

# UNITED KINGDOM



Update: 5th July 2024



## Geography

**Area:** 244,820 km<sup>2</sup>  
**Borders:** 360 km (with Ireland)  
**Coastline:** 12,429 km  
**Capital:** London  
**Official language:** English



## Population

**Population:** 68,131,484 (2023 est.)  
**Natural change rate:** -1‰ (2022)  
**Structure of population by age:** 16.9% over 65 years old ; 19.1% under 15 years old (est. 2023)  
**Life expectancy:** men 80 years, women 84.2 years (2023 est.)  
**Migration rate for 1 000 inhabitants:** 3.2 (2023 est.)  
**Foreign residents:** EU nationals 5.5%, non-EU nationals 3.7% (2019)  
**First time asylum seekers:** 78,768 (june 2023)  
**Confessions:** Christian (Anglican, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist) 46.2%, Muslim 6.5%, Hindu 1.7%, other 2%, unspecified 6%, atheist 37.2% (2021 est.)

Source : CIA World Factbook, Office for National Statistics



## Economy

**Currency:** Pound Sterling (GBP) (exchange rate July 2024 : 1€ = 0.84 GBP)  
**GDP:** € 2,656,011.7 million (2023)  
**GDP per capita (PPS):** € 45,529.6 (2023)  
**GDP growth:** 0.1% (2023)  
**Unemployment:** 4.3% (Q1 2024)  
**Inflation:** 2.8% (May 2024)  
**Public debt:** 101.3% of GDP (Q4 2023)  
**Public balance:** -6% du PIB (Q4 2023)  
**Stock of foreign direct investments:** 88% of GDP (2022)

Source: Office for national statistics, Trading economics, The World Bank



## Political System

**Constitutional monarchy, democracy**

**Head of State:** King Charles III; After the death of Queen Elizabeth II on 8th September 2022, he acceded to the throne on 9th September 2022.

**Prime Minister:** Keir Starmer was appointed Prime Minister on 5th July 2024, following the Labour Party's victory in the general elections on 4th July 2024.

**Bicameral parliamentary system:**

-**The House of Lords** comprises 774 members appointed for the majority part by the King upon suggestion of the Prime Minister: 669 are appointed for life, 92 inherit their titles, and 26 archbishops and bishops are de facto members.

-**The House of Commons** comprises 650 members elected for a five-year term by direct universal suffrage.



## Political Representation

**Composition of the House of Commons after the elections on**

**4th July 2024 :**

- 411 seats Labour Party
- 121 seats Conservative Party (Conservatives)
- 72 seats Liberal Democrats (LibDem)
- 9 seats Scottish National Party (SNP)
- 7 seats Sinn Féin
- 6 seats Independent
- 5 seats Reform UK
- 5 seats Democratic Unionist Party (DUP)
- 4 seats Green Party (E&W)
- 4 seats Plaid Cymru
- 2 seats Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP)
- 1 seat Alliance (NI)
- 1 seat Ulster Unionist Party (UUP)
- 1 seat Traditional Unionist Voice (TUV)
- 1 seat Speaker

**Female representation:**

- in the government: 11/25
- in the House of Commons: 263/650
- in the House of Lords: 228/774

**Next general elections in 2029**