

# COUNTRY PROFILE

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## SYRIA

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<b>Subregion</b>	Middle East
<b>Income group</b>	Lower middle income

### PEOPLE

Population (millions) <sup>1</sup>	18.50 (2015)	28.65 (2030)
Urban <sup>2</sup>	58% (2015)	64% (2030)
Rural <sup>2</sup>	42% (2015)	36% (2030)
Population growth <sup>1</sup> (annual)	-0.6% (2015)	1.6% (2030)
Human Development Index rank <sup>3</sup>	134/188	Medium human development
Languages <sup>19</sup>	Arabic (official), Kurdish, Armenian, Aramaic, Circassian, French, English	
Religion <sup>19</sup>	Muslim 87% (official; includes Sunni 74% and Alawi, Ismaili, and Shia 13%), Christian 10% (includes Orthodox, Uniate, and Nestorian), Druze 3%, Jewish (few remaining in Damascus and Aleppo)	
Ethnic composition <sup>19</sup>	Arab 90.3%, Kurds, Armenians, and other 9.7%	

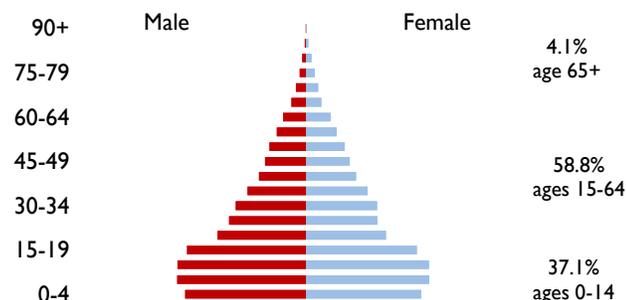
### GOVERNMENT

Capital <sup>19</sup>	Damascus
Government type <sup>19</sup>	Presidential republic
Head of State <sup>19</sup>	President Bashar al-ASAD (since 17 July 2000)
Head of Govt <sup>19</sup>	Prime Minister Imad Muhammad Dib KHAMIS (since 22 June 2016)
Legislature <sup>19</sup>	Unicameral People's Assembly or Majlis al-Shaab
Females in Parliament <sup>4</sup>	12% (2015)
Corruption Perceptions Index rank <sup>5</sup>	154/167 (2015)
Land area (sq km) <sup>7</sup>	183,630 (The size of North Dakota)

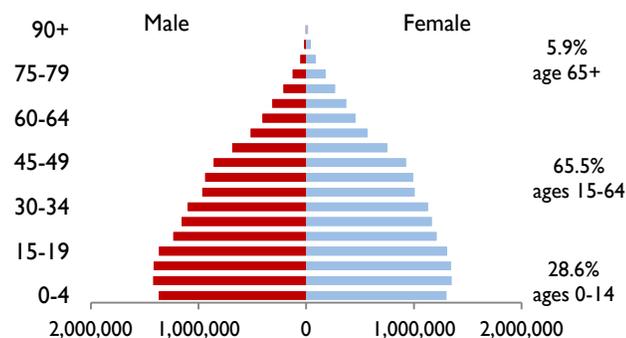
### OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

From all donors (US\$ millions, net) <sup>8</sup>	\$4,198.0 (2014)
as % of income <sup>7</sup>	n/a
per capita <sup>18</sup>	n/a
From U.S. (US\$ millions) <sup>8</sup>	\$644.3 (2014)

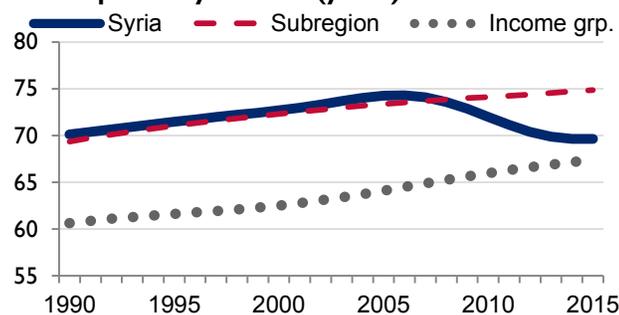
2015 population<sup>1</sup>



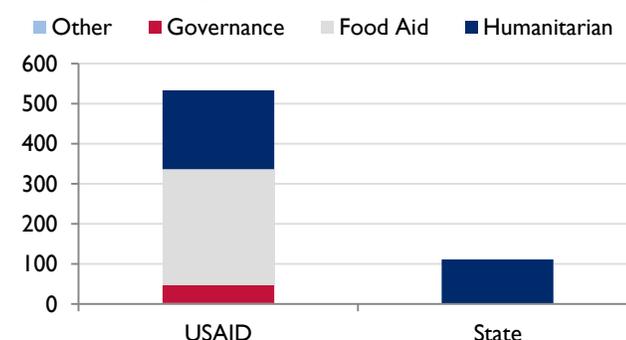
2030 population<sup>1</sup>



Life expectancy at birth (years)<sup>1</sup>



U.S. ODA by agency (US\$ millions, gross), 2014<sup>18</sup>



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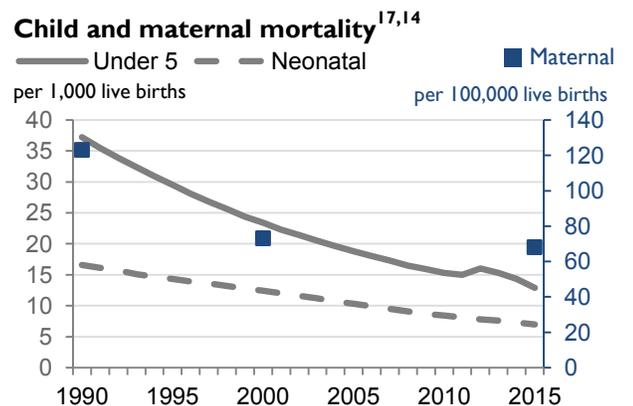
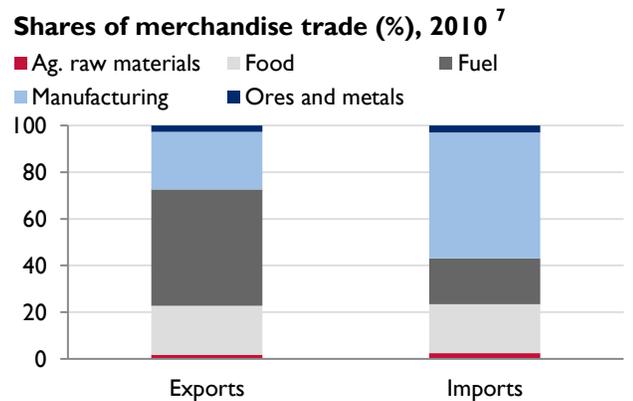
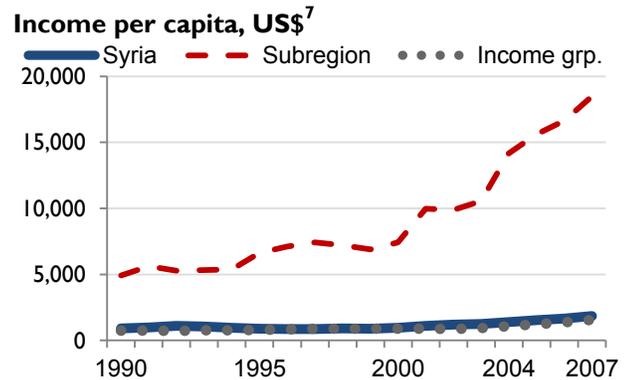
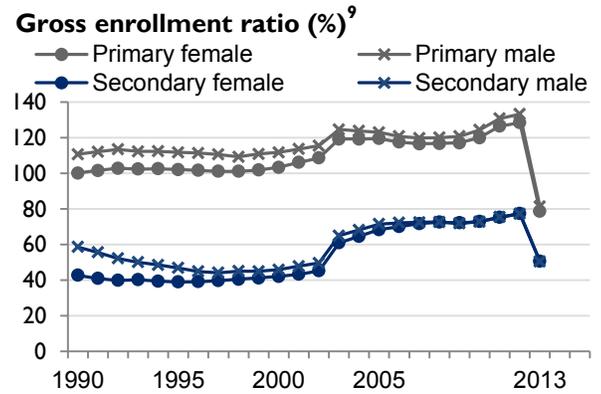
Completion rate, primary gross <sup>7</sup>	68.9%	(2013)
Female completion rate <sup>7</sup>	68.6%	(2013)
Male completion rate <sup>7</sup>	69.3%	(2013)
Pupil-teacher ratio, primary <sup>9</sup>	25	(2002)
Pupil-teacher ratio, secondary <sup>9</sup>	18	(2002)
Public education expenditure (% of GDP) <sup>9</sup>	4.9%	(2007)
Youth literacy rate (ages 15-24) <sup>7</sup>	96%	(2015)
Children out of school, primary <sup>7</sup>	562,763	(2013)
Of which, female <sup>7</sup>	50%	(2013)
Of which, male <sup>7</sup>	50%	(2013)

**ECONOMY**

GDP (US\$ millions) <sup>7</sup>	\$40,405	(2007)
GDP growth (annual %) <sup>7</sup>	5.7%	(2007)
10-year average <sup>7</sup>	n/a	
Merchandise exports (US\$ millions) <sup>10</sup>	\$12,534	(2015)
Merchandise imports (US\$ millions) <sup>10</sup>	\$18,633	(2015)
Percent of population living under \$1.90/day <sup>7</sup>	n/a	
Share of income going to the poorest 20% <sup>11</sup>	8%	(2013)
OECD average <sup>11</sup>	8%	(2013)
Share of income going to the richest 20% <sup>11</sup>	44%	(2013)
OECD average <sup>11</sup>	42%	(2013)
Youth unemployment (ages 15-24) <sup>7</sup>	30.1%	(2014)
Annual inflation <sup>12</sup>	4.4%	(2010)

**HEALTH**

Prevalence of HIV (ages 15-49) <sup>13</sup>	n/a	
Antiretroviral coverage (% of adults 15+ meeting WHO guidelines) <sup>7</sup>	n/a	
Prevalence of TB (per 100,000 population) <sup>14</sup>	19	(2014)
Prevalence of stunting (% of children under 5) <sup>15</sup>	n/a	
DPT3 immunization rate (children aged one) <sup>15</sup>	n/a	
Fertility rate (children per woman) <sup>15</sup>	n/a	
Modern contraceptive prevalence <sup>15</sup>	n/a	
Births attended by skilled health worker <sup>15</sup>	n/a	
Improved water source (% of population) <sup>4</sup>	90%	(2015)
Public health expenditure (% of GDP) <sup>16</sup>	2%	(2014)



SOURCES: <sup>1</sup>UN, World Population Prospects; <sup>2</sup>UN, World Urbanization Prospects; <sup>3</sup>UNDP, Human Development Report; <sup>4</sup>UN, Millennium Development Goals Indicators; <sup>5</sup>Transparency International, Corruption Perceptions Index and Bribe Payers Index; <sup>6</sup>Mo Ibrahim Foundation, Index of African Governance; <sup>7</sup>World Bank, World Development Indicators; <sup>8</sup>OECD/DAC, Destination of Official Development Assistance and Official Aid - Disbursements (Table 2a); <sup>9</sup>UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) Database; <sup>10</sup>IMF, Direction of Trade Statistics; <sup>11</sup>Population Reference Bureau, World Population Data Sheet; <sup>12</sup>IMF, World Economic Outlook Database; <sup>13</sup>UNAIDS, Report on the Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic; <sup>14</sup>WHO, World Health Statistics; <sup>15</sup>Demographic and Health Surveys, STATcompiler; <sup>16</sup>WHO, Global Health Expenditure Database; <sup>17</sup>UN Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation, Child Mortality Estimates; <sup>18</sup>OECD/DAC, Creditor Reporting System (CRS++); <sup>19</sup>CIA, World Factbook; World Bank, Country and Lending Groups.