

Introduction

Armenia is a landlocked country in Southwestern Asia or Eurasia. It is situated at the gateway between Western Asia and Eastern Europe and bordered by Azerbaijan, Georgia, Iran, and Turkey. Located in the Lesser Caucasus Mountains, Armenia is a mountainous region with fast-flowing rivers. The government system of Armenia is a republic; the president is the chief of state and head of government. Armenia has a mixed economic system which includes a variety of private freedom, combined with centralized economic planning and government regulation. Armenia is a member of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU).



Location: Western Asia

Capital City: Yerevan (+4 GMT)

Chief of State: President Vahagn Khachaturyan

Head of Govt.: Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan

Currency: Dram (AMD)

Major Languages: <p>Armenian (official) 97.9%, Kurdish (spoken by Yezidi minority) 1%, other 1% (2011 est.)</p>

Primary Religions: <p>Armenian Apostolic 92.6%, Evangelical 1%, other 2.4%, none 1.1%, unspecified 2.9% (2011 est.)</p>

Calling Code: 374

Voltage: 220

Key Websites

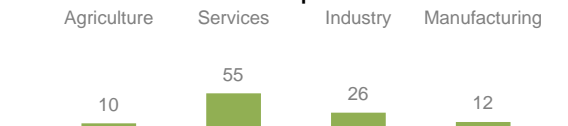
Main Government Page: gov.am

Commerce Ministry: mineconomy.am

Key Economic Facts

Income Level (by per capita GNI):	Lower Middle Income
Level of Development:	In Transition
GDP, PPP (current international \$):	\$52.67 billion (2022)
GDP growth (annual %):	12.60% (2022)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):	\$18,941.53 (2022)
External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US\$):	\$13,818,477,363.20 (2021)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):	11.71% (2022)
Current account balance (BoP, current US\$):	-\$0.17 billion (2022)
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %):	8.64% (2022)
Labor force, total:	1,386,376 (2022)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	12.56% (2022)
Imports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$9.90 billion (2022)
Exports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$9.30 billion (2022)

GDP Composition %



**Although Manufacturing is included in the Industry figures, it is also separately reported because it plays a critical role in economy.*

Rankings

Index	Rank
Corruption Perceptions Index	57 / 178
Global Competitiveness Index	69 / 141
Global Enabling Trade Index	68 / 136
Index of Economic Freedom	50 / 176
International Logistics Performance Index (LPI)	92 / 160
Inward FDI Potential Index	73 / 139
KOF Index of Globalization	83 / 185
Networked Readiness Index (NRI)	56 / 139
Open Budget Index	31 / 114

Risk Assessment (Provided by Coface)

Country rating: B - Political and economic uncertainties and an occasionally difficult business environment can affect corporate payment behavior. Corporate default probability is appreciable.

Business Climate rating: B - The business environment is mediocre. The availability and the reliability of corporate financial information vary widely. Debt collection can sometimes be difficult. The institutional framework has a few troublesome weaknesses. Intercompany transactions run appreciable risks in the unstable, largely inefficient environments rated B.

Strengths

- Significant mining resources (gold, copper, molybdenum, zinc)
- Relatively flexible dram exchange rate
- Member of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) and partnership agreement with the European Union (EU)
- Will to reform in terms of corruption, justice, and competition

Weaknesses

- Dependence on minerals (33% of exports and 4% of GDP), despite efforts to diversify
- Heavy dependence on Russia (security, trade, expatriate remittances and FDI)
- Highly dollarized banking system, public debt mainly denominated in foreign currencies
- High levels of poverty and unemployment (25% and 8% of the population)
- Tensions with Azerbaijan over the Nagorno-Karabakh enclave and the Zangezour corridor

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