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 the Senate or Senato della Repubblica (321 seats) and the 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
62.4 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth
0.11% (2020 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 83.3% (overwhelmingly Roman Catholic with very small groups of Jehovah’s Witnesses and Protestants), Muslim 3.7%, unaffiliated 12.4%, other 0.6%

Urbanization
urban population: 71% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 0.29% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy
99.2% (2018)

as of April 2020