



PERU



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Martin Alberto VIZCARRA Cornejo

Head of Government

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Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Lima

Legislature

unicameral Congress of the Republic of Peru or Congreso de la Republica del Peru (130 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court (consists of 16 judges and divided into civil, criminal, and constitutional-social sectors)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Carlos Jose PAREJO Rios

US Ambassador

Ambassador Krishna R. URS

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 1,285,216 sq km

Land: 1,279,996 sq km

Water: 5,220 sq km

Climate

varies from tropical in east to dry desert in west; temperate to frigid in Andes

Natural Resources

copper, silver, gold, petroleum, timber, fish, iron ore, coal, phosphate, potash, hydropower, natural gas

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

Peru's economy reflects its varied topography - an arid lowland coastal region, the central high sierra of the Andes, and the dense rain forest of the Amazon; a wide range of important mineral resources, including silver and copper, found in the mountainous regions and coastal waters provide excellent fishing grounds

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$430.3 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$13,500 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$44.92 billion (2017 est.)

partners: China 26.5%, US 15.2%, Switzerland 5.2%, South Korea 4.4%, Spain 4.1%, India 4.1% (2017)

Imports

\$38.65 billion (2017 est.)

partners: China 22.3%, US 20.1%, Brazil 6%, Mexico 4.4% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

31.3 million (July 2018 est.)

Population Growth

0.94% (2018 est.)

Ethnicity

mestizo (mixed Amerindian and white) 60.2%, Amerindian 25.8%, white 5.9%, African descent 3.6%, other 1.2%, unspecified 3.3% (2017 est.)

Language

Spanish (official) 82.9%, Quechua (official) 13.6%, Aymara (official) 1.6%, Ashaninka 0.3%, other native languages 0.8%, other 0.2%, none .1%, unspecified .7% (2017 est.)

Religion

Roman Catholic 60%, Christian 14.6%, other 0.3%, none 4%, unspecified 21.1% (2017 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 77.9% of total population (2018)

rate of urbanization: 1.44% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

94.2% (2016 est.)

