

**Fast Facts – Russian Federation**  
(2009)



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**Overview**

*Location* – Europe/Asia

*Population* – 140 million (2008)

- Urban – 102 million (73%)
- Rural – 38 million (27%)

*Languages* – Russian (Official)

*Features*

- Time zones: 11 (UTC +2 to UTC +12)
- Total Area: 17,098,242 sq km (10,624,355 sq mi)
- Coastline: 37,653 km (23,396.5 mi.)

*Political Divisions*

- 46 Oblasts
- 21 Republics
- 9 Krai
- 4 Okrugs
- 2 Federal Cities
- 1 Autonomous Oblast

*Major Cities* (Oblast, Republic, or Federal City) (2009 population estimate)

- *Capital* - Moscow (Moscow) – 10,508,971
- Saint Petersburg (Saint Petersburg) – 4,581,854
- Novosibirsk (Novosibirsk) – 1,397,191
- Yekaterinburg (Sverdlovsk) – 1,332,264
- Nizhny Novgorod (Nizhny Novgorod) – 1,272,527

- Samara (Samara) – 1,134,716
- Kazan (Tatarstan) – 1,130,170
- Omsk (Omsk) – 1,129,120
- Chelyabinsk (Chelyabinsk) – 1,093,699
- Rostov-on-Don (Rostov) – 1,048,991
- Ufa (Bashkortostan) – 1,024,842

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

***NOTE:*** All amounts are originally in US Dollars (USD) and are converted to Russian Rubles (RUB) at the 2008 yearly average exchange rate of USD 1 = RUB 24.870.

- GDP (official) – RUB 41,710 trillion (USD 1,677 trillion)
- GDP (PPP) – RUB 56,480 trillion (USD 2,271 trillion)
- GDP per capita (PPP) – RUB 400,407 (USD 16,100)
- GNP – RUB 33,495 trillion (USD 1,345 trillion)
- Income per capita – RUB 239,249 (USD 9,620)

*Primary Resources* – petroleum, natural gas, wood, metals (nickel and copper are especially abundant), chemicals

*Economic / commercial / industrial break-down*

- Agricultural – 4.7% of economy
- Industry – 37.6% of economy
- Service – 57.7% of economy

*Import / Export Activity*

- Imports (2008) – RUB 7,260 trillion (USD 291.9 billion)
- Principal sources of imports: Germany 13.5%, China 13.2%, Japan 6.5%, Ukraine 6%, US 4.5%, Italy 4.3%
- Exports (2008) – RUB 11,729 trillion (USD 471.6 billion)
- Principal export markets: Netherlands 11.2%, Italy 8.1%, Germany 8%, Turkey 6%, Ukraine 5.1%, Poland 4.5%, China 4.3%

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

- Overall Rank: # 120 (out of 183 countries)
- Starting a business:
  - Time Required: 30 days
  - Cost (% of income per capita): 2.7
  - Min. Capital (% of income per capita): 1.8
- Winding down a business:
  - Time required: 3.8 years
  - Cost (% of estate): 9
  - Recovery rate (cents on the dollar): 28.2
- Property Rights
  - Procedures to register: 6
  - Time: 43 days
  - Cost (as % of property value): 0.1%
- Foreign Trade
  - Documents to export (number): 8
  - Time to export (days): 36
  - Cost to export (per container): RUB 46,009.50 (USD 1,850)
  - Documents to import (number): 13
  - Time to import (days): 36
  - Cost to import (per container): RUB 46,009.50 (USD 1,850)

- 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): 6
    - Extent of director liability index (i.e., liability for self dealing): 2
    - Ease of shareholders suits (individually or derivative): 7
    - Strength of investor protection index: 5

**Transparency International Ranking** (2008)

- Corruption Perceptions Index: 2.1
- Ranking: # 147 (out of 180 countries)

**Government and Politics**

*Form of Government* – Federation

*Political Parties* (Four parties hold seats in the Lower House of the Federal Assembly, the State Duma.)

- United Russia (315 seats)
- Communist Party of the Russian Federation (CPRF) (57 seats)
- Liberal Democratic Party of Russia (LDPR) (40 seats)
- Just Russia (38 seats)

*Government Leadership*

- Head of State – President Dmitriy Medvedev (Succession: If Presidency is vacant, the position temporarily falls to the Prime Minister.)
- Head of Government – Prime Minister Vladimir Putin (Succession: Empty until a new appointment is made by the President with the consent of the Duma.)

*Political Jurisdictions* – 83 federal subjects with varying degrees of autonomy

- 46 Oblasts: Regular administrative units with federally appointed governors and locally elected legislatures.
  - Amur, Arkhangel'sk, Astrakhan', Belgorod, Bryansk, Chelyabinsk, Irkutsk, Ivanovo, Kaliningrad, Kaluga, Kemerovo, Kirov, Kostroma, Kurgan, Kursk, Leningrad, Lipetsk, Magadan, Moscow, Murmansk, Nizhniy Novgorod, Novgorod, Novosibirsk, Omsk, Orenburg, Orel, Penza, Pskov, Rostov, Ryazan', Sakhalin, Samara, Saratov, Smolensk, Sverdlovsk, Tambov, Tomsk, Tula, Tver', Tyumen', Ul'yanovsk, Vladimir, Volgograd, Vologda, Voronezh, Yaroslavl
- 21 Republics: Nominally autonomous, having their own constitution, president and parliament; represented by the federal government in international affairs; generally home to a specific ethnic minority.
  - Adygeya, Altay, Bashkortostan, Buryatiya, Chechnya, Chuvashiya, Dagestan, Ingushetiya, Kabardino-Balkariya, Kalmykiya, Karachayevo-Cherkesiya, Kareliya, Khakasiya, Komi, Mariy-El, Mordoviya, North Ossetia, Sakha [Yakutiya], Tatarstan, Tyva, Udmurtiya
- 9 Krai: Virtually indistinguishable from oblasts, the name has a historic legacy.
  - Altay, Kamchatka, Khabarovsk, Krasnodar, Krasnoyarsk, Perm, Primorskiy [Maritime], Stavropol', Zabaykal'sk

- 4 Okrugs: More autonomous than oblasts but less than republics; generally has a substantial or predominant ethnic minority.
  - Chukotka, Khanty-Mansi, Nenets, Yamalo-Nenets
- 2 Federal Cities: Under direct jurisdiction of the Federation; the cities function as separate regions.
  - Moscow, Saint Petersburg
- 1 Autonomous Oblast: Same rights as a normal Oblast but oversight appointments are (in theory), made independently with Federal consultation.
  - Yevrey [Jewish]

## 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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