

People

Population: 8,775,198 (July 1995 est.)

Age structure:

0-14 years: 19% (female 800,413; male 841,697)

15-64 years: 66% (female 2,927,880; male 2,910,133)

65 years and over: 15% (female 735,706; male 559,369) (July 1995 est.)

Population growth rate: -0.25% (1995 est.)

Birth rate: 11.75 births/1,000 population (1995 est.)

Death rate: 11.31 deaths/1,000 population (1995 est.)

Net migration rate: -2.91 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1995 est.)

Infant mortality rate: 11.4 deaths/1,000 live births (1995 est.)

Life expectancy at birth:

total population: 73.68 years

male: 70.43 years

female: 77.1 years (1995 est.)

Total fertility rate: 1.71 children born/woman (1995 est.)

Nationality:

noun: Bulgarian(s)

adjective: Bulgarian

Ethnic divisions: Bulgarian 85.3%, Turk 8.5%, Gypsy 2.6%, Macedonian 2.5%, Armenian 0.3%, Russian 0.2%, other 0.6%

Religions: Bulgarian Orthodox 85%, Muslim 13%, Jewish 0.8%, Roman Catholic 0.5%, Uniate Catholic 0.2%, Protestant, Gregorian-Armenian, and other 0.5%

Languages: Bulgarian; secondary languages closely correspond to ethnic breakdown

Literacy: age 15 and over can read and write (1992)

total population: 98%

male: 99%

female: 97%

Labor force: 4.3 million

by occupation: industry 33%, agriculture 20%, other 47% (1987)