

Tajikistan

Ethnicity in Tajikistan

Power relations

Tajiks are the politically dominant majority. There were few members of minorities (Uzbeks and Kyrgyz) in the 96-seat legislature and ethnic Uzbeks were represented in the government (³⁴⁰³), although not in direct policymaking roles and thus powerless. A large part of the Russian population has left the country since independence. Tajikistan has tried to encourage Russians to remain in the country, as many Russians occupy technical and other skilled positions. For these reasons, schools teaching in Russian have been maintained and the use of Russian language is still widespread in government and business. Tajik legislation now permits dual citizenship (³⁴⁰⁴). Nevertheless, given the political dominance of the Tajik majority and the continuing emigration of Russians, they were coded as powerless. The number of Tatars declined so much in the recent years, that there was no evidence of them being still politically or even culturally organized in Tajikistan. The Tatars became thus irrelevant.

Update 2009-2013: No changes in the ethnic power relations of Tajikistan between 2009 and 2013. Tajiks are the dominant majority. Russians, Uzbeks and Kyrgyz remain to be politically relevant but without political power. In the parliamentary elections in 2010, there were few candidates representing these minorities (³⁴⁰⁵, 20).

³⁴⁰³ [US Department of State, 2009]

³⁴⁰⁴ [Minority Rights Group International, 2007]

³⁴⁰⁵ [OSCE, 2010]

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Political status of ethnic groups in Tajikistan

From 1991 until 1996

Group name	Proportional size	Political status
Tajik	0.623	DOMINANT
Uzbeks	0.235	POWERLESS
Russians	0.076	POWERLESS
Tatars	0.014	POWERLESS
Kyrgyz	0.013	POWERLESS

From 1997 until 2013

Group name	Proportional size	Political status
Tajik	0.8	DOMINANT
Uzbeks	0.153	POWERLESS
Russians	0.011	POWERLESS
Kyrgyz	0.008	POWERLESS
Tatars	0.002	IRRELEVANT



Figure 735: Political status of ethnic groups in Tajikistan during 1991-1996.



Figure 736: Political status of ethnic groups in Tajikistan during 1997-2013.

Geographical coverage of ethnic groups in Tajikistan

From 1991 until 1997

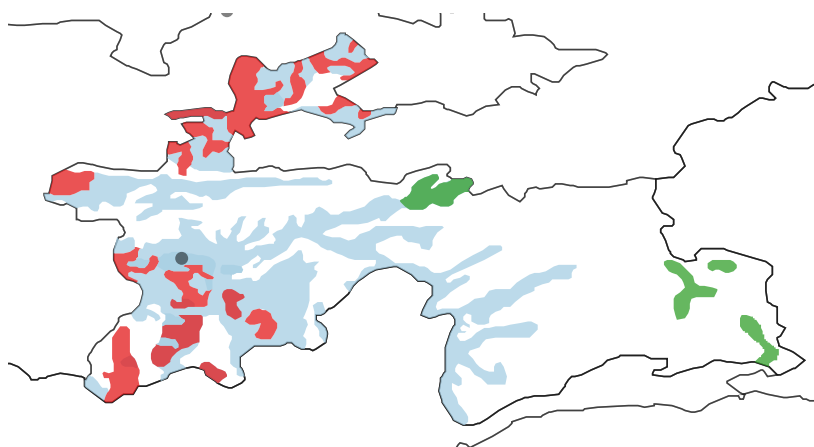


Figure 737: Map of ethnic groups in Tajikistan during 1997-2013.

Group name	Area in km ²	Type
Tajik	45 103	Regional & urban
Uzbeks	14 070	Regional & urban
Kyrgyz	4141	Regionally based
Russians	2075	Regional & urban
Tatars		Dispersed

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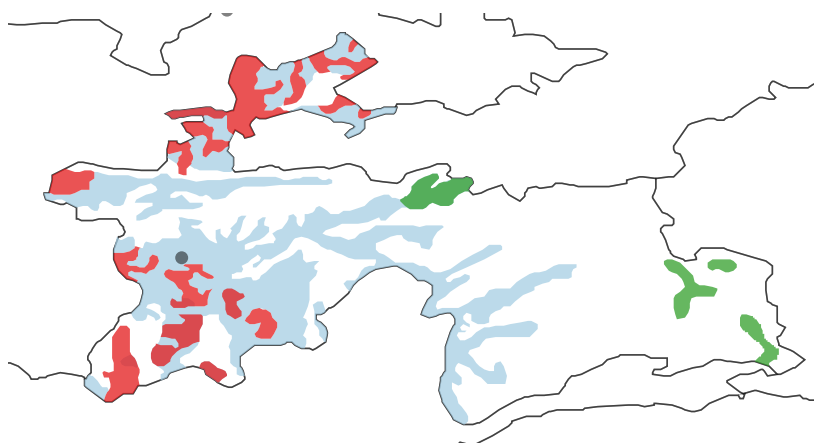


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Conflicts in Tajikistan

Starting on 1992-05-06

Side A	Side B	Group name	Start	Claim	Recruitment	Support
Government of Tajikistan	UTO	Tajik	1992-05-06	No	Yes, from EGIP	No
Government of Tajikistan	PFT	Tajik	1992-09-15	No	Yes, from EGIP	No
Government of Tajikistan	Forces of Khusrobdobirdiyev	Uzbeks	1997-06-17	Explicit	Yes	No
Government of Tajikistan	Forces of Mullo Abdullo	Tajik	2000-09-01	No	Yes, from EGIP	
Government of Tajikistan	IMU	Kyrgyz	2005-01-31	No	Yes	No
Government of Tajikistan	IMU	Uzbeks	2005-01-31	No	Yes	No
Government of Tajikistan	IMU	Tajik	2005-01-31	No	Yes	No