Full name: Republic of Cyprus
Government: Republic (the Turkish Cypriot community, which administers the northern part of the island, refers to itself as the "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus")

Location: Middle East, island in the Mediterranean Sea, south of Turkey
Capital: Nicosia (Lefkosia to Greek Cypriots, Lefkosa to Turkish Cypriots)
Area: 9,251 sq km (3,572 sq miles); about 0.6 times the size of Connecticut

Climate: temperate; Mediterranean with hot, dry summers and cool winters
Terrain: central plain with mountains to north and south; scattered but significant plains along southern coast
Natural Hazards: moderate earthquake activity; droughts

Population: 807,000 (combined) (UN, 2004)
Ethnicity: Greek 77%, Turkish 18%, other 5%
Major Language: Greek, Turkish
Religion: Greek Orthodox 78%, Muslim 18%, other (includes Maronite and Armenian Apostolic) 4%
Life expectancy: 76 years (men), 81 years (women) (UN)

Currency: 1 Cyprus pound = 100 cents; Turkish lira used in north