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 (vacant); Charge d'Affaires Baxter HUNT

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
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
18.2 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth
0.71% (2020 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: 87.7% of total population (2020)
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

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

as of April 2020