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1.1 163.guide

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Mongolia

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1.3 163.guide/Geography (Mongolia)

Geography (Mongolia)

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Location:

East Central Asia, between China and Russia

Map references:

Asia, Standard Time Zones of the World

Area:

total area:

1.565 million km²

land area:

1.565 million km²

comparative area:

slightly larger than Alaska

Land boundaries:

total 8,114 km, China 4,673 km, Russia 3,441 km

Coastline:

0 km (landlocked)

Maritime claims:

none; landlocked

International disputes:

none

Climate:

desert; continental (large daily and seasonal temperature ranges)

Terrain:

vast semidesert and desert plains; mountains in west and southwest; Gobi

Desert in southeast

Natural resources:

oil, coal, copper, molybdenum, tungsten, phosphates, tin, nickel, zinc,
 wolfram, fluorspar, gold

Land use:

arable land:

1%

permanent crops:

0%

meadows and pastures:

79%

forest and woodland:

10%

other:

10%
 Irrigated land:
 770 km2 (1989)
 Environment:
 harsh and rugged
 Note:
 landlocked; strategic location between China and Russia

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People (Mongolia)

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Population:
 2,367,054 (July 1993 est.)
 Population growth rate:
 2.62% (1993 est.)
 Birth rate:
 33.41 births/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Death rate:
 7.16 deaths/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Net migration rate:
 0 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1993 est.)
 Infant mortality rate:
 44.9 deaths/1,000 live births (1993 est.)
 Life expectancy at birth:
 total population:
 65.77 years
 male:
 63.53 years
 female:
 68.13 years (1993 est.)
 Total fertility rate:
 4.41 children born/woman (1993 est.)
 Nationality:
 noun:
 Mongolian(s)
 adjective:
 Mongolian
 Ethnic divisions:
 Mongol 90%, Kazakh 4%, Chinese 2%, Russian 2%, other 2%
 Religions:
 predominantly Tibetan Buddhist, Muslim 4%
 note:
 previously limited religious activity because of Communist regime
 Languages:
 Khalkha Mongol 90%, Turkic, Russian, Chinese
 Literacy:
 total population:
 NA%
 male:
 NA%
 female:

NA%

Labor force:

NA

by occupation:

primarily herding/agricultural

note:

over half the adult population is in the labor force, including a large percentage of women; shortage of skilled labor

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Government (Mongolia)

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Names:

conventional long form:

none

conventional short form:

Mongolia

local long form:

none

local short form:

Mongol Uls

former:

Outer Mongolia

Digraph:

MG

Type:

republic

Capital:

Ulaanbaatar

Administrative divisions:

18 provinces (aymguud, singular - aymag) and 3 municipalities* (hotuud,, ←
singular - hot);

Arhangay, Bayanhongor, Bayan-Olgii, Bulgan, Darhan*,,, Dornod, Dornogovi, ←
Dundgovi, Dzavhan,

Erdenet*, Govi-Altay, Hentiy, Hovd,, Hovsgol, Omnogovi, Overhangay, Selenge ←
, Suhbaatar, Tov,

Ulaanbaatar*, Uvs, Independence:

13 March 1921 (from China)

Constitution:

adopted 13 January 1992

Legal system:

blend of Russian, Chinese, and Turkish systems of law; no constitutional provision for judicial review of legislative acts; has not accepted compulsory ICJ jurisdiction

National holiday:

National Day, 11 July (1921)

Political parties and leaders:

Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party (MPRP), Budragchagiin DASH-YONDON, presidium chairman; Mongolian Democratic Party (MDP), Erdenijiyn BAT-UUL, general coordinator; National Progress Party (NPP), S. BYAMBAA and Luusandambyn DASHNYAM, leaders; Social Democratic Party (SDP), BATBAYAR and

Tsohiogyyn ADYASUREN, leaders; Mongolian Independence Party (MIP), D. ZORIGT, leader; United Party of Mongolia (made up of the MDP, SDP, and NPP) ← ;

Mongolian National Democratic Party (MNDP; merger of the MDP, United Party, Renaissance Party, and PNP), D. GANBOLD

note:

opposition parties were legalized in May 1990; additional parties exist: ←

The

Mongolian Green Party, The Buddhist Believers' Party, The Republican Party, Mongolian People's Party, and United Herdsmen and Farmers Party (MHFUP), Mongolian Bourgeois Party (BP), Mongolian Private Property Owners Party, Mongolian Workers Party

Suffrage: 18 years of age; universal

Elections:

President:

last held 3 September 1990 (next to be held 6 June 1993); results - Punsalmaagiyn OCHIRBAT elected by the People's Great Hural; other candidate Lodongiyn TUDEV (MPRP)

State Great Hural:

first time held 28 June 1992 (next to be held NA); results - MPRP 56.9%; seats - (76 total) MPRP 71, MDP/PNP 3, SDP 1, independent 1

note:

the People's Small Hural no longer exists

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Executive branch:

president, vice president, prime minister, first deputy prime minister, cabinet

Legislative branch:

unicameral State Great Hural

Judicial branch:

Supreme Court serves as appeals court for people's and provincial courts, but to date rarely overturns verdicts of lower courts

Leaders:

Chief of State:

President Punsalmaagiyn OCHIRBAT (since 3 September 1990); Vice President Radnaasumbereliyn GONCHIGDORJ (since 7 September 1990)

Head of Government:

Prime Minister Putsagiyn JASRAY (since 3 August 1992); First Deputy Prime Minister Puntsagiyn JASRAY (since NA)

Member of:

AsDB, CCC, ESCAP, FAO, G-77, IAEA, IBRD, ICAO, IDA, IFC, ILO, IMF, INTERPOL ←

IOC, ISO, ITU, LORCS, NAM (observer), UN, UNCTAD, UNESCO, UNIDO, UPU, WFTU, WHO, WIPO, WMO, WTO

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 Flag:
 three equal, vertical bands of red (hoist side), blue, and red, centered on
 the hoist-side red band in yellow is the national emblem ("soyombo" - a
 columnar arrangement of abstract and geometric representation for fire, sun ←
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 moon, earth, water, and the yin-yang symbol)

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Economy (Mongolia)

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Overview:

Mongolia's severe climate, scattered population, and wide expanses of unproductive land have constrained economic development. Economic activity traditionally has been based on agriculture and the breeding of livestock - Mongolia has the highest number of livestock per person in the world. In recent years extensive mineral resources have been developed with Soviet support. The mining and processing of coal, copper, molybdenum, tin, tungsten, and gold account for a large part of industrial production. ←

Timber

and fishing are also important sectors. In 1992 the Mongolian leadership continued its struggle with severe economic dislocations, mainly attributable to the crumbling of the USSR, by far Mongolia's leading trade and development partner. Moscow cut almost all aid in 1991, and little was provided in 1992. Industry in 1992 was hit hard by energy shortages, mainly due to disruptions in coal production and shortfalls in petroleum imports. By the end of the year, the country was perilously close to a complete shutdown of its centralized energy supply system, due to critical coal shortages. The government is moving away from the Soviet-style, centrally planned economy through privatization and price reform.

National product:

GDP - exchange rate conversion - \$1.8 billion (1992 est.)

National product real growth rate:

-15% (1992 est.)

National product per capita:

\$800 (1992 est.)
 Inflation rate (consumer prices):
 325% (1992 est.)
 Unemployment rate:
 15% (1991 est.)
 Budget:
 deficit of \$67 million (1991)
 Exports:
 \$347 million (f.o.b., 1991 est.)
 commodities:
 copper, livestock, animal products, cashmere, wool, hides, fluorspar, other
 nonferrous metals
 partners:
 USSR 75%, China 10%, Japan 4%
 Imports:
 \$501 million (f.o.b., 1991 est.)
 commodities:
 machinery and equipment, fuels, food products, industrial consumer goods,
 chemicals, building materials, sugar, tea
 partners:
 USSR 75%, Austria 5%, China 5%
 External debt:
 \$16.8 billion (yearend 1990); 98.6% with USSR
 Industrial production:
 growth rate -15% (1992 est.)
 Electricity:
 1,248,000 kW capacity; 3,740 million kWh produced, 1,622 kWh per capita
 (1992)
 Industries:
 copper, processing of animal products, building materials, food and
 beverage, mining (particularly coal)
 Agriculture:
 accounts for about 20% of GDP and provides livelihood for about 50% of the
 population; livestock raising predominates (primarily sheep and goats, but
 also cattle, camels, and horses); crops - wheat, barley, potatoes, forage

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Economic aid:
 about \$300 million in trade credits and \$34 million in grant aid from USSR
 and other CEMA countries, plus \$7.4 million from UNDP (1990); in 1991, \$170
 million in grants and technical assistance from Western donor countries,
 including \$30 million from World Bank and \$30 million from the IMF; over
 \$200 million from donor countries projected in 1992
 Currency:
 1 tughrik (Tug) = 100 mongos
 Exchange rates:
 tughriks (Tug) per US\$1 - 40 (1992), 7.1 (1991), 5.63 (1990), 3.00 (1989)
 Fiscal year:
 calendar year

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Communications (Mongolia)

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Railroads:

1,750 km 1.524-meter broad gauge (1988)

Highways:

46,700 km total; 1,000 km hard surface; 45,700 km other surfaces (1988)

Inland waterways:

397 km of principal routes (1988)

Airports:

total:

81

usable:

31

with permanent-surface runways:

11

with runways over 3,659 m:

fewer than 5

with runways 2,440-3,659 m:

fewer than 20

with runways 1,220-2,439 m:

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Telecommunications:

63,000 telephones (1989); broadcast stations - 12 AM, 1 FM, 1 TV (with 18 provincial repeaters); repeat of Russian TV; 120,000 TVs; 220,000 radios; ↔
at

least 1 earth station

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Defense Forces (Mongolia)

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Branches:

Mongolian People's Army (includes Internal Security Forces and Frontier Guards), Air Force

Manpower availability:

males age 15-49 569,135; fit for military service 371,162; reach military age (18) annually 25,406 (1993 est.)

Defense expenditures:

exchange rate conversion - \$22.8 million of GDP, 1% of GDP (1992)