

SYRIA*			
Official Name:	Syrian Arab Republic		
Form of Government:	Dominant-party semi-presidential state		
Head of State:	Bashar al-Assad		
Head of Government:	Hussein Arnous		
Political parties represented in the current Parliament (seats) (People's Council of Syria)			
National Progressive Front (NFP, coalition led by the Baath Party)	183	Independents	67
Population			
Capital (urban agglomeration population in millions):	Damascus (2.50)		
Main urban agglomerations (population in millions):	Aleppo (2.00); Homs (1.36); Hamah (0.94); Latakia (0.67)		
Area km ² :	185,180	Population age <15 (%):	31
Population (millions):	17.5	Population age >64 (%):	5
Population density (hab/km ²):	95	Total fertility rate (births per woman):	2.77
Urban population (%):	56	Life expectancy at birth. Men/Women (years):	69/78
Average annual population growth rate (%):	2.5	Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 born alive):	18
Economy			
GDP & Debt		Economic Sectors	
GDP (millions \$):	..	Agriculture, value added (% of GDP):	20.6
GDP per capita (\$, PPP):	..	Industry, value added (% of GDP):	30.1
GDP growth (%):	..	Services, value added (% of GDP):	49.3
Public Debt (in % of GDP):	..	Labour market	
Public Deficit (in % of GDP):	..	Labour participation rate, female (%):	15.4
External Debt (millions \$):	4,763	Unemployment rate (%):	10.3
Inflation Rate (%):	..	Youth unemployment rate (%):	22.3
FDI		Employment in:	
Inflows (millions \$):	..	Agriculture (% of total employment):	10.1
Outflows (millions \$):	..	Industry (% of total employment):	23.2
International tourism		Services (% of total employment):	
Tourist arrivals (000):	..	66.7	
Tourism receipts (millions \$):	..	Energy	
Migrant remittances		Production (TJ):	
Receipts (millions \$):	1,053	Consumption (TJ):	
Receipts (in % of GDP):	5.6	Consumption per capita (GJ):	
		Import (% energy used):	
		185,792	
		388,094	
		22.7	
		56.2	
Total Trade			
Imports	Exports	Balance	
in goods and services (millions \$)
in goods (millions \$)	6,640	2,260	-4,380
in services (millions \$)
in goods and services (% of GDP)
Main Trading Partners			
Import: China (18%), Ukraine (14%), Russian Federation (11%), Argentina (6%), Egypt (6%)			
Export: Iraq (55%), Lebanon (8%), Turkey (7%), Saudi Arabia (7%), Algeria (5%)			
Society			
Education		Development	
Adult literacy rate. Men / Women (%):	../.	Human Development Index (value):	0.567
Net enrolment rate (primary):	72.4	Human Development Index (position in ranking):	151
Gross enrolment rate (secondary):	..	Health	
Gross enrolment rate (tertiary):	43.0	Medical doctors (per 10,000):	12.9
Mean years of schooling:	5.1	Hospital beds (per 10,000):	14.0
Public expenditure on education (% of GDP):	..	Total Health Expenditure (% of GDP):	..
R&D expenditure (% of GDP):	..	Emissions	
Water		CO ₂ Emissions (mt per capita):	
Water resources (km ³):	16.8	CO ₂ Emissions, total (millions mt):	
Water withdrawal (m ³ per capita):	989	23.6	
Water withdrawal by sector (% agriculture):	88.0	Protected areas	
Water withdrawal by sector (% industry):	4.0	Terrestrial (% of total land area):	
Desalinated water production (millions m ³):	..	Marine (% of territorial waters):	
Security		0.2	
Total armed forces (000):		269	
Military expenditure (% of GDP):		..	
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		95.2	
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* Considering the situation in the country, estimates should be used with caution as they are not based on solid evidence.