



ECUADOR



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Lenin MORENO Garces

Head of Government

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Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Quito

Legislature

unicameral National Assembly or Asamblea Nacional (137 seats)

Judiciary

National Court of Justice or Corte Nacional de Justicia (consists of 21 judges including the chief justice and organized into 5 specialized chambers); Constitutional Court or Corte Constitucional (consists of 9 judges)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Francisco Benjamin Esteban CARRION Mena

US Ambassador

Ambassador Todd C. CHAPMAN

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 283,561 sq km

Land: 276,841 sq km

Water: 6,720 sq km

Climate

tropical along coast, becoming cooler inland at higher elevations; tropical in Amazonian jungle lowlands

Natural Resources

petroleum, fish, timber, hydropower

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

substantially dependent on petroleum exports, Ecuador has been hurt by the worldwide decline in oil prices in recent years, as well as by political instability; however, the new MORENO administration is striving to reduce corruption, strengthen democracy, and revive employment and the economy

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$193 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$11,500 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$19.62 billion (2017 est.)

partners: US 31.5%, Vietnam 7.6%, Peru 6.7%, Chile 6.5%, Panama 4.9%, Russia 4.4%, China 4% (2017)

Imports

\$19.31 billion (2017 est.)

partners: US 22.8%, China 15.4%, Colombia 8.7%, Panama 6.4%, Brazil 4.4%, Peru 4.2% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

16.5 million (July 2018 est.)

Population Growth

1.25% (2018 est.)

Ethnicity

mestizo (mixed Amerindian and white) 71.9%, Montubio 7.4%, Amerindian 7%, white 6.1%, Afroecuadorian 4.3%, mulatto 1.9%, black 1%, other 0.4% (2010 est.)

Language

Spanish (Castilian) 93% (official), Quechua 4.1%, other indigenous 0.7%, foreign 2.2%
note: Quechua and Shuar are official languages of intercultural relations (2010 est.)

Religion

Roman Catholic 74%, Evangelical 10.4%, Jehovah's Witness 1.2%, other 6.4%, atheist 7.9%, agnostic 0.1% (2012 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 63.8% of total population (2018)

rate of urbanization: 1.66% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

