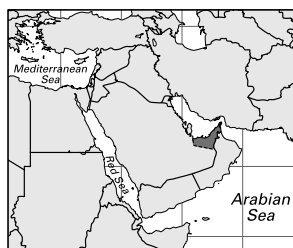


United Arab Emirates

Official name: Al-Imārāt al-ʿArabīyah al-Muttaḥidah (United Arab Emirates).
Form of government: federation of seven emirates with one advisory body (Federal National Council [40]).
Head of state: President.
Head of government: Prime Minister.
Capital: Abu Dhabi.
Official language: Arabic.
Official religion: Islam.
Monetary unit: dirham (AED); valuation (Sept. 1, 2010) 1 U.S.\$ = AED 3.67; 1 £ = AED 5.67.



Area and population		area ²		population
Emirates	Capitals	sq mi	sq km	2008 estimate
Abū Zaby (Abu Dhabi)	Abū Dhābi	28,210	73,060	1,559,000
ʿAjmān (Ajman)	ʿAjmān	100	260	237,000
Dubayy (Dubai)	Dubai	1,510	3,900	1,596,000
Al-Fujayrah (Fujairah)	Al-Fujayrah	500	1,300	143,000
Raʿs al-Khaymah	Raʿs al-Khaymah	660	1,700	231,000
Al-Shāriqah (Sharjah)	Sharjah	1,000	2,600	946,000
Umm al-Qaywayn	Umm al-Qaywayn	300	780	53,000
TOTAL		32,280	83,600	4,765,000

Demography

Population (2010): 5,188,000.
Density (2010): persons per sq mi 160.7, persons per sq km 62.1.
Urban-rural (2008): urban 80.0%; rural 20.0%.
Sex distribution (2008): male 68.96%; female 31.04%.
Age breakdown (2008): under 15, 19.1%; 15–29, 32.3%; 30–44, 36.6%; 45–59, 10.5%; 60–74, 1.2%; 75 and over, 0.3%.
Population projection: (2020) 6,152,000; (2030) 7,122,000.
Doubling time: 51 years.
Ethnic composition (2009): Asian Indian c. 29%; Pakistani c. 21%; U.A.E. Arab c. 15%; Bangladeshi c. 8%; other Asian c. 17%; other c. 10%.
Religious affiliation (2005): Muslim c. 62% (mostly Sunnī); Hindu c. 21%; Christian c. 9%; Buddhist c. 4%; other c. 4%.
Major cities (2006): Dubai 1,354,980; Sharjah 685,000; Abu Dhabi 630,000; Al-ʿAyn 350,000; ʿAjmān 202,244; Raʿs al-Khaymah 113,347.

Vital statistics

Birth rate per 1,000 population (2007): 16.1 (world avg. 20.3).
Death rate per 1,000 population (2007): 2.2 (world avg. 8.5).
Natural increase rate per 1,000 population (2007): 13.9 (world avg. 11.8).
Total fertility rate (avg. births per childbearing woman; 2007): 2.43.
Marriage/divorce rates per 1,000 population (2008): 3.2/0.8.
Life expectancy at birth (2007): male 73.2 years; female 78.3 years.
Major causes of death per 100,000 population (2002): cardiovascular diseases 119.6, of which ischemic heart disease 55.9; accidents 61.9; malignant neoplasms (cancers) 34.1; infectious and parasitic diseases 17.6.

National economy

Budget (2008). Revenue: AED 292,600,000,000 (royalties on hydrocarbons 74.3%; investment income 6.3%; other 19.4%). Expenditures: AED 289,000,000,000 (current expenditure 68.1%; loans, net equity, and foreign grants 18.9%; development expenditure 13.0%).
Gross national income (2008): U.S.\$272,053,000,000 (U.S.\$57,094 per capita).

	2008		2007	
	in value AED '000,000	% of total value	labour force	% of labour force
Agriculture	8,852	0.9	225,499	7.3
Crude petroleum ³	344,132	36.8	38,783	1.3
Quarrying	1,668	0.2	6,418	0.2
Manufacturing	113,245	12.1	393,173	12.7
Construction	69,218	7.4	624,242	20.2
Public utilities	13,579	1.5	39,958	1.3
Transp. and commun.	46,973	5.0	190,133	6.1
Trade, hotels	162,948	17.4	723,117	23.3
Finance, real estate	141,145	15.1	127,176	4.1
Pub. admin., defense	37,857	4.1	334,207	10.8
Services	16,404	1.8	393,942	12.7
Other	-21,759 ⁴	-2.3 ⁴	—	—
TOTAL	934,262	100.0	3,096,646⁵	100.0

Public debt (2008): c. U.S.\$117,000,000,000.

Production (metric tons except as noted). Agriculture, forestry, fishing (2008): dates 755,000, tomatoes 215,000, camel's milk 40,000, chicken meat 33,938, eggplants 22,000, pumpkins and squash 20,000, cucumbers and gherkins 17,200, camel meat 16,848, onions 16,500, lemons and limes 12,300; livestock (number of live animals) 1,570,000 goats, 615,000 sheep, 260,000 camels, 125,000 cattle; roundwood, n.a.; fisheries production 75,281 (from aquaculture 2%). Mining and quarrying (2008): gypsum 160,000; lime 60,000. Manufacturing (2007): cement 15,000,000; aluminum 890,000; steel 90,000; refined/unrefined gold U.S.\$19,000,000,000; worked/unworked diamonds U.S.\$11,230,000,000. Energy production (consumption): electricity (kWh-r; 2007) 76,532,000,000 (74,717,000,000); coal, none (none); crude petroleum (barrels; 2008) 978,600,000 ([2007] 124,400,000); petroleum products (metric tons; 2007) 20,927,000 (10,553,000); natural gas (cu m; 2008) 50,200,000,000 ([2007] 38,900,000,000).

Population economically active (2008): total 1,923,214; activity rate of total population 54.9% (participation rates: ages 15–64, 73.3%; female 20.4%; unemployed 4.0%).

Price index (2005 = 100)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Consumer price index	86.9	89.6	94.2	100.0	109.2	121.4	136.4

Household income and expenditure (2007–08). Average household size 5.1; average annual income per household AED 218,983 (U.S.\$59,628)⁷; sources of income: n.a.; expenditure: housing and energy 39.4%; food and beverages 14.2%.

Selected balance of payments data. Receipts from (U.S.\$'000,000): tourism (2008) 7,162; remittances (2009) n.a.; foreign direct investment (FDI; 2007–09 avg.) 10,630. Disbursements for (U.S.\$'000,000): tourism (2008) 13,288; remittances (2007) c. 5,000; FDI (2007–09 avg.) 11,030.

Land use as % of total land area (2007): in temporary crops or left fallow 0.8%, in permanent crops 2.6%, in pasture 3.6%, forest area 3.7%.

Foreign trade⁸

Balance of trade (current prices)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
U.S.\$'000,000	+15,061	+18,566	+34,639	+44,641	+29,633	+34,514
% of total	12.6%	11.4%	17.6%	31.8%	10.4%	9.0%

Imports (2008): U.S.\$175,486,000,000 (machinery and apparatus 18.7%, base and fabricated metals 15.4%, road vehicles 9.8%, gold 8.4%, food 5.1%, unset diamonds 4.2%). **Major import sources:** China c. 13%; India c. 12%; U.S. c. 9%; Germany c. 6%; Japan c. 6%.

Exports (2008): U.S.\$210,000,000,000 (crude petroleum 38.3%, refined petroleum 10.9%, gold [not jewelry] 4.3%, unset diamonds 3.2%, road vehicles/parts 3.0%, platinum-group metals 1.9%, unspecified 26.6%). **Major export destinations:** Japan c. 27%; South Korea c. 11%; India c. 11%; Iran c. 8%; Thailand c. 6%.

Transport and communications

Transport. Railroads: none⁹. Roads (2008): total length, n.a. (paved roads only, 4,080 km). Vehicles (2007): passenger cars 1,279,098; trucks and buses 48,205. Air transport (2008)¹⁰: passenger-km 131,960,000,000; metric ton-km cargo 7,318,000,000.

Communications

Medium	date	number in '000s	units per 1,000 persons	Medium	date	number in '000s	units per 1,000 persons
Televisions	2004	843	216	PCs	2006	1,396	330
Telephones				Dailies	2009	1,027 ¹¹	269 ¹¹
Cellular	2009	10,672 ¹²	2,321 ¹²	Internet users	2009	3,778	822
Landline	2009	1,561	340	Broadband	2009	690 ¹²	150 ¹²

Education and health

Educational attainment (2005). Percentage of population age 10 and over having: no formal schooling (illiterate/unknown) 9.4%, (literate) 13.9%; primary education 14.6%; incomplete/complete secondary 43.7%; postsecondary 4.0%; undergraduate 12.8%; graduate 1.6%. **Literacy** (2007): total population age 10 and over literate 90.4%; males literate 90.9%; females literate 89.2%.

Education (2008–09)

	teachers	students	student/teacher ratio	enrollment rate (%)
Primary (age 6–10)	19,503	304,250	15.6	90
Secondary/Voc. (age 11–17)	26,895	322,470	12.0	83
Tertiary ¹³	4,710	77,428	16.4	25 (age 18–22)

Health (2007): physicians 8,662 (1 per 518 persons); hospital beds 8,348 (1 per 538 persons); infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births 7.8; undernourished population (2004–06) less than 5.0% of total population.

Military

Total active duty personnel (November 2009): 51,000 (army 86.3%, navy 4.9%, air force 8.8%)¹⁴. **Military expenditure as percentage of GDP** (2009): 6.3%; per capita expenditure U.S.\$3,247.

¹Twenty seats are appointed by the rulers of the 7 emirates and 20 seats are indirectly elected. ²Approximate figures; border/territorial disputes exist with Saudi Arabia/Iran, respectively. ³Includes natural gas. ⁴Less imputed bank service charges. ⁵Detail does not add to total given because of rounding. ⁶Total import/export trade value. The U.A.E. has 3 gold refineries. ⁷Average annual income: for citizen households AED 437,257 (U.S.\$119,063), for noncitizen households AED 180,892 (U.S.\$49,256). ⁸Imports c.i.f.; exports f.o.b. ⁹A national railway company was formally established in October 2009. ¹⁰Emirates, Etihad Airways, and Air Arabia only. ¹¹Circulation of daily newspapers. ¹²Subscribers. ¹³2007–08. ¹⁴U.S. troops (September 2009) 105; French military base for up to 500 troops officially opened in May 2009.

Internet resources for further information:

- United Arab Emirates National Media Council
<http://uaeinteract.com>
- Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates
<http://www.centralbank.ae>
- United Arab Emirates Ministry of Economy
<http://www.economy.ae/english>