# SAUDI ARABIA



# GOVERNMENT

#### **Chief of State**

King and Prime Minister SALMAN bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud

#### Head of Government

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# Government Type

absolute monarchy

# Capital

Riyadh

#### Legislature

unicameral Consultative Council (150 seats) **Judiciary** 

High Court (consists of the court chief and organized into circuits with 3-judge panels; criminal circuit has a 5-judge panel for cases involving major punishments)

### Ambassador to US

Ambassador Princess REEMA bint Bandar Al Saud

### US Ambassador

Ambassador John P. ABIZAID

# GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 2.15 million sq km Land: 2.15 million sq km Water: 0 sq km

# Climate

harsh, dry desert with great temperature extremes

# Natural Resources

petroleum, natural gas, iron ore, gold, copper

# ECONOMY

# **Economic Overview**

Saudi Arabia has an oil-based economy with strong government controls over major economic activities. It has about 16% of the world's proven petroleum reserves.

### **GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)**

\$1.775 trillion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$54,500 (2017 est.)

# Exports

\$221.1 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Japan 12.2%, China 11.7%, South Korea 9%, India 8.9%, US 8.3%, UAE 6.7%, Singapore 4.2% (2017)

### Imports

\$119.3 billion (2017 est.) partners: China 15.4%, US 13.6%, UAE 6.5%, Germany 5.8%, Japan 4.1%, India 4.1%, South Korea 4% (2017)

# **PEOPLE & SOCIETY**

#### Population 34.2 million (July 2020 est.) Population Growth 1.6% (2020 est.) Ethnicity Arab 90%, Afro-Asian 10% Language

Arabic (official)

# Religion

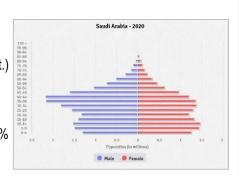
Muslim (official; citizens are 85-90% Sunni and 10-15% Shia), other (includes Eastern Orthodox, Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist, and Sikh) (2012 est.)

### Urbanization

urban population:84.3% of total population (2020) rate of urbanization: 2.17% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

# Literacy

78% (2015)





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