

# Egypt

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Arab Republic of Egypt  
جمهورية مصر العربية  
*Gumhūriyyat Miṣr al-ʿArabiyyah*



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**Anthem:** *[Bilady, Bilady, Bilady](#)*



); **Arabic:** مصر *Miṣr*, pronounced [ˈmɪsˤr] <sup>ⓘ</sup> <sup>Ⓘ</sup> <sup>Ⓛ</sup>); **Egyptian Arabic:** *Maṣr* [ˈmɑsˤr]; **Coptic:**

ⲙⲓⲥⲣ, *kīmi*; **Egyptian:** *Kemet*), officially the **Arab Republic of Egypt**, is a country mainly in **North Africa**, with the **Sinai Peninsula** forming a land bridge in **Southwest Asia**. Thereby, Egypt is a **transcontinental** country, and is considered to be a major power in North Africa, **Mediterranean Region**, **African** continent, **Nile Basin**, **Islamic World** and the **Red Sea**. Covering an area of about 1,010,000 square kilometers (390,000 sq mi), Egypt is bordered by the **Mediterranean Sea** to the north, the **Gaza Strip** and **Israel** to the northeast, the **Red Sea** to the east, **Sudan** to the south and **Libya** to the west.

Egypt is one of the most populous countries in Africa and the [Middle East](#). The great majority of its estimated 77.4 million<sup>[1]</sup> live near the banks of the [Nile River](#), in an area of about 40,000 square kilometers (15,000 sq mi), where the only [arable](#) agricultural land is found. The large areas of the [Sahara Desert](#) are sparsely inhabited. About half of Egypt's residents live in urban areas, with the majority spread across the densely-populated centres of greater [Cairo](#), [Alexandria](#) and other major cities in the [Nile Delta](#).

Egypt is famous for its [ancient civilization](#) and some of the world's most famous monuments, including the [Giza pyramid complex](#) and its [Great Sphinx](#). The southern city of [Luxor](#) contains numerous ancient artifacts, such as the [Karnak Temple](#) and the [Valley of the Kings](#). Egypt is widely regarded as an important political and cultural nation of the Middle East.

Egypt possesses one of the most developed economies in the Middle East, with sectors such as tourism, agriculture, industry and service at almost equal rates in national production.<sup>[*citation needed*]</sup> Consequently, the Egyptian economy is rapidly developing, due in part to legislation aimed at luring investments, coupled with both internal and political stability, along with recent trade and market liberalization.