LATVIA

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Egils LEVITS
Head of Government
Prime Minister Krisjanis KARINS
Government Type
parliamentary republic
Capital
Riga
Legislature
unicameral Parliament or Saeima (100 seats)
Judiciary
Supreme Court (consists of the Senate with 36 judges); Constitutional Court (consists of 7 judges)
Ambassador to US
Ambassador Andris TEIKMANIS
US Ambassador
Ambassador John Leslie CARWILE

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
small, open economy with exports contributing more than half of GDP; transit services are highly developed; corruption impedes foreign direct investment
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$54.02 billion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$27,700 (2017 est.)
Exports
$12.84 billion (2017 est.)
partners: Lithuania 15.8%, Russia 14%, Estonia 10.9%, Germany 6.9%, Sweden 5.7%, UK 4.9%, Poland 4.3%, Denmark 4.1% (2017)
Imports
$15.79 billion (2017 est.)
partners: Lithuania 17.6%, Germany 11.7%, Poland 8.7%, Estonia 7.6%, Russia 7.1%, Netherlands 4.2%, Finland 4.2%, Italy 4% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
1.88 mil. (July 2020 est.)
Population Growth
-1.12% (2020 est.)
Ethnicity
Latvian 62.2%, Russian 25.2%, Belarusian 3.2%, Ukrainian 2.2%, Polish 2.1%, Lithuanian 1.2%, other 1.5%, unspecified 2.3% (2018 est.)
Language
Latvian (official) 56.3%, Russian 33.8%, other 0.6% (includes Polish, Ukrainian, and Belarusian), unspecified 9.4% (2011 est.)
Religion
Lutheran 36.2%, Roman Catholic 19.5%, Orthodox 19.1%, other Christian 1.6%, other 0.1%, unspecified/none 23.5% (2017 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 68.3% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: -0.93% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)
Literacy
99.9% (2015)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 64,589 sq km
Land: 62,249 sq km
Water:  2,340 sq km
Climate
maritime; wet, moderate winters
Natural Resources
peat, limestone, dolomite, amber, hydropower, timber, arable land

as of September 2020