour Force:
 15.9M
 Women: **18.9%** | Men: **81.1%**
 Unemployment (2021): **6.6%**

MILITARY

Military force: **Saudi Arabian Armed Forces**
 Military expenditure (% of GDP): **7.4%**
 Size of military: **257,000** (IISS, 2022)

TRADE WITH... THE WORLD

EXPORTS (billion US\$)
 GOODS: **276** | SERVICES: **9.7**
TOP PARTNERS*
 China: **16.5%** | EU27: **11.7%** | India: **10.1%**
IMPORTS (billion US\$)
 GOODS: **152.9** | SERVICES: **6.2**
TOP PARTNERS*
 China: **21.4%** | EU27: **18.9%** | US: **9.2%**

...THE EUROPEAN UNION

Rank as EU's trading partner: **15th**
 EU-Saudi trade (2022)*: **€75.7 billion (EUR)**
 Of which imports from the EU: **58.2%**
 Portion of GCC-EU trade: **43.2%**

...THE UNITED KINGDOM

Rank as UK's trading partner: **23th**
 UK-Saudi trade*: **£17.3 billion (GBP)**
 Of which imports from the UK: **29.5%**
 Portion of GCC-UK trade: **28.2%**

KEY DATES

22 FEBRUARY: FOUNDING DAY
 Mohammed bin Saud, the founder of the First Saudi State and the Al-Saud dynasty, ascended to power in 1727
23 SEPTEMBER: NATIONAL DAY
 Unification of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia by Abdulaziz bin Abdulrahman Al-Saud in 1932
1938
 Discovery of oil in Dhahran

GOVERNMENT

Head of State and Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques (since 2015): **King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud**
 Crown Prince and Prime Minister: **Mohammed bin Salman Al-Saud**
Council of Ministers

CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL

(MAJLIS AL-SHURA)

151 members
 Of which women: **20%**
 • appointed by the King
 • four year term

ALLEGIANCE COUNCIL

- established in 2006 to facilitate succession and determine the future King and Crown Prince
- consists of about 30 royal family members, namely sons and grandsons of Ibn Saud