



The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Fact Sheet & Economic Indicators

Location

Positioned at the nexus of Asia Europe and Africa, Jordan shares its northern boarder with Syria, southern boarder with Saudi Arabia, eastern boarder with Iraq and western boarder with Palestine national authority and Israel.

Area & Population

Area	: Total	: 89,213 sq km
	: Water	: 329 sq km
	: Land	: 88,884 sq km
Coastline	: 26 km	
Climate	: Mostly arid desert; rainy season in west (November to April)	
Terrain	: Mostly desert plateau in east, highland area in west; Great Rift Valley separates East and West Banks of the Jordan River	
Elevation extremes:	: lowest point	: Dead Sea -408 m
	: highest point	: Jabal Ram 1,734 m
Population	: 6,508,271 (July 2011 est.)	

Age structure 0-14 years: 35.3% (male 1,180,595/female 1,114,533)
15-64 years: 59.9% (male 1,977,075/female 1,921,504)
65 years and over: 4.8% (male 153,918/female 160,646)
(2011 est.)

Median age Total : 22.1 years
Male : 21.8 years
Female : 22,4 years (2011 est.)

Population growth rate: : 0.984% (2011 est.)

Birth rate: : 26.79 births/1,000 population (2011 est.)

Death rate: : 2.69 deaths/1,000 population (2011 est.)

Migration rate: : -14.26 migrant(s)/1,000 population (2011 est.)

Demography

Jordanians are mostly Arabs, except for a few small communities of Circassians, Chechens, Armenians, and Kurds which have adapted to Arab culture. Jordan's ruling class is made up of people of Bedouin Arab descent, but another big portion of the population is Palestinians (60 - 80%). The official language is Arabic, but English is used widely in commerce and government. About 70% of Jordan's population is urban; less than 6% of the rural population is nomadic or semi-nomadic. Most people live where the rainfall supports agriculture. Most of the immigrant population is Palestinian in origin, having fled the former Mandate of Palestine in the wake of the 1948 and 1967 Arab-Israeli wars.

Education

Literacy:

definition: age 15 and over can read and write

total population: 89.9%

male: 95.1%

Female: 84,7% (2003 est.)

School life expectancy (primary to tertiary education):

total: 13 years

male: 13 years

female: 13 years (2010)

• Natural Resources

- Potash.
- Phosphates.
- Shale oil

Jordan Economic Indicators – 2008

GDP (purchasing power parity):

\$34.53 billion (2010 est.)

\$33.49 billion (2009 est.)

\$32.73 billion (2008 est.)

GDP (official exchange rate):

\$27,53 billion (2010 est.)

GDP - real growth rate:

3.1% (2010 est.)

2.3% (2009 est.)

7.6% (2008 est.)

GDP - per capita (PPP):

\$5,400 (2010 est.)

\$5,300 (2009 est.)

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GDP - composition by sector:

agriculture: 3.4%

industry: 30.3%

services: 66.2% (2010 est.)

Labor force:

1.719 million (2010 est.)

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Labor force - by occupation:

agriculture: 2.7%

industry: 20%

Services: 77.4% (2007 est.)

Unemployment rate:

13.4% (2010 est.)

12.9% (2009 est.)

note: official rate; unofficial rate is approximately 30%

Population below poverty line:

14.2% (2002)

Household income or consumption by percentage share:

lowest 10%: 3%

highest 10%: 30,7% (2006)

Inflation rate (consumer prices):

4.4% (2010 est.)

-0.7% (2009 est.)

Central bank discount rate:

4,75% (31 December 2009)

Market Access:

Investor can benefit from the huge opportunities afforded by the following agreements that were signed by Jordan regionally and internationally:

1. Jordan's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO).
2. Jordan's membership in the Greater Arab Free Commercial Area that includes 18 Arab countries.
3. Free Trade Agreement between Jordan and the United States of America.
4. Partnership Agreement between Jordan and the European Union.
5. Trade Agreement between Jordan and European Free Trade Association.
6. Privileges Trade Agreement between Member Countries of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.
7. Free Trade Agreement with Singapore.
8. Accumulation of Origin Agadir Agreement.
9. Qualified Industrial Zones (QIZ) Agreement.
10. Granting QIZ products the privilege of entering European markets without restrictions or customs.
11. Free Trade Agreement between Jordan and Canada.
12. Free Trade Agreement between Jordan and Turkey