

CROATIA



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Geography

Area: 56,542 km²
Borders: 2,197 km, Bosnia and Herzegovina 932 km, Hungary 329 km, Serbia 241 km, Montenegro 25 km, Slovenia 670 km
Coastline: 5,835 km (Adriatic Sea) (Continental: 1,777 km; Islands: 4,058 km)
Capital: Zagreb
Official language: Croatian



Population

Population: 4,169,239 inhabitants (est. 2023)
Population aged under 15 years: 14% (2023)
Population aged 65 years and more: 22.6% (2023)
Population growth rate: -6‰ (2022)
Net migration rate: -0.3‰ (est. 2023)
First-time asylum applicants : 12,870 (2022)
Foreign residents: EU nationals 1%, extra-EU nationals 2% (2021)
Life expectancy: men 74.4 years, women 80.8 years (est. 2023)
Religions: Roman Catholic 86.3%, Orthodox 4.4%, Muslim 1.5%, other 1.5%, unspecified 2.5%, atheist 3.8% (2011)

Source : Eurostat, The World Factbook



Economy

Currency: Euro
GDP: € 66,939 million (2022)
GDP per capita: € 14,540 (2022)
GDP growth: 1.6% (2023)
Unemployment: 5.3% (May 2024)
Inflation: 4.3% (May 2024)
Public debt: 68.4% (December 2022)
Budget balance: -8.1% (Q4 2024)
High-performance sectors: tourism, buildings and construction, trade, banking, chemistry, textile
Stock of direct foreign investment from the entire world: 54.7% of GDP (2022)

Source : Eurostat, National bank of Croatia



Political System

Parliamentary republic

Head of State: Zoran Milanović (Social Democratic Party SDP), elected on January 5th 2020 (invested on February 18th 2020) for five years by direct universal suffrage.
Prime Minister: Andrej Plenkovic since October 19th 2016 and reelected on April 27th 2024 for 4 years. He leads a coalition between HDZ and the Patriotic movement (DP).

Monocameral parliamentary regime:
The Parliament (Hrvatski Sabor) comprising 151 seats; representatives are elected for four years by direct universal suffrage according to proportional representation.



Political Representation

Current composition of Parliament (after the elections of April 17th 2024):

- 61 seats HDZ (Croatian Democratic Union)
- 42 seats SDP (Social Democratic Party) - 9 seats DPMS (Patriotic Movement)
- 14 seats MOST (Bridge of Independent Lists)
- 8 seats national minorities/ independants
- 10 seats We can ! (Mozemo!)
- 1 seat Independt platform of the North
- 4 seats IDS (Istrian Democratic Assembly)

Female representation:

- in government: 2/18
- in Parliament: 51/151

Next elections: general in 2028 and presidential in 2025