

**Kyrgyzstan** is located in the North-East of Central Asia. Neighboring countries – China, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

**Territory:** 199,9 thousand sq.km (5,8% - the woods, 4,4% - waters, 53,3% - agricultural lands, 36,5% - other lands). Nearly 90 % are located above 1500 m above sea level.

**Climate** – extremely continental with cold winter and hot summer. Precipitation generally occurs in autumn, winter and spring, while summer is usually dry.

**Population** – 5,5 million.

**The capital** - Bishkek (859,800 inhabitants). **Big towns:** Osh (255,800), Jalal-Abad (98,400), Karakol (68,000). **Kyrgyzstan has 7**

**administrative regions**

- Chuy, Talas, Issyk-Kol, Naryn, Jalal-Abad, Osh and Batken. .

**Religions** - the majority of believers – Muslims. There are Christians: orthodox, Catholics and Protestants (Lutherans, Baptists, Adventists).

**State language** - the Kyrgyz, official language – the Russian.

**Independence Day** - 31 August 1991.

The state system as Presidential-Parliamentarian Republic was defined the Constitution taken by June 27, 2010. The citizens of Kyrgyz Republic have a right to select: The President and Deputies to Jogorku Kenesh (Parliament) and their representatives into the organs of local self-guidance.

The parliament — Jogorku Kenesh is unicameral and consists of 120 deputies elected for a period of five years on party lists. Jogorku Kenesh has priority in the decision making process and takes most important decisions in policy of the state.

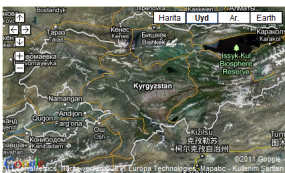
**Speaker of Parliament** - Asilbek Jeenbekov

The president is elected by national vote for a period of 6 years, without the right of re-election to the second term.

**President** -Almazbek Atambaev

The Prime-Minister (head of the government) is appointed by parliament after proposal of majority fractions.

**Prime Minister** - Zhoomart Otorbaev



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