

UKRAINE

Area: 603,700 km²
Population: 42 million
Median age of population: 40.5 years
GDP/capita (PPP, as of 2017): EUR 6,300
Unemployment rate: 8.8%
Current account balance (in % of GDP): -3.4
Government gross debt (in % of GDP): 59.8
R&D expenditure (in % of GDP, as of 2017): 0.4

EXPORTS (IN % OF GDP AS OF 2017): 47.9

Top 3 export destinations

Russia
Poland
Turkey



COMPETITIVENESS RANKINGS

Ease of Doing Business Index (Worldbank): 76 out of 190
Global Competitiveness Index (WEF): 83 out of 140
World Competitiveness Ranking (IMD): 59 out of 63

SHARE IN GROSS VALUE ADDED (AS OF 2017)

Industry: 28.4%
Services: 59.5%
Agriculture: 12.1%

HEAVIEST AND LONGEST PLANE

The unique Antonov An-225 "Mriya" is 84 meters long and weighs 285,000 kg (empty). Powered by six turbofan engines, it was originally designed for transporting spaceplanes and had its first flight in Kyiv in 1988.



COUNTRY OF WORLD HERITAGE

Ukraine is home to seven World Heritage Sites, among them the 11th century Saint-Sophia Cathedral in Kyiv, the ancient city of Chersonesus and the Struve Geodetic Arc, a chain of survey triangulations stretching from Hammerfest in Norway to the Black Sea, through ten countries and over 2,820 kilometers, representing the first accurate measurement of a meridian.



WORLD'S LONGEST WIND INSTRUMENT

The Ukrainian trembita is a 2.5 to 8 meters-long alpine horn made of wood, traditionally used by the highlanders of the Ukrainian Carpathians. It is said that it can be heard from over ten kilometers away.

IT'S NOT "THE" UKRAINE

Many inadvertently refer to the country as "The" Ukraine. But when the country became independent in 1991, the definite article was gradually dropped. In 1993 the Ukrainian government officially requested that the country be called just "Ukraine".



OLD KYIV

The capital of Ukraine is documented to date back at least 1,400 years. A legend says that the first settlement was founded by four siblings, and it was named after the eldest brother Kyi.

