

Portugal — Fact Sheet

General

Capital	Lisbon
Total area	92,390 km ²
Population	10.49 million
Currency	Escudo (ESC)
Exchange rate	\$1 = 121.98 ESC, 1990 average
Language	Portuguese

Political

Head of state	President Mario Soares (re-elected by universal and direct suffrage in 1991 for 5 years)
Head of government	Prime Minister Anibal Cavaco Silva (PSD, since 1987)
Minister of Foreign Affairs	Joao de Deus Pinheiro (PSD, since 1987)
Main political parties	Social-democrats (PSD); Socialists (PS); Unitary Democratic Coalition (CDU)
Type of state	Republic
Type of government	Parliamentary democracy, unicameral
Assembly of the Republic	230 members elected for 4 years
Distribution of seats following 1991 election	PSD 135, PS 72, CDU 17, others 6
Next elections	Legislative elections in 1995 and presidential elections in 1996

Economic *

Minister of Foreign Trade (trade and tourism)	Fernando Faria de Oliveira (PSD, since 1990)
Minister of Finance	Jorge Braga de Macedo (PSD, since 1991)
GDP	\$59.8 billion
GDP per capita	\$7,100
GDP growth rate	4.2%
Unemployment rate	4.7%
Inflation rate	11.4% (1991)
Total national debt	\$38.9 billion or 65% of GDP
Budget deficit	7% of GDP
Imports	\$28.9 billion in 1991 (\$142.1 million imported from Canada)

* 1990 figures unless otherwise specified