



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 the Senate or Senato della Repubblica (322 seats) and the 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, mercury, zinc, potash, marble, barite, asbestos, pumice, fluorspar, feldspar, pyrite (sulfur), natural gas and crude oil reserves, fish, arable land

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

62.1 million (July 2017 est.)

Population Growth Rate

0.19% (2017 est.)

Ethnic Groups

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

Language

Italian (official), German (parts of Trentino-Alto Adige region are predominantly German speaking), French (small French-speaking minority in Valle d'Aosta region), Slovene (Slovene-speaking minority in the Trieste-Gorizia area)

Religion

Christian 80% (overwhelmingly Roman Catholic), 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.)

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

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

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$2.307 trillion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$38,000 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$499.1 billion (2017 est.)

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

Imports

\$426.7 billion (2017 est.)

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

