

## Lithuania

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> GDP \$43.0 billion\* nh)

Population 2.9 million\*

ECTED 100-YEAR IOD	AFFECTED BY 250-YEAR EARTHQUAKE	
oillion (9%)	\$60 million (<19	
.000 (8%)	5,000 (<1%)	

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CAPITAL LOSS FROM 250-YEAR EARTHQUAKE \$20 million (<1%) 0 (<1%)



ithuania's population and economy are exposed to earthquakes and floods, with floods posing the greater risk. The model results for present-day risk shown in this risk profile are based on population and gross domestic product (GDP) estimates for 2015. The estimated damage caused by historical events is inflated to 2015 US dollars.

Close to 70 percent of Lithuania's population lives in urban environments. The country's GDP was approximately US\$43.0 billion in 2015, with nearly 70 percent derived from services, most of the remainder generated by industry,

TOP AFFECTED PROVINCES				
		(million)		
FLOOD		EARTHQUAKE		
ANNUAL AVERAGE OF AFFECTED GDP (%)		ANNUAL AVERAGE OF AFFECTED GDP (%)		
Alytaus	5	Siauliu	0	
Panevezio	4	Klaipedos	0	
Kauno	2	Telsiu	0	
Vilniaus	2	Panevezio	0	
Taurages	2	Marijampoles	0	
Marijampoles	2	Utenos	0	
Klaipedos	1	Kauno	0	
Utenos	0	Taurages	0	
Siauliu	0	Alytaus	0	
Telsiu	0	Vilniaus	0	

and agriculture making a small contribution. Lithuania's per capita GDP was \$15,100.

This map displays GDP by province in Lithuania, with greater color saturation indicating greater GDP within a province. The blue circles indicate the risk of experiencing floods and the orange circles the risk of earthquakes in terms of normalized annual average of affected GDP. The largest circles represent the greatest normalized risk. The risk is estimated using flood and earthquake risk models.

The table displays the provinces at greatest normalized risk for each peril. In relative terms, as shown in the table, the province at greatest risk of floods is Alythaus, and the one at greatest risk of earthquakes is Siauliu. In absolute terms, the province at greatest risk of floods is Vilniaus, and the one at greatest risk of earthquakes is Siauliu.

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province.

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fatalities in Lithuania.

This map depicts the impact of flooding on provinces' GDPs, represented as percentages of their annual average GDPs affected, with greater color saturation indicating higher percentages. The bar graphs represent GDP affected by floods with return periods of 10 years (white) and 100 years (black). The horizontal line across the bars also shows the annual average of GDP affected by floods.

When a flood has a 10-year return period, it means the probability of occurrence of a flood of that magnitude or greater is 10 percent per year. A 100-year flood has a probability of occurrence of 1 percent per year. This means that over a long period of time, a flood of that magnitude will, on average, occur once every 100 years. It does not mean a 100-year flood will occur exactly once every 100 years. In fact, it is possible for a flood of any return period to occur more than once in the same year, or to appear in consecutive years, or not to happen at all over a long period of time.

If the 10- and 100-year bars are the same height, then the impact of a 10year event is as large as that of a 100year event, and the annual average of affected GDP is dominated by events that happen relatively frequently. If the impact of a 100-year event is much greater than that of a 10-year event, then less frequent events make a larger contribution to the annual average of affected GDP. Thus, even if a province's annual affected GDP seems small, less frequent and more intense events can still have large impacts.

The annual average population affected by flooding in Lithuania is about 60,000 and the annual average affected GDP about \$800 million. For most provinces, in which the impacts from 10- and 100-year floods do not differ much, relatively frequent floods have large impacts on these averages. For the few in which the 100-year impacts are much greater than the 10-year impacts, less frequent events make a significant contribution to the annual average of affected GDP.



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he worst earthquake to affect Lithuania since 1900 occurred in 1908 near the Belarus border. A more recent, widely felt earthquake occurred in 1988; damage was minimal, however.

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The annual average population affected by earthquakes in Lithuania is about 100 and the annual average affected GDP about \$2 million. The annual averages of fatalities and capital losses caused by earthquakes are less than one and about \$500,000, respectively. The fatalities and capital losses caused by more intense, less frequent events can be substantially larger than the annual averages. For example, an earthquake with a 0.4 percent annual probability of occurrence (a 250-year return period event) could cause about \$20 million in capital loss (less than 1 percent of GDP).

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EARTHQUAKE ANNUAL AVERAGE CAPITAL LOSS (\$)



ANNUAL AVERAGE FATALITIES



The rose diagrams show the provinces with the potential for greatest annual average capital losses and highest annual average numbers of fatalities, as determined using an earthquake risk model. The province with the potential for greatest capital loss is Siauliu.



The exceedance probability curves display the GDP A affected by, respectively, floods and earthquakes for varying probabilities of occurrence. Values for two different time periods are shown. A solid line depicts the affected GDP for 2015 conditions. A diagonally striped band depicts the range of affected GDP based on a selection of climate and socioeconomic scenarios for 2080. For example, if Lithuania had experienced a 100-year return period flood event in 2015, the affected GDP would have been an estimated \$4 billion. In 2080, however, the affected GDP from the same type of event would range from about \$7 billion to about \$10 billion. If Lithuania had experienced a 250-year earthquake event in 2015, the affected GDP would have been about \$60 million. In 2080, the affected GDP from the same type of event would range from about \$100 million to about \$200 million, due to population growth, urbanization, and the increase in exposed assets.

All historical data on floods and earthquakes are from D. Guha-Sapir, R. Below, and Ph. Hoyois, EM-DAT: International Disaster Database (Université Catholique de Louvain, Brussels, Belgium), www.emdat.be, and J. Daniell and A. Schaefer, "Eastern Europe and Central Asia Region Earthquake Risk Assessment Country and Province Profiling," final report to GFDRR, 2014. Damage estimates for all historical events have been inflated to 2015 US\$.

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