



SPAIN



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

King FELIPE VI

Head of Government

President of the Government (Prime Minister-equivalent) Pedro SANCHEZ Perez-Castejon

Government Type

parliamentary constitutional monarchy

Capital

Madrid

Legislature

bicameral General Courts or Las Cortes Generales consists of Senate or Senado (266 seats) and Congress of Deputies or Congreso de los Diputados (350 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court or Tribunal Supremo; Constitutional Court or Tribunal Constitucional de Espana (consists of 12 judges)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Santiago CABANAS Ansorena

US Ambassador

Ambassador Richard BUCHAN

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 505,370 sq km

Land: 498,980 sq km

Water: 6,390 sq km

Climate

temperate; clear, hot summers in interior, more moderate and cloudy along coast; cloudy, cold winters in interior, partly cloudy and cool along coast

Natural Resources

coal, lignite, iron ore, copper, lead, zinc, uranium, tungsten, mercury, pyrites, magnesite, fluorspar, gypsum, sepiolite, kaolin, potash, hydropower, arable land

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

Spain emerged from a severe recession during 2008-2013, posting four straight years of GDP growth above the EU average

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$1.778 trillion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$20,900 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$313.7 billion (2017 est.)

partners: France 15.1%, Germany 11.3%, Italy 7.8%, Portugal 7.1%, UK 6.9%, US 4.4% (2017)

Imports

\$338.6 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Germany 14.2%, France 11.9%, China 6.9%, Italy 6.8%, Netherlands 5.1%, UK 4% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

49.3 million (July 2018 est.)

Population Growth

0.73% (2018 est.)

Ethnicity

Spanish 86.4%, Morocco 1.8%, Romania 1.3%, other 10.5% (2018 est.)

Language

Castilian Spanish (official nationwide) 74%, Catalan (official in Catalonia, the Balearic Islands, and the Valencian Community (where it is known as Valencian)) 17%, Galician (official in Galicia) 7%, Basque (official in the Basque Country and in the Basque-speaking area of Navarre) 2%, Aranese (official in the northwest corner of Catalonia (Vall d'Aran) along with Catalan, <5,000 speakers)

Religion

Roman Catholic 70.2%, atheist 9.9%, other 2.6%, non-believer 15.1%, unspecified 2.1% (2016 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 80.3% of total population (2018)

rate of urbanization: 0.33% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

98.3% (2016 est.)

