

REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR



- **Capital city:** Nay Pyi Taw (from 6 November 2005)

- **Official language:** Burmese

1) **Geographical features:**

- Area: 676,578 sq km
- Geographical Coordinates: 22 00 N, 98 00 E
- Climate: tropical monsoon; cloudy, rainy, hot, humid summers (southwest monsoon, June to September); less cloudy, scant rainfall, mild temperatures, lower humidity during winter (northeast monsoon, December to April)
- Topography Type: central lowlands ringed by steep, rugged highlands

2) **Political features:**

- Government Type: Unitary presidential republic (earlier); Parliamentary government took power in March 2011
- Head of State: President Win Myint (since 30 March 2018)
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3) **Economic features:**

- Total GDP: \$67.28 billion (2017 est.)
- GDP Growth Rate: 6.8% (2017 est.)
- GDP per Capita: \$ 6,300 (2017 est.)
- GDP (PPP): \$329.8 billion (2017 est.)
- Sectoral Composition of Economy (2017 est.):
 - » Agriculture: 24.1%
 - » Industry: 35.6%
 - » Services: 40.3%
- Currency and Exchange Rate: kyats (MMK) per US dollar – 1,361.9 (2017 est.)
- Exports: \$9.832 billion (2017 est.)
- Biggest Exporting Partners: China 36.5%, Thailand 21.8%, Japan 6.6%, Singapore 6.4%, India 5.9% (2017)
- Imports: \$15.78 billion (2017 est.)
- Biggest Importing Partners: China 31.4%, Singapore 15%, Thailand 11.1%, Saudi Arabia 7.5%, Malaysia 6.2%, Japan 6%, India 5.5%, Indonesia 4.5% (2017)

4) **Social and demographic features:**

- Population Size: 55,622,506 (2018 est.)
- Main Languages spoken: Burmese (official), ethnic languages for the minorities
- Main Religions Followed: Buddhist 87.9%, Christian 6.2%, Muslim 4.3%, Animist 0.8%, Hindu 0.5%, other 0.2%, none 0.1% (2014 est.)
- Biggest Ethnic Groups: Burman 68%, Shan 9%, Karen 7%, Rakhine 4%, Chinese 3%, Indian 2%, Mon 2%, other 5%
- Total Employment (millions; ages 15+): 24.9 (2016)
- Sex Ratio: 0.97 male(s)/female (2018 est.)

5) **Military and defense:**

- Total Defense Expenditure: \$3155m (2018)
- Defense Expenditure as a % of GDP: 2.9% (2018)
- Military Obligation: Random conscription to be put into practice if necessary (However, this law has been highly abused for forced conscription)
- Military Strength (Active Manpower):406,000 (2018 est.)

6) Important rankings:

- GDP Ranking (Nominal): 71 (2018)
- HDI Ranking: 148 (2018)
- Global Peace Index: 122 (2018)
- KOF Globalization Index: 179 (2018)
- Military Strength Ranking: 37 (2018)
- Where-to-be-born Index: Not Ranked (2013)