

# THE REPUBLIC of TURKEY

**FLAG** Red with a vertical white crescent (the closed portion is toward the hoist side) and white five-pointed star centered just outside the crescent opening.



## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

South-western Asia (that part west of the [Bosphorus](#) is sometimes included with Europe), bordering the [Black Sea](#), between Bulgaria and Georgia, and bordering the [Aegean Sea](#) and the [Mediterranean Sea](#), between Greece and Syria.

Strategic location controlling the Turkish Straits ([Bosphorus](#), [Sea of Marmara](#), [Dardanelles](#)) that link [Black](#) and [Aegean Seas](#). [Mount Ararat](#), the legendary landing place of Noah's Ark, is in the far [eastern portion](#) of the country, in the city of [Agri](#). The country is divided into 7 fictional [geographic regions](#).

**AREA** Total Area: 780,580 sq km    **Land Area:** 770,760 sq km    **Water Area:** 9,820 sq km

**LAND BOUNDARIES** Total: 2,648 km    **Coastline:** 7,200 km  
**Border Countries:** Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Iran, Iraq, Syria.

**POPULATION** Officially 71,517,100 as of 1st January 2009 (was 67,803,927 in 2000).

**CURRENCY** Turkish Lira - TL

**CALLING CODE** +90

## NATIONALITY

**Language:** Turkish (official)

**Ethnic divisions:** Turkish 80%, Kurdish 20%

**Religions:** Muslim 99% (mostly Sunni), other 1% (Christian and Jews)

**Literacy:** age 15 and over can read and write

**Male:** 94.3%    **Female:** 78.7% (2006 est.)

## GOVERNMENT

**Conventional long form:** Republic of Turkey

**Local long form:** Türkiye Cumhuriyeti

**Data code:** TU or TR

**Type of government:** Republican Parliamentary Democracy

**Conventional short form:** Turkey

**Local short form:** Türkiye

**Capital:** Ankara

**President:** Abdullah GÜL

## GAZİANTEP

Gaziantep is one of the modern provinces of South-Eastern Anatolian Region and also one of the oldest of Hittite origin. Being the center of pistachio nut cultivation in Turkey and with its extensive olive groves and vineyards, Gaziantep is one of the important and industrial centers of Turkey.

Gaziantep is famous for its three regional specialties: 1) The copper-ware products. 2) The delicious lahmacun (a kind of pizza in Turkish Cuisine). 3) Sweet pastry baklava, which Gaziantep makes the best in the world.

## GAZİANTEP ÖZEL İDARE ANATOLIAN HIGH SCHOOL

There are 590 pupils and 35 teachers in our school. Our pupils are at the age of 14,15,16,17. 60 pupils are working on our project.

