JORDAN

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State
King ABDALLAH II

Head of Government
Prime Minister Bisher AL-KHASAWNEH

Government Type
parliamentary constitutional monarchy

Capital
Amman

Legislature
bicameral National Assembly consists of the Senate (65 seats) and the Chamber of Deputies (130 seats)

Judiciary
Court of Cassation or Supreme Court (consists of 15 members, including the chief justice

Ambassador to US
Ambassador Dina Khalil Tawiq KAWAR

US Ambassador
(vacant); Charge d'Affaires Mike HANKEY

GEOGRAPHY

Area
total: 89,342 sq km
land: 88,802 sq km
water: 540 sq km

Climate
mostly arid desert; rainy season in west (November to April)

Natural Resources
phosphates, potash, shale oil

ECONOMY

Economic Overview
economy is among the smallest in the Middle East, with insufficient supplies of water, oil, and other natural resources.

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$89 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$9,200 (2017 est.)

Exports
$7.511 billion (2017 est.)
partners: US 24.9%, Saudi Arabia 12.8%, India 8.2%, Iraq 8.2%, Kuwait 5.4%, UAE 4.6% (2017)

Imports
$15.99 billion (2017 est.)
partners: China 13.6%, Saudi Arabia 13.6%, US 9.9%, UAE 4.9%, Germany 4.4% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population
10.8 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth
1.4% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity
Jordanian 69.3%, Syrian 13.3%, Palestinian 6.7%, Egyptian 6.7%, Iraqi 1.4%, other 2.6% (includes Armenian, Circassian) (2015 est.)

Language
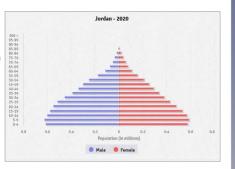Arabic (official), English (widely understood among upper and middle classes)

Religion
Muslim 97.2% (official; predominantly Sunni), Christian 2.2% (majority Greek Orthodox, but some Greek, Buddhist 0.4%, Hindu 0.1%, Jewish <0.1, folk <0.1, unaffiliated <0.1, other <0.1 (2010 est.)

Urbanization
urban population: 91.4% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 2.43% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy
98.2% (2012)

as of October 2020