

Fact Sheet on ALBANIA

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GENERAL	
Official name	ALBANIA
Capital	Tirana
Area	28,748 km ²
Weather (in deg C)	The monthly temperatures range between -1 °C in winter to 21.8 °C in summer. The warmest areas of the country are along the Adriatic and Ionian Sea Coasts. The coldest areas are positioned within the northern and eastern highlands. The highest temperature of 43.9 °C was recorded in Kuçovë on 18 July 1973. The lowest temperature of -29 °C was registered in the village of Shtyllë, Librazhd on 9 January 2017.
Population	2.845.955 (2020 est.)
Forest Cover (% of total area)	28.79% in 2020
CO2 emissions	55 lakh tons (total in 2019), 1.93 tons of CO2 per capita in 2019
Tourists Arrivals (Year)	2.66 million (2020)
Age Profile	0-14 years: 17.6% (male 284,636/female 256,474) 15-24 years: 15.39% (male 246,931/female 226,318) 25-54 years: 42.04% (male 622,100/female 670,307) 55-64 years: 11.94% (male 178,419/female 188,783) 65 years and over: 13.03% (male 186,335/female 214,276) (2020 est.)
Life Expectancy	Total population: 79.23 years; males: 76.55 years; females: 82.12 years (2021 est.)
Languages	Albanian (official) 98.7%, Greek 0.54%, Macedonian 0.6% (2011 est.)
Ethnic Groups	Albanian 82.6%, Greek 0.9%, other 1% (including Vlach, Romani, Macedonian, Montenegrin, and Egyptian), unspecified 15.5% (2011 est.)
Main Religions	Muslim 56.7%, Roman Catholic 10%, Orthodox 6.8%, atheist 2.5%, Bektashi (a Sufi order) 2.1%, other 5.7%, unspecified 16.2% (2011 est.)
Internet penetration	72%, with 2.07 million users (2020 estimate)
Mobile Phones	4.12 million mobile connections (2020 estimate); 143% as percentage of total population
Urbanization	62.11 % in 2020
ECONOMIC	
Currency	LEK [ALL]
Exchange Rate with US\$ & Re.	US \$ 1=Ron 103 Lek (2021) Re1 = 1.39 Lek
GDP	US\$ 16.75 billion (2020)
GDP Growth Rate	-3.3% (2020)

Major Sectors (% of GDP)	Agriculture: 19.25%; industry: 19.71%; services: 48.43% (2020 est.)
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.7% (2020), 12.33% (2019), 12.34% (2018)
Inflation (%)	1.6% (2020 est.), 1.44 (2019)
GDP per Capita	US\$ 14,866 (2020)
Total Trade (Goods & Services)	US \$7.7 bln
Exports (Goods & Services)	US \$ 2.51 bln (2020)
Imports (Goods & Services)	US \$ 5.2 bln (2020)
Balance of Trade	US\$ (-)2.69 billion
Major Trading Partners	Italy, Greece, China, Spain and USA
POLITICAL	
Political Structure	Unitary Semi-Presidential Republic with bicameral Parliament (Senate [136]; Chamber of Deputies [330]) President is elected through a secret vote and without debate by the Parliament by a majority of three-fifths majority of all its members, for 5 years. The Constitution sets a limit to a maximum of two terms in office. The Parliament is elected to a four-year term in twelve multi-seat constituencies analogous to the 12 county borders. Within the constituencies, seats are elected by closed list proportional representation, with an electoral threshold of 3% for parties and 5% for alliances.
Head of State	President H.E. Mr. Ilir Rexhep Meta. On 28 April 2017, he was elected President of Albania, receiving 87 votes from the 140 Members of Parliament. On 9 June 2021, Meta was formally impeached by the Albanian Parliament in a 104 to 7 vote making him the first Albanian president in history to be removed from power. Nevertheless, he continues to execute his ceremonial duties as president, with his impeachment not being official until settled by the Albanian constitutional court.
Head of Government	Prime Minister H.E. Mr. Edi Rama
Foreign Minister	H.E. Mrs. Olta Xhaçka
Political Issues	Fight against corruption, Judicial independence, Rule of Law, EU integration, Migration.
BILATERAL	
Bilateral Trade	55.05 million US\$ (2020)
Indian Exports	46.75 million US\$ (2020)
Imports into India	8.30 million US\$ (2020)
Major items of Export & Import	Exports from India: The main export items are chemical products including pharmaceuticals, electrical machinery, construction materials, sugar products, coffee, tea and spices. Imports by India: Minerals and allied products, copper ore concentrates, plant extracts for pharmaceutical use, inorganic chemicals and television parts.
Indian Investments in the Country	Negligible
Albanian Investments in India	Nil
Indian Origin/PR/Indian Students	Less than 100

Indian diaspora (composition and any pertinent information that may be of interest)	Small community of less than 100 persons; most of them are professionals in management positions in foreign-owned companies.
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