



## Europe :: Lithuania

### Introduction :: Lithuania

#### Background:

Lithuanian lands were united under MINDAUGAS in 1236; over the next century, through alliances and conquest, Lithuania extended its territory to include most of present-day Belarus and Ukraine. By the end of the 14th century Lithuania was the largest state in Europe. An alliance with Poland in 1386 led the two countries into a union through the person of a common ruler. In 1569, Lithuania and Poland formally united into a single dual state, the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. This entity survived until 1795 when its remnants were partitioned by surrounding countries. Lithuania regained its independence following World War I but was annexed by the USSR in 1940 - an action never recognized by the US and many other countries. On 11 March 1990, Lithuania became the first of the Soviet republics to declare its independence, but Moscow did not recognize this proclamation until September of 1991 (following the abortive coup in Moscow). The last Russian troops withdrew in 1993. Lithuania subsequently restructured its economy for integration into Western European institutions; it joined both NATO and the EU in the spring of 2004.

### Geography :: Lithuania

#### Location:

Eastern Europe, bordering the Baltic Sea, between Latvia and Russia

#### Geographic coordinates:

56 00 N, 24 00 E

#### Map references:

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#### Area:

**total:** 65,300 sq km

**country comparison to the world:** 123

**land:** 62,680 sq km

**water:** 2,620 sq km

#### Area - comparative:

slightly larger than West Virginia

#### Land boundaries:

**total:** 1,574 km

**border countries:** Belarus 680 km, Latvia 576 km, Poland 91 km, Russia (Kaliningrad) 227 km

#### Coastline:

90 km

#### Maritime claims:

**territorial sea:** 12 nm

#### Climate:

transitional, between maritime and continental; wet, moderate winters and summers

#### Terrain:

lowland, many scattered small lakes, fertile soil

**Elevation extremes:**

**lowest point:** Baltic Sea 0 m

**highest point:** Aukštojas 294 m

**Natural resources:**

peat, arable land, amber

**Land use:**

**arable land:** 33.48%

**permanent crops:** 0.47%

**other:** 66.05% (2011)

**Irrigated land:**

13.4 sq km (2007)

**Total renewable water resources:**

24.9 cu km (2011)

**Freshwater withdrawal (domestic/industrial/agricultural):**

**total:** 2.38 cu km/yr (7%/90%/3%)

**per capita:** 703.8 cu m/yr (2009)

**Natural hazards:**

NA

**Environment - current issues:**

contamination of soil and groundwater with petroleum products and chemicals at military bases

**Environment - international agreements:**

**party to:** Air Pollution, Air Pollution-Nitrogen Oxides, Air Pollution-Persistent Organic Pollutants, Air Pollution-Sulphur 85, Air Pollution-Sulphur 94, Air Pollution-Volatile Organic Compounds, Biodiversity, Climate Change, Climate Change-Kyoto Protocol, Desertification, Endangered Species, Environmental Modification, Hazardous Wastes, Law of the Sea, Ozone Layer Protection, Ship Pollution, Wetlands

**signed, but not ratified:** none of the selected agreements

**Geography - note:**

fertile central plains are separated by hilly uplands that are ancient glacial deposits

**People and Society :: Lithuania**

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**Nationality:**

**noun:** Lithuanian(s)

**adjective:** Lithuanian

**Ethnic groups:**

Lithuanian 84%, Polish 6.6%, Russian 5.9%, Belarusian 1.2%, other or unspecified 2.3% (2011)

**Languages:**

Lithuanian (official) 82%, Russian 8%, Polish 5.6%, other and unspecified 4.4% (2001 census)

**Religions:**

Roman Catholic 79%, Russian Orthodox 4.1%, Protestant (including Lutheran and Evangelical Christian Baptist) 1.9%, other or unspecified 5.5%, none 9.5% (2001 census)

**Population:**

3,515,858 (July 2013 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 133

**note:** Statistics Lithuania (the national statistical agency of Lithuania) estimates the country's total population at the start of 2013 to be 2,971,905, which takes into account the findings of Lithuania's 2011 census and the high rate of net outmigration since the country joined the EU in 2004

**Age structure:**

**0-14 years:** 13.6% (male 245,028/female 232,356)

**15-24 years:** 13% (male 233,939/female 223,495)

**25-54 years:** 44.8% (male 784,389/female 790,066)

**55-64 years:** 11.9% (male 187,057/female 229,943)

**65 years and over:** 16.8% (male 204,314/female 385,271) (2013 est.)

**Dependency ratios:**

**total dependency ratio:** 44.6 %

**youth dependency ratio:** 22 %

**elderly dependency ratio:** 22.7 %

**potential support ratio:** 4.4 (2013)

**Median age:**

**total:** 40.8 years  
**male:** 38.2 years  
**female:** 43.3 years (2013 est.)

**Population growth rate:**

-0.28% (2013 est.)  
**country comparison to the world:** 217

**Birth rate:**

9.36 births/1,000 population (2013 est.)  
**country comparison to the world:** 205

**Death rate:**

11.48 deaths/1,000 population (2013 est.)  
**country comparison to the world:** 32

**Net migration rate:**

-0.73 migrant(s)/1,000 population (2013 est.)  
**country comparison to the world:** 143

**Urbanization:**

**urban population:** 67% of total population (2010)  
**rate of urbanization:** -0.5% annual rate of change (2010-15 est.)

**Major urban areas - population:**

VILNIUS (capital) 546,000 (2009)

**Sex ratio:**

**at birth:** 1.06 male(s)/female  
**0-14 years:** 1.06 male(s)/female  
**15-24 years:** 1.04 male(s)/female  
**25-54 years:** 0.99 male(s)/female  
**55-64 years:** 0.81 male(s)/female  
**65 years and over:** 0.53 male(s)/female  
**total population:** 0.89 male(s)/female (2013 est.)

**Mother's mean age at first birth:**

26.6 (2010 est.)

**Maternal mortality rate:**

8 deaths/100,000 live births (2010)  
**country comparison to the world:** 164

**Infant mortality rate:**

**total:** 6.09 deaths/1,000 live births  
**country comparison to the world:** 171  
**male:** 7.26 deaths/1,000 live births  
**female:** 4.85 deaths/1,000 live births (2013 est.)

**Life expectancy at birth:**

**total population:** 75.77 years  
**country comparison to the world:** 89  
**male:** 70.96 years  
**female:** 80.84 years (2013 est.)

**Total fertility rate:**

1.28 children born/woman (2013 est.)  
**country comparison to the world:** 217

**Contraceptive prevalence rate:**

62.9%  
*note:* percent of women aged 18-49 (2006)

**Health expenditures:**

7% of GDP (2010)  
**country comparison to the world:** 85

**Physicians density:**

3.64 physicians/1,000 population (2010)

**Hospital bed density:**

6.8 beds/1,000 population (2010)

**Drinking water source:**

**improved:**

urban: 93% of population

rural: 81% of population

total: 92% of population

**unimproved:**

urban: 7% of population

rural: 19% of population

total: 8% of population (2000 est.)

**Sanitation facility access:****improved:**

urban: 95% of population

rural: 69% of population

total: 86% of population

**unimproved:**

urban: 5% of population

rural: 31% of population

total: 14% of population (2000 est.)

**HIV/AIDS - adult prevalence rate:**

0.1% (2009 est.)

country comparison to the world: 145

**HIV/AIDS - people living with HIV/AIDS:**

1,200 (2009 est.)

country comparison to the world: 137

**HIV/AIDS - deaths:**

fewer than 100 (2009 est.)

country comparison to the world: 136

**Major infectious diseases:**

degree of risk: intermediate

vectorborne diseases: tickborne encephalitis (2013)

**Obesity - adult prevalence rate:**

27.6% (2008)

country comparison to the world: 38

**Education expenditures:**

5.7% of GDP (2009)

country comparison to the world: 48

**Literacy:**

definition: age 15 and over can read and write

total population: 99.7%

male: 99.7%

female: 99.7% (2011 est.)

**School life expectancy (primary to tertiary education):**

total: 16 years

male: 15 years

female: 16 years (2011)

**Unemployment, youth ages 15-24:**

total: 32.9%

country comparison to the world: 20

male: 34.6%

female: 30.5% (2011)

**Government :: Lithuania**

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**Country name:**

conventional long form: Republic of Lithuania

conventional short form: Lithuania

local long form: Lietuvos Respublika

local short form: Lietuva

former: Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic

**Government type:**

parliamentary democracy

**Capital:**

**name:** Vilnius

**geographic coordinates:** 54 41 N, 25 19 E

**time difference:** UTC+2 (7 hours ahead of Washington, DC during Standard Time)

**daylight saving time:** +1hr, begins last Sunday in March; ends last Sunday in October

**Administrative divisions:**

10 counties (apskritis, singular - apskritis); Alytaus, Kauno, Klaipėdos, Marijampolės, Panevėžis, Šiauliai, Tauragės, Telšiai, Utenos, Vilniaus

**Independence:**

11 March 1990 (declared); 6 September 1991 (recognized by the Soviet Union); notable earlier dates: 6 July 1253 (coronation of MINDAUGAS, traditional founding date), 1 July 1569 (Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth created)

**National holiday:**

Independence Day, 16 February (1918); note - 16 February 1918 was the date Lithuania declared its independence from Soviet Russia and established its statehood; 11 March 1990 was the date it declared its independence from the Soviet Union

**Constitution:**

several previous; latest adopted by referendum 25 October 1992, entered into force 2 November 1992; amended 2003

**Legal system:**

civil law system; legislative acts can be appealed to the constitutional court

**International law organization participation:**

has not submitted an ICJ jurisdiction declaration; accepts ICtJ jurisdiction

**Suffrage:**

18 years of age; universal

**Executive branch:**

**chief of state:** President Dalia GRYBAUSKAITE (since 12 July 2009)

**head of government:** Prime Minister Algirdas BUTKEVICIUS (since 22 November 2012)

**cabinet:** Council of Ministers appointed by the president on the nomination of the prime minister and approval of the Parliament

(For more information visit the [World Leaders website](#) <sup>(en)</sup>)

**elections:** president elected by popular vote for a five-year term (eligible for a second term); election last held on 17 May 2009 (next to be held in May 2014); prime minister appointed by the president on the approval of the Parliament

**election results:** Dalia GRYBAUSKAITE elected president; percent of vote - Dalia GRYBAUSKAITE 69.1%, Algirdas BUTKEVICIUS 11.8%, Valentinas MAZURONIS 6.2%, others 12.9%; Algirdas BUTKEVICIUS approved by Parliament 90-40

**Legislative branch:**

unicameral Parliament or Seimas (141 seats; 71 members elected in single-member districts, 70 elected by proportional representation; members to serve four-year terms)

**elections:** last held on 14 and 28 October 2012 (next to be held in October 2016)

**election results:** percent of vote by party (proportional vote) - DP 19.8%, LSDP 18.4%, TS-LKD 15.1%, LS 8.6%, DK 8%, TT 7.3%, LLRA 5.8%, LVZS 3.9%, other parties 13.1%; seats by party - LSDP 38, TS-LKD 33, DP 29, TT 11, LS 10, LLRA 8, DK 7, unaffiliated 4, vacant 1

**Judicial branch:**

**highest court(s):** Supreme Court (consists of 37 judges); Constitutional Court (consists of 9 judges)

**judge selection and term of office:** Supreme Court judges nominated by the president and appointed by the Seimas; judges serve 5-year renewable terms; Constitutional Court judges selected by Seimas from among nominations by the president, by the Seimas chairperson, and Supreme Court chairperson; judges serve 9-year, nonrenewable terms; note - one-third of court judges reconstituted every 3 years

**subordinate courts:** Court of Appeals; district and local courts

**Political parties and leaders:**

Christian Party or KP [Gediminas VAGNORIUS]

Civil Democracy Party or PDP [Algimantas MATULEVICIUS]

Democratic Labor and Unity Party or DDVP [Kristina BRAZAUSKIENE]

Electoral Action of Lithuanian Poles or LLRA [Valdemar TOMASEVSKI]

Emigrants Party or EP [Juozas MURAUSKAS]

Homeland Union-Lithuanian Christian Democrats or TS-LKD [Andrius KUBILIUS]

Labor Party or DP [Viktor USPASKICH]

Liberal and Center Union or LCS [Arturas MELIANAS]

Liberal Movement or LS or LRLS [Eligijus MASIULIS]

Lithuanian People's Party or LLP [Kazimiera PRUNSKIENE]

Lithuanian People's Party or L郑 [Joana SIMANAUSKIENE]  
Lithuanian Russian Union or LRS [Sergejus DMITRIJEVAS]  
Lithuanian Social Democratic Party or LSDP [Algirdas BUTKEVICIUS]  
Nationalist Union or TS [Gintaras SONGAILA]  
Order and Justice Party or TT [Rolandas PAKSAS]  
Peasant and Greens Union or LVZS [Ramunas KARBAUSKIS]  
Republican Party or RP [Valdemaras VALKIUNAS]  
Russian Alliance or RA [Tamara LOCHANKINA]  
Socialist People's Front or SLF [Algirdas PALECKIS]  
Way of Courage or DK [Jonas VARKALA]  
YES-Homeland Revival and Perspective or YES Union or TAIP Union or TAIP [Arturas ZUOKAS]  
Young Lithuania Party or PJJ [Stanislovas BUSKEVICIUS]

#### **International organization participation:**

Australia Group, BA, BIS, CBSS, CD, CE, EAPC, EBRD, EIB, EU, FAO, IAEA, IBRD, ICAO, ICC (national committees), ICRM, IDA, IFC, IFRC, ILO, IMF, IMO, Interpol, IOC, IOM, IPU, ISO, ITU, ITUC (NGOs), MIGA, NATO, NIB, NSG, OAS (observer), OIF (observer), OPCW, OSCE, PCA, Schengen Convention, UN, UNCTAD, UNESCO, UNIDO, UNWTO, UPU, WCO, WHO, WIPO, WMO, WTO

#### **Diplomatic representation in the US:**

**chief of mission:** Ambassador Zygimantas PAVILIONIS (since 5 August 2010)  
**chancery:** 2622 16th Street NW, Washington, DC 20009  
**telephone:** [1] (202) 234-5860  
**FAX:** [1] (202) 328-0466  
**consulate(s) general:** Chicago, New York

#### **Diplomatic representation from the US:**

**chief of mission:** Ambassador Deborah A. MCCARTHY (since 5 February 2013)  
**embassy:** Akmenu gatve 6, Vilnius, LT-03106  
**mailing address:** American Embassy, Akmenu Gatve 6, Vilnius LT-03106  
**telephone:** [370] (5) 266-5500  
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#### **Flag description:**

three equal horizontal bands of yellow (top), green, and red; yellow symbolizes golden fields, as well as the sun, light, and goodness; green represents the forests of the countryside, in addition to nature, freedom, and hope; red stands for courage and the blood spilled in defense of the homeland

#### **National symbol(s):**

mounted knight known as Vytis (the Chaser)

#### **National anthem:**

**name:** "Tautiska giesme" (The National Song)

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**lyrics/music:** Vincas KUDIRKA

**note:** adopted 1918, restored 1990; the anthem was written in 1898 while Lithuania was a part of Russia; it was banned during the Soviet occupation from 1940 to 1990

## **Economy :: Lithuania**

#### **Economy - overview:**

Lithuania gained membership in the World Trade Organization and joined the EU in May 2004. Despite its EU accession, Lithuania's trade with its Central and Eastern European neighbors, and Russia in particular, accounts for a significant share of total trade. Foreign investment and business support have helped in the transition from the old command economy to a market economy. Lithuania's economy grew on average 8% per year for the four years prior to 2008 driven by exports and domestic demand. Lithuania's GDP plunged nearly 15% in 2009. The three former Soviet Baltic republics were among the hardest hit by the 2008-09 financial crisis. The government's efforts to attract foreign investment, to develop export markets, and to pursue broad economic reforms has been key to Lithuania's quick recovery from a deep recession, making Lithuania one of the fastest growing economies in the EU. Lithuania is committed to meeting the Maastricht criteria to join the euro zone, which the government expects to achieve by 2015. Under the Conservative Party's leadership, Lithuania raised the monthly minimum wage in 2012 nearly 25% over 2011. Despite government efforts, unemployment - at 13.2% in 2012 - remains high.

#### **GDP (purchasing power parity):**

\$64.31 billion (2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 87

\$62.07 billion (2011 est.)

\$58.63 billion (2010 est.)

*note:* data are in 2012 US dollars

**GDP (official exchange rate):**

\$41.57 billion (2012 est.)

**GDP - real growth rate:**

3.6% (2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 96

5.9% (2011 est.)

1.5% (2010 est.)

**GDP - per capita (PPP):**

\$21,400 (2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 67

\$20,500 (2011 est.)

\$17,800 (2010 est.)

*note:* data are in 2012 US dollars

**Gross national saving:**

17.2% of GDP (2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 92

18.9% of GDP (2011 est.)

17.8% of GDP (2010 est.)

**GDP - composition, by end use:**

**household consumption:** 64%

**government consumption:** 17.6%

**investment in fixed capital:** 16.7%

**investment in inventories:** 1.3%

**exports of goods and services:** 84.2%

**imports of goods and services:** -83.8%  
(2012 est.)

**GDP - composition, by sector of origin:**

**agriculture:** 3.3%

**industry:** 28.4%

**services:** 68.4% (2012 est.)

**Agriculture - products:**

grain, potatoes, sugar beets, flax, vegetables; beef, milk, eggs; fish

**Industries:**

metal-cutting machine tools, electric motors, television sets, refrigerators and freezers, petroleum refining, shipbuilding (small ships), furniture making, textiles, food processing, fertilizers, agricultural machinery, optical equipment, electronic components, computers, amber jewelry

**Industrial production growth rate:**

3.7% (2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 76

**Labor force:**

1.474 million (2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 131

**Labor force - by occupation:**

**agriculture:** 7.9%

**industry:** 19.6%

**services:** 72.5% (2012 est.)

**Unemployment rate:**

13.2% (2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 135

15.3% (2011 est.)

**Population below poverty line:**

4% (2008)

**Household income or consumption by percentage share:**

**lowest 10%:** 2.6%  
**highest 10%:** 29.1% (2008)

**Distribution of family income - Gini index:**

35.5 (2009)

**country comparison to the world:** 86  
34 (1999)

**Budget:**

**revenues:** \$13.87 billion

**expenditures:** \$15.27 billion (2012 est.)

**Taxes and other revenues:**

33.4% of GDP (2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 76

**Budget surplus (+) or deficit (-):**

-3.4% of GDP (2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 132

**Public debt:**

41% of GDP (2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 87

39.3% of GDP (2011 est.)

*note:* official data; data cover general government debt, and includes debt instruments issued (or owned) by government entities other than the treasury; the data include treasury debt held by foreign entities, debt issued by subnational entities, as well as intra-governmental debt; intra-governmental debt consists of treasury borrowings from surpluses in the social funds, such as for retirement, medical care, and unemployment; debt instruments for the social funds are sold at public auctions

**Fiscal year:**

calendar year

**Inflation rate (consumer prices):**

3.1% (2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 98

4.1% (2011 est.)

**Central bank discount rate:**

3% (31 December 2010 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 111

2.06% (31 December 2009 est.)

**Commercial bank prime lending rate:**

5.28% (31 December 2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 145

5.78% (31 December 2011 est.)

**Stock of narrow money:**

\$13.77 billion (31 December 2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 71

\$11.73 billion (31 December 2011 est.)

**Stock of broad money:**

\$19.32 billion (31 December 2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 87

\$18.74 billion (31 December 2011 est.)

**Stock of domestic credit:**

\$22.69 billion (31 December 2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 73

\$22.83 billion (31 December 2011 est.)

**Market value of publicly traded shares:**

\$4.075 billion (31 December 2011)

**country comparison to the world:** 82

\$5.661 billion (31 December 2010)

\$4.477 billion (31 December 2009)

**Current account balance:**

-\$231 million (2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 88

-\$619 million (2011 est.)

**Exports:**

\$28.76 billion (2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world: 65**

\$27.03 billion (2011 est.)

**Exports - commodities:**

mineral products, machinery and equipment, chemicals, textiles , foodstuffs, plastics

**Exports - partners:**

Russia 19%, Latvia 11%, Germany 7.9%, Estonia 7.8%, UK 6.4%, Poland 6.1%, Netherlands 5.9%, Belarus 4.5% (2012)

**Imports:**

\$30.44 billion (2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world: 66**

\$29.52 billion (2011 est.)

**Imports - commodities:**

mineral products, machinery and equipment, transport equipment, chemicals, textiles and clothing, metals

**Imports - partners:**

Russia 31.6%, Germany 10%, Poland 9.9%, Latvia 6.2%, Netherlands 5.6% (2012)

**Reserves of foreign exchange and gold:**

\$8.529 billion (31 December 2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world: 76**

\$8.21 billion (31 December 2011 est.)

**Debt - external:**

\$32.84 billion (31 December 2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world: 69**

\$31.01 billion (31 December 2011 est.)

**Stock of direct foreign investment - at home:**

\$15.56 billion (31 December 2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world: 79**

\$14.89 billion (31 December 2011 est.)

**Stock of direct foreign investment - abroad:**

\$2.729 billion (31 December 2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world: 70**

\$2.482 billion (31 December 2011 est.)

**Exchange rates:**

litai (LTL) per US dollar -

2.69 (2012 est.)

2.48 (2011 est.)

2.61 (2010 est.)

2.48 (2009)

2.33 (2008)

**Energy :: Lithuania**

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**Electricity - production:**

12.27 billion kWh (2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world: 89**

**Electricity - consumption:**

10.3 billion kWh (2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world: 88**

**Electricity - exports:**

186 million kWh (2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world: 70**

**Electricity - imports:**

1.17 billion kWh (2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world: 62**

**Electricity - installed generating capacity:**

3.82 million kW (2011 est.)

**country comparison to the world: 82**

**Electricity - from fossil fuels:**

70.6% of total installed capacity (2010 est.)

**country comparison to the world: 106**

**Electricity - from nuclear fuels:**

0% of total installed capacity (2010 est.)

**country comparison to the world: 124**

**Electricity - from hydroelectric plants:**

3.2% of total installed capacity (2010 est.)

**country comparison to the world: 127**

**Electricity - from other renewable sources:**

5% of total installed capacity (2010 est.)

**country comparison to the world: 43**

**Crude oil - production:**

9,111 bbl/day (2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world: 94**

**Crude oil - exports:**

2,181 bbl/day (2010 est.)

**country comparison to the world: 67**

**Crude oil - imports:**

190,100 bbl/day (2010 est.)

**country comparison to the world: 33**

**Crude oil - proved reserves:**

12 million bbl (1 January 2013 est.)

**country comparison to the world: 89**

**Refined petroleum products - production:**

197,400 bbl/day (2010 est.)

**country comparison to the world: 56**

**Refined petroleum products - consumption:**

70,390 bbl/day (2011 est.)

**country comparison to the world: 91**

**Refined petroleum products - exports:**

155,000 bbl/day (2010 est.)

**country comparison to the world: 37**

**Refined petroleum products - imports:**

16,110 bbl/day (2010 est.)

**country comparison to the world: 117**

**Natural gas - production:**

0 cu m (2011 est.)

**country comparison to the world: 154**

**Natural gas - consumption:**

3.3 billion cu m (2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world: 69**

**Natural gas - exports:**

0 cu m (2012 est.)

**country comparison to the world: 134**

**Natural gas - imports:**

3.4 billion cu m (2011 est.)

**country comparison to the world: 40**

**Natural gas - proved reserves:**

0 cu m (1 January 2013 est.)

**country comparison to the world: 159**

**Carbon dioxide emissions from consumption of energy:**

16.05 million Mt (2011 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 90

## Communications :: Lithuania

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### Telephones - main lines in use:

667,300 (2012)

**country comparison to the world:** 89

### Telephones - mobile cellular:

5 million (2012)

**country comparison to the world:** 110

### Telephone system:

**general assessment:** adequate; being modernized to provide improved international capability and better residential access

**domestic:** rapid expansion of mobile-cellular services has resulted in a steady decline in the number of fixed-line connections; mobile-cellular teledensity stands at about 140 per 100 persons

**international:** country code - 370; major international connections to Denmark, Sweden, and Norway by submarine cable for further transmission by satellite; landline connections to Latvia and Poland (2010)

### Broadcast media:

public broadcaster operates 3 channels with the third channel - a satellite channel - introduced in 2007; various privately owned commercial TV broadcasters operate national and multiple regional channels; many privately owned local TV stations; multi-channel cable and satellite TV services available; publicly owned broadcaster operates 3 radio networks; many privately owned commercial broadcasters, many with repeater stations in various regions throughout the country (2007)

### Internet country code:

.lt

### Internet hosts:

1.205 million (2012)

**country comparison to the world:** 43

### Internet users:

1.964 million (2009)

**country comparison to the world:** 75

## Transportation :: Lithuania

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### Airports:

61 (2013)

**country comparison to the world:** 81

### Airports - with paved runways:

**total:** 22

**over 3,047 m:** 3

**2,438 to 3,047 m:** 1

**1,524 to 2,437 m:** 7

**914 to 1,523 m:** 2

**under 914 m:** 9 (2013)

### Airports - with unpaved runways:

**total:** 39

**over 3,047 m:** 1

**914 to 1,523 m:** 2

**under 914 m:**

36 (2013)

### Pipelines:

gas 1,921 km; refined products 121 km (2013)

### Railways:

**total:** 1,767 km

**country comparison to the world:** 76

**broad gauge:** 1,745 km 1.524-m gauge (122 km electrified)

**standard gauge:** 22 km 1.435-m gauge (2011)

### Roadways:

**total:** 84,166 km

**country comparison to the world:** 57

**paved:** 72,297 km (includes 312 km of expressways)

**unpaved:** 11,869 km (2012)

**Waterways:**

441 km (navigable year round) (2007)

**country comparison to the world:** 87

**Merchant marine:**

**total:** 38

**country comparison to the world:** 76

**by type:** cargo 20, container 1, passenger/cargo 6, refrigerated cargo 9, roll on/roll off 2

**foreign-owned:** 8 (Denmark 8)

**registered in other countries:** 22 (Antigua and Barbuda 3, Belize 1, Comoros 1, Cook Islands 1, Norway 1, Panama 3, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines 9, unknown 3) (2010)

**Ports and terminals:**

Klaipeda

**oil terminals:** Butinge oil terminal

**Military :: Lithuania**

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**Military branches:**

Lithuanian Armed Forces (Lietuvos Ginkluotosios Pajegos): Land Forces (Sausumos Pajegos), Naval Forces (Karines Juru Pajegos), Air Forces (Karines Oro Pajegos) (2013)

**Military service age and obligation:**

18 years of age for voluntary military service; service obligation 1 year; Lithuania converted to a professional military in the fall of 2008, although the decision continues under judicial review (2012)

**Manpower available for military service:**

**males age 16-49:** 890,074

**females age 16-49:** 875,780 (2010 est.)

**Manpower fit for military service:**

**males age 16-49:** 669,111

**females age 16-49:** 724,803 (2010 est.)

**Manpower reaching militarily significant age annually:**

**male:** 20,425

**female:** 19,527 (2010 est.)

**Military expenditures:**

0.9% of GDP (2007 est.)

**country comparison to the world:** 141

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**Disputes - international:**

Lithuania and Russia committed to demarcating their boundary in 2006 in accordance with the land and maritime treaty ratified by Russia in May 2003 and by Lithuania in 1999; Lithuania operates a simplified transit regime for Russian nationals traveling from the Kaliningrad coastal exclave into Russia, while still conforming, as a EU member state having an external border with a non-EU member, to strict Schengen border rules; boundary demarcated with Latvia and Lithuania; as of January 2007, ground demarcation of the boundary with Belarus was complete and mapped with final ratification documents in preparation

**Refugees and internally displaced persons:**

**stateless persons:** 4,130 (2012)

**Illicit drugs:**

transshipment and destination point for cannabis, cocaine, ecstasy, and opiates from Southwest Asia, Latin America, Western Europe, and neighboring Baltic countries; growing production of high-quality amphetamines, but limited production of cannabis, methamphetamines; susceptible to money laundering despite changes to banking legislation