



# ITALY



## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President Sergio MATTARELLA

### Head of Government

Prime Minister Giuseppe CONTE

### Government Type

parliamentary republic

### Capital

Rome

### Legislature

bicameral Parliament or Parlamento consists of Senate or Senato della Repubblica (321 seats) and Chamber of Deputies or Camera dei Deputati (630 seats)

### Judiciary

Supreme Court of Cassation or Corte Suprema di Cassazione (consists of the first president (chief justice), deputy president, 54 justices presiding over 6 civil and 7 criminal divisions, and 288 judges)

### Ambassador to US

Ambassador Armando VARRICCHIO

### US Ambassador

Ambassador Lewis EISENBERG

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 301,340 sq km  
Land: 294,140 sq km  
Water: 7,200 sq km

### Climate

predominantly Mediterranean; alpine in far north; hot, dry in south

### Natural Resources

coal, antimony, mercury, zinc, potash, marble, barite, asbestos, pumice, fluorspar, feldspar, pyrite (sulfur), natural gas and crude oil reserves, fish, arable land

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

developed industrial north manufactures high-quality consumer goods; less-developed agricultural south with high unemployment and underdevelopment; challenged by exceptionally high public debt, dissent on eurozone membership, a sluggish judicial system, and a weak banking sector

### GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$2.317 trillion (2017 est.)

### GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$38,200 (2017 est.)

### Exports

\$496.3 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Germany 12.5%, France 10.3%, US 9%, Spain 5.2%, UK 5.2%, Switzerland 4.6% (2017)

### Imports

\$432.9 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Germany 16.3%, France 8.8%, China 7.1%, Netherlands 5.6%, Spain 5.3%, Belgium 4.5% (2017)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

62.2 million (July 2018 est.)

### Population Growth

0.16% (2018 est.)

### Ethnicity

Italian (small clusters of German-, French-, and Slovene-Italians in the north and Albanian-Italians and Greek-Italians in the south)

### Language

Italian (official), German, French, Slovene

### Religion

Christian 80% (overwhelmingly Roman Catholic with very small groups of Jehovah's Witnesses and Protestants), Muslim (about 800,000 to 1 million), atheist and agnostic 20%

### Urbanization

urban population: 70.4% of total population (2018)

rate of urbanization: 0.29% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

### Literacy

99.2% (2015 est.)

