

# Liechtenstein

## Geography

Location: Central Europe, between Austria and Switzerland

Area:

total area: 160 sq km

land area: 160 sq km

Land boundaries: total 78 km, Austria 37 km, Switzerland 41 km

Coastline: 0 km (landlocked)

Maritime claims: none; landlocked

Climate: continental; cold, cloudy winters with frequent snow or rain;  
cool to moderately warm, cloudy, humid summers

Terrain: mostly mountainous (Alps) with Rhine Valley in western third

Natural resources: hydroelectric potential

Land use:

arable land: 25%

permanent crops: 0%

meadows and pastures: 38%

forest and woodland: 19%

other: 18%

## People

Population: 30,654 (July 1995 est.)

Age structure:

0-14 years: 19% (female 2,897; male 2,974)

15-64 years: 71% (female 10,853; male 10,777)

65 years and over: 10% (female 1,930; male 1,223) (July 1995 est.)

Population growth rate: 1.2% (1995 est.)

Birth rate: 12.95 births/1,000 population (1995 est.)

Death rate: 6.56 deaths/1,000 population (1995 est.)

Net migration rate: 5.58 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1995 est.)

Infant mortality rate: 5.3 deaths/1,000 live births (1995 est.)

Life expectancy at birth:

total population: 77.52 years

male: 73.86 years

female: 81.17 years (1995 est.)

Total fertility rate: 1.47 children born/woman (1995 est.)

Nationality:

noun: Liechtensteiner(s)

adjective: Liechtenstein

Ethnic divisions: Alemannic 95%, Italian and other 5%

Religions: Roman Catholic 87.3%, Protestant 8.3%, unknown 1.6%, other 2.8% (1988)

Languages: German (official), Alemannic dialect

Literacy: age 10 and over can read and write (1981)

total population: 100%

male: 100%

female: 100%

## Government

Names:

conventional long form: Principality of Liechtenstein

conventional short form: Liechtenstein

local long form: Fürstentum Liechtenstein

local short form: Liechtenstein

Type: hereditary constitutional monarchy

Capital: Vaduz

Independence: 23 January 1719 (Imperial Principality of Liechtenstein established)

National holiday: Assumption Day, 15 August

Constitution: 5 October 1921

Suffrage: 18 years of age; universal

Flag: two equal horizontal bands of blue (top) and red with a gold crown on the hoist side of the blue band

## Economy

Overview: Despite its small size and limited natural resources, Liechtenstein has developed into a prosperous, highly industrialized, free-enterprise economy with a vital service sector and living standards on par with its large European neighbors.

Industries: electronics, metal manufacturing, textiles, ceramics, pharmaceuticals, food products, precision instruments, tourism

Agriculture: livestock, vegetables, corn, wheat, potatoes, grapes

## Transportation

Railroads:  
total: 18.5 km

Highways:  
total: 322.93 km

Ports: none

Airports: none

## Defence Forces

Note: defence is responsibility of Switzerland