

## Introduction

Serbia is a landlocked country located at the crossroads of Central and Southeastern Europe, covering the central part of the Balkans. Serbia is bordered by Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, and Romania. The geography of Serbia is varied and includes fertile plains, limestone ranges, and in the southeast:



the Dinaric Alps and the Carpathian Mountain range. The government system is a republic; the chief of state is the president, and the head of government is the prime minister. Serbia has a mixed economic system in which the presence of the state in the economy is considerable, but there is limited private sector freedom. Serbia is a member of the Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA).



**Location:** Southern Europe

**Capital City:** Belgrade (+1 GMT)

**Chief of State:** President Aleksandar Vucic

**Head of Govt.:** Prime Minister Ana Brnabic

**Currency:** Serbian dinar (RSD)

**Major Languages:** <p>Serbian (official) 88.1%, Hungarian 3.4%, Bosnian 1.9%, Romany 1.4%, other 3.4%, undeclared or unknown 1.8%</p>

**Primary Religions:** <p>Serbian Orthodox 84.6%, Catholic 5%, Muslim 3.1%, Protestant 1%, atheist 1.1%, other 0.8%, undeclared or unknown 4.5%</p>

**Calling Code:** 381

**Voltage:** 220

## Key Websites

Main Government Page: [srbija.gov.rs](http://srbija.gov.rs)

Commerce Ministry: [privreda.gov.rs](http://privreda.gov.rs)

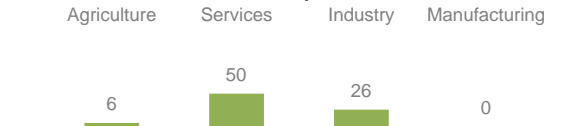
Export Promotion Agency: [ras.gov.rs](http://ras.gov.rs)

Investment Promotion Agency: [ras.gov.rs](http://ras.gov.rs)

## Key Economic Facts

Income Level (by per capita GNI):	Upper Middle Income
Level of Development:	In Transition
GDP, PPP (current international \$):	\$105.97 billion (2017)
GDP growth (annual %):	1.87% (2017)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):	\$15,090.03 (2017)
External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US\$):	\$34,548,548,089.10 (2017)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):	15.63% (2016)
Current account balance (BoP, current US\$):	-\$2.35 billion (2017)
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %):	3.13% (2017)
Labor force, total:	3,138,980 (2017)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	14.10% (2017)
Imports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$25.38 billion (2017)
Exports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$21.73 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	77 / 178
Global Competitiveness Index	65 / 139
Global Enabling Trade Index	64 / 136
Index of Economic Freedom	69 / 179
International Logistics Performance Index (LPI)	65 / 160
KOF Index of Globalization	46 / 185
Networked Readiness Index (NRI)	75 / 139
Open Budget Index	62 / 115

## 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: A4** - The business environment is acceptable. Corporate financial information is sometimes neither readily available nor sufficiently reliable. Debt collection is not always efficient and the institutional framework has shortcomings. Intercompany transactions may thus run into appreciable difficulties in the acceptable but occasionally unstable environments rated A4.

### Strengths

- Public sector reform in coordination with IMF and EU
- EU accession process underway
- Natural resources (coal, bauxite, copper, zinc, gold) and food self-sufficiency
- Modern automotive industry
- Remittances from expatriate workers

### Weaknesses

- Massive and inefficient public sector
- Country isolated due to inadequate road and electricity transport infrastructure
- Sensitivity to weather conditions
- Low productivity (excluding automotive)
- Strong euroization (65%); limited development (46% of GDP) of credit
- Informal economy remains large: 24% of GDP (35% in 2006) and 21% of employment

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