

Introduction

Mongolia is a landlocked country located in East and Central Asia bordered by Russia and China. The geography of Mongolia is varied with the Gobi Desert to the south and mountainous regions to the north and west. The government system is a semi-presidential republic; the chief of state is the president, and the head of government is the prime minister.

Mongolia is a member of the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA).



Location: Eastern Asia

Capital City: Ulaanbaatar (+8 GMT)

Chief of State: President Khaltmaa Battulga

Head of Govt.: Prime Minister Luvsannamsrai Oyunerdene

Currency: Tughrig (MNT)

Major Languages: <p>Khalkha Mongol 90% (official), Turkic, Russian</p>

Primary Religions: <p>Buddhist 53%, Muslim 3%, Christian 2.2%, Shamanist 2.9%, other 0.4%, none 38.6%</p>

Calling Code: 976

Voltage: 230

Key Websites

Main Government Page: zasag.mn

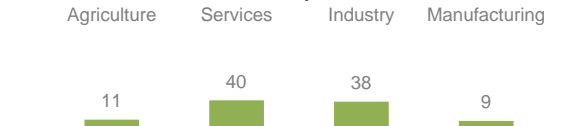
Commerce Ministry: mongolchamber.mn

Investment Promotion Agency: invest-mongolia.com

Key Economic Facts

Income Level (by per capita GNI):	Upper Middle Income
Level of Development:	Data Unavailable
GDP, PPP (current international \$):	\$41.48 billion (2019)
GDP growth (annual %):	5.16% (2019)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):	\$12,861.84 (2019)
External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US\$):	\$31,445,313,380.20 (2019)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):	9.41% (2019)
Current account balance (BoP, current US\$):	-\$2.16 billion (2019)
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %):	7.30% (2019)
Labor force, total:	1,342,479 (2020)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	5.95% (2020)
Imports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$9.25 billion (2019)
Exports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$8.41 billion (2019)

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	106 / 180
Global Competitiveness Index	102 / 141
Global Enabling Trade Index	119 / 136
Index of Economic Freedom	123 / 179
International Logistics Performance Index (LPI)	130 / 160
Inward FDI Potential Index	71 / 139
KOF Index of Globalization	87 / 185
Networked Readiness Index (NRI)	57 / 139
Open Budget Index	54 / 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: C - The business environment is difficult. Corporate financial information is often unavailable and when available often unreliable. Debt collection is unpredictable. The institutional framework has many troublesome weaknesses. Intercompany transactions run major risks in the difficult environments rated C.

Strengths

- Development of colossal mining resources (coal, copper, gold) with investment reaching 40% of GDP
- Strategic geographical position between China and Europe (Silk Road Development Project)
- Potential for diversification of production, including agribusiness (livestock, dairy products, meat, cashmere) and tourism
- Important donor support (4.8% of GDP in 2019)

Weaknesses

- Small economy vulnerable to changes in commodity prices and Chinese demand
- Internal political dissensions
- Massive land degradation, 90% of the vast grasslands prone to desertification (frequent occurrence of dust storms)
- Alarming level of corruption and fragile governance (justice, public expenditure, SOEs, mining licenses, and procurement)
- Risks associated with rising inequalities (28% of the population living in poverty in 2018) due to less inclusive mining development
- Insufficient foreign exchange reserves to absorb external shocks

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