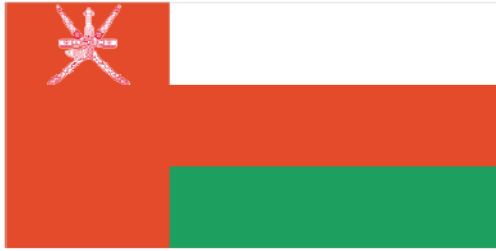


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### Middle East :: Oman

**Location:**

Middle East, bordering the Arabian Sea, Gulf of Oman, and Persian Gulf, between Yemen and UAE

**Geographic coordinates:**

21 00 N, 57 00 E

**Map references:**

Middle East

**Area:**

**total:** 309,500 sq km

**country comparison to the world:** 71

**land:** 309,500 sq km

**water:** 0 sq km

**Area - comparative:**

slightly smaller than Kansas

**Land boundaries:**

**total:** 1,374 km

**border countries:** Saudi Arabia 676 km, UAE 410 km, Yemen 288 km

**Coastline:**

2,092 km

**Maritime claims:**

**territorial sea:** 12 nm

**contiguous zone:** 24 nm

**exclusive economic zone:** 200 nm

**Climate:**

dry desert; hot, humid along coast; hot, dry interior; strong southwest summer monsoon (May to September) in far south

**Terrain:**

central desert plain, rugged mountains in north and south

**Elevation extremes:**

**lowest point:** Arabian Sea 0 m

**highest point:** Jabal Shams 2,980 m

**Natural resources:**

petroleum, copper, asbestos, some marble, limestone, chromium, gypsum, natural gas

**Land use:**

**arable land:** 0.1%

**permanent crops:** 0.12%

**other:** 99.77% (2011)

**Irrigated land:**

588.5 sq km (2004)

**Total renewable water resources:**

1.4 cu km (2011)

### People and Society :: Oman

**Nationality:**

**noun:** Omani(s)

**adjective:** Omani

**Ethnic groups:**

Arab, Baluchi, South Asian (Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Bangladeshi), African

**Languages:**

Arabic (official), English, Baluchi, Urdu, Indian dialects

**Religions:**

Muslim (official; majority are Ibadhi, lesser numbers of Sunni and Shi'a) 85.9%, Christian 6.5%, Hindu 5.5%, Buddhist 0.8%, Jewish

**note:** approximately 75% of Omani citizens, who compose almost 70% of the country's total population, are Ibadhi Muslims; the Omani government does not keep statistics on religious affiliation (2013) (2013 est.)

**Population:**

3,219,775 (July 2014 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 136

**Urbanization:**

**urban population:** 73.4% of total population (2011)

**rate of urbanization:** 2.23% annual rate of change (2010-15 est.)

**Major urban areas - population:**

MUSCAT (capital) 634,000 (2009)

**Government :: Oman****Country name:**

**conventional long form:** Sultanate of Oman

**conventional short form:** Oman

**local long form:** Saltanat Uman

**local short form:** Uman

**former:** Muscat and Oman

**Government type:**

monarchy

**Capital:**

**name:** Muscat

**geographic coordinates:** 23 3'N , 58 3'E

**Administrative divisions:**

11 governorates (muhafazat, singular - muhafazat); Ad Dakhiliyah, Al Buraymi, Al Wusta, Az Zahirah, Janub al Batinah (Al Batinah South), Janub ash Sharqiyah (Ash Sharqiyah South), Masqat (Muscat), Musandam, Shamal al Batinah (Al Batinah North), Shamal ash Sharqiyah (Ash Sharqiyah North), Zufar (Dhofar)

**Independence:**

1650 (expulsion of the Portuguese)

**National holiday:**

Birthday of Sultan QABOOS, 18 November (1940)

**Executive branch:**

**chief of state:** Sultan and Prime Minister QABOOS bin Said Al-Said (sultan since 23 July 1970 and prime minister since 23 July 1972); note - the monarch is both the chief of state and head of government

**head of government:** Sultan and Prime Minister QABOOS bin Said Al-Said (sultan since 23 July 1970 and prime minister since 23 July 1972)

**International organization participation:**

ABEDA, AFESD, AMF, CAEU, FAO, G-77, GCC, IAEA, IBRD, ICAO, ICC (NGOs), IDA, IDB, IFAD, IFC, IHO, ILO, IMF, IMO,

IMSO, Interpol, IOC, IPU, ISO, ITSO, ITU, LAS, MIGA, NAM, OIC, OPCW, UN, UNCTAD, UNESCO, UNIDO, UNWTO, UPU,

WCO, WFTU (NGOs), WHO, WIPO, WMO, WTO

**Economy :: Oman****GDP (purchasing power parity):**

\$94.86 billion (2013 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 77

\$90.28 billion (2012 est.)

\$85.99 billion (2011 est.)

**note:** data are in 2013 US dollars

**GDP (official exchange rate):**

\$81.95 billion (2013 est.)

**GDP - real growth rate:**

5.1% (2013 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 52

5% (2012 est.)

4.5% (2011 est.)

**GDP - per capita (PPP):**

\$29,800 (2013 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 50

\$29,200 (2012 est.)

\$28,700 (2011 est.)

**note:** data are in 2013 US dollars

**Gross national saving:**

36.2% of GDP (2013 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 15

37.4% of GDP (2012 est. )

41% of GDP (2013 est. )

**GDP - composition, by end use:**

**household consumption:** 30.5%

**government consumption:** 17.8%

**investment in fixed capital:** 27.3%

**investment in inventories:** -0.5%

**exports of goods and services:** 63.8%

**imports of goods and services:** -39.4%

(2013 est.)

**GDP - composition, by sector of origin:**

**agriculture:** 1%

**industry:** 64.4%

**services:** 34.6% (2013 est. )

**Agriculture - products:**

dates, limes, bananas, alfalfa, vegetables; camels, cattle; fish

**Industries:**

crude oil production and refining, natural and liquefied natural gas (LNG) production; construction, cement, copper, steel, chemicals, optic fiber

**Industrial production growth rate:**

3.5% (2013 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 86

**Exports:**

\$56.22 billion (2013 est. )

**country comparison to the world:** 57

\$52.14 billion (2012 est. )

**Exports - commodities:**

petroleum, reexports, fish, metals, textiles

**Exports - partners:**

China 31.8%, Japan 12.9%, UAE 10.4%, South Korea 10%, Thailand 4.4%, Singapore 4.4% (2012 est.)

**Imports:**

\$30.75 billion (2013 est. )

**country comparison to the world:** 67

\$25.63 billion (2012 est. )

**Imports - commodities:**

machinery and transport equipment, manufactured goods, food, livestock, lubricants

**Imports - partners:**

UAE 24.1%, Japan 12.5%, India 8.5%, China 6.3%, US 6.1% (2012 est.)

**Exchange rates:**

Omani rials (OMR) per US dollar -

0.3845 (2013 est.)

0.3845 (2012 est.)

0.3845 (2010 est.)

0.3845 (2009)

0.3845 (2008)

**Energy :: Oman**

**Electricity- production:**

18.63 billion kWh (2012 est. )

**country comparison to the world:** 76

**Electricity- consumption:**

15.32 billion kWh (2012 est. )

**country comparison to the world:** 76

**Electricity- exports:**

0 kWh (2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 171

**Electricity- imports:**

0 kWh (2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 173

**Electricity- installed generating capacity:**

4.265 million kW (2010 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 78

**Electricity- from fossil fuels:**

100% of total installed capacity (2010 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 24

**Electricity- from nuclear fuels:**

0% of total installed capacity (2010 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 143  
**Electricity- from hydroelectric plants:**  
0% of total installed capacity (2010 est.)  
**country comparison to the world:** 185  
**Electricity- from other renewable sources:**  
0% of total installed capacity (2010 est.)  
**country comparison to the world:** 204  
**Crude oil - production:**  
923,800 bbl/day (2012 est.)  
**country comparison to the world:** 26  
**Crude oil - exports:**  
705,100 bbl/day (2010 est.)  
**country comparison to the world:** 20  
**Crude oil - imports:**  
0 bbl/day (2010 est.)  
**country comparison to the world:** 96  
**Crude oil - proved reserves:**  
5.5 billion bbl (1 January 2013 es)  
**country comparison to the world:** 22  
**Refined petroleum products - production:**  
164,600 bbl/day (2010 est.)  
**country comparison to the world:** 60  
**Refined petroleum products - consumption:**  
98,000 bbl/day (2011 est.)  
**country comparison to the world:** 79  
**Refined petroleum products - exports:**  
47,710 bbl/day (2010 est.)  
**country comparison to the world:** 61  
**Refined petroleum products - imports:**  
2,390 bbl/day (2010 est.)  
**country comparison to the world:** 177  
**Natural gas - production:**  
35.94 billion cu m (2012 est.)  
**country comparison to the world:** 27  
**Natural gas - consumption:**  
17.53 billion cu m (2011 est.)  
**country comparison to the world:** 37  
**Natural gas - exports:**  
10.93 billion cu m (2011 est.)  
**country comparison to the world:** 23  
**Natural gas - imports:**  
1.95 billion cu m (2011 est.)  
**country comparison to the world:** 51  
**Natural gas - proved reserves:**  
849.5 billion cu m (1 January 2013 es)  
**country comparison to the world:** 29  
**Carbon dioxide emissions from consumption of energy:**  
52.67 million Mt (2011 est.)  
**country comparison to the world:** 60  
**Communications :: Oman**  
**Telephones - main lines in use:**  
305,000 (2011)  
**country comparison to the world:** 115  
**Telephones - mobile cellular:**  
5.278 million (2012)  
**country comparison to the world:** 109  
**Transportation :: Oman**  
**Airports:**  
132 (2011)  
**country comparison to the world:** 44  
**Airports - with paved runways:**  
**total:** 13  
**over 3,047 m:** 7

**2,438 to 3,047 m:** 5

**914 to 1,523 m:** 1 (2013)

**Airports - with unpaved runways:**

**total:** 119

**over 3,047 m:** 2

**2,438 to 3,047 m:** 7

**1,524 to 2,437 m:** 51

**914 to 1,523 m:** 33

**under 914 m:**

26 (2013)

**Heliports:**

3 (2013)

**Pipelines:**

condensate 106 km; gas 4,224 km; oil 3,558 km; oil/gas/water 33 km; refined products 264 km (2013)

**Roadways:**

**total:** 60,240 km

**country comparison to the world:** 70

**paved:** 29,685 km (includes 1,943 km of expressways)

**unpaved:** 30,545 km (2012)

**Merchant marine:**

**total:** 5

**country comparison to the world:** 125

**by type:** chemical tanker 1, passenger 1, passenger/cargo 3

**registered in other countries:** 15 (Malta 5, Panama 10) (2010)

**Ports and terminals:**

**major seaport(s):** Mina' Qabus, Salalah, Suhar

**container port(s) (TEUs):** Salalah (3,200,000)