

Introduction

Somalia is a country in Africa bordered by Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Gulf of Yemen, and the Indian Ocean. Somalia has a strategic location on the Horn of Africa along southern approaches to the Bab el-Mandeb and routes through the Red Sea and Suez Canal. The geography consists of semidesert, mountains, and highlands.

The government system is a federated parliamentary republic; the chief of state is the federal president, or sheikh, and the head of government is the prime minister. Somalia has a traditional economic system in which the majority of the population engages in subsistence livestock and agriculture. Somalia is a member of the League of Arab States (Arab League).



Location: Eastern Africa

Capital City: Mogadishu (+3 GMT)

Chief of State: President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud

Head of Govt.: Prime Minister Hamza Abdi Barre

Currency: Somalia Shilling (SOS)

Major Languages: Somali (official, according to the 2012 Transitional Federal Charter), Arabic (official, according to the 2012 Transitional Federal Charter), Italian, English

Primary Religions: Sunni Muslim (Islam) (official, according to the 2012 Transitional Federal Charter)

Calling Code: 252

Voltage: 220

Key Websites

Main Government Page: villasomalia.gov.so

Key Economic Facts

Income Level (by per capita GNI):	Low Income
Level of Development:	Developing
GDP, PPP (current international \$):	\$24.00 billion (2022)
GDP growth (annual %):	4.80% (2022)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):	\$1,364.10 (2022)
External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US\$):	\$4,835,829,889.40 (2021)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):	4.43% (1990)
Current account balance (BoP, current US\$):	-\$0.16 billion (1989)
Labor force, total:	3,158,162 (2022)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	20.05% (2022)
Imports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$7.39 billion (2022)
Exports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$1.36 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.*

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