



# Republic of Macedonia

*Ex-Yugoslav republic aiming to settle 27-year row with Greece over its name*

Full name: **The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM)**

Area: **25,713 sq km**

Population: **2.08 million (2017)**

Population aged 0-14 years: **16.7%**

Life expectancy: **73 years (men), 77 years (women)**

**Background:** Gained independence from Yugoslavia in 1991. Efforts to join NATO and European Union have been blocked by Greece, which says Macedonia's name implies territorial claim to Greek region of same name

## Economy

GDP: **\$10.9 billion (2016)**

GNI per capita: **\$4,980 (2016)**

Inflation: **6.3% (2016)**


Labour force: **0.95m (2017)**

Jobless rate: **27.3% (2017 est.)**

Poverty rate: **21.5% (2015)**

GDP by sector: Agriculture **10%**, industry **30%**, services **60%**



 Greek region of Macedonia

## Zoran Zaev

Prime Minister of Republic of Macedonia since May 2017



**Recent events:** Macedonia and Greece aiming to agree outline of settlement deal before EU summit in June, with any new name to be put to public referendum in Macedonia. **Suggested compromise names** include "Nova (New) Macedonia", "Northern Macedonia" and "Upper Macedonia"

