

SLOVAKIA



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Geography

Area: 49,035 km²

Borders: 1.474 km: Austria (91 km), Czech Republic (197 km), Hungary (676 km), Poland (420 km), Ukraine (90 km)

Capital: Bratislava

Official language: Slovak

Source : The CIA World Factbook



Population

Population: 5,425,319 inhabitants (2023 est.)

Crude natural change rate: -1.2‰ (2023 est.)

Crude net migration rate: -0.2‰ (2023 est.)

First time asylum applicants: 410

(2023)

Population repartition: 16.1% under 15 years old, 17.9% over 65 years old (2023)

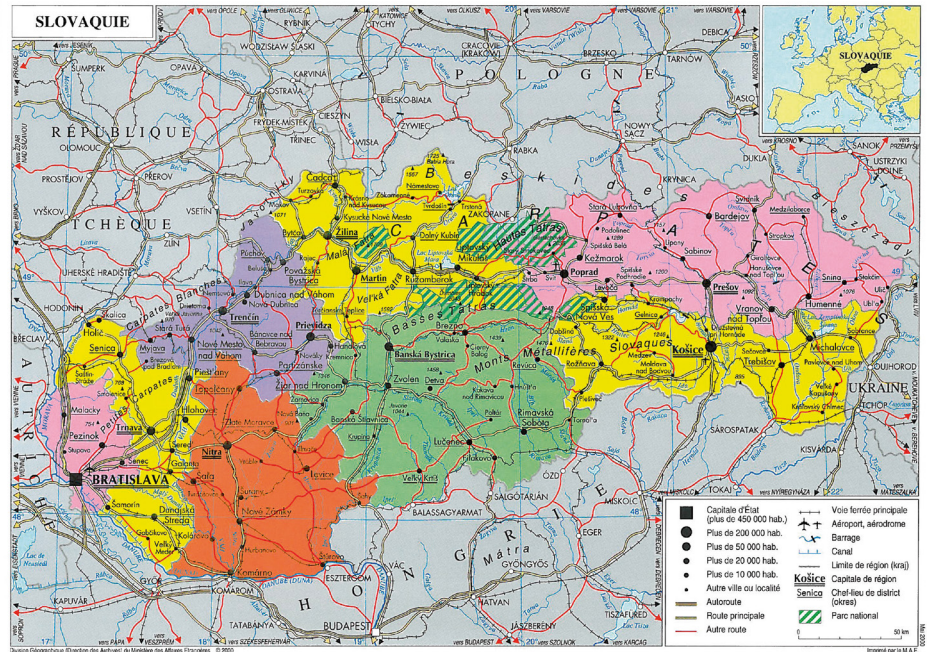
Foreign residents: 1% EU nationals, 0.3% non-EU nationals (2019)

Life expectancy: men 74.7 years, women 81.5 years (2023)

Ethnic groups: Slovak 80.7%, Hungarian 8.5%, Roma 2%, other and unspecified 8.8% (est. 2011)

Religion: Roman Catholic 55.8%, Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession 5.3%, Greek Catholic 4%, Reformed Christian 1.6%, other 3%, none 23.8%, unspecified 6.5% (2021 est.)

Source : Eurostat



Economy

Currency: euro

GDP: € 122,812.8 million (2023)

GDP per capita (PPS): € 16,490 (2023)

GDP growth: 1.6% (2023)

Unemployment: 5.6% (April 2024)

Inflation: 2.6% (May 2024)

Public debt: 56% (Q4 2023)

Public balance: -10.1% of GDP (Q4 2023)

High performance sectors: automobile

industry, steel industry, chemistry

Stock of foreign direct investment from

the entire world: 62% of GDP (2022)

Source : Eurostat, BNP Paribas



Political System

Republic, parliamentary democracy (Constitution of 1st January 1993, revised in 1999 to allow for direct universal election of the president):

Head of State: Peter Pellegrini, elected on 6th April 2024

Prime Minister: Robert Fico (SMER-SD) since 23rd October 2023. He leads a government coalition with the centre-left HLAS and nationalist SNS parties.

Unicameral parliamentary system:

The National Council (Národná rada) is made up of 150 seats. Representatives are elected for four years by proportional representation with a 5% vote threshold.



Political Representation

Parliament composition (in October 2023):

- 42 seats SMER-SD (Direction Social Democracy)
- 32 seats PS (Progressive Slovakia)
- 27 seats Voice (Hlas)
- 16 seats OL'aNO (Party of Ordinary People and Independants)
- 12 seats KDH (Christian Democratic Movement)
- 11 seats SaS (Freedom and Solidarity)
- 10 seats SNS (National Party)

Female representation:

In the government: 3/16
In the Národná rada: 33/150

Next elections: general in 2027 and presidential in 2029.