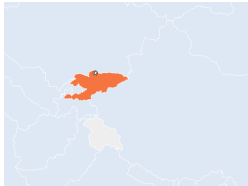


Introduction

Kyrgyzstan is a landlocked and mountainous country located in Central Asia and bordered by China, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. The government system is a republic; the chief of state is the president, and the head of government is the prime minister. Kyrgyzstan has an emerging mixed economic system which includes a variety of private freedom, combined with centralized economic planning and government regulation.



Location: Central Asia

Capital City: Bishkek (+6 GMT)

Chief of State: President Sooronbay Jeenbekov

Head of Govt.: Prime Minister Mukhammedkaly Abylgaziev

Currency: Kyrgyzstani Som (KGS)

Major Languages: <p>Kyrgyz (official) 71.4%, Uzbek 14.4%, Russian (official) 9%, other 5.2%</p>

Primary Religions: <p>Muslim 75%, Russian Orthodox 20%, other 5%</p>

Calling Code: 996

Voltage: 220

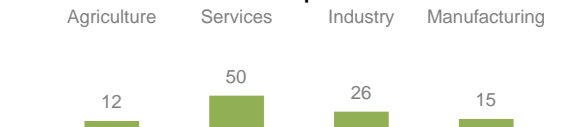
Key Websites

Main Government Page: gov.kg

Key Economic Facts

Income Level (by per capita GNI):	Low Income
Level of Development:	In Transition
GDP, PPP (current international \$):	\$23.10 billion (2017)
GDP growth (annual %):	4.58% (2017)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):	\$3,725.54 (2017)
External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US\$):	\$8,161,335,603.40 (2017)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):	15.10% (2017)
Current account balance (BoP, current US\$):	-\$0.52 billion (2017)
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %):	3.18% (2017)
Labor force, total:	2,631,363 (2018)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	7.36% (2018)
Imports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$5.05 billion (2017)
Exports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$2.68 billion (2017)

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	135 / 178
Global Competitiveness Index	97 / 139
Global Enabling Trade Index	113 / 136
Index of Economic Freedom	79 / 179
International Logistics Performance Index (LPI)	108 / 160
Inward FDI Potential Index	108 / 139
KOF Index of Globalization	100 / 185
Networked Readiness Index (NRI)	95 / 139
Open Budget Index	38 / 115

Risk Assessment (Provided by Coface)

Country rating: D - A high-risk political and economic situation and an often very difficult business environment can have a very significant impact on corporate payment behavior. Corporate default probability is very high.

Business Climate rating: D - The business environment is very difficult. Corporate financial information is rarely available and when available usually unreliable. The legal system makes debt collection very unpredictable. The institutional framework has very serious weaknesses. Intercompany transactions can thus be very difficult to manage in the highly risky environments rated D.

Strengths

- Major reserves of gold and other precious metals (including copper, uranium, mercury)
- Support from bilateral and multilateral donors
- Strategic pivotal position between Asia and Europe
- Membership of Eurasian Economic Union since 2015 (Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Armenia)

Weaknesses

- Poor diversification of the economy, which remains reliant on gold, agriculture, and remittances from expatriate workers
- Landlocked country with high energy dependency
- Difficult business climate
- Political and social instability associated with high poverty rate and inter-ethnic tensions
- Difficult relations with its neighbors (water management, borders...)

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