

SYRIA*

Official Name:	Syrian Arab Republic
Form of Government:	Republic under a transitional government
Head of State:	Ahmed al-Sharaa
Head of Government:	

Political parties represented in the current Parliament (seats) (People's Council of Syria)

Uncertain state due to the fall of the regime of Bashar al-Assad as a consequence of the offensive by Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), led by the current President of the transitional government, Ahmed al-Sharaa. Thus, the People's Assembly was dissolved in January 2025.

Population

Capital (urban agglomeration population in millions):	Damascus (2.80)		
Main urban agglomerations (population in millions):	Aleppo (2.43); Homs (1.56); Hamah (1.07); Latakia (0.77)		
Area km ² :	185,180	Population age <15 (%):	30
Population (millions):	23.6	Population age >64 (%):	5
Population density (hab/km ²):	121	Total fertility rate (births per woman):	2.70
Urban population (%):	57	Life expectancy at birth. Men/Women (years):	69/76
Average annual population growth rate (%):	4.9	Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 born alive):	18

Economy**GDP & debt**

GDP (millions \$):	..
GDP per capita (\$, PPP):	..
GDP growth (%):	0.7
Public Debt (in % of GDP):	..
Public Deficit (in % of GDP):	..
External Debt (millions \$):	4,876
Inflation Rate (%):	..

FDI

Inflows (millions \$):	..
Outflows (millions \$):	..

International tourism

Tourist arrivals (millions):	2.0
Tourism receipts (millions \$):	..

Migrant remittances

Receipts (millions \$):	1,218
Receipts (in % of GDP):	8.4

Economic sectors

Agriculture, value added (% of GDP):	39.0
Industry, value added (% of GDP):	17.3
Services, value added (% of GDP):	43.7

Labour market

Labour participation rate, female (%):	13.4
Unemployment rate (%):	13.0
Youth unemployment rate (%):	31.5

Employment in:

Agriculture (% of total employment):	15.0
Industry (% of total employment):	21.8
Services (% of total employment):	63.1

Energy

Production (TJ):	177,442
Consumption (TJ):	427,463
Consumption per capita (GJ):	19.3
Import (% energy used):	58.5

Total Trade	Imports	Exports	Balance
in goods and services (millions \$)	6,622	3,447	-3,175
in goods (millions \$)	5,767	3,047	-2,719
in services (millions \$)	856	399	-456
in goods and services (% of GDP)	23	12	-11

Main Trading Partners
Import: Türkiye (20%), China (11%), Russian Federation (10%), Egypt (7%), Iran (6%)
Export: Iraq (35%), Saudi Arabia (13%), Lebanon (9%), Türkiye (6%), Egypt (6%)

Society**Education**

Adult literacy rate. Men / Women (%):	97.0/92.0
Net enrolment rate (primary):	73.7
Gross enrolment rate (secondary):	38.7
Gross enrolment rate (tertiary):	..
Mean years of schooling:	5.7
Public expenditure on education (% of GDP):	..
R&D expenditure (% of GDP):	..

Water

Water resources (km ³):	16.8
Water withdrawal (m ³ per capita):	746
Water withdrawal by sector (% agriculture):	87.5
Water withdrawal by sector (% industry):	3.7
Desalinated water production (millions m ³):	..

Security

Total armed forces (000):	269
Military expenditure (% of GDP):	..

Development

Human Development Index (value):	0.557
Human Development Index (position in ranking):	157

Health

Medical doctors (per 10,000):	15.2
Hospital beds (per 10,000):	14.3
Total Health Expenditure (% of GDP):	4.2

Emissions

CO ₂ Emissions (mt per capita):	1.2
CO ₂ Emissions, total (millions mt):	27.7

Protected areas

Terrestrial (% of total land area):	0.7
Marine (% of territorial waters):	0.2

ICT

Mobile subscriptions (per 100):	72.4
Households with computer (per 100):	51.9
Internet users (per 100):	..

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