

SERBIA



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Geography

Area: 77,474 km²**Borders:** 2,322 km (Bosnia and Herzegovina 345 km, Bulgaria 344 km, Croatia 314 km, Hungary 164 km, Kosovo 366 km, Macedonia 101 km, Montenegro 157 km, Romania 531 km)**Capital:** Belgrade**Official language:** Serbian

Source: Eurostat, The CIA World Factbook



Population

Population: 6,605,178 (2024)**Natural growth rate:** -5.4‰ (est. 2023)**Net migration:** 0‰ (2023)**Population:** 14.5% under 15, 22.1% over 65 (2023)**Number of asylum seekers:** 344 (2023)**Life expectancy:** men 73.7 years, women 80.2 years (2024)**Ethnic composition:** Serbs 83.3%, Hungarians 3.5%, Roma 2.1%, Bosnians 2%, others 5.7%, undeclared or unknown 3.4% (2011 est.)*The majority of ethnic Albanians boycotted the 2011 census.***Religions:** Orthodox 84.6%, Catholic 5%, Muslim 3.1%, Protestant 1%, Atheist 1.1%, Other 0.8%, unspecified or unknown 4.5% (2011 est.)

Source: Eurostat, The CIA World Factbook



Economy

Currency: Serbian Dinar (RSD) (exchange rate in November 2024: €1 = RSD 117)**GDP:** €75,204 million (2023)**GDP per capita:** €6,500 (2023)**GDP growth:** 3.8% (2023)**Unemployment:** 8.2% (June 2024)**Inflation:** 4.6% (October 2024)**Public debt:** 52% of GDP (2023)**Budget balance:** -3% of GDP (2023)**Foreign direct investment stock:** 6.5% of GDP (2023)

Source: Eurostat, IMF, XE, Trading Economics, DG Trésor



Political System

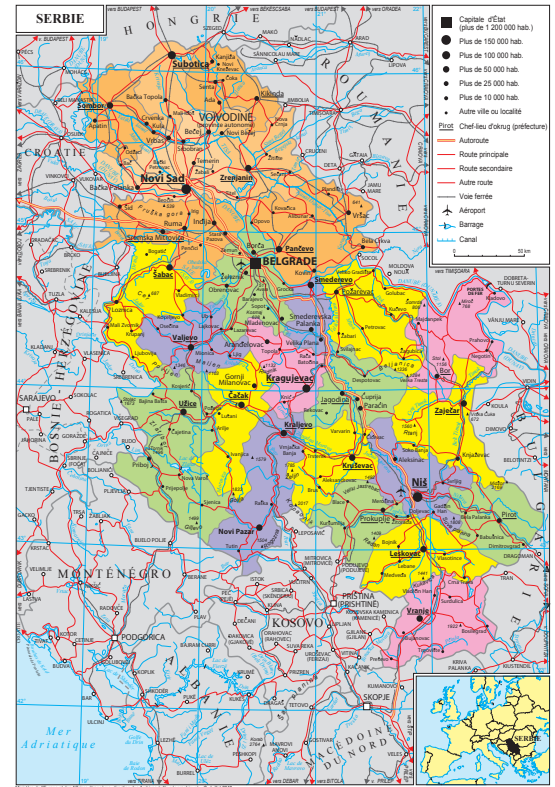
Republic, parliamentary democracy:**Head of State:** Aleksandar Vučić (Serbian Progressive Party, SNS) was re-elected on 3rd April 2022 for 5 years.**Prime Minister:** Miloš Vučević has led a coalition government (around the SNS party) since 2 May 2024. Resigned since 28 January 2025.**The National Assembly** (Narodna skupština Republike Srbije) is composed of 250 representatives elected for four years through direct universal suffrage.

Relations with the EU

A Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA) was signed on 29 April 2008, with its application subject to Serbia's full cooperation with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY). Visa liberalisation was granted by the EU on 19 December 2009. Serbia applied for EU membership on 22 December 2009 and was granted candidate country status by the European Council on 1 March 2012. On 1 September 2013, the SAA entered into force, followed by the opening of accession negotiations on 21 January 2014

At present, 22 chapters are open for negotiation, two of which have already been provisionally closed. In May 2021, the Council agreed to apply the revised enlargement methodology to the accession negotiations with Serbia, with the aim of relaunching the accession process and strengthening its political aspect.

The dialogue between Serbia and Kosovo, initiated in 2011 and facilitated by the EU, remains complicated despite the Brussels (2013) and Ohrid (2023) agreements.



Political Representation

Composition of the National Assembly since December 2023 :

- 112 seats SNSDS (Coalition Serbia Must Not Stop, around the SNS, Serbian Progressive Party)
- 14 seats SSP (Party of Freedom and Justice, social democrat)
- 13 seats SPS (Socialist Party of Serbia)
- 13 seats NPS-NLS (People's Movement of Serbia - The New Face of Serbia, conservative)
- 13 seats NADA (National Democratic Alternative)
- 10 seats ZLF (Green-Left Front, environmentalist)
- 9 seats SRCE (Centre of Serbia)
- 8 seats DS (Democratic Party, social-democrat)
- 6 seats MI-GIN (We - People's Voice, populist)
- 6 seats MI-SN (We - People's Power, populist)
- 6 seats PSG-SDAS-PDD (Free Citizens Movement - Sandžak Democratic Action Party - Democratic Action Party)
- 6 seats PUPS-SP (Party of Pensioners, Peasants and Proletarians of Serbia - Solidarity and Justice)
- 6 seats VMSZ/SVM (Alliance of Magyars of Vojvodina)
- 6 seats SDPS (Social Democratic Party of Serbia)
- 6 seats ZS-RS-USS (Holy Serbia - Russian Party - United Peasants Party)
- 6 seats independents
- 5 seats JS (United Serbia, populist)
- 5 seats EU (Ecological Uprising)

Female representation:

- in the government: 10/31
- in the Parliament: 94/250

Next elections: Parliamentary and presidential elections in 2027