COLOMBIA

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State
President Ivan DUQUE Marquez

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 (172 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 Francisco SANTOS Calderon

US Ambassador
Charge d'Affaires Mark WELLS

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)
$711.6 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$14,400 (2017 est.)

Exports
$39.48 billion (2017 est.)
partners: US 28.5%, Panama 8.6%, China 5.1% (2017)

Imports
$44.24 billion (2017 est.)
partners: US 26.3%, China 19.3%, Mexico 7.5%, Brazil 5%, Germany 4.1% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population
48.2 million (July 2018 est.)

Population Growth
0.97% (2018 est.)

Ethnicity
mestizo and white 87.6%, Afro-Colombian (includes mulatto, Raizal, and Palenquero) 6.8%, Amerindian 4.3%, unspecified 1.4% (2018 est.)

Language
Spanish (official)

Religion
Roman Catholic 79%, Protestant 14%, other 2%, unspecified 5% (2014 est.)

Urbanization
urban population: 81.1% of total population (2019)
rate of urbanization: 1.22% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy
94.7% (2016)

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

as of December 2019