



PARAGUAY



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Mario Abdo BENITEZ

Head of Government

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Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Asuncion

Legislature

bicameral National Congress or Congreso Nacional consists of the Chamber of Senators or Camara de Senadores (45 seats) and the Chamber of Deputies or Camara de Diputados (80 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court of Justice or Corte Suprema de Justicia (consists of 9 justices divided 3 each into the Constitutional Court, Civil and Commercial Chamber, and Criminal Division)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador German Hugo ROJAS Irigoyen

US Ambassador

Ambassador Lee MCCLENNY

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 406,752 sq km

Land: 397,302 sq km

Water: 9,450 sq km

Climate

subtropical to temperate; substantial rainfall in the eastern portions, becoming semiarid in the far west

Natural Resources

hydropower, timber, iron ore, manganese, limestone

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

landlocked Paraguay – fifth-largest soy producer in the world - has a commodity-based market economy, distinguished by a large informal sector, but hampered by corruption, deficient infrastructure, and limited progress on economic reforms

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$88.91 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$12,800 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$11.73 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Brazil 31.9%, Argentina 15.9%, Chile 6.9%, Russia 5.9% (2017)

Imports

\$11.35 billion (2017 est.)

partners: China 31.3%, Brazil 23.4%, Argentina 12.9%, US 7.4% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

7 million (July 2018 est.)

Population Growth

1.17% (2018 est.)

Ethnicity

mestizo (mixed Spanish and Amerindian) 95%, other 5%

Language

Spanish (official) and Guarani (official) 46.3%, only Guarani 34%, only Spanish 15.2%, other (includes Portuguese, German and other indigenous languages) 4.1%, no response 4% (2012 est.)

Religion

Roman Catholic 89.6%, Protestant 6.2%, other Christian 1.1%, other or unspecified 1.9%, none 1.1% (2002 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 61.6% of total population (2018)

rate of urbanization: 1.71% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

94.7% (2016 est.)

