

HISTORY



- 1924 Kyrgyz Autonomous Republic
 - 1936 Kyrgyz Soviet Socialist Republic
 - 1991 Kyrgyz Republic
 (31 Aug - Independence Day)

 - May 5, 1993 adoption of Constitution

 Member of UN, OSCE, WTO (14 Oct 1998),





NATURE






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POPULATION



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 - 5 million (by SEP 2002)
ETHNIC GROUPS
 -64.9 % Kyrgyz; 13.8% Uzbek; 12.5% Russian;
 -8.8 % other: Ukrainian, Kazakh, German, Korean





RELIGIONS



- 70% Muslim; 20% Russian Orthodox; 10% other





MILITARY



- Land forces
- Aviation
- Air Defense Forces

Security Forces
 Border Troops

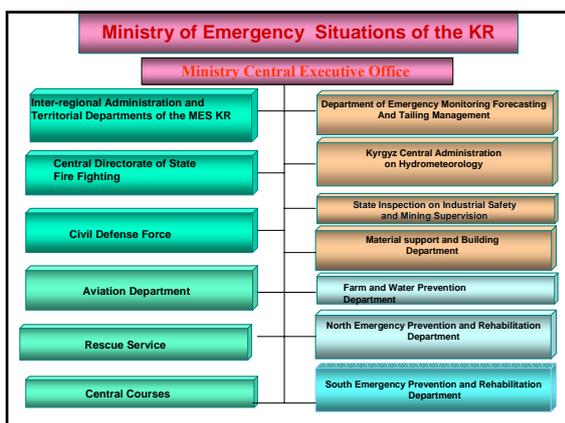




ECONOMY

National currency: SOM (introduced 10 May 1993)

Economy - agriculture, approximately 40 % of the gross domestic product (GDP) and employs about 41 % of the population.



The mountain relief, various climate zone define activity of nature processes which lead to emergency situations. Among of 70 kinds of widespread in the world dangerous natural processes in Kyrgyzstan are developed more than 20, more dangerous is:

- earthquakes
- floods
- mad rocks
- snow-slips
- mountain's water inrush
- rise of subterranean water level
- meteorological and anomaly phenomena

Annually registered about 3500 earthquakes, and many of them accompanied by destructive effects. Since 1970 has occurred 18 destructive earthquakes. One of the strongest "Susamyr" earthquake in (1992) force of 9 point, has carried away lives 53 person. And 60 thousand person have remained without houses, 16056 apartment houses and infrastructure objects are destroyed.

The general damage about 175 million USD, by estimations of experts of the MES KR about 66 % population of republic live in shabby and not seismic houses.

