Fact Sheet Russia





GENERAL		
Official Name	Russian Federation	
Capital	Moscow	
Area	17 million square kms (approximately)	
Weather	The climate of Russia is extreme continental type with warm to hot summers and (very) cold winters	
Population	146.15 million (January 2025) (Male – 46%, Female - 54%) (Urban – 74%, Rural – 26%)	
Forest Cover	8.1 million square kms (49.4% of its land area)	
CO2 emissions	2,672 million metric tons (18.3 metric tons per capita) (2023, World Bank)	
International Arrivals	13 million (January-September 2024) Peak in recent years: 26.9 million (2015) China accounts for 25% of total incoming tourist flows to Russia	
Age Profile (2019 data)	Below the working age or under 16 yrs: 27.2 million (18.18%) Working Age (16-59 years): 82.2 million (54.88%) Above the working age or over 59 years: 37.3 million (24.92%)	
Life expectancy (2020)	Overall - 73 years Male - 67.6 years Female - 78.2 years	
Language	Official language is Russian. 35 regional languages are recognized as official languages in the respective regions	
Ethnic groups	Russian (77.7%), Tatar (3.7%), Ukrainian (1.4%), Bashkir (1.1%), Chuvash (1%), Chechen (1%) other 10.2%, unspecified 3.9%	
Main Religions	Christianity (Russian Orthodox 72%), Islam (10%), Buddhism (0.7%), Judaism, and others	
Internet Penetration	90.4% (World Bank, 2022)	

Smartphone users	Estimated: 129 million, 89% of population (2022)		
	ECONOMIC		
Currency	Ruble; 1 Ruble = 100 kopeks		
Exchange Rate	1US\$ = About 78-82 Rubles (June 2025)		
GDP	In 2022, US\$ 2.24 trillion at current prices In 2023, US\$ 2.02 trillion at current prices (World Bank) In PPP terms, US\$ 5.816 trillion (2023 estimate, World Bank)		
GDP Growth Rate	According to data released by Russia's Central Bank in March 2025:		
	 2022 (actual): reduction by 1.4% 2023 (actual): growth by 4.1% 2024 (actual): growth by 4.3% 2025 (forecast): growth by 1.5% 		
	The IMF Apr 2025 report estimated a 4.1% growth in Russia's GDP in 2024. Russia's Ministry of Economic Development forecasts that the GDP will grow by 2.5% in 2025.		
Main Sectors (% of GDP)	Service Sector: 62% Industrial Sector: 32% Agricultural Sector: 5%		
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.5% in 2024 (record low) (Source: Bank of Russia)		
Inflation (%)	10.2% (April 2025). Inflation forecast for 2025 is 9.2%		
	(Source: Bank of Russia)		
GDP Per Capita (current US\$)	USD 13,800 (2023) Source: World Bank, GDP per capita		
Total Trade (Goods & Services)	USD 988 billion, +6.5% (2022) USD 845 billion, (-) 14.47% (2023) USD 856 billion, +1.3% (2024) USD 832 billion (2025 forecast) Source: Bank of Russia		

Exports (Goods & Services)	USD 641 billion, +16.5% (2022) USD 465 billion, (-) 27.4% (2023) USD 475 billion, +2.2% (2024) USD 450 billion (2025 forecast)	
	Source: Bank of Russia	
Imports (Goods & Services)	USD 347 billion, (-) 8% (2022) USD 380 billion, +9.5% (2023) USD 381 billion, +0.2% (2024) USD 382 billion (2025 forecast)	
	Source: Bank of Russia	
Balance of Trade	Trade surplus of \$293 billion, +69.3% (2022) Trade surplus of \$86 billion, (-) 71% (2023) Trade surplus of \$94 billion, +9.3% (2024) Trade surplus of \$68 billion, (-) 27% (2025 forecast) Source: Bank of Russia	
Main Trade Partners	China, Turkey, the Netherlands, Germany and Belarus (2022). Country-wise statistics for 2023 and 2024 have not been made public.	
POLITICAL		
Political Structure	Federal State with Presidential form of government	
Head of State	H.E. Vladimir Putin began his fifth term as President on 07 May 2024. President Putin won the Presidential elections conducted in March 2024 where he received 87.3% votes (75.9 million) out of 87.1 million votes in total which represented a 77.4% turnout in the elections.	
Head of Government	H.E. Mikhail Mishustin, Prime Minister of the Russian Federation (since January 2020 and re-appointed in May 2024)	
Minister of Foreign Affairs	H.E. Sergey Lavrov (serving as Foreign Minister since March 2004)	
Political Issues	Russia announced a "Special Military Operation" (SMO) on 24 February 2022 with the stated objectives of demilitarization and denazification of Ukraine apart from ensuring that it remains neutral and non-nuclear.	

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	BILATERAL		
Bilateral Trade	US\$ 65.7 billion (FY 2023-24) US\$ 68.7 billion (FY 2024-25)		
	Bilateral trade surged from about US\$ 13 billion in 2021-22 to about US\$ 49 billion in 2022-23 (276% growth). This trend strengthened further in 2023-24 when bilateral trade went beyond US\$ 65 billion (32% growth. This is mainly due to a steep rise in energy imports from Russia (mainly crude)		
Indian Exports	USD 4.3 billion (FY 2023-24) USD 4.9 billion (FY 2024-25)		
	While India's exports to Russia grew by 35% (from US\$ 3.1 billion in 2021-22 to US\$ 4.2 billion in 2022-23), it has been overshadowed by the massive increased imports from Russia.		
Imports into India	USD 61.4 billion (FY 2023-24) USD 63.8 billion (FY 2024-25)		
	This surge in imports is mainly attributed to increase in oil and petroleum products imports from Russia		
Major Items of Export and Import	Major items imported from Russia: Major items of import from Russia include oil and petroleum products, coking coal, fertilizers, nuclear power equipment, mineral resources, precious stones and metals, vegetable oils, etc.		
	Major items exported from India: Major items of export from India include pharmaceuticals, organic chemicals, electrical machinery and mechanical appliances, iron & steel, apparel, tea, coffee, vehicle spare parts, etc.		
Indian Investments in Russia	USD 16 billion (estimated)		
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	acquisition of ESSAR group)
Indian Community	Total: about 70,000 (including PIOs)
	Indo-Commercial Bank of India, Dr. Reddy's Lab, Hetero Labs, Ranbaxy, NIIT, TCS, etc.

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