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 Michael J. FITZPATRICK

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
substantially dependent on petroleum exports; has been hurt by the worldwide decline in oil prices in recent years, as well as by political instability; the 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
16.9 million (July 2020 est.)
Population Growth
1.2% (2020 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: 64.2% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 1.66% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

as of September 2020