

Fast Facts – Republic of India  
(2009)



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**Overview**

*Location* – Asia

*Population* – 1,166,079,217 (2008)

- Urban – 338,162,973 (29%)
- Rural – 827,916,244 (71%)

*Languages* – English, Hindi (official); Bengali, Telugu, Marathi, Tamil, Urdu, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Oriya, Punjabi

*Features:*

- Time zones: 1 (UTC +5:30)
- Total Area: 3,287,263 (2,042,610.5 sq mi)
- Coastline: 7,000 km (4,349.60 mi.)

*Political Divisions*

- 28 States
- 7 Union Territories
- Creation of new states possible with one (Telangana), currently under consideration.

*Major Cities* (state) (2009 population estimate)

- *Capital* – Delhi (Delhi) – 12,259,230
- Mumbai (Maharashtra) – 13,922,125
- Bangalore (Karnataka) – 5,310,318
- Calcutta (West Bengal) – 5,080,519
- Chennai (Tamil Nadu) – 4,590,267

- Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh) – 4,025,335
- Ahmedabad (Gujarat) – 3,913,793
- Pune (Maharashtra) – 3,337,481
- Surat (Gujarat) – 3,233,988
- Kanpur (Uttar Pradesh) – 3,144,267
- Jaipur (Rajasthan) – 3,102,808

**Economic Standing** (definitions of economic terms are provided in the Appendix)

**NOTE:** All amounts are originally in US Dollars (USD) and are converted to Indian Rupees (Rs) at the 2008 yearly average exchange rate of USD 1 = Rs 43.815.

- GDP (official) – Rs 52,884 trillion (USD 1,207 trillion)
- GDP (PPP) – Rs 144,764 trillion (USD 3,304 trillion)
- GDP per capita (PPP) – Rs 127,063.5 (USD 2,900)
- GNP – Rs 54,668 trillion (USD 1,248 trillion)
- Income per capita – Rs 46,882.05 (USD 1,070)

*Primary Resources* – steel, cement, mining, petroleum, precious gems

*Economic / commercial / industrial break-down*

- Agricultural – 60% of economy
- Industry – 12% of economy
- Service – 28% of economy

*Import / Export Activity*

- Imports (2008) – Rs 13,806 trillion (USD 315.1 billion)
- Principal sources of imports: China 11.1%, Saudi Arabia 7.5%, US 6.6%, UAE 5.1%, Iran 4.2%, Singapore 4.2%, Germany 4.2%
- Exports (2008) – Rs 8,232.8 trillion (USD 187.9 billion)
- Principal export markets: US 12.3%, UAE 9.4%, China 9.3%

**World Bank Group Doing Business Index ranking** (2010 report, covering 06/08 – 05/09)

- Overall Rank: # 133 (out of 183 countries)
- Starting a business:
  - Time Required: 30 days
  - Cost (% of income per capita): 66.1
  - Min. Capital (% of income per capita): 210.9
- Winding down a business:
  - Time required: 7 years
  - Cost (% of estate): 9
  - Recovery rate (cents on the dollar): 15.1

- Property Rights
  - Procedures to register: 5
  - Time: 44 days
  - Cost (as % of property value): 7.4 %
- Foreign Trade
  - Documents to export (number): 8
  - Time to export (days): 17
  - Cost to export (per container): Rs 41,405.18 (USD 945)
  - Documents to import (number): 9
  - Time to import (days): 20
  - Cost to import (per container): Rs 42,062.40 (USD 960)
- Protecting Investors
 

\*\* “The indexes vary between 0 and 10, with higher values indicating greater disclosure, greater liability of directors, greater powers of shareholders to challenge the transaction, and better investor protection.”

  - Extent of disclosure index (i.e., transparency of transactions): 7
  - Extent of director liability index (i.e., liability for self dealing): 4
  - Ease of shareholders suits (individually or derivative): 7
  - Strength of investor protection index: 6

**Transparency International Ranking** (2008)

- Corruption Perceptions Index: 3.4
- Ranking: # 84 (out of 180 countries)

**Government and Politics**

*Form of Government* – Federal Republic

*Political Parties* (No. of seats in the Lower House of Parliament, the Lok Sabha, in parenthesis)

- Indian National Congress (INC) (206)
- Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) (116)
- Samajwadi Party (SP) (22)
- Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) (21)
- Janata Dal (United) (JD(U)) (20)
- All India Trinamool Congress (AITC) (19)
- Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) (18)
- Communist Party of India (CPM) (16)
- 30 other parties with 14 or less seats, 23 of which have less than 5

*Government Leadership*

- Head of State – President Pratibha Patil (Succession: If the office is empty, the Vice-President temporarily ascends to the position until a new election for President is held by the electoral college which consists of the federal parliament as well as state legislative assemblies.)
- Head of Government – Prime Minister Manmohan Singh (Succession: Empty until a new choice is made by Parliamentary members.)

### *Political Jurisdictions*

- 28 States (Each state has its own elected state government.)
  - Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal
  - Note: As of January 12, 2010, the creation of a 29<sup>th</sup> state, Telangana, is currently under consideration to be carved out of Andhra Pradesh
- 7 Union Territories: (Each Union Territory is ruled directly by the federal government with a Lieutenant-Governor appointed to oversee each area.)
  - Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu, Delhi, Lakshadweep, Puducherry
  - NOTE: Delhi and Puducherry have been given partial statehood in that they have their own legislative assemblies, *but* their powers are significantly limited in comparison to other states and certain legislation still requires the “consideration and assent” of the President.

### **Appendix**

#### *I. Economic Definitions:*

- **GDP (official)** is defined as the value of all final goods and services produced within a nation in a given year. The result is stated in the domestic currency, then divided by the average US exchange rate with that country for that year.
- **GDP – Purchasing Power Parity (PPP)** is defined as the sum value of all goods and services produced in the country valued at prices prevailing in the United States
- **GDP per capita (PPP)** is defined as a country’s GDP on a purchasing power parity basis divided by the country’s population.
- **Gross national product (GNP)** is defined as the value of all final goods and services produced within a nation in a given year (plus income earned by its citizens abroad, minus income earned by foreigners from domestic production).
- **Income per capita** is defined as the total income generated by a country divided by the country’s population.

#### *II. Source Information:*

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