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: Somalia (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 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 $): $1,364.10 (2022)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP): 4.43% (1990)
Current account balance (BoP, current US$): -$0.16 billion (1989)
Labor force, total: 3,158,162 (2022)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate): 20.05% (2022)
Imports of goods and services (current US$): $7.39 billion (2022)
Exports of goods and services (current US$): $1.36 billion (2022)

Key Websites

Main Government Page: villasomalia.gov.so

GDP Composition %

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*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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