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Several basic economic indicators for 2014 are preliminary and estimated and will be revised in the next editions.



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Population, mln. persons	42.9
Territory, thsd.sq.km	603.5 ¹
Neighbouring countries	Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Moldova, Republic of, Russian Federation, Belarus
Capital city	Kyiv
Official language	Ukrainian
Currency	Hryvnia
National holiday	Independence Day – August 24

¹ Source: According to data from the State Agency of Land Resources of Ukraine



Geographical Information

Length¹

from West to East – 1,316 km

from North to South – 893 km

Total Length of Borders¹ – 6,993.63 km

The Highest Tops of the Mountains¹, m

The Ukrainian Carpathians

The Crimean Mountains

Hoverla	2,061	Roman-Kosh	1,545
Brebeneskul	2,032	Demir-Kapu	1,540
Petros	2,020	Zeytin-Kosh	1,534
Hutyn Tomnatyk	2,016	Kemal-Egerek	1,530
Rebra	2,001	Eklizi-Burun	1,527

The Longest Rivers¹, *length in Ukraine, km*

The Biggest Lakes and Estuaries¹, *area, sq.km*

Dnipro	1,121	Inhulets	549	Yalpuh	149	Dniprovskiyi	800
Dnister	925	Psel	520	Kagul	90	Utlyutskiyi	700
Pivdennyi Boh	806	Sluch	451	Kugurluy	82	Dnistrovskiyi	360
Siverskiy Donets	700	Styr	424	Sasyk	75.3	Sasyk (Kunduk)	210
Horyn'	577	Zakhidnyi Boh	401	Katlabug	68	Molochnyi	168
Desna	575	Oril'	346			Buzkiy	162

Forest and forested area² – 10.6 mln.ha (17.6% of territory)

Preserves and National Nature Parks³

Total – 71 Their area – 1,688.5 thsd.ha

including: natural – 19 (205.3 thsd.ha)

biospheric – 4 (252.2 thsd.ha)

national nature parks – 48 (1,231.0 thsd.ha)

Total agricultural land² (end of 2014) – 41.5 mln.ha

including arable land – 32.5 mln.ha

¹ Source: According to data from the National Atlas of Ukraine, SSPE Kartographia, 2007

² Source: According to data from the State Agency of Land Resources of Ukraine

³ Source: According to data from the LMinistry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine (including the temporary occupied territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol)

Climate

The Eastern European Plain (95% of the area), together with Ukrainian Carpathians and Crimean Mountains (5% of the area) have mainly a temperate continental climate. The Southern Crimea climate has subtropical features.

In 2014 the absolute minimum of air temperature was minus 31⁰ in February in the Luhansk oblast. In 2014 the absolute maximum of air temperature was plus 40⁰ in August in the Dnipropetrovsk, Kherson, Autonomous Republik of Crimea oblasts.

<u>Annual rainfall in 2014¹, mm</u>			
Steppe	478	Forest	632
Forest-steppe	542	Kyiv city	537

Average Air Temperature in 2014¹, °C

	Climatic zones			Kyiv city
	steppe	forest–steppe	forest	
2014	10.4	9.0	9.4	9.4
	<i>By month</i>			
January	-2.5	-4.5	-2.8	-4.8
February	-0.8	-1.1	0.6	-0.5
March	6.2	6.0	6.4	6.8
April	10.5	9.7	10.1	10.3
May	17.8	16.6	15.0	16.9
June	19.8	17.6	17.0	18.2
July	23.5	21.2	20.7	22.1
August	23.5	20.7	19.2	21.3
September	17.1	14.9	14.5	15.3
October	8.3	7.2	8.7	7.7
November	2.5	1.7	3.3	1.7
December	-0.6	-1.9	-0.3	-2.1

¹ Source: According to data from the Ukrainian Hydrometeorological center



Political System

Ukraine is a sovereign, independent, democratic, social and legal state.

Ukraine is a Republic. Ukraine's people represent the sovereignty and the unified source of power in the country. People execute power directly as well as through state authorities and local self-administration offices.

State power in Ukraine is exercised on the basis of its legislative, executive and judicial branches.

Ukraine's Constitution has supreme judicial power.

The President of Ukraine is the Head of the State and speaks on behalf of its name¹. The President elected by citizens of Ukraine on the basis of the common, equal and direct voting right by ballot for the period of five years and no more than for two terms successively.

The legislative branch consists of a one-chamber parliament – the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. Executive power is carried out by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

Political parties and public organisations take active part in the creation of the democratic state. They are the source of innovation and social and political technologies suggested to the society. They also act as guarantors of the democratic development of Ukraine.

In Ukraine there are 233² political parties and 61,090³ public organisations with international and all-Ukrainian status.

¹ Source: *Constitution of Ukraine, K., Yurinkom, 1996*

² Source: the State Registration Service of Ukraine

³ Source: the local justice



Religions

The majority of the believers are Christians, first of all Orthodox confession. Greek-Catholic, Roman-Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Moslem and Eastern religions are also wide spread.

The major religious organisations are represented by:

Ukrainian Orthodox Church
Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church
Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Kyiv Patriarchy
Evangelical Christians-Baptists

Roman-Catholic Church
Christians of Evangelical Faith
Seventh-day Adventists
Jehovah's Witnesses



Administrative and Territorial Units¹

	2013	2014	2015 (January 1)
Autonomous Republic	1	1	1
Regions (oblasts)	24	24	24
Cities, total	460	460	460
including special status with more than 1 mln. inhabitants, <i>thsd.</i>	2	2	2
Kyiv (capital)	2,845	2,869	2,888
Odesa	1,015	1,017	1,017
Kharkiv	1,451	1,451	1,453
Rayons	490	490	490
Townships	885	885	885
Villages, <i>thsd.</i>	28.4	28.4	28.4

¹ Source: According to data from official web site of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

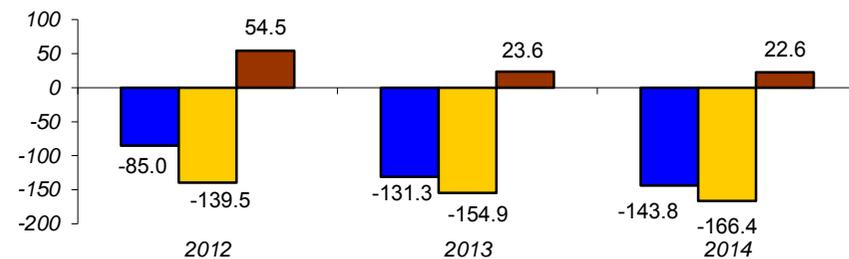


Population¹ and Migration

Ukraine is a country with many nationalities: Ukrainians, Russians, Belorussians, Moldavans, Tatars, Bulgarians, Hungarians, Romanians, Poles and others.

			(mln. persons)
Urban	29.7	Male	19.9
Rural	13.2	Female	23.0

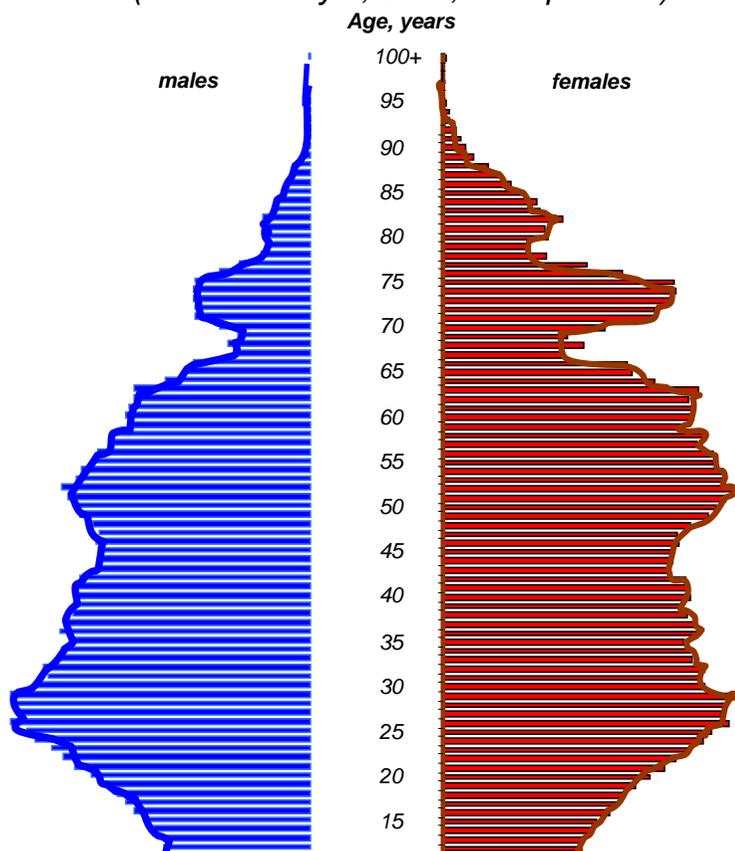
Increase (decrease) in the population
(*thsd. persons*)



¹ Estimation of population is based on the existing administrative data

■ Total increase (decrease) ■ Natural increase (decrease) ■ Migration increase (decrease)

Resident Population Distribution by Sex and Age,
(as of January 1, 2015; thsd. persons)



Vital statistics

	2012	2013	2014¹
Live births, thsd.	491.4	475.1	465.9
Deaths, thsd.	630.9	630.0	632.3
Deaths of infants under 1 year old, persons	4,133	3,839	3,656
Natural increase (decrease) in the population, thsd.	-139.5	-154.9	-166.4
Marriages, thsd.	263.0	287.3	295.0
Divorces, thsd.	159.4	156.0	130.7

Migration movement of the population
(all flows of migration²)

	2012	2013	2014¹
Number of arrivals	689.0	639.2	542.5
Number of those leaving	634.4	615.6	519.9
Migration increase (decrease)	54.6	23.6	22.6

(thsd.)

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