

COLOMBIA



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Juan Manuel SANTOS Calderon

Head of Government

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Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Bogota

Legislature

bicameral Congress or Congreso consists of the Senate or Senado (108 seats) and the Chamber of Representatives or Camara de Representantes (171 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court of Justice or Corte Suprema de Justicia (consists of the Civil-Agrarian and Labor Chambers each with 7 judges, and the Penal Chamber with 9 judges)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Camilo REYES Rodriguez

US Ambassador

Ambassador Kevin WHITAKER

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 1,138,910 sq km

Land: 1,038,700 sq km

Water: 100,210 sq km

Climate

tropical along coast and eastern plains; cooler in highlands

Natural Resources

petroleum, natural gas, coal, iron ore, nickel, gold, copper, emeralds, hydropower

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

47.7 million (July 2017 est.)

Population Growth

0.99% (2017 est.)

Ethnicity

mestizo and white 84.2%, Afro-Colombian (includes mulatto, Raizal, and Palenquero) 10.4%, Amerindian 3.4%, Romani <.01, unspecified 2.1% (2005 est.)

Language

Spanish (official)

Religion

Roman Catholic 79%, Protestant 14% (includes Pentecostal 6%, mainline Protestant 2%, other 6%), other 2%, unspecified 5% (2014 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 80.8% of total population (2018)

rate of urbanization: 1.22% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

in addition to being dependent on primary commodities - particularly, oil, coal, and coffee - which are subject to significant price volatility, Colombia's economic development is hampered by inadequate infrastructure, poverty, narcotrafficking, and an uncertain security situation

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$712.5 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$14,500 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$34.3 billion (2017 est.)

partners: US 28.5%, Panama 8.6%, China 5.1% (2017)

Imports

\$46.86 billion (2017 est.)

partners: US 26.3%, China 19.3%, Mexico 7.5%, Brazil 5%, Germany 4.1% (2017)

