



CHILE



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Sebastian PINERA Echenique

Head of Government

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Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Santiago

Legislature

bicameral National Congress or Congreso Nacional consists of the Senate or Senado (43 seats) and the Chamber of Deputies or Camara de Diputados (155 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court or Corte Suprema (consists of a court president and 20 members or ministros)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Oscar Alfonso Sebastian SILVA Navarro

US Ambassador

Ambassador Carol PEREZ

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 756,102 sq km

Land: 743,812 sq km

Water: 12,290 sq km

Climate

temperate; desert in north; Mediterranean in central region; cool and damp in south

Natural Resources

copper, timber, iron ore, nitrates, precious metals, molybdenum, hydropower

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

Chile has an export-driven, market-oriented economy characterized by strong financial institutions and sound fiscal policies; it has the strongest sovereign bond rating in South America

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$452.1 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$24,600 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$69.23 billion (2017 est.)
partners: China 27.5%, US 14.5%, Japan 9.3%, South Korea 6.2%, Brazil 5% (2017)

Imports

\$61.31 billion (2017 est.)
partners: China 23.9%, US 18.1%, Brazil 8.6%, Argentina 4.5%, Germany 4% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

17.9 million (July 2018 est.)

Population Growth

0.75% (2018 est.)

Ethnicity

white and non-indigenous 88.9%, Mapuche 9.1%, Aymara 0.7%, other indigenous groups 1%, unspecified 0.3% (2012 est.)

Language

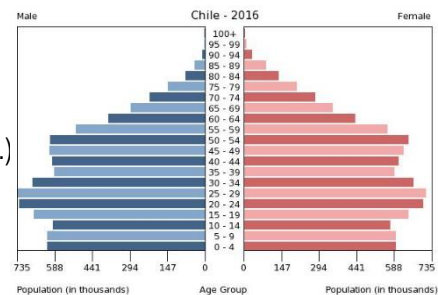
Spanish 99.5% (official), English 10.2%, indigenous 1%, other 2.3%, unspecified 0.2%¹ (2012 est.)

Religion

Roman Catholic 66.7%, Evangelical or Protestant 16.4%, Jehovah's Witness 1%, other 3.4%, none 11.5%, unspecified 1.1% (2012 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 87.6% of total population (2018)
rate of urbanization: 0.87% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)



¹ note: percentages add up to more than 100% because respondents were able to provide more than one answer