



Central Asia :: Kazakhstan

Location:

Central Asia, northwest of China; a small portion west of the Ural (Zhayyq) River in eastern-most Europe

Geographic coordinates:

48 00N , 68 00E

Map references:

Asia

Area:

total: 2,724,900 sq km

country comparison to the world: 9

land: 2,699,700 sq km

water: 25,200 sq km

Area - comparative:

slightly less than four times the size of Texas

Land boundaries:

total: 12,185 km

border countries: China 1,533 km, Kyrgyzstan 1,224 km, Russia 6,846 km, Turkmenistan 379 km, Uzbekistan 2,203 km

Coastline:

0 km (landlocked); note - Kazakhstan borders the Aral Sea, now split into two bodies of water (1,070 km), and the Caspian Sea (1,894 km)

Maritime claims:

none (landlocked)

Climate:

continental, cold winters and hot summers, arid and semiarid

Terrain:

vast flat steppe extending from the Volga in the west to the Altai Mountains in the east and from the plains of western Siberia in the north to oases and deserts of Central Asia in the south

Elevation extremes:

lowest point: Vpadina Kaundy -132 m

highest point: Khan Tangiri Shyngy (Pik Khan-Tengri) 6,995 m

Natural resources:

major deposits of petroleum, natural gas, coal, iron ore, manganese, chrome ore, nickel, cobalt, copper, molybdenum, lead, zinc, bauxite, gold, uranium

Land use:

arable land: 8.82%

permanent crops: 0.03%

other: 91.15% (2011)

Irrigated land:

20,660 sq km (2010)

Total renewable water resources:

107.5 cu km (2011)

People and Society :: Kazakhstan

Nationality:

noun: Kazakhstani(s)

adjective: Kazakhstani

Ethnic groups:

Kazakh (Qazaq) 63.1%, Russian 23.7%, Uzbek 2.8%, Ukrainian 2.1%, Uighur 1.4%, Tatar 1.3%, German 1.1%, other 4.5% (2009 census)

Languages:

Kazakh (Qazaq, state language) 64.4%, Russian (official, used in everyday business, designated the "language of interethnic communication") 95% (2009 est.)

Religions:

Muslim 70.2%, Christian 26.2% (Russian Orthodox 23.9%, other Christian 2.3%), Buddhist 0.1%, other 0.2%, atheist 2.8%, unspecified 0.5%

(2009 Census)

Population:

17,948,816 (July 2014 est.)

country comparison to the world: 62

Urbanization:

urban population: 53.6% of total population (2011)
rate of urbanization: 0.87% annual rate of change (2010-15est .)
Major urban areas - population:
Almaty 1.383 million; ASTANA (capital) 650,000 (2009)

Government :: Kazakhstan

Country name:

conventional long form: Republic of Kazakhstan

conventional short form: Kazakhstan

local long form: Qazaqstan Respublikasy

local short form: Qazaqstan

former: Kazakh Soviet Socialist Republic

Government type:

republic; authoritarian presidential rule, with little power outside the executive branch

Capital:

name: Astana

geographic coordinates: 51 10N , 71 25E

time difference: UTC+6 (1 hours ahead of Washington , DC during Standard Time)

note: Kazakhstan is divided into two time zones

Administrative divisions:

14 provinces (oblystar, singular - oblys) and 3 cities* (qalalar, singular - qala); Almaty Oblysy, Almaty Qalasy*, Aqmola Oblysy (Astana), Aqtobe Oblysy, Astana Qalasy*, Atyrau Oblysy, Batys Qazaqstan Oblysy [West Kazakhstan] (Oral), Bayqongyr Qalasy [Baykonur]*, Mangghystau Oblysy (Aqtau), Ongtustik Qazaqstan Oblysy [South Kazakhstan] (Shymkent), Pavlodar Oblysy, Qaraghandy Oblysy, Qostanay Oblysy, Qyzylorda Oblysy, Shyghys Qazaqstan Oblysy [East Kazakhstan] (Oskemen), Soltustik Qazaqstan Oblysy [North Kazakhstan] (Petropavlovsk), Zhambyl Oblysy (Taraz)

note: administrative divisions have the same names as their administrative centers (exceptions have the administrative center name following in parentheses); in 1995, the Governments of Kazakhstan and Russia entered into an agreement whereby Russia would lease for a period of 20 years an area of 6,000 sq km enclosing the Baykonur space launch facilities and the city of Bayqongyr (Baykonur, formerly Leninsk); in 2004 a new agreement extended the lease to 2050

Independence:

16 December 1991 (from the Soviet Union)

National holiday:

Independence Day, 16 December (1991)

Executive branch:

chief of state: President Nursultan Abishuly NAZARBAYEV (chairman of the Supreme Soviet from 2 February 1990, elected president 1 December 1991)

head of government: Prime Minister Karim MASIMOV (since 2 April 2014); First Deputy Prime Minister Bakytzhan SAGINTAYEV (since

16 January 2013); Deputy Prime Ministers Gulshara ABDYKALIKOVA (since 28 November 2013) , Aset ISEKESHEV (since 25 September

2012) ; Bakyt SULTANOV (since 6 November 2013)

International organization participation:

ADB, CICA, CIS, CSTO, EAEC, EAPC, EBRD, ECO, EITI (candidate country), FAO, GCTU, IAEA, IBRD, ICAO, ICC (NGOs), ICRM, IDA, IDB, IFAD, IFC, IFRCS, ILO, IMF, IMO, Interpol, IOC, IOM, IPU, ISO, ITSO, ITU, MIGA, NAM (observer), NSG, OAS (observer), OIC, OPCW, OSCE, PFP, SCO, UN, UNCTAD, UNESCO, UNIDO, UNWTO, UPU, WCO, WFTU (NGOs), WHO, WIPO, WMO, WTO (observer), ZC

Economy :: Kazakhstan

GDP (purchasing power parity):

\$243.6 billion (2013est .)

country comparison to the world: 53

\$231.9 billion (2012est .)

\$220.6 billion (2011est .)

note: data are in 2011 US dollars

GDP (official exchange rate):

\$224.9 billion (2013est .)

GDP - real growth rate:

5% (2013est .)

country comparison to the world: 60

5.1% (2012est .)

7.5% (2011est .)

GDP - per capita (PPP):

\$14,100 (2013est .)

country comparison to the world: 95

\$13,700 (2012est .)

\$13,200 (2011est .)

note: data are in 2011 US dollars

Gross national saving:

28.8% of GDP (2013est .)

country comparison to the world: 30

23.9% of GDP (2012est .)

28.4% of GDP (2011est .)

GDP - composition, by end use:

household consumption: 51%

government consumption: 12.4%

investment in fixed capital: 22.1%

investment in inventories: 2.5%
exports of goods and services: 44.6%
imports of goods and services: -32.6%
(2013 est .)

GDP - composition, by sector of origin:

agriculture: 5.2%
industry: 37.9%
services: 56.9% (2013 est .)

Agriculture - products:

grain (mostly spring wheat and barley), potatoes, vegetables, melons; livestock

Industries:

oil, coal, iron ore, manganese, chromite, lead, zinc, copper, titanium, bauxite, gold, silver, phosphates, sulfur, uranium, iron and steel; tractors and other agricultural machinery, electric motors, construction materials

Industrial production growth rate:

2.1% (2013 est .)

country comparison to the world: 123

Labor force:

9.022 million (2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 52

Labor force - by occupation:

agriculture: 25.8%
industry: 11.9%
services: 62.3% (2012)

Fiscal year:

calendar year

Exports:

\$87.23 billion (2013 est .)

country comparison to the world: 43

\$86.93 billion (2013 est .)

Exports - commodities:

oil and oil products, natural gas, ferrous metals, chemicals, machinery, grain, wool, meat, coal

Exports - partners:

China 19.3%, Italy 18.1%, Netherlands 8.8%, France 6.6%, Switzerland 5.8%, Austria 5.8% (2012)

Imports:

\$52.03 billion (2013 est .)

country comparison to the world: 55

\$49.08 billion (2013 est .)

Imports - commodities:

machinery and equipment, metal products, foodstuffs

Imports - partners:

China 28%, Ukraine 10.9%, Germany 8.5%, US 7.9% (2012)

Exchange rates:

tenge (KZT) per US dollar -

151.8 (2013 est .)

149.11 (2012 est.)

147.36 (2010 est.)

147.5 (2009)

120.25 (2008)

Energy :: Kazakhstan

Electricity - production:

90.53 billion kWh (2012 est .)

country comparison to the world: 36

Electricity - consumption:

88.11 billion kWh (2013 est .)

country comparison to the world: 33

Electricity - exports:

1.8 billion kWh (2011 est.)

country comparison to the world: 43

Electricity - imports:

3.7 billion kWh (2011 est.)

country comparison to the world: 43

Electricity - installed generating capacity:

18.73 million kW (2013 est .)

country comparison to the world: 39

Electricity - from fossil fuels:

88.2% of total installed capacity (2013 est .)

country comparison to the world: 81

Electricity - from nuclear fuels:

0% of total installed capacity (2013 est .)

country comparison to the world: 121

Electricity - from hydroelectric plants:

11.8% of total installed capacity (2013 est .)

country comparison to the world: 110

Electricity - from other renewable

sources:

0% of total installed capacity (2010 est.)

country comparison to the world: 190

Crude oil - production:

1,606 million bbl/day (2012 est.)

country comparison to the world: 18

Crude oil - exports:

1,406 million bbl/day (2010 est.)

country comparison to the world: 12

Crude oil - imports:

119,600 bbl/day (2010 est.)

country comparison to the world: 47

Crude oil - proved reserves:

30 billion bbl (1 January 2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 11

Refined petroleum products - production:

288,600 bbl/day (2010 est.)

country comparison to the world: 43

Refined petroleum products - consumption:

244,200 bbl/day (2011 est.)

country comparison to the world: 52

Refined petroleum products - exports:

149,800 bbl/day (2011 est.)

country comparison to the world: 38

Refined petroleum products - imports:

94,430 bbl/day (2010 est.)

country comparison to the world: 52

Natural gas - production:

20.2 billion cu m (2011 est.)

country comparison to the world: 31

Natural gas - consumption:

10.2 billion cu m (2011 est.)

country comparison to the world: 45

Natural gas - exports:

9.7 billion cu m (2011 est.)

country comparison to the world: 25

Natural gas - imports:

10.7 billion cu m (2011 est.)

country comparison to the world: 28

Natural gas - proved reserves:

2,407 trillion cu m (1 January 2013 est.)

country comparison to the world: 14

Carbon dioxide emissions from consumption of energy:

195.4 million Mt (2011 est.)

country comparison to the world: 30

Communications :: Kazakhstan**Telephones - main lines in use:**

4.34 million (2012)

country comparison to the world: 40

Telephones - mobile cellular:

28,731 million (2012)

country comparison to the world: 37

Transportation :: Kazakhstan**Airports:**

96 (2012)

country comparison to the world: 60

Airports - with paved runways:

total: 63

over 3,047 m: 10

2,438 to 3,047 m: 25

1,524 to 2,437 m: 15

914 to 1,523 m: 5

under 914 m: 8 (2012)

Airports - with unpaved runways:

total: 33

over 3,047 m: 5

2,438 to 3,047 m: 7

1,524 to 2,437 m: 3

914 to 1,523 m: 5

under 914 m:

13 (2012)

Heliports:

3 (2013)

Pipelines:

condensate 658 km; gas 12,432 km; oil 11,313 km; refined products 1,095 km; water 1,465 km (2013)

Railways:

total: 15,333 km

country comparison to the world: 18

broad gauge: 15,333 km 1.520-m gauge (4,000 km electrified) (2013)

Roadways:

total: 97,418 km

country comparison to the world: 46

paved: 87,140 km

unpaved: 10,278 km (2013)

Waterways:

4,000 km (on the Ertis (Irtys) River (80%) and Syr Darya (Syrdariya) River) (2010)

country comparison to the world: 27

Merchant marine:

total: 11

country comparison to the world: 111

by type: cargo 1, petroleum tanker 8, refrigerated cargo 1, specialized tanker 1

foreign-owned: 3 (Austria 1, Ireland 1, Turkey 1) (2010)

Ports and terminals:

major seaport(s): Aqtau (Shevchenko), Atyrau (Gur'yev)

river port(s): Oskemen (Ust-Kamenogorsk), Pavlodar, Semey (Semipalatinsk) (Irtys River)