ITALY

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Sergio MATTARELLA
Head of Government
Prime Minister Giuseppe CONTE
Government Type
parliamentary republic
Capital
Rome
Legislature
bicameral Parliament or Parlamento consists of Senate or Senato della Repubblica (321 seats) and Chamber of Deputies or Camera dei Deputati (630 seats)
Judiciary
Supreme Court of Cassation or Corte Suprema di Cassazione (consists of the first president (chief justice), deputy president, 54 justices presiding over 6 civil and 7 criminal divisions, and 288 judges)
Ambassador to US
Ambassador Armando VARRICCHIO
US Ambassador
Ambassador Lewis EISENBERG

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
developed industrial north manufactures high-quality consumer goods; less-developed agricultural south with high unemployment and underdevelopment; challenged by exceptionally high public debt, dissent on eurozone membership, a sluggish judicial system, and a weak banking sector
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$2.317 trillion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$38,200 (2017 est.)
Exports
$496.3 billion (2017 est.)
partners: Germany 12.5%, France 10.3%, US 9%, Spain 5.2%, UK 5.2%, Switzerland 4.6% (2017)
Imports
$432.9 billion (2017 est.)
partners: Germany 16.3%, France 8.8%, China 7.1%, Netherlands 5.6%, Spain 5.3%, Belgium 4.5% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
62.2 million (July 2018 est.)
Population Growth
0.16% (2018 est.)
Ethnicity
Italian (small clusters of German-, French-, and Slovene-Italians in the north and Albanian-Italians and Greek-Italians in the south)
Language
Italian (official), German, French, Slovene
Religion
Christian 80% (overwhelmingly Roman Catholic with very small groups of Jehovah's Witnesses and Protestants), Muslim (about 800,000 to 1 million), atheist and agnostic 20%
Urbanization
urban population: 70.4% of total population (2018)
rate of urbanization: 0.29% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)
Literacy
99.2% (2015 est.)

as of February 2019