

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

دولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة

Formal Name: United Arab Emirates

Short Name: UAE

Adjective: Emirati

Capital: Abu Dhabi

Government: Federation

LAS Member since: December 6th, 1971



DEMOGRAPHICS

Ethnicity Groups: Emirati 19%, other Arab and Iranian 23%, South Asian 50%, other 8%

Religions: Muslim 96%, other 4%

Languages: Arabic (official), Persian, English, Hindi, Urdu

Life Expectancy: 77.09 years

Median Age: 30.3 years

Sex Ratio: 1.05 male/female

Literacy Rate: 90%

Independence Day: December 2, 1971
Total Area: 83,600 km ²
Population: 5.6 million
Gross Domestic Product: \$269.8 billion
Military Spending: 3.1% of GDP

ECONOMY

Labor Force: 4.588 million

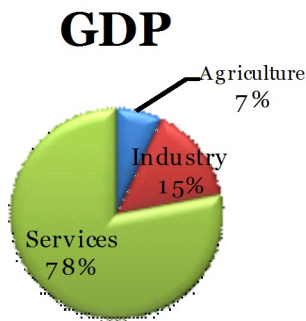
Unemployment Rate: 2.4%

Poverty Rate: 19.5%

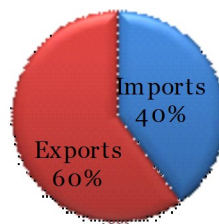
Inflation: 1.3%

Exports: \$368.9 billion (crude oil 45%, natural gas, reexports, dried fish, dates)

Imports: \$249.6 billion (machinery and transport equipment, chemicals, food)



Trade Balance



1820	Britain and local rulers sign numerous agreements, and the area becomes Trucial Coast
1892	British and Trucial States deal gives Britain control over foreign affairs and each emirate control over internal affairs
1950s	Oil discovered
1952	The seven emirates form a Trucial Council
1971	Abu Dhabi, Ajman, Dubai, Fujayrah, Sharjah, and Umm al-Qaywayn come together as the UAE Iran occupies the islands of Greater and Lesser Tunb and Abu Musa
1972	Federal National Council is created
1981	UAE is a founding member of the GCC
1987	Attempted coup in Sharjah
1991	UAE forces join allies against Iraq after the invasion of Kuwait
1992	Iran angers the UAE by saying visitors to Abu Musa and Tunb must have Iranian visas
1996	Iran fuels the dispute by building an airport on Abu Musa and a power station on Tunb
1998	UAE restores diplomatic ties with Iraq
1999	GCC backs the UAE in its dispute with Iran over Abu Musa and Tunb
2001	Government orders banks to freeze the assets of 62 organizations and individuals suspected by the US of funding terrorism
2005	Sheikh Khalifa announces plans for the UAE's first elections
2006	Economic changes announced First ever national elections
2007	UAE unveils a national development strategy at making it a world leader
2009	The government owned investment conglomerate Dubai World request moratorium on debt repayments Abu Dhabi gives Dubai a \$10bn handout to help it pay off its debt
2010	Burj Khalifa tower opens in Dubai as world's tallest building and man-made structure
2011	UAE joins international military operation in Libya UAE outlaws online mockerty of its own government and outlaws attempts to organize public protests through social media; detains 60+ activists without charge Trial in UAE of Egyptians and Emiratis accused of starting a branch of the Muslim Brotherhood, which is outlawed in the Gulf state.
2013	68 alleged members of Al-Islah are jailed on charges of planning to overthrow the government
2014	The UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Bahrain withdraw their ambassadors to Qatar in protest at what they say is its interference in their internal affairs