

LIBYA SECTOR SNAPSHOT · 2025

Libya by the Numbers

A concise data snapshot of the Libyan market for companies evaluating entry. Figures compiled from public sources (2025).

48.36B

Barrels of proven oil reserves

The largest in Africa; ninth-largest on earth.

1.4M

Barrels per day produced (2025)

A ten-year high; national target of 2M b/d by 2030.

13.4%

Real GDP growth (2025)

One of the strongest rebounds in the region.

7.46M

Population

About 77% urban, concentrated in Tripoli & Benghazi.

\$5B

Annual food imports

Domestic production meets only ~25% of demand.

\$2B

Eastern reconstruction fund

Housing, hospitals, schools, roads & bridges underway.

Energy

Libya holds Africa's largest proven oil reserves (48.36B barrels), with the Sirte Basin alone accounting for roughly 35.2B. 2025 production reached about 1.4M b/d, a ten-year high, and the country is targeting 2M b/d by 2030 — reopening fields to foreign investment.

Construction & Reconstruction

Reconstruction is a defining opportunity. An eastern reconstruction fund of roughly \$2B is rebuilding Derna and beyond — including thousands of homes, new roads, bridges, schools, a university, a hospital and a desalination plant. With ~77% of the population urban, demand for housing and infrastructure is durable.

Trading & Distribution

Libya imports most of what it consumes: food imports alone run about \$5B a year, with domestic output meeting only ~25% of demand. EU goods exports to Libya reached around €7.4B in 2025 (mineral products, machinery, foodstuffs). Main partners include Tunisia, Turkey, China, Italy and Germany.

Workforce

The private sector accounts for only about 14% of the workforce — a market still defined by the public sector and wide open for private operators that can recruit, vet, and deploy reliably.

Sources

OPEC Annual Statistical Bulletin / LibyaReview (reserves); The Voice of Africa & The National (production, revenues); World Bank Libya Economic Monitor 2025 (GDP, private-sector share); Worldometer / UNFPA (population); Libya Observer & USDA FAS (food imports); European Commission (EU trade); Gulf Times / Africanews (Derna reconstruction). Compiled by Arkan Holding Group, 2025. Figures are indicative and may change.