

The Middle East in Transition

Appendix – Statistical Information

Algeria

Capital	Algiers
Type of Government	Republic
Area (sq. km)	2,381,740
Arable Land (2005)	3%
Population (2007 est.)	33,333,216
Currency	Algerian dinar (DZD)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 73.52; male: 71.91; female: 75.21
Ethnic Composition	Arab-Berber 99%, European less than 1%
Religions	Sunni Muslim (state religion) 99%, Christian and Jewish 1%
Languages	Arabic (official), French, Berber dialects
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2002 est.)	total population: 70%; male: 79.6%; female: 60.1%
Natural Resources	petroleum, natural gas, iron ore, phosphates, uranium, lead, zinc
Agricultural Products	wheat, barley, oats, grapes, olives, citrus, fruits, sheep, cattle
Industries	petroleum, natural gas, light industries, mining, electrical, petrochemical, food processing
Labor Force (2006 est.)	9.31 million
Unemployment (2006 est.)	15.70%
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$7,700 (2006 est.)
External Debt (2006 est.)	\$5 billion
Exports	\$55.6 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); petroleum, natural gas, and petroleum products 97%
Export Trading Partners	US 22.6%, Italy 15.9%, Spain 10.5%, France 10%, Canada 7.9%, Brazil 6.5%, Belgium 4.3%, Germany 4.2% (2005)
Imports	\$27.6 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); capital goods, foodstuffs, consumer goods
Import Trading Partners	France 28%, Italy 7.8%, Spain 7.2%, China 6.6%, Germany 6.3%, US 5.4% (2005)

Bahrain

Capital	Manama
Type of Government	constitutional monarchy
Area (sq. km)	665
Arable Land (2005)	3%
Population (2007 est.)	708,573 note: includes 235,108 non-nationals
Currency	Bahraini dinar (BHD)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 74.68; male: 72.18; female: 77.25
Ethnic Composition	Bahraini 62.4%, non-Bahraini 37.6% (2001 census)
Religions	Muslim (Shi'a and Sunni) 81.2%, Christian 9%, other 9.8% (2001 census)
Languages	Arabic, English, Farsi, Urdu
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2001 census)	total population: 86.5%; male: 88.6%; female: 83.6%
Natural Resources	oil, associated and nonassociated natural gas, fish, pearls
Agricultural Products	fruit, vegetables, poultry, dairy products; shrimp, fish
Industries	petroleum processing and refining, aluminum smelting, iron pelletization, fertilizers, offshore banking, ship repairing; tourism
Labor Force (2006 est.)	352,000 note: 44% of the population in the 15-64 age group is non-national
Unemployment (2005 est.)	15.00%
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$25,300 (2006 est.)
External Debt (2006 est.)	\$7.267 billion
Exports	\$12.62 billion (2006 est.); petroleum and petroleum products, aluminum, textiles
Export Trading Partners	NA
Imports	\$9.036 billion (2006 est.); crude oil, machinery, chemicals
Import Trading Partners	Saudi Arabia 36.5%, Japan 6.6%, Germany 6.4%, US 5.4%, UK 5%, UAE 4.1% (2005)

Egypt

Capital	Cairo
Type of Government	republic
Area (sq. km)	1,001,450
Arable Land (2005 est.)	3%
Population (2007 est.)	80,335,036
Currency	Egyptian pound (EGP)
Life expectancy in years in years (2007 est.)	total population: 71.57; male: 69.04; female: 74.22
Ethnic Composition	Egyptian 98%, Berber, Nubian, Bedouin, and Beja 1%, Greek, Armenian, other European (primarily Italian and French) 1%
Religions	Muslim (mostly Sunni) 90%, Coptic 9%, other Christian 1%
Languages	Arabic (official), English and French widely understood by educated classes
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2005 est.)	total population: 71.4%; male: 83%; female: 59.4%
Natural Resources	petroleum, natural gas, iron ore, phosphates, manganese, limestone, gypsum, talc, asbestos, lead, zinc
Agricultural Products	cotton, rice, corn, wheat, beans, fruits, vegetables, cattle, water buffalo, sheep, goats
Industries	textiles, food processing, tourism, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, hydrocarbons, construction, cement, metals, light manufactures
Labor Force (2006 est.)	21.8 million
Unemployment (2006 est.)	10.30%
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$4,200 (2006 est.)
External Debt (2006 est.)	\$29.59 billion
Exports	\$24.22 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); crude oil and petroleum products, cotton, textiles, metal products, chemicals
Export Trading Partners	US 13%, Italy 9.3%, Spain 7.7%, Syria 5.5%, France 4.9%, Germany 4.8%, Saudi Arabia 4.7% (2005)
Imports	\$35.86 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); machinery and equipment, foodstuffs, chemicals, wood products, fuels
Import Trading Partners	US 10.6%, Germany 7%, China 6.5%, France 6.3%, Italy 5.8%, Saudi Arabia 4.8% (2005)

Iran

Capital	Tehran
Type of Government	Theocratic republic
Area (sq. km)	1,648,000
Arable Land (2005 est.)	10%
Population (2007 est.)	65,397,521
Currency	Iranian rial (IRR)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 70.56 ; male: 69.12 ; female: 72.07
Ethnic Composition	Persian 51%, Azeri 24%, Gilaki and Mazandarani 8%, Kurd 7%, Arab 3%, Lur 2%, Baloch 2%, Turkmen 2%, other 1%
Religions	Muslim 98% (Shi'a 89%, Sunni 9%), other (includes Zoroastrian, Jewish, Christian, and Baha'i) 2%
Languages	Persian and Persian dialects 58%, Turkic and Turkic dialects 26%, Kurdish 9%, Luri 2%, Balochi 1%, Arabic 1%, Turkish 1%, other 2%
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2002 est.)	total population: 77%; male: 83.5%; female: 70.4%
Natural Resources	petroleum, natural gas, coal, chromium, copper, iron ore, lead, manganese, zinc, sulfur
Agricultural Products	wheat, rice, other grains, sugar beets, fruits, nuts, cotton, dairy products, wool, caviar
Industries	petroleum, petrochemicals, fertilizers, caustic soda, textiles, cement and other construction materials, food processing (particularly sugar refining and vegetable oil production), ferrous and non-ferrous metal fabrication, armaments
Labor Force (2006 est.)	24.36 million; note: shortage of skilled labor
Unemployment (2007 est.)	15% according to the Iranian government
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$8,900 (2006 est.)
External Debt (2006 est.)	\$14.8 billion
Exports	\$63.18 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); petroleum 80%, chemical and petrochemical products, fruits and nuts, carpets
Export Trading Partners (2005)	Japan 16.9%, China 11.2%, Italy 6%, South Korea 5.8%, Turkey 5.7%, Netherlands 4.6%, France 4.4%, South Africa 4.1%, Taiwan 4.1%
Imports	\$45.48 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); industrial raw materials and intermediate goods, capital goods, foodstuffs and other consumer goods, technical services, military supplies
Import Trading Partners	Germany 13.9%, UAE 8.4%, China 8.4%, Italy 7.1%, France 6.3%, South Korea 5.4%, Russia 4.9% (2005)

Iraq

Capital	Baghdad
Type of Government	parliamentary democracy
Area (sq. km)	437,072
Arable Land (2005 est.)	13%
Population (2007 est.)	27,499,638
Currency	New Iraqi dinar (NID)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 69.31; male: 68.04; female: 70.65
Ethnic Composition	Arab 75%-80%, Kurdish 15%-20%, Turkoman, Assyrian or other 5%
Religions	Muslim 97% (Shi'a 60%-65%, Sunni 32%-37%), Christian or other 3%
Languages	Arabic, Kurdish (official in Kurdish regions), Assyrian, Armenian
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2000 est.)	total population: 74.1%; male: 84.1%; female: 64.2%
Natural Resources	petroleum, natural gas, phosphates, sulfur
Agricultural Products	wheat, barley, rice, vegetables, dates, cotton, cattle, sheep, poultry
Industries	petroleum, chemicals, textiles, leather, construction materials, food processing, fertilizer, metal fabrication/processing
Labor Force (2004 est.)	7.4 million
Unemployment (2005 est.)	25% to 30%
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$2,900 (2006 est.)
External Debt (2006)	\$81.48 billion
Exports	\$32.19 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); crude oil 84%, crude materials excluding fuels 8%, food and live animals 5%
Export Trading Partners	US 49.7%, Italy 10.4%, Spain 6.3%, Canada 5.6% (2005)
Imports	\$20.76 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); food, medicine, manufactures
Import Trading Partners	Turkey 23.4%, Syria 23.1%, US 11.7%, Jordan 6.3% (2005)

Israel

Capital	Jerusalem
Type of Government	parliamentary democracy
Area (sq. km)	20,770
Arable Land (2005 est.)	15%
Population (2007 est.)	6,426,679; note: includes about 187,000 Israeli settlers in the West Bank, about 20,000 in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights, and fewer than 177,000 in East Jerusalem
Currency	new Israeli shekel (ILS)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 79.59; male: 77.44; female: 81.85
Ethnic Composition (2004 est.)	Jewish 76.4% (of which Israel-born 67.1%, Europe/America-born 22.6%, Africa-born 5.9%, Asia-born 4.2%), non-Jewish 23.6% (mostly Arab)
Religions (2004)	Jewish 76.4%, Muslim 16%, Arab Christians 1.7%, other Christian 0.4%, Druze 1.6%, unspecified 3.9%
Languages	Hebrew (official), Arabic used officially for Arab minority, English most commonly used foreign language
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2004 est.)	total population: 97.1%; male: 98.5%; female: 95.9%
Natural Resources	timber, potash, copper ore, natural gas, phosphate rock, magnesium bromide, clays, sand
Agricultural Products	citrus, vegetables, cotton, beef, poultry, dairy products
Industries	high-technology projects, wood and paper products, potash and phosphates, food, beverages, tobacco, caustic soda, cement, construction, metal products, chemical products, plastics, diamond cutting, textiles, footwear
Labor Force (2006 est.)	2.6 million
Unemployment (2006 est.)	8.30%
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$26,200 (2006 est.)
External Debt (2006)	\$81.98 billion
Exports	\$42.86 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); machinery and equipment, software, cut diamonds, agricultural products, chemicals, textiles and apparel
Export Trading Partners	US 36.5%, Belgium 8.7%, Hong Kong 5.6% (2005)
Imports	\$47.8 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); raw materials, military equipment, investment goods, rough diamonds, fuels, grain, consumer goods
Import Trading Partners (2005)	US 13.4%, Belgium 10.1%, Germany 6.4%, UK 5.7%, Switzerland 5.5%, China 4.2%

Jordan

Capital	Amman
Type of Government	constitutional monarchy
Area (sq. km)	92,300
Arable Land (2005 est.)	3.32%
Population (2007 est.)	6,053,193
Currency	Jordanian dinar (JOD)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 78.55; male: 76.04; female: 81.22
Ethnic Composition	Arab 98%, Circassian 1%, Armenian 1%
Religions	Sunni Muslim 92%, Christian 6% (majority Greek Orthodox, but some Greek and Roman Catholics, Syrian Orthodox, Coptic Orthodox, Armenian Orthodox, and Protestant denominations), other 2% (several small Shi'a Muslim and Druze populations) (2001 est.)
Languages	Arabic (official), English widely understood among upper and middle classes
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2003 est.)	total population: 89.9%; male: 95.1%; female: 84.7%
Natural Resources	phosphates, potash, shale oil
Agricultural Products	citrus, tomatoes, cucumbers, olives, sheep, poultry, stone fruits, strawberries, dairy
Industries	clothing, phosphate mining, fertilizers, pharmaceuticals, petroleum refining, cement, potash, inorganic chemicals, light manufacturing, tourism
Labor Force (2006 est.)	1.512 million
Unemployment (2006 est.)	15.4% official rate; unofficial rate is approximately 30%
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$4,900 (2006 est.)
External Debt (2006 est.)	\$7.3 billion
Exports	\$4.798 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); clothing, pharmaceuticals, potash, phosphates, fertilizers, vegetables, manufactures
Export Trading Partners	US 26.2%, Iraq 17.1%, India 8.1%, Saudi Arabia 5.9%, Syria 4.7% (2005)
Imports	\$10.42 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); crude oil, textile fabrics, machinery, transport equipment, manufactured goods
Import Trading Partners	Saudi Arabia 23.6%, China 9.2%, Germany 8%, US 5.6% (2005)

Kuwait

Capital	Kuwait
Type of Government	constitutional emirate
Area (sq. km)	17,820
Arable Land (2005 est.)	1%
Population (2007 est.)	2,505,559 note: includes 1,291,354 non-nationals
Currency	Kuwaiti dinar (KD)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 77.36 ; male: 76.25 ; female: 78.52
Ethnic Composition	Kuwaiti 45%, other Arab 35%, South Asian 9%, Iranian 4%, other 7%
Religions	Muslim 85% (Sunni 70%, Shi'a 30%), other (includes Christian, Hindu, Parsi) 15%
Languages	Arabic (official), English widely spoken
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2005 est.)	total population: 93.3%; male: 94.4%; female: 91%
Natural Resources	petroleum, fish, shrimp, natural gas
Agricultural Products	(practically no crops) fish
Industries	petroleum, petrochemicals, cement, shipbuilding and repair, water desalination, food processing, construction materials
Labor Force (2006 est.)	1.136 million note: non-Kuwaitis represent about 80% of the labor force
Unemployment (2004 est.)	2.20%
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$21,600 (2006 est.)
External Debt (2006 est.)	\$19.7 billion
Exports	\$56.06 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); oil and refined products, fertilizers
Export Trading Partners	Japan 19.7%, South Korea 15.4%, US 11.9%, Taiwan 11.1%, Singapore 9.5%, Netherlands 4.7% (2005)
Imports	\$19.12 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); food, construction materials, vehicles and parts, clothing
Import Trading Partners	US 14.1%, Germany 10.8%, Japan 8.4%, Saudi Arabia 6.2%, UK 5.7%, France 4.8%, China 4.5% (2005)

Lebanon

Capital	Beirut
Type of Government	republic
Area (sq. km)	10,400
Arable Land (2005 est.)	16%
Population (July 2007 est.)	3,925,502
Currency	Lebanese pound (LBP)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 73.15; male: 70.67; female: 75.77
Ethnic Composition	Arab 95%, Armenian 4%, other 1%
Religions	Muslim 59.7% (Shi'a, Sunni, Druze, Isma'elite, Alawite or Nusayri), Christian 39% (Maronite Catholic, Melkite Catholic, Armenian Orthodox, Syrian Catholic, Armenian Catholic, Roman Catholic, Protestant), other 1.3%; note: 17 religious sects recognized
Languages	Arabic (official), French, English, Armenian
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2003 est.)	total population: 87.4%; male: 93.1%; female: 82.2%
Natural Resources	limestone, iron ore, salt, water-surplus state in a water-deficit region, arable land
Agricultural Products	citrus, grapes, tomatoes, apples, vegetables, potatoes, olives, tobacco, sheep, goats
Industries	banking, food processing, jewelry, cement, textiles, mineral and chemical products, wood and furniture products, oil refining, metal fabricating
Labor Force (2005 est.)	1.5 million note: in addition, there are as many as 1 million foreign workers
Unemployment (2006 est.)	20.00%
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$5,700 (2006 est.)
External Debt (2006)	\$31.1 billion
Exports	\$1.881 billion f.o.b. (2005 est.); authentic jewelry, inorganic chemicals, miscellaneous consumer goods, fruit, tobacco, construction minerals, electric power machinery and switchgear, textile fibers, paper
Export Trading Partners	Syria 25.3%, UAE 11.4%, Switzerland 8.1%, Turkey 6%, Saudi Arabia 5.4% (2005)
Imports	\$9.34 billion f.o.b. (2005 est.); petroleum products, cars, medicinal products, clothing, meat and live animals, consumer goods, paper, textile fabrics, tobacco
Import Trading Partners (2005)	Italy 11.1%, Syria 10.7%, France 9.2%, Germany 6.4%, China 5.4%, US 5.3%, UK 4.4%, Saudi Arabia 4.3%

Libya

Capital	Tripoli
Type of Government	Jamahiriyah (a state of the masses) in theory, governed by the populace through local councils; in practice, an authoritarian state
Area (sq. km)	1,759,540
Arable Land (2005 est.)	1%
Population (July 2007 est.)	6,036,914 note: includes 166,510 non-nationals
Currency	Libyan dinar (LYD)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 76.88; male: 74.64; female: 79.23
Ethnic Composition	Berber and Arab 97%, other 3% (includes Greeks, Maltese, Italians, Egyptians, Pakistanis, Turks, Indians, and Tunisians)
Religions	Sunni Muslim 97%, other 3%
Languages	Arabic, Italian, English, all are widely understood in the major cities
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2003 est.)	total population: 82.6%; male: 92.4%; female: 72%
Natural Resources	petroleum, natural gas, gypsum
Agricultural Products	wheat, barley, olives, dates, citrus, vegetables, peanuts, soybeans, cattle
Industries	petroleum, iron and steel, food processing, textiles, handicrafts, cement
Labor Force	1.787 million (2006 est.)
Unemployment (2004 est.)	30.00%
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$12,300 (2006 est.)
External Debt (2006 est.)	\$4.492 billion
Exports	\$37.02 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); crude oil, refined petroleum products, natural gas, chemicals
Export Trading Partners	Italy 38%, Germany 15.1%, Spain 9.3%, Turkey 6.2%, France 6.2%, US 5.2% (2005)
Imports	\$14.47 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); machinery, semi-finished goods, food, transport equipment, consumer products
Import Trading Partners	Italy 21.2%, Germany 10.2%, Tunisia 5.9%, Turkey 4.8%, UK 4.8%, France 4.7%, South Korea 4.6%, China 4.5% (2005)

Morocco

Capital	Rabat
Type of Government	constitutional monarchy
Area (sq. km)	446,550
Arable Land (2005 est.)	19%
Population (July 2007 est.)	33,757,175
Currency	Moroccan dirham (MAD)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 71.22; male: 68.88; female: 73.67
Ethnic Composition	Arab-Berber 99.1%, other 0.7%, Jewish 0.2%
Religions	Muslim 98.7%, Christian 1.1%, Jewish 0.2%
Languages	Arabic (official), Berber dialects, French often the language of business, government, and diplomacy
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2004 census)	total population: 52.3%; male: 65.7%; female: 39.6%
Natural Resources	phosphates, iron ore, manganese, lead, zinc, fish, salt
Agricultural Products	barley, wheat, citrus, wine, vegetables, olives, livestock
Industries	phosphate rock mining and processing, food processing, leather goods, textiles, construction, tourism
Labor Force (2006 est.)	11.25 million
Unemployment (2006 est.)	7.70%
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$4,600 (2006 est.)
External Debt (2006 est.)	\$17.9 billion
Exports	\$11.72 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); clothing, fish, inorganic chemicals, transistors, crude minerals, fertilizers (including phosphates), petroleum products, fruits, vegetables
Export Trading Partners	France 30.3%, Spain 18%, UK 6.2%, Italy 5.2%, India 4.1% (2005)
Imports	\$21.22 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); crude petroleum, textile fabric, telecommunications equipment, wheat, gas and electricity, transistors, plastics
Import Trading Partners	France 18.2%, Spain 11%, Saudi Arabia 6.8%, Russia 6.8%, Italy 6.1%, China 5.2%, Germany 4.7% (2005)

Oman

Capital	Muscat
Type of Government	monarchy
Area (sq. km)	212, 460
Arable Land (2005 est.)	0%
Population (2007 est.)	3,204,897
Currency	Omani rial (OMR)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 73.62; male: 71.37; female: 75.99
Ethnic Composition	Arab, Baluchi, South Asian (Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Bangladeshi), African
Religions	Ibadhi Muslim 75%, other (includes Sunni Muslim, Shi'a Muslim, Hindu) 25%
Languages	Arabic (official), English, Baluchi, Urdu, Indian dialects
Literacy (2003 est.)	total population: 81.4%; male: 86.8%; female: 73.5%
Natural Resources	petroleum, copper, asbestos, some marble, limestone, chromium, gypsum, natural gas
Agricultural Products	dates, limes, bananas, alfalfa, vegetables, camels, cattle, fish
Industries	crude oil production and refining, natural and liquefied natural gas (LNG) production, construction, cement, copper, steel, chemicals, optic fiber
Labor Force (2002 est.)	920,000
Unemployment (2004 est.)	15%
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$14,400 (2006 est.)
External Debt (2006 est.)	\$4.259 billion
Exports	\$24.73 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); petroleum, reexports, fish, metals, textiles
Export Trading Partners	China 21.6%, South Korea 19.4%, Japan 14.2%, Thailand 12.6%, UAE 7.1%, Taiwan 4.1% (2005)
Imports	\$10.29 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); machinery and transport equipment, manufactured goods, food, livestock, lubricants
Import Trading Partners	UAE 22.4%, Japan 15.8%, UK 7.7%, US 6.7%, Germany 5.8%, India 4.2% (2005)

Qatar

Capital	Doha
Type of Government	emirate
Area (sq. km)	11,437
Arable Land (2005 est.)	2%
Population (July 2007 est.)	907,229
Currency	Qatari rial (QAR)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 74.14; male: 71.6; female: 76.82
Ethnic Composition	Arab 40%, Pakistani 18%, Indian 18%, Iranian 10%, other 14%
Religions	Muslim 77.5%, Christian 8.5%, other 14% (2004 census)
Languages	Arabic (official), English commonly used as a second language
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2004 census)	total population: 89%; male: 89.1%; female: 88.6%
Natural Resources	petroleum, natural gas, fish
Agricultural Products	fruits, vegetables, poultry, dairy products, beef, fish
Industries	crude oil production and refining, ammonia, fertilizers, petrochemicals, steel reinforcing bars, cement, commercial ship repair
Labor Force (2006 est.)	508,000
Unemployment (2006 est.)	3%
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$29,800 (2006 est.)
External Debt (2006 est.)	\$25.7 billion
Exports	\$33.25 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); liquefied natural gas (LNG), petroleum products, fertilizers, steel
Export Trading Partners	Japan 36.9%, South Korea 19.4%, Singapore 8.2% (2005)
Imports	\$12.36 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); machinery and transport equipment, food, chemicals
Import Trading Partners	France 11.4%, Japan 10.4%, US 10.3%, Germany 8.3%, Saudi Arabia 7.2%, UK 6.9%, Italy 6.5%, South Korea 5.5%, UAE 4.8% (2005)

Saudi Arabia

Capital	Riyadh
Type of Government	monarchy
Area (sq. km)	2,149,690
Arable Land (2005 est.)	2%
Population (July 2007 est.)	27,601,038 note: includes 5,576,076 non-nationals
Currency	Saudi riyal (SAR)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 75.88; male: 73.85; female: 78.02
Ethnic Composition	Arab 90%, Afro-Asian 10%
Religions	Muslim 100%
Languages	Arabic
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2003 est.)	total population: 78.8%; male: 84.7%; female: 70.8%
Natural Resources	petroleum, natural gas, iron ore, gold, copper
Agricultural Products	wheat, barley, tomatoes, melons, dates, citrus, mutton, chickens, eggs, milk
Industries	crude oil production, petroleum refining, basic petrochemicals, ammonia, industrial gases, sodium hydroxide (caustic soda), cement, fertilizer, plastics, metals, commercial ship repair, commercial aircraft repair, construction
Labor Force (2006 est.)	7.125 million note: more than 35% of the population in the 15-64 age group is non-national
Unemployment (2004 est.)	13% among Saudi males only (local bank estimate; some estimates range as high as 25%)
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$13,600 (2006 est.)
External Debt (2006 est.)	\$47.39 billion
Exports	\$204.5 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); petroleum and petroleum products 90%
Export Trading Partners	US 16.8%, Japan 16.5%, South Korea 9.3%, China 7.1%, Singapore 5.2%, Taiwan 4.3% (2005)
Imports	\$64.16 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); machinery and equipment, foodstuffs, chemicals, motor vehicles, textiles
Import Trading Partners	US 14.8%, Japan 9%, Germany 8.2%, China 7.4%, UK 4.7% (2005)

Syria

Capital	Damascus
Type of Government	republic under an authoritarian military-dominated regime
Area (sq. km)	185,180
Arable Land (2005)	24.8%
Population (July 2007 est.)	19,314,747
Currency	Syrian pound (SYP)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 70.61; male: 69.27; female: 72.02
Ethnic Composition	Arab 90.3%, Kurds, Armenians, and other 9.7%
Religions	Sunni Muslim 74%, other Muslim (includes Alawite, Druze) 16%, Christian (various denominations) 10%, Jewish (tiny communities in Damascus, Al Qamishli, and Aleppo)
Languages	Arabic (official); Kurdish, Armenian, Aramaic, Circassian widely understood; French, English somewhat understood
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2004 census)	total population: 79.6%; male: 86%; female: 73.6%
Natural Resources	petroleum, phosphates, chrome and manganese ores, asphalt, iron ore, rock salt, marble, gypsum, hydropower
Agricultural Products	wheat, barley, cotton, lentils, chickpeas, olives, sugar beets, beef, mutton, eggs, poultry, milk
Industries	petroleum, textiles, food processing, beverages, tobacco, phosphate rock mining, cement, oil seeds crushing
Labor Force (2006 est.)	5.505 million
Unemployment (2005 est.)	13%
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$4,100 (2006 est.)
External Debt (2006 est.)	\$8.355 billion; note: excludes military debt and debt to Russia
Exports	\$6.923 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); crude oil, petroleum products, fruits and vegetables, cotton fiber, clothing, meat and live animals, wheat
Export Trading Partners	Iraq 26.3%, Italy 10%, Germany 9.9%, Lebanon 9.1%, Egypt 5.1%, France 4.9%, Saudi Arabia 4.6% (2005)
Imports	\$6.634 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); machinery and transport equipment, electric power machinery, food and livestock, metal and metal products, chemicals and chemical products, plastics, yarn, paper
Import Trading Partners (2005)	Saudi Arabia 11.6%, China 6.1%, Egypt 5.9%, Italy 5.8%, UAE 5.7%, Ukraine 4.6%, Germany 4.5%, Iran 4.2%

Tunisia

Capital	Tunis
Type of Government	republic
Area (sq. km)	163,610
Arable Land (2005 est.)	17.05%
Population (July 2007 est.)	10,276,158
Currency	Tunisian dinar (TND)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 75.34; male: 73.6; female: 77.21
Ethnic Composition	Arab 98%, European 1%, Jewish and other 1%
Religions	Muslim 98%, Christian 1%, Jewish and other 1%
Languages	Arabic (official and one of the languages of commerce), French (commerce)
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2004 est.)	total population: 74.3%; male: 83.4%; female: 65.3%
Natural Resources	petroleum, phosphates, iron ore, lead, zinc, salt
Agricultural Products	olives, olive oil, grain, tomatoes, citrus fruit, sugar beets, dates, almonds, beef, dairy products
Industries	petroleum, mining (particularly phosphate and iron ore), tourism, textiles, footwear, agribusiness, beverages
Labor Force (2006 est.)	3.502 million note: shortage of skilled labor
Unemployment (2006 est.)	13.90%
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$8,800 (2006 est.)
External Debt (2006 est.)	\$18.37 billion
Exports	\$11.61 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); clothing, semi-finished goods and textiles, agricultural products, mechanical goods, phosphates and chemicals, hydrocarbons
Export Trading Partners	France 32.9%, Italy 24%, Germany 8.4%, Spain 5.5%, Libya 4.5% (2005)
Imports	\$13.89 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); textiles, machinery and equipment, hydrocarbons, chemicals, foodstuffs
Import Trading Partners	France 23.5%, Italy 20.9%, Germany 8.2%, Spain 5.1% (2005)

Turkey

Capital	Ankara
Type of Government	republican parliamentary democracy
Area (sq. km)	780,580
Arable Land (2005 est.)	29.81%
Population (July 2007 est.)	71,158,647
Currency	Turkish lira (TRY)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 72.88; male: 70.43; female: 75.46
Ethnic Composition	Turkish 80%, Kurdish 20% (estimated)
Religions	Muslim 99.8% (mostly Sunni), other 0.2% (mostly Christians and Jews)
Languages	Turkish (official), Kurdish, Dimli (or Zaza), Azeri, Kabardian note: there is also a substantial Gagauz population in the European part of Turkey
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2004 est.)	total population: 87.4%; male: 95.3%; female: 79.6%
Natural Resources	coal, iron ore, copper, chromium, antimony, mercury, gold, barite, borate, celestite (strontium), emery, feldspar, limestone, magnesite, marble, perlite, pumice, pyrites (sulfur), clay, arable land, hydropower
Agricultural Products	tobacco, cotton, grain, olives, sugar beets, pulses, citrus, livestock
Industries	textiles, food processing, autos, mining (coal, chromite, copper, boron), steel, petroleum, construction, lumber, paper
Labor Force (2006 est.)	24.8 million; note: about 1.2 million Turks work abroad
Unemployment (2006 est.)	10.2% plus underemployment of 4%
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$9,000 (2006 est.)
External Debt (2006 est.)	\$193.6 billion
Exports	\$85.21 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); apparel, foodstuffs, textiles, metal manufactures, transport equipment
Export Trading Partners	Germany 12.9%, UK 8.1%, Italy 7.6%, US 6.7%, France 5.2%, Spain 4.1% (2005)
Imports	\$120.9 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); machinery, chemicals, semi-finished goods, fuels, transport equipment
Import Trading Partners	Germany 11.7%, Russia 11%, Italy 6.5%, China 5.9%, France 5%, US 4.6%, UK 4% (2005)

United Arab Emirates

Capital	Abu Dhabi
Type of Government	federation with specified powers delegated to the UAE federal government and other powers reserved to member emirates
Area (sq. km)	83,600 sq km
Arable Land (2005 est.)	0.77%
Population (July 2007 est.)	4,444,011
Currency	Emirati dirham (AED)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 75.69 ; male: 73.16 ; female: 78.35
Ethnic Composition	Emirati 19%, other Arab and Iranian 23%, South Asian 50%, other expatriates (includes Westerners and East Asians) 8% (1982) note: less than 20% are UAE citizens (1982)
Religions	Muslim 96% (Shi'a 16%), other (includes Christian, Hindu) 4%
Languages	Arabic (official), Persian, English, Hindi, Urdu
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2003 est.)	total population: 77.9%; male: 76.1%; female: 81.7%
Natural Resources	petroleum, natural gas
Agricultural Products	dates, vegetables, watermelons, poultry, eggs, dairy products, fish
Industries	petroleum and petrochemicals, fishing, aluminum, cement, fertilizers, commercial ship repair, construction materials, some boat building, handicrafts, textiles
Labor Force (2006 est.)	2.968 million
Unemployment (2001 est.)	2%
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$49,700 (2006 est.)
External Debt (2006 est.)	\$39.1 billion
Exports	\$137.1 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); crude oil 45%, natural gas, reexports, dried fish, dates
Export Trading Partners	Japan 24.5%, South Korea 9.8%, Thailand 5.6%, India 4.3% (2005)
Imports	\$88.89 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); machinery and transport equipment, chemicals, food
Import Trading Partners	UK 10%, China 9.7%, US 9.4%, India 9.2%, Germany 5.9%, Japan 5.4%, France 4.7%, Singapore 4.1% (2005)

Yemen

Capital	Sanaa
Type of Government	republic
Area (sq. km)	527,970
Arable Land (2005 est.)	2.91%
Population (July 2007 est.)	22,230,531
Currency	Yemeni rial (YER)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 62.52; male: 60.61; female: 64.54
Ethnic Composition	predominantly Arab; but also Afro-Arab, South Asians, Europeans
Religions	Muslim including Shaf'i (Sunni) and Zaydi (Shi'a), small numbers of Jewish, Christian, and Hindu
Languages	Arabic
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2003 est.)	total population: 50.2%; male: 70.5%; female: 30%
Natural Resources	petroleum, fish, rock salt, marble, small deposits of coal, gold, lead, nickel, and copper, fertile soil in west
Agricultural Products	grain, fruits, vegetables, pulses, qat (mildly narcotic shrub), coffee, cotton, dairy products, livestock (sheep, goats, cattle, camels), poultry, fish
Industries	crude oil production and petroleum refining, small-scale production of cotton textiles and leather goods, food processing, handicrafts, small aluminum products factory, cement, commercial ship repair
Labor Force (2006 est.)	5.759 million
Unemployment (2003 est.)	35%
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$1,000 (2006 est.)
External Debt (2006 est.)	\$5.469 billion
Exports	\$8.214 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); crude oil, coffee, dried and salted fish
Export Trading Partners	China 35.3%, India 16.2%, Thailand 11.9%, Japan 6.3%, South Korea 6.3%, Switzerland 5.5% (2005)
Imports	\$5.042 billion f.o.b. (2006 est.); food and live animals, machinery and equipment, chemicals
Import Trading Partners	UAE 18.9%, Saudi Arabia 8.9%, Switzerland 8.6%, Kuwait 6.7%, China 6.1%, US 4.5% (2005)

United States of America

Capital	Washington, D.C.
Type of Government	Constitution-based federal republic; strong democratic tradition
Area (sq. km)	9,826,630
Arable Land (2005 est.)	18.01%
Population (July 2007 est.)	301,139,947
Currency	U.S. dollar (USD)
Life expectancy in years (2007 est.)	total population: 78; male: 75.15; female: 80.97
Ethnic Composition (2003 est.)	white 81.7%, black 12.9%, Asian 4.2%, Amerindian and Alaska native 1%, native Hawaiian and other Pacific islander 0.2% note: a separate listing for Hispanic is not included because the US Census Bureau considers Hispanic to mean a person of Latin American descent (including persons of Cuban, Mexican, or Puerto Rican origin) living in the US who may be of any race or ethnic group (white, black, Asian, etc.)
Religions (2002)	Protestant 52%, Roman Catholic 24%, Mormon 2%, Jewish 1%, Muslim 1%, other 10%, none 10%
Languages (2000 census)	English 82.1%, Spanish 10.7%, other Indo-European 3.8%, Asian and Pacific island 2.7%, other 0.7% note: Hawaiian is an official language in the state of Hawaii
Literacy (age 15 and over can read and write) (2003 est.)	total population: 99%; male: 99%; female: 99%
Natural Resources	coal, copper, lead, molybdenum, phosphates, uranium, bauxite, gold, iron, mercury, nickel, potash, silver, tungsten, zinc, petroleum, natural gas, timber
Agricultural Products	wheat, corn, other grains, fruits, vegetables, cotton, beef, pork, poultry, dairy products, fish, forest products
Industries	leading industrial power in the world, highly diversified and technologically advanced; petroleum, steel, motor vehicles, aerospace, telecommunications, chemicals, electronics, food processing, consumer goods, lumber, mining
Labor Force (2006 est.)	151.4 million (includes unemployed)
Unemployment (2006 est.)	4%
GDP Per capita (PPP)	\$44,000 (2006 est.)
External Debt (30 June 2006 est.)	\$10.04 trillion

United States (continued)

Exports	\$1.024 trillion f.o.b. (2006 est.); agricultural products (soybeans, fruit, corn) 9.2%, industrial supplies (organic chemicals) 26.8%, capital goods (transistors, aircraft, motor vehicle parts, computers, telecommunications equipment) 49.0%, consumer goods (automobiles, medicines) 15.0% (2003)
Export Trading Partners	Canada 23.4%, Mexico 13.3%, Japan 6.1%, China 4.6%, UK 4.3% (2005)
Imports	\$1.869 trillion f.o.b. (2006 est.); agricultural products 4.9%, industrial supplies 32.9% (crude oil 8.2%), capital goods 30.4% (computers, telecommunications equipment, motor vehicle parts, office machines, electric power machinery), consumer goods 31.8% (automobiles, clothing, medicines, furniture, toys) (2003)
Import Trading Partners	Canada 16.9%, China 15%, Mexico 10%, Japan 8.2%, Germany 5% (2005)