

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)

Under the Syrian transitional government, the assembly is composed of 210 members; 119 of these members were elected in the 2025-26 Syrian parliamentary election through an electoral college, seven were elected in subsequent by-elections, whilst 70 are to be appointed directly by the President of Syria. The remaining 14 seats are currently vacant due to election postponements in their represented regions.

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 (%):	29
Population (millions):	24.7	Population age >64 (%):	5
Population density (hab/km ²):	128	Total fertility rate (births per woman):	2.71
Urban population (%):	72	Life expectancy at birth. Men/Women (years):	70/72
Average annual population growth rate (%):	4.5	Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 born alive):	19

Economy

GDP & debt		Economic sectors	
GDP (millions \$):	..	Agriculture, value added (% of GDP):	40.7
GDP per capita (\$, PPP):	..	Industry, value added (% of GDP):	16.0
GDP growth (%):	..	Services, value added (% of GDP):	43.3
Public Debt (in % of GDP):	..	Labour market	
Public Deficit (in % of GDP):	..	Labour participation rate, female (%):	12.7
External Debt (millions \$):	4,757	Unemployment rate (%):	13.6
Inflation Rate (%):	..	Youth unemployment rate (%):	33.1
FDI		Employment in:	
Inflows (millions \$):	..	Agriculture (% of total employment):	16.3
Outflows (millions \$):	..	Industry (% of total employment):	25.2
International tourism		Services (% of total employment):	58.5
Tourist arrivals (millions):	2.0	Energy	
Tourism receipts (millions \$):	..	Production (TJ):	206,195
Migrant remittances		Consumption (TJ):	391,086
Receipts (millions \$):	1,218	Consumption per capita (GJ):	16.6
Receipts (in % of GDP):	8.4	Import (% energy used):	47.2

Total Trade	Imports	Exports	Balance	Main Trading Partners	
in goods and services (millions \$)				Import: Türkiye (21%), China (11%), Russian Federation (10%),	
in goods (millions \$)	7,149	6,884	-265	Egypt (7%), Iran (7%)	
in services (millions \$)				Export: Iraq (30%), Saudi Arabia (15%), Lebanon (12%), Türkiye (9%),	
in goods and services (% of GDP)				Egypt (6%)	

Society

Education		Development	
Adult literacy rate. Men / Women (%):	97.2/91.8	Human Development Index (value):	0.564
Net enrolment rate (primary):	78.2	Human Development Index (position in ranking):	162
Gross enrolment rate (secondary):	38.7	Health	
Gross enrolment rate (tertiary):	..	Medical doctors (per 10,000):	16.3
Mean years of schooling:	5.9	Hospital beds (per 10,000):	14.3
Public expenditure on education (% of GDP):	..	Total Health Expenditure (% of GDP):	2.7
R&D expenditure (% of GDP):	..	Emissions	
Water		CO ₂ Emissions (mt per capita):	1.1
Water resources (km ³):	16.8	CO ₂ Emissions, total (millions mt):	40.3
Water withdrawal (m ³ per capita):	746	Protected areas	
Water withdrawal by sector (% agriculture):	87.5	Terrestrial (% of total land area):	0.7
Water withdrawal by sector (% industry):	3.7	Marine (% of territorial waters):	0.2
Desalinated water production (millions m ³):	..	ICT	
Security		Mobile subscriptions (per 100):	71.2
Total armed forces (000):	269	Households with computer (per 100):	51.9
Military expenditure (% of GDP):	..	Internet users (per 100):	..

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