

ROMANIA



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Geography

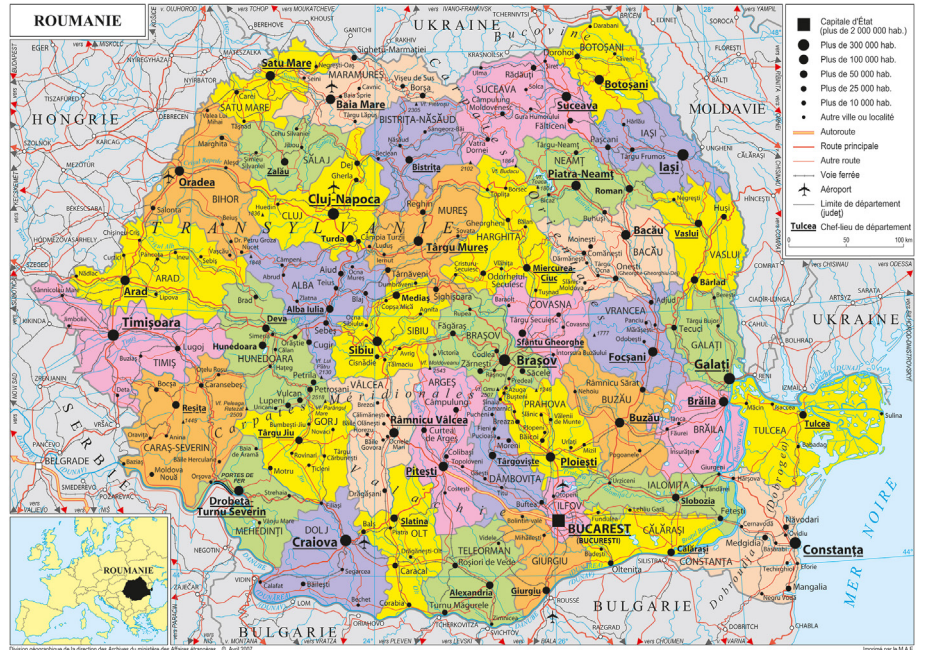
Area: 237,500 km²
Borders: 2,508 km; Bulgaria 608 km, Hungary 443 km, Moldova 450 km, Serbia 476 km, Ukraine (north) 362 km, Ukraine (east) 169 km
Coastline: 225 km
Capital: Bucharest
Official language: Romanian



Population

Population: 19,054,550 (Q1 2024)
Population aged under 15 years: 16.1% of the total population (2023)
Population aged 65 years and more: 19.7% of the total population (2023)
Natural change rate: -7.4‰ (2022)
Crude migration rate: -3.9‰ (2023 est.)
Asylum applicants: 10,095 (2023)
Foreign residents: EU nationals 0.3%, non-EU nationals 0.3% (2019)
Life expectancy: men 72.9 years, women 80 years (2023 est.)
Ethnic groups: Romanian 89.3%, Hungarian 6%, Roma 3.1%, Ukrainian 0.3%, German 0.1%, other 0.9% (2021 est.)
Religions: Romanian Orthodox 85.3%, Roman Catholic 4.5%, Reformed 3%, Pentecostal 2.5%, other 4.7% (2021 est.)

Source: Eurostat, CIA World Factbook, National institute of Statistics



Economy

Currency: the leu (RON) (exchange rate July 2024: 1€ = 4.98 RON)
GDP: € 324,578.2 million (2023)
GDP per capita: € 10,250 (2023)
GDP growth: 2.1% (2023)
Unemployment: 5.3% (April 2024)
Inflation: 5.8% (May 2024)
Public balance: -4.1% of GDP (Q3 2023)
Public debt: 48.8% of GDP (Q4 2023)
Stock of foreign direct investment from the entire world: 42.3% of GDP (2022)

Source: Eurostat, European Commission, National Bank of Romania, Trading Economics



Political System

Republic, semi-presidential regime (Constitution passed by referendum 8th December 1991).

Head of State: Klaus Iohannis (Independent, elected as National Liberal Party, PNL) since 21st December 2014 and reelected for a second term on 24th November 2019. The President is elected by direct universal suffrage for a once-renewable term of five years.

Prime Minister: Marcel Ciolacu. The Romanian Parliament gave its vote of confidence on 15th June 2023 to the new government of Marcel Ciolacu, supported by the Liberals (PNL) and Social Democrats (PSD).

Romania is a bicameral parliamentary system which includes a House of Deputies (Camera Deputatilor) and a Senate. Deputies (330 seats) and senators (136 seats) are elected for four years by direct universal suffrage according to proportional representation. A 5% threshold must be reached.



Political Representation

Composition of the Chamber of Deputies (in April 2024):

- 105 seats PSD (Social Democratic Party)
- 79 seats PNL (National Liberal Party)
- 40 seats USR PLUS (Save Romania Union and Party for Freedom, Unity and Solidarity)
- 31 seats AUR (Alliance for the Unity of Romanians)
- 20 seats UDMR (Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania)
- 17 seats reserved to ethnic minorities
- 38 seats independant

Composition of the Senate (in April 2024):

- 50 seats PSD (Social Democratic Party)
- 36 seats PNL (National Liberal Party)
- 20 seats USR-PLUS (Save Romania Union and Party for Freedom, Unity and Solidarity)
- 15 seats AUR (Alliance for the unity of Romanians)
- 9 seats UDMR (Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania)
- 6 seats independant

Female representation:

- in the government: 6/20
- in the House of Deputies: 68/330
- in the Senate: 25/136

Next elections: presidential in 2024, general elections in December 2024