

Key Events

- (1967) Orthodox church became free from its Serb overlords
- (1980) President Tito died
- (1991) Macedonia gained independence from Yugoslavia
- (1992) Denar currency introduced
- (1993) Macedonia gained UN membership
- (1995) President Kiro Gligorov injured
- (1996) Macedonia opened a stock exchange
- (1999) NATO began bombing campaign against Yugoslavia
- (2002) Parliament passed new laws
- (2003) EU took over peacekeeping duties from NATO in Macedonia
- (2005) Macedonia became a candidate for EU membership
- (2009) Macedonia applied to International Court of Justice



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Macedonia



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Politics & Economics

Macedonia's economy is highly dependent on trade. Depending on the other countries it trades with, trade can be a massive loss or gain. The current president of Macedonia is Gjorge Ivanov. He was "sworn in as Macedonia's fourth democratically-elected president on 12 May 2009, following his victory in the second round of the presidential election" (BBC). As a whole, Macedonia is a parliamentary democracy. "Parliamentary democracy, form of government in which the party with the greatest representation in the parliament forms the government" (britannica). This type of government can get pretty competitive.



Physical Structure

Macedonia is a small country located in Europe. Fun Fact... It is slightly larger than the state of Vermont. It is landlocked by its surrounding countries: Greece, Kosovo, Albania, Serbia and Bulgaria. It has three large lakes, is very mountainous and has many valleys/basins. The current population is about 2.1 million. The population is evenly distributed but people still gravitate more toward urban areas. Since 1970 the population has been slightly increasing at a steady rate. The birth rate is 11.5 births/1,000 population and the death rate is 9.1 deaths/1,000 population.



Culture & Society

"The ancient Macedonians were considered non-Greek but are claimed as co-nationals by the modern Greeks" (everyculture). However the modern Macedonians are Slavs descended from the peoples who came from the Balkans in the sixth and seventh centuries. Macedonia was once split up into Serbia, Bulgaria and Greece so the cultures are a mixture of many backgrounds. Macedonians eat, Ajvar, Kashkaval, and Tarator. The main religions in Macedonia are Macedonian orthodox, Muslim, and Christian. The languages spoken in Macedonia include Macedonian, Albanian, Turkish, Roma, Serbian.

