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**Fact Sheet of Hellenic Republic (Greece)**

**Official Name** : Hellenic Republic

**Capital** : Athens  
(Population: 6,43,452)

**Other major cities** (on the basis based of population) : 2<sup>nd</sup>-Thessaloniki, 3<sup>rd</sup>- Patra, 4<sup>th</sup> Irakleio, 5<sup>th</sup> Larissa, 6<sup>th</sup> Volos

**Geography** : Greece is a peninsula country bounded on its western, southern and eastern sides by the Ionian, Cretan and Aegean seas respectively. It shares a 1228 km long land border on the northern side with Albania, North Macedonia, Bulgaria and Turkey.

Its land territories include 6000 islands of which only 227 are inhabited.

It has the 11<sup>th</sup> largest coastline in the world

**Total Land Area including islands** : 132,049 sq km

**Population** : 10,482,487(2021 census)  
10,815,197 (2011 census)

**Religion** : Christians (Greek Orthodox)- 98%  
Muslims- 1.3%  
Others- 0.7%

**Official Language** : Greek

**Political System** : President without executive powers elected indirectly by Parliament for a 5 year term (*present incumbent H.E Ms. Katerina Sakellariopoulou, elected in March 2020*)

Government is headed by an executive Prime Minister elected directly by the people for a 4 year term. (*present incumbent is H.E. Mr. Kyriakos Mitsotakis elected in June 2023 for a second term*)

Greece has a multiparty system with a proportional representation. The Council of Ministers headed by a Prime Minister is 'appointed' by the President on the basis of majority.

Strength of political parties in the 'Hellenic Parliament' (300)  
New Democracy- **158**-party that has formed the Government  
SYRIZA-47  
PASOK-KINAL-32  
Communist Party of Greece (KKE)- 21  
Greek Solution (EL)-12  
Spartans-12  
Democratic patriotic Movement-Victory (NIKI)-10  
Course of Freedom (PE)-8

**Currency** : Euro

**GDP** : US\$ 219 billion  
*Source: IMF World Economic Outlook (2022)*

**Per capita GDP** : US\$ 20,960  
*Source: IMF World Economic Outlook (2022)*

**Structure of economy** : Services- 82.2% of GDP  
Manufacturing/Industry – 13.9%  
Agriculture – 3.9%  
*Source: Hellenic Statistical Authority (2022)*

**International Trade (2022)** : Total Exports- Euro 54.68 billion  
Total Imports- Euro 93.05 billion

*Source: Hellenic Statistical Authority (2022)*

Main Export destinations:  
Italy-10.4%  
Bulgaria – 7.9%  
Germany – 6.5%  
Cyprus – 5.9%  
Turkey – 4.9%  
USA – 4.1%

Main Import Sources  
Russia – 10%  
Germany – 9.2%  
China – 8.5%  
Iraq – 7.3%  
Italy – 6.8%  
Netherlands – 4.8%

*Source: Hellenic Statistical Authority (2022)*

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As on 25 January 2024