

General Information about Ukraine

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to give a general overview of Ukrainian economy and the city of Slavutych to potential investors. The information provided covers a broad range of subjects to help potential investors understand Ukraine's developing economy and was gathered from a variety of sources, including the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, World Bank, and International Monetary Fund.

Ukraine is rich in culture, history and natural resources. The government of Ukraine is transforming its economic structure to a western market economy and continues solving problems related to this change.

More detailed information about Slavutych, the hometown of Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant workers, is provided. As the date of the Chernobyl NPP closure approaches, the Ukrainian government is taking steps toward economic diversification, including educating and attracting foreign and domestic investors. This guide aims to provide valuable information about investment opportunities, geography, people, government, and the economy of Ukraine and Slavutych.

Geography

Ukraine sits at a favorable strategic position between Europe and Asia and is the second-largest country in Europe. The contemporary city of Kyiv is Ukraine's capital and one of the biggest cities in Europe. With a population of almost 3 million, it stands preeminent as the administrative, economic, research, cultural and educational center. The President, [Supreme Council \(Verhovna Rada\)](#), all ministries and government departments are all located in Kyiv.

Location	Eastern Europe , bordering the Black Sea, between Poland and Russia			
Time zone	GMT +2:00			
Area	Total	603,700 sq. km (slightly smaller than Texas)		
	Land	603,700 sq. km		
	Water	0 sq. km		
Land boundaries	Total	4,558 km		
	Border countries	Belarus	891 km	Hungary 103 km
		Moldova	939 km	Poland 428 km
		Romania (southwest)	169 km	Romania (west) 362 km
		Russia	1,576 km	Slovakia 90 km
Coastline	2,782 km			
Maritime claims	Continental shelf	200m or to the depth of exploitation		
	Exclusive economic zone	200 nm		
	Territorial sea	12 nm		
Climate	Temperate continental; Mediterranean only on the southern Crimean coast; precipitation disproportionately distributed, highest in west and north, lesser in east and southeast; winters vary from cool along the Black Sea to cold farther inland; summers are warm across the greater part of the country, hot in the south			
Terrain	Most of Ukraine consists of fertile plains (steppes) and plateaus, mountains being found only in the west (the Carpathians), and in the Crimean Peninsula in the extreme south			

Elevation extremes	Lowest point	Black Sea 0 m
	Highest point	Hora Hoverla 2,061 m
Natural resources	Iron ore, coal, manganese, natural gas, oil, salt, sulfur, graphite, titanium, magnesium, kaolin, nickel, mercury, timber	
Land use	Arable land	58%
	Permanent crops	2%
	Permanent pastures	13%
	Forests and woodland	18%
	Other	9% (1993 est.)
Irrigated land	26,050 sq. km (1993 est.)	
Environment	Current issues	Inadequate supplies of potable water; air and water pollution; deforestation; radiation contamination in the northeast from 1986 accident at Chornobyl Nuclear Power Plant
	International agreements	Air Pollution, Air Pollution-Nitrogen Oxides, Air Pollution-Sulphur 85, Antarctic Treaty, Biodiversity, Environmental Modification, Marine Dumping, Nuclear Test Ban, Ozone Layer Protection, Ship Pollution signed, but not ratified: Air Pollution-Sulphur 94, Air Pollution-Volatile Organic Compounds, Climate Change, Law of the Sea

People

Population	50,447,719 (July 1997 est.)	
Age structure	0-14 years	19% (male 5,000,518; female 4,802,193)
	15-64 years	67% (male 16,087,147; female 17,429,313)
	65 years and over	14% (male 2,308,354; female 4,820,194) (July 1997 est.)
Population growth	-0.65% (1997 est.)	
	Birth rate	9.55 births/1,000 population (1997 est.)
	Death rate	16.26 deaths/1,000 population (1997 est.)
	Net migration rate	0.23 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1997 est.)
Infant mortality rate	21.9 deaths/1,000 live births (1997 est.)	
Life expectancy	Total population	65.77 years
	Male	59.93 years
	Female	71.91 years (1997 est.)
Total fertility rate	1.36 children born/woman (1997 est.)	
Nationality	Noun	Ukrainian(s)
	Adjective	Ukrainian
Religions	Ukrainian Orthodox - Moscow Patriarchate	Ukrainian Orthodox - Kiev Patriarchate
	Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Protestant	Ukrainian Catholic (Uniate) Jewish
Languages	Ukrainian, Russian, Romanian, Polish, Hungarian	

Government

Government type	Republic
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National capital Kyiv

Admin. divisions 24 oblasts ((subdivided into regions), one autonomous republic,* two municipalities with oblast status**

Note: Each oblast is listed below with its administrative center in parentheses.

Cherkas'ka (Cherkasy)	Chernihivs'ka (Chernihiv)	Chernivets'ka (Chernivtsi)
Dnipropetrovs'ka (Dnipropetrovs'k)	Donets'ka (Donets'k)	Ivano-Frankivs'ka (Ivano-Frankivs'k)
Kharkivs'ka (Kharkiv)	Khersons'ka (Kherson)	Khmel'nyts'ka (Khmel'nyts'kyy)
Kirovohrads'ka (Kirovohrad)	Kyiv**	Kyivs'ka (Kyiv)
Luhans'ka (Luhans'k)	L'vivs'ka (L'viv)	Mykolayivs'ka (Mykolayiv)
Odes'ka (Odesa)	Poltavs'ka (Poltava)	Avtonomna Respublika Krym* (Simferopol')
Rivnens'ka (Rivne)	Sevastopol**	Sums'ka (Sumy)
Ternopil's'ka (Ternopil')	Vinnys'ka (Vinnysya)	Volyns'ka (Luts'k)
Zakarpats'ka (Uzhhorod)	Zaporiz'ka (Zaporizhzhya)	Zhytomyrs'ka (Zhytomyr)

Independence 1 December 1991 (from Soviet Union)

National holiday Independence Day, 24 August (1991)

Constitution adopted 28 June 1996

Flag Two equal, horizontal bands of azure (top) and golden yellow representing grain fields under a blue sky

Legal system Based on civil law system; judicial review of legislative acts

Suffrage 18 years of age; universal

Executive branch Chief of state President Leonid D. Kuchma (since 19 July 1994)

Head of government Prime Minister Valeriy Pustovoytenko

First Deputy Prime Minister Anatoliy Holubchenko and three deputy prime ministers make up a cabinet, the Council of Ministers, appointed by the president and approved by the Supreme Council.

A National Security and Defense Council, created in 1992 as the National Security Council, was significantly revamped and strengthened under President Kuchma; the NSDC includes the president, prime minister, ministers of defense, internal affairs, foreign relations, and chairman of the security service; the NSC staff is tasked with developing national security policy on domestic and international matters and advising the president; a Presidential Administration that helps draft presidential edicts and provides policy support to the president; and a Council of Regions that serves as an advisory body created by President Kuchma in September 1994 that includes the Kyiv and Sevastopol City Supreme Councils and the chairmen of Oblast.

Elections President elected by popular vote for a five-year term; elections last held 26 June and 10 July 1994 (next will held in 1999); prime minister and deputy prime ministers appointed by the president and approved by the Supreme Council.

Other gov. officials	Dep. Prime Min. for Economic Reform
	Tyhypko, Serhiy
	Dep. Prime Min. for Social Policy
	Biloblotsyy, Mykola
	Dep. Prime Min. for Humanitarian Affairs
	Smoliy, Valeriy
	Min. of Agriculture
	Supikhanov, Borys
	Min. of Coal Industry (Acting)
	Radchenko, Volodymyr

Stanislav	
Min. of Culture & Arts	Ostapenko, Dmytro
Min. of Defense	Kuzmuk, Oleksandr, Lt. Gen.
Min. of Economy	Rohovyy, Vasyl
Min. of Education	Zgurovskyy, Mykhaylo
Min. of Emergency Situations	Kalchenko, Valeriy
Min. of Environmental Protection & Nuclear Safety	
Min. of Family & Youth Affairs	Dovzhenko, Valentyna
Min. of Finance	Mityukov, Ihor
Min. of Foreign Affairs	Tarasyuk, Borys
Min. of Foreign Economic Relations & Trade	Osyka, Serhiy
Min. of Health	Serdyuk, Andriy
Min. of Industrial Policy	Hureyev, Vasyl
Min. of Information	Kulyk, Zinoviy
Min. of Internal Affairs	Kravchenko, Yuriy
Min. of Labor	Sakhan, Ivan
Min. of Justice	Stanik, Suzanna
Min. of Power & Industry	Shebertsov, Oleksiy
Min. of Science & Technology	
Min. of Transport	
Min. of the Cabinet of Ministers Portfolio	Tolstoukhov, Anatoliy
Chief, Security Service of Ukraine	Derkach, Leonid
Chmn., National Agency for Reconstruction & Development	Shpek, Roman
Chmn., State Committee for State Borders and Cmdr., Border Troops	Bannykh, Viktor
State Property Fund Chairman (Acting)	Bondar, Oleksandr
Procurator General (Acting)	Ferents, Bohdan
Chmn., National Bank	Yushchenko, Viktor
Ambassador to the United States	Shcherbak, Yuriy
Permanent Representative to the United Nations, New York	Yelchenko, Volodymyr

Legislative branch Unicameral Supreme Council or Verkhovna Rada (450 seats; members are elected to four-year terms by popular vote from one-member districts by complex procedures)

Elections Last held 29 March 1998

Election results Seats by party

Communists	123	Rukh	46
Socialists/Peasants	34	Greens	19
People's Democrats	28	Hromada	23
Progressive Socialists	16	Social Democrats (u)	16
		Independents	114

Remainder were won by candidates from other small parties.

Committees

Communists	Legal Reform (Vasyl Sirenko)
	State-Building, Local Self-Government and Local Council Activities (Oleksandr Kushnir)
	Economic Policy, National Economy Management, Property and Investment Affairs (Stanislav Hurenko)
	Foreign Affairs and Ties with the CIS (Borys Olijnyk)
	National Security and Defense (Georgy Kryuchkov)
	Pensioners, Veterans and Disabled Persons (Vitaly Lutsenko)

People's Democrats	Health Care, Maternity and Childhood (Serhiy Shevchuk) Science and Education (Volodymyr Semynozhenko) Industrial Policy (Anatoliy Kinakh) Fuel & Energy Complex, Nuclear Policy and Nuclear Safety (Mykhailo Kovalko) Construction, Transport and Communications (Yuri Kruk)
Hromada	Youth Policy, Physical Culture and Sports (Ivan Kyrylenko) Budget (Yuiya Tymoshenko) Legislative Support, Law Enforcement and Anti-Corruption & Crime Activities (Yuri Karmazyn) Parliamentary Procedure, Ethics and Work organization (Victor Omelych)
Rukh	Cultural and Spiritual Development (Les Tanyuk) Finance and Banking (Valeriy Alyoshyn) Human Rights, National Minorities and Inter-Ethnic Relations (Hennadiy Udovenko)
Socialists	Agrarian Policy and Land Relations (Olexandr Moroz) Freedom of Speech and Information (Ivan Chyzh)
Social Democrats (united)	Social Policy and Labor Affairs (Yevhen Marchuk)
Greens	Environmental Policy, Natural Resources Utilization, and Liquidation of the Chornobyl Nuclear Disaster Consequences (Yuriy Samoilenko)

Judicial branch Supreme Court; Constitutional Court

Political parties Green Party of Ukraine (Vitaliy Kononov)
Liberal Party of Ukraine
Liberal Democratic Party of Ukraine (Volodymyr Klymchuk)
Democratic Party of Ukraine (Volodymyr Oleksandrovysh Yavorivskiy)
People's Party of Ukraine
Peasants' Party of Ukraine
Party of Democratic Rebirth or Revival of Ukraine (Volodymyr Filenko)
Social Democratic Party of Ukraine (Vasyl Onopenko)
Socialist Party of Ukraine (Oleksandr Moroz)
Ukrainian Christian Democratic Party (Vitaliy Zhuravskyy)
Ukrainian Conservative Republican Party (Stepan Khmara)
Ukrainian Labor Party (Valentyn Landyk)
Ukrainian Party of Justice (Yuriy Zubko)
Ukrainian Peasants' Democratic Party (Serhiy Plachinda)
Ukrainian Republican Party (Bondan Yaroshpskyy)
Ukrainian National Conservative Party
Ukrainian People's Movement for Restructuring – Rukh (Vyacheslav Chornovil)
Ukrainian Communist Party (Petr Symonenko)
Agrarian Party
Congress of Ukrainian Nationalists (Slava Stestko)
Civil Congress (O. Bazyluk)
Party of Economic Revival of Crimea
Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine (Nataliya Vitrenko and Volodymyr Marchenko)
People's Democratic Party (Anatoliy Matviyenko)

Pressure groups New Ukraine Congress of National Democratic Forces

Int'l memberships BSEC, CCC, CE, CEI, CIS, EBRD, ECE, IAEA, IBRD, ICAO, ICRM, IFC, IFRCS, ILO, IMF, IMO, Inmarsat, Intelsat (nonsignatory user), Interpol, IOC, IOM (observer), ISO, ITU, NACC, OSCE, PCA, PFP, UN, UNAVEM III, UNCTAD, UNESCO, UNIDO, UNMIBH, UNMOP, UNMOT, UNPREDEP, UNTAES, UPU, WFTU, WHO, WIPO, WMO, WTrO (applicant)

Communications

Telephone system System is unsatisfactory both for business and for personal use; 3.56 million applications for telephones had not been satisfied as of January 1991; electronic mail services have been established in all major cities.

Domestic An NMT-450 analog cellular telephone network operates in Kyiv and in all major cities around the country, Kyiv also has digital cellular systems GSM 900 and GSM 1800. All systems allow direct dialing of international calls through Kyiv's digital exchange.

International Calls to other CIS countries are carried by landline or microwave radio relay; calls to 167 other countries are carried by satellite or by the 150 leased lines through the Moscow international gateway switch; satellite earth stations - NA Intelsat, 1 Inmarsat (Atlantic and Indian Ocean Regions), and NA Intersputnik

Radio stations 2

Radios 15 million (1990)

Television stations At least 2

Televisions 17.3 million (1992)

Transportation

Railways Total 23,350 km
Broad gauge 23,350 km 1.524-m gauge (8,600 km electrified)

Highways Total 172,257 km
Paved 163,300 km, including 1,875 km of expressways
These roads are said to be hard-surfaced, meaning that some are paved and some are all-weather gravel surfaced.
Unpaved 8,957 km (1995 est.)

Waterways 4,400 km navigable waterways, of which 1,672 km are on the Pryp'yat' and Dnistr (1990)

Pipelines Crude oil 2,010 km
Petroleum prods. 1,920 km
Natural gas 7,800 km (1992)

Ports and harbors Berdyans'k, Illichivs'k, Izmayil, Kerch, Kherson, Kyiv, Mariupol', Mykolayiv, Odesa, Reni

Merchant marine Total 301 ships (1,000 GRT or over), 2,507,463 GRT/3,156,522 DWT

Ships by type	Barge carrier 5	Bulk 21	Cargo 192
	Chemical tanker 2	Combination bulk 1	Container 10
	Multifunction large-load carrier 3		Oil tankers 23
	Passenger 7	Passenger-cargo 4	Railcar carrier 2
	Refrigerated cargo 5	Roll-on/roll-off cargo 20	Short-sea passenger 6

Ukraine owns an additional 61 ships (1,000 GRT or over) totaling 1,283,735 DWT operating under the registries of The Bahamas, Cyprus, Liberia, Malta, Panama, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (1996 est.)

Airports 706 (1994 est.)

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Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations
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Economy

GDP	Purchasing power parity extrapolated from World	Total	\$161.1 billion (1996 estimate as Bank estimate for 1994)
	Per capita		\$3,170 (1996 est.) \$3,068 (1997 est.)
Real growth rate	-10% (1996 est.) -3.2% (1997 est.) +2.8% (1st half of 1998 according to IMF)		
Sector composition	Agriculture		14%
	Industry		45%
	Services		41% (1995 est.)
Inflation rate	Consumer price index		40% (year-end 1996)
	Consumer price index		15.9% (year-end 1997)
Labor force	Total		23 million (January 1996)
	By occupation (1992)	Industry and construction	33%
	Agriculture and forestry		21%
	Health, education, and culture		16%
	Trade and distribution		7%
	Transport and communication		7%
	Other		16%
Unemployment rate	1% officially registered; large number of unregistered or underemployed workers (December 1996)		
Budget	Revenues		\$NA
	Expenditures		\$NA, including capital expenditures of \$NA
Industries	Coal, electric power, ferrous and nonferrous metals, machinery and transport equipment, chemicals, food-processing (especially sugar)		
Indust. prod. growth	-5.1% (1996 est.)		
Electricity	Capacity		54.24 million kW (1994)
	Production		181 billion kWh (1996)
Primary production	Total energy		1,445 (thousands barrels per day of oil equivalent, 1996)
	Coal		665
	Crude Oil		82
	Natural gas		285
	Hydro/Nuclear		413
Production in 1996	Oil (thousands b/d)		82
	Natural gas (billion m ³)		18.4
	Coal (million metric tons)		70.3
Electricity consump.	Per capita		3,487 kWh (1996)
Agriculture products	Grain, sugar beets, vegetables; meat, milk		
Exports	Total value		\$18.6 billion (1996 est.)
	Commodities	Coal, electric power, ferrous and nonferrous metals, chemicals, machinery and transport equipment, grain, meat	
	Partners	Russia, Belarus, US, Germany, China (1995)	

Imports	Total value	\$19.4 billion (1996 est.)
	Commodities	Energy, machinery and parts, transportation equipment, chemicals, textiles
	Partners	Russia, Turkmenistan, Belarus, Germany, Switzerland
Debt	External	\$8.8 billion, including \$4.5 billion to Russia (late 1995 est.)
		\$ 9.3 billion (1996)
		\$ 9.1 billion (1997)
Economic aid	Recipient	ODA, \$220 million (1993)
	Commitments	1992-95, \$4.5 billion (\$4.1 billion drawn)
Currency	On 2 September 1996, Ukraine introduced the long-awaited hryvnia (plural hryvni) as its national currency, replacing the karbovanets (in circulation since 12 November 1992) at a rate of 100,000 karbovantsi to 1 hryvnia	
Exchange rates	Hryvnia per US\$1	3.4275 (current)
		2.136 (August 1998)
		1.8592 (November 1996)
		1.4731 (1995)
		0.3275
	(1994)	0.0453 (1993)
Fiscal year	Calendar year	

Select Western Organizations

All addresses: Kyiv, Ukraine

Country/city code prefixes for telephone and fax numbers: (380-44)

Tel: 295-1065

American Bar Association
4 Klovisky Uzviz, #7
Tel: 293-1276

American Business Center
7 Kudryavsky Uzviz, 2nd fl.
Tel: 477-1413
Fax: 417-1419

Barents Group
(A Subsidiary of KPMG Peat Marwick)
3 Hrinchenka vul., 2nd fl.
Tel: 244-1608
Fax: 228-8004

CHAP/WESTNIS
8b Staronavodnytska vul., #69
Tel: 296-8385
Fax: 295-8738

Congressional Research Service
Library of Congress
1 Lesi Ukrainki pl., #415
Tel: 296-8351
Fax: 296-8109

Contract International
8b Staronavodnytska vul.
Tel: 296-8385

Council of Advisors to the Parliament of
Ukraine
1 Lesi Ukrainki pl., #602
Tel: 294-6661
Fax: 296-1260

Counterpart Foundation for International
Partnership
34 Lesi Ukrainki blvd., #505,508
Tel: 295-5314
Fax: 296-9484

Eurasia Foundation
(Regional office for Ukraine, Moldova and
Belarus)
26 Lesi Ukrainky blvd., #506

European Bank for Reconstruction and
Development
5 Lypska vul., Hotel National, #407
Tel: 291-8847
Tel: 230-2626
Fax: 291-6246

Free Trade Union Institute
2 Tymiryazivska vul., korp. B, 5th fl.
Tel: 296-6657

IBRD Ukraine (World Bank Group)
36/44 Pochaynynska vul.
Tel: 416-2412

INFOBUSINESS
4 Teriokhina vul.
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International Development Research Center
2a Bankova vul.
Tel: 293-0171
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International Executive Service Corps
7 Zankovetskoyi vul., #21
Tel: 228-1165
Fax: 228-0483
Fax: 229-2995

International Finance Corporation
4 Bohomoltsa vul.
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Fax: 293-0539

International Monetary Fund
12/2 Hrushevskoho vul., #812
Tel: 293-4068
Fax: 293-8445

International Research and Exchanges Board
4 Hrushevskoho vul., #301

Tel: 229-3479

International Science Foundation
4 Bohomoltsa vul., #134a
Tel: 293-4877

NEWBIZNET Project
1/5 Dymytrova vul.
Tel: 247-5791
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Project on Economic Reform in Ukraine
23b Gorkoho vul., #42
Tel: 227-2204
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Research Triangle Institute
10 Gorodetskoho vul., #32
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Rotary Club
39-47 Shota Rustavelli vul.
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Science and Technology Center in Ukraine
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TACIS – European Community Program
10 Kruglouniversitetska vul.
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Fax: 291-0041

Ukrainian Free Economy
12/5 Lypyska vul., #22
Tel: 293-1111
Fax: 293-9115

Ukrainian Legal Foundation
41 Saksaganskoho vul.
Tel: 227-2207
Tel: 227-2236
Tel: 227-2220

U.S. Agency for International Development
19 Nyzhniy Val vul.
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U.S. Information Service
63 Melnykova vul.
Tel: 213-2532
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U.S. Treasury Tax Advisory for Ukraine
8 Lvivska pl., #1500
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Fax: 212-4561

Western NIS Enterprise Fund
4 Muzeiny prov.
Regional Business Center
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World Bank
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