

COUNTRY
PROFILES

BAHRAIN

Bahrain is an island country consisting of a small archipelago situated between the Qatar peninsula and the north eastern coast of Saudi Arabia, to which it is connected by the 25-kilometre (16 mi) King Fahd Causeway. Bahrain is the third-smallest nation in Asia after the Maldives and Singapore and the smallest nation in the Arab world. In the late 1800s, following a series of treaties with the British, Bahrain became a protectorate of the United Kingdom. It reaffirmed its full sovereignty in 1971 and was declared a Kingdom in 2002. The island Kingdom is ruled by the Al Khalifa dynasty as a constitutional monarchy. The Kingdom is governed by a civil legal system. During the years of reduced hydrocarbon exports, Bahrain has worked to diversify its economy and has emerged as a major financial hub for the region. It has also developed a major tourism sector and is a key producer of aluminium for the region. In mid-2018, Bahrain announced the discovery of the Al Khaleej oil field which contains some 80 billion barrels of shale oil. Bahrain is a member of the Non-Aligned Movement, the Arab

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DEMOGRAPHICS



Population: 1,425,171
Expats: 759,000 (2016)
Population Growth: 2.26%
Fertility Rate: 1.75 children/woman

Life Expectancy:

Overall: 79
Males: 76.8
Female: 81.3

Median Age: Overall 32.3
(33.8 Males | 29.5 Females)

Age composition:

0-14 years: 19.08%
15-24 years: 15.65%
25-54 years: 56.04%
55-64 years: 6.28%
65 years and over: 2.95%



EDUCATION



Primary Completion: 102%
Secondary Enrollment: 103.9%
Tertiary Enrollment: 46.567%
Literacy Rate: Youth 100% | Adult 94.5%

RELIGION

Muslim 70.3% | Christian 14.5%
Hindu 9.8% | Buddhist 2.5%
Jewish 0.6% | Folk religion <.1
Unaffiliated 1.9% | other 0.2%

POLITICS & GOVERNMENT



Officially: Kingdom of Bahrain

Independence: 15 August 1971

Capital: Manama

National anthem: Bahrainona

Regime: Hereditary Constitutional Monarchy

Head of the State: King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa (since 1999)

Crown Prince: Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa

Prime Minister: Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa

Legislature: Bicameral National Assembly (Council of Representatives, the Shura Council)

Executive: King, the Council of Ministers and Ministers

Judiciary: Civil Law Courts and Sharia Law Courts

MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS:

ABEDA, AFESD, AMF, CAEU, CICA, FAO, G-77, GCC, IAEA, IBRD, ICAO, ICC (national committees), ICRM, IDA, IDB, IFC, IFRCS, IHO, ILO, IMF, IMO, IMSO, Interpol, IOC, IOM (observer), IPU, ISO, ITSO, ITU, ITUC (NGOs), LAS, MIGA, NAM, OAPC, OIC, OPCW, PCA, UN, UNCTAD, UNESCO, UNIDO, UNWTO, UPU, WCO, WFTU (NGOs), WHO, WIPO, WMO, WTO

MILITARY



47,405

Total military personnel

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\$1,414,000,000

Defence budget



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Major Ports



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Major Airports

League, the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, the Gulf Cooperation Council and the World Trade Organization.