

Fact Sheet on MOLDOVA

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GENERAL	
Official name	Moldova
Capital	Chisinau
Area	33,843 km ²
Weather (in deg C)	<p>Moldova has a climate which is moderately continental; its proximity to the Black Sea leads to the climate being mildly cold in the autumn and winter and relatively cool in the spring and summer.</p> <p>The summers are warm and long, with temperatures averaging about 20 °C and the winters are relatively mild and dry, with January temperatures averaging -4 °C. Annual rainfall, which ranges from around 600 mm in the north to 400 mm in the south, can vary greatly; long dry spells are not unusual. The heaviest rainfall occurs in early summer and again in October; heavy showers and thunderstorms are common. Because of the irregular terrain, heavy summer rains often cause erosion and river silting.</p> <p>The highest temperature ever recorded in Moldova was 41.5 °C on 21 July 2007 in Camenca. The lowest temperature ever recorded was -35.5 °C on 20 January 1963 in Brătușeni, Edineț county.</p>
Population	4,03 million (2021 est.)
Forest Cover (% of total area)	11,42 % (2020 est.)
CO2 emissions	8,5 million tons (2020 est.)
Tourists Arrivals (Year)	12,301 (2021 est.); 90,338 (2020); 174,000 (2019); 160,000 (2018)
Age Profile	0-14 years: 15,89% 15-64 years: 71,62% 65 years and over: 12,49% (2020 est.)
Life Expectancy	Total population: 72,3 years; Male: 68,0 years; Female: 76,5 years (2020 est.)
Languages (with %age of speakers, if available)	Romanian, also called Moldovan (official) 76,5%, Russian (11,3%), Ukrainian (5,5%), Gagauz (4,1%) and Bulgarian 1,6% (2014 census)
Ethnic Groups	Moldovan 75.1%, Romanian 7%, Ukrainian 6.6%, Gagauz 4.6%, Russian 4.1% and Bulgarian 1.9% (2014 census)
Main Religions (with %, if available)	Orthodox 90,14%; Protestant 0,9%; Jehovah's Witnesses 0,62%; 7 th Day Adventist 0,32%; Catholic 0,1%; Old Believer 0,09%; other 7,83% (including Islam, Judaism, Agnostic etc.)
Internet penetration	76,1% (2021 est.)
Mobile Phones	4,07 million connections (2021 est.); percent of population: 101% (2021 est.)
Urbanization	42,9% (2021 est.)

	ECONOMIC
Currency	Moldovan leu
Exchange Rate with US\$ & Re.	US \$ 1= Moldovan leu 17.97 (2021 est.) Re1 = Moldovan leu 0,24 (2021 est.)
GDP	USD 12,396 billion (2021 est.)
GDP Growth Rate	-6,9% (2020 est.); 3,58% (2019 est.)
Major Sectors (% of GDP)	Agriculture: 9,51%; industry: 23,28%; services: 54,24% (2020 est.)
Unemployment Rate (%)	4,71% (2020) ; 5,10% (2019); 4,11% (2018)
Inflation (%)	3,77% (2020); 4,85% (2019); 3,06% (2018)
GDP per Capita	4,791 USD (2021 est.)
Total Trade (Goods & Services)	811,5 million USD (2021 est.)
Exports (Goods & Services)	236,30 million USD (2021 est.)
Imports (Goods & Services)	575,20 million USD (2021 est.)
Balance of Trade	-338,90 million USD (2021 est.)
Major Trading Partners	The European Union is Moldova's biggest trade partner, accounting for 54% of its total trade, followed by Russia (10%) and China (7%). Around 64% of Moldovan exports are destined to the EU market.
	POLITICAL
Political Structure	<p>Moldova is a unitary parliamentary representative democratic republic. The country's central legislative body is the unicameral Moldovan Parliament, which has 101 seats, and whose members are elected by popular vote on party lists every four years. The head of state is the President of Moldova, who between 2001 and 2015 was elected by the Moldovan Parliament, requiring the support of three-fifths of the deputies (at least 61 votes). The president of Moldova has been elected by the parliament since 2001, a change designed to decrease executive authority in favour of the legislature. Nevertheless, the Constitutional Court ruled on 4 March 2016, that this constitutional change adopted in 2000 regarding the presidential election was unconstitutional, thus reverting the election method of the President to a two-round system direct election (by popular vote).</p> <p>The president appoints a prime minister who functions as the head of government, and who in turn assembles a cabinet, both subject to parliamentary approval.</p>
Head of State	<p>President H.E. Ms. Maia Sandu</p> <p>[4-year term, assumed office on 24 December 2020; limited to two terms]</p>
Head of Government	Prime Minister H.E. Mrs. Natalia Gavrilița
Foreign Minister	H.E. Mr. Nicu Popescu
Political Issues	Fight against corruption, Judicial independence, Rule of Law, management of

	Covid-19
	BILATERAL
Bilateral Trade	12.50 million US\$ (2020)
Indian Exports	11.58 million US\$ (2020)
Imports into India	1.00 million US\$ (2020)
Major items of Export & Import	<p>Exports from India: Include pharma products, organic chemicals, meat, edible fruit and nuts, spices, tea, coffee, cereals, oil seeds, sugar and confectionary, salt, sulphur, stone, textile and garments, electrical machinery and equipment, footwear, cement etc.</p> <p>Imports by India: Plastics and articles thereof, wool and woven fabric, iron, steel, copper, aluminum, electronic machinery, optic material etc.</p>
Indian Investments in the Country	Not significant
Moldovan Investments in India	NIL
Indian Origin/PR/Indian Students	Approx 800
Indian diaspora (composition and any pertinent information that may be of interest)	Approx : 760 students

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