

# BULGARIA



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## Geography

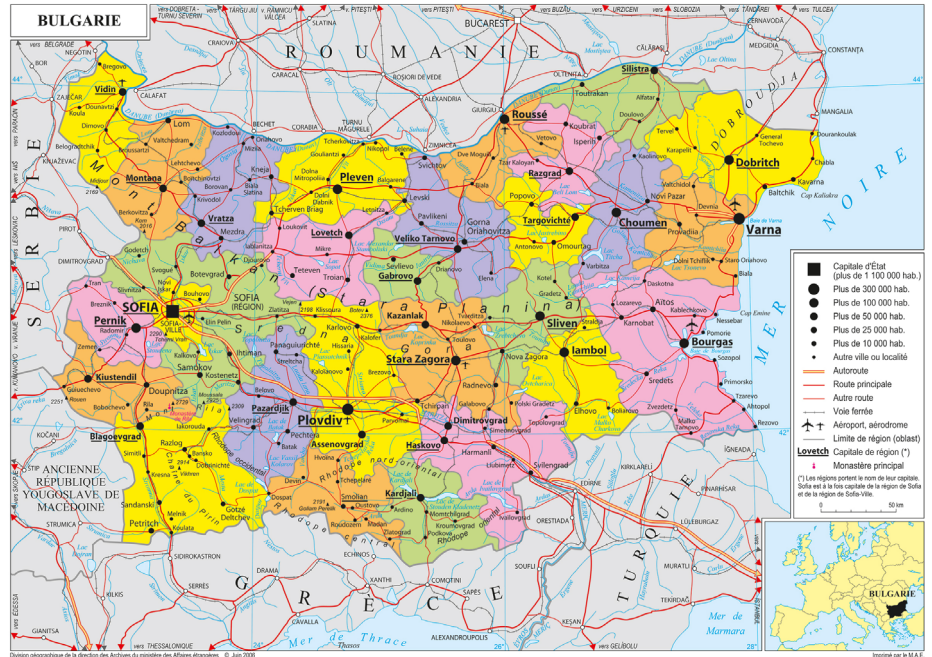
**Area:** 100,910 km<sup>2</sup>  
**Borders:** 1,808 km (Greece: 494 km, Macedonia: 148 km, Romania: 608 km, Serbia: 318 km, Turkey: 240 km)  
**Coastline:** 354 km (Black Sea)  
**Capital:** Sofia  
**Official language:** Bulgarian



## Population

**Population :** 6,827,736 inhabitants (2023 est.)  
**Population aged under 15 years:** 14.2% of the total population (2023)  
**Population aged 65 years and more:** 23.5% of the total population (2023)  
**Natural change rate:** -6,6‰ (2023 est.)  
**Migration rate:** -0.3‰ (2023 est.)  
**First-time asylum applicants:** 22,510 (2023)  
**Foreign residents:** EU nationals 0.1%, non-EU nationals 1.2% (2019)  
**Life expectancy:** men 72 years, women 79,6 years (2023)  
**Religions:** Orthodox Christian 64.7%, Muslim 9.8%, other 0.1%, none 3.7%, unspecified 20.7% (2021 est.)

Source : Eurostat, The World Factbook, ECB



## Economy

**Currency:** the Lev (BGN) (fixed exchange rate: 1€ = 1,96 BGN) **GDP:** € 93,948 millions (2023)  
**GDP per capita:** € 7,850 (2023)  
**GDP Growth:** 1.8% (2023)  
**Unemployment:** 4.5% (April 2024)  
**Inflation:** 2.5% (April 2024)  
**Public balance:** -2.3% of GDP (Q4 2024)  
**Public debt:** 23.1% of GDP (Q4 2023)  
**High performance sectors:** food industry, tourism, petrochemistry  
**Stock of foreign direct investment from the entire world:** 69.4% of GDP (2022)

Source : Eurostat, European Commission, Bulgarian National Bank



## Political System

**Parliamentary Republic (Constitution of 12th July 1991):**  
**Head of State:** Rumen Radev (independent supported by the Bulgarian Socialist Party (BSP)), was re-elected on 14th November 2021. He took office on 22nd January 2022.  
**Prime Minister:** On 30th March 2024, the President of the Republic, Rumen Radev, appointed Dimitar Glavchev as interim Prime Minister following the failure of the agreement reached between the PP-DB (coalition Continuing the Change/Bulgaria Democratic [centre-right]) and GERB [centre-right]).  
**Monocameral parliamentary system:**  
**The National Assembly comprises 240 seats.** The deputies are elected for four years by direct universal suffrage according to proportional representation. A threshold of 4% of votes must be reached in order for a political party to be represented in Parliament.



## Political Representation

### Current composition of the National Assembly following the 9th June 2024 elections

- 69 seats Citizens for European Development of Bulgaria (GERB)
- 63 seats coalition PP-DB
- 36 seats Movement for Rights and Freedom (DPS)
- 34 seats Revival (V)
- 23 seats coalition for Bulgaria (BSPzB)
- 11 seats There is such a people (ITN)
- 4 seats Independents

### Female representation:

- in government: 4/19
- in the National Assembly: 61/240

### Next elections:

presidential election in 2026 and general elections in 2028