

Introduction

Tajikistan is a landlocked country in Central Asia. Neighboring countries include Afghanistan, China, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan. The geography of Tajikistan is dominated by the Pamir-Alay mountains along with valleys in the south and southwest. The government system is a republic; the chief of state is the president, and the head of government is the prime minister. Tajikistan has a mixed economy in which there is a variety of private freedom, combined with centralized economic planning and government regulation.



Location: Central Asia

Capital City: Dushanbe (+5 GMT)

Chief of State: President Emomali Rahmon

Head of Govt.: Prime Minister Kokhir Rasulzoda

Currency: Tajikistani Somoni (TJS)

Major Languages: Tajik (official) 84.4%, Uzbek 11.9%, Kyrgyz .8%, Russian .5%, other 2.4% (2010 est.)

Note: Russian widely used in government and business

Primary Religions: Muslim 96.7% (Sunni ~90%, Shia ~7%), Christian 1.6%, unaffiliated 1.5%, other .2% (2010 est.)

Calling Code: 992

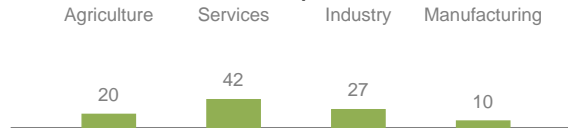
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Key Websites

Key Economic Facts

Income Level (by per capita GNI):	Lower Middle Income
Level of Development:	In Transition
GDP, PPP (current international \$):	\$28.56 billion (2017)
GDP growth (annual %):	7.62% (2017)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):	\$3,201.77 (2017)
External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US\$):	\$5,881,391,080.80 (2017)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):	9.72% (2016)
Current account balance (BoP, current US\$):	\$0.15 billion (2017)
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %):	6.00% (2016)
Labor force, total:	2,569,111 (2018)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	10.92% (2018)
Imports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$2.93 billion (2017)
Exports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$1.13 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	161 / 178
Global Competitiveness Index	102 / 139
Global Enabling Trade Index	114 / 136
Index of Economic Freedom	121 / 179
International Logistics Performance Index (LPI)	134 / 160
Inward FDI Potential Index	92 / 139
KOF Index of Globalization	153 / 185
Networked Readiness Index (NRI)	114 / 139
Open Budget Index	81 / 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

- Significant hydroelectric potential
- Wealth of raw material resources (aluminum, cotton, and materials)
- Financial support of international donors, including China

Weaknesses

- Fragility of the banking system
- Low level of foreign exchange reserves
- Dependence on remittances from expatriate workers
- Islamist terrorist risk against a backdrop of poverty and scarcity of jobs
- Neighbour of Afghanistan

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