**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 km²:** 185,180  
- **Population (millions):** 17.5  
- **Population density (hab/km²):** 95  
- **Urban population (%):** 56  
- **Population age <15 (%):** 31  
- **Population age >64 (%):** 5  
- **Total fertility rate (births per woman):** 2.77  
- **Life expectancy at birth (Men/Women years):** 69/78  
- **Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 born alive):** 18

### Economy

#### GDP & Debt
- **GDP (millions $):**  
- **GDP per capita ($, PPP):**  
- **GDP growth (%):**  
- **Public Debt (in % of GDP):**  
- **Public Deficit (in % of GDP):**  
- **External Debt (millions $):** 4,763  
- **Inflation Rate (%):**  
- **FDI Inflows (millions $):**  
- **Outflows (millions $):**  
- **International tourism**  
- **Tourist arrivals (000):**  
- **Tourism receipts (millions $):**  
- **Migrant remittances**  
- **Receipts (millions $):** 1,053  
- **Receipts (in % of GDP):** 5.6

#### Total Trade

- **Imports in goods and services (millions $):**  
- **Exports in goods and services (millions $):**  
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- **Exports in goods (millions $):** 2,260  
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- **Imports in services (millions $):**  
- **Exports in services (millions $):**  
- **Balance in services (millions $):**  
- **Balance in goods and services (millions $):**  

#### Main Trading Partners

- **Import:** China (18%), Ukraine (14%), Russian Federation (11%), Argentina (6%), Egypt (8%)  
- **Export:** Iraq (55%), Lebanon (8%), Turkey (7%), Saudi Arabia (7%), Algeria (6%)  

#### Society

**Education**  
- **Adult literacy rate. Men / Women (%):**  
- **Net enrolment rate (primary):** 72.4  
- **Gross enrolment rate (secondary):** 43.0  
- **Mean years of schooling:** 5.1  
- **Public expenditure on education (% of GDP):**  
- **R&D expenditure (% of GDP):**  

**Water**  
- **Water resources (km³):** 16.8  
- **Water withdrawal (m³ per capita):** 989  
- **Water withdrawal by sector (% agriculture):** 88.0  
- **Water withdrawal by sector (% industry):** 4.0  
- **Desalinated water production (millions m³):**  

**Security**  
- **Total armed forces (000):** 269  
- **Military expenditure (% of GDP):**  

**Development**  
- **Human Development Index (value):** 0.567  
- **Human Development Index (position in ranking):** 151

**Health**  
- **Medical doctors (per 10,000):** 12.9  
- **Hospital beds (per 10,000):** 14.0  
- **Total Health Expenditure (% of GDP):**  

**Emissions**  
- **CO₂ Emissions (mt per capita):** 1.4  
- **CO₂ Emissions, total (millions mt):** 23.6

**Protected areas**  
- **Terrestrial (% of total land area):** 0.7  
- **Marine (% of territorial waters):** 0.2

**ICT**  
- **Mobile subscriptions (per 100):** 95.2  
- **Households with computer (per 100):**  
- **Internet users (per 100):**  

* Considering the situation in the country, estimates should be used with caution as they are not based on solid evidence.