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# Sustainable Development Economy of Uzbekistan

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# GDP and Economic Growth

Indicator	2010	2015	2020	2023	2024	2025	2026 (est.)
GDP (USD bn)	55.5	97	70	107.5	121.3	147.1	181.5
GDP Growth (%)	7.7%	7.9%	1.6%	6.3%	6.7%	7.7%	6.5%
GDP per capita (USD)	1984	3125	2029	2922	3232	3846	4661

# Demographics and Labor Market

Indicator	2010	2015	2020	2024–2026
Population (million)	~28	~31	~34	~37.5–38
Unemployment	~5–6%	~5%	~9–10%	~4.5–5%
Median age	~26 years	~27	~28	~29

# Poverty and Social Sustainability

Indicator	2010	2015	2020	2023	2025
Poverty rate	~27–30%	~15%	~17%	~11%	~5–6%
Gini coefficient	~0.32	~0.31	~0.30	~0.30	~0.29–0.30

# Economic Structure

Sector	2010	2020	2025
Agriculture	~35% of GDP	~25%	~20%
Industry	~25%	~33%	~35%
Services	~40%	~42%	~45%

# Environment and Resources (Energy)

Indicator	2010	2020	2025–2026
Gas share	>90%	~85%	~75–80%
Renewables	<5%	~10%	~15–20%
Energy intensity	Very high	High	Decreasing

# CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions

Indicator	2010	2020	2024
Tons per capita	~3.5	~3.8	~4.1

# Water Resources

Indicator	2010	2020	2025
Water use in agriculture	~92%	~90%	~88–90%
Water losses	~40%	~35%	~30%

# Green Economy

Indicator	2010	2020	2025	2030 (target)
Renewables	<5%	~10%	~15–23%	45%
Solar energy	Almost absent	<1 GW	~2–3 GW	>5–7 GW
Wind energy	0	Minimal	~1–2 GW	>3–5 GW

# Investment

Indicator	2010	2017	2023	2025
FDI (USD bn)	<2	~2.5	~8–10	>10
Main driver	Raw materials	Reforms	Infrastructure	Green energy

# Digitalization

Indicator	2010	2020	2025
Internet users	~20%	~70%	~90%
Digital economy share	<1%	~2%	~4–5%

# Overall Comparative Assessment

- **Positive changes (2010–2026):**
- GDP increased more than threefold
- Poverty declined from ~30% to ~5%
- GDP per capita more than doubled
- Growth of renewable energy and digitalization
- **Remaining challenges:**
- High energy intensity
- Water scarcity
- Environmental risks (Aral Sea region)
- Demographic pressure

# Happiness Index of Uzbekistan People

According to the 2026 World Happiness Report, Uzbekistan ranks 53rd globally with a happiness score of 6.283 out of 10, maintaining this position from 2025. The report, based on Gallup World Poll data, measures quality of life through GDP per capita, social support, life expectancy, freedom, generosity, and corruption perceptions.

## Key Findings on Uzbekistan's Happiness:

- **Rank:** 53rd out of 147 countries in the 2026 report.
- **Score:** 6.283 (on a 0-10 scale), showing a slight increase in recent years.
- **Regional Standing:** Second in Central Asia after Kazakhstan (which ranked 43rd in 2025/2026 reports).

# Conclusion

**The comparison of 2010–2026 shows that Uzbekistan has transitioned:**

- from an agrarian and resource-based model
- to a more diversified and reform-oriented economy

**However, achieving sustainable development requires:**

- accelerating the green transition
- improving water-use efficiency
- further institutional modernization

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