Introduction

Yemen is a country located in the Middle East bordering the Arabian Sea, Gulf of Aden, and the Red Sea. Yemen has a strategic location on the Bab el-Mandeb, the strait linking the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, one of the world’s most active shipping lanes. Neighboring countries include Oman and Saudi Arabia. The government system is a republic; the chief of state is the president, and the head of government is the prime minister. Yemen has a mixed economy in which there is limited private freedom, but the economy remains highly controlled by the government. Yemen is a member of the League of Arab States (Arab League).

Key Economic Facts

- **Income Level (by per capita GNI):** Lower Middle Income
- **Level of Development:** Developing
- **GDP, PPP (current international $):** $73.39 billion (2018)
- **GDP growth (annual %):** -2.06% (2021)
- **GDP per capita, PPP (current international $):** $2,575.13 (2018)
- **External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US$):** $7,587,261,730.30 (2021)
- **Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):** 3.77% (2018)
- **Current account balance (BoP, current US$):** -$2.42 billion (2016)
- **Inflation, consumer prices (annual %):** 8.10% (2014)
- **Labor force, total:** 7,815,910 (2022)
- **Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):** 13.59% (2022)
- **Imports of goods and services (current US$):** $8.41 billion (2020)
- **Exports of goods and services (current US$):** $1.18 billion (2020)

**GDP Composition %**

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*R:Although Manufacturing is included in the Industry figures, it is also separately reported because it plays a critical role in economy.

Rankings

- **Corruption Perceptions Index:** 172 / 178
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