**PERU**

**GOVERNMENT**

**Chief of State**
President Martin Alberto VIZCARRA Comejo

**Head of Government**
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**Government Type**
presidential republic

**Capital**
Lima

**Legislature**
unicameral Congress of the Republic of Peru or Congreso de la Republica del Peru (130 seats)

**Judiciary**
Supreme Court (consists of 16 judges and divided into civil, criminal, and constitutional-social sectors)

**Ambassador to US**
Ambassador Hugo DE ZELA Martínez

**US Ambassador**
Ambassador Krishna R. URS

**ECONOMY**

**Economic Overview**
Peru's economy reflects its varied topography - an arid lowland coastal region, the central high sierra of the Andes, and the dense rain forest of the Amazon; a wide range of important mineral resources, including silver and copper, found in the mountainous regions and coastal waters provide excellent fishing grounds

**GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)**
$430.3 billion (2017 est.)

**GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)**
$13,500 (2017 est.)

**Exports**
$44.92 billion (2017 est.)
partners: China 26.5%, US 15.2%, Switzerland 5.2%, South Korea 4.4%, Spain 4.1%, India 4.1% (2017)

**Imports**
$38.65 billion (2017 est.)
partners: China 22.3%, US 20.1%, Brazil 6%, Mexico 4.4% (2017)

**PEOPLE & SOCIETY**

**Population**
31.9 million (July 2020 est.)

**Population Growth**
0.92% (2020 est.)

**Ethnicity**
mestizo (mixed Amerindian and white) 60.2%, Amerindian 25.8%, white 5.9%, African descent 3.6%, other 1.2%, unspecified 3.3% (2017 est.)

**Language**
Spanish (official) 82.9%, Quechua (official) 13.6%, Aymara (official) 1.6%, Ashaninka 0.3%, other native languages 0.8%, other 0.2%, none .1%, unspecified .7% (2017 est.)

**Religion**
Roman Catholic 60%, Christian 14.6%, other 0.3%, none 4%, unspecified 21.1% (2017 est.)

**Urbanization**
urban population: 78.3% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 1.44% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

**Literacy**
97.1% (2018)

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**GEOGRAPHY**

**Area**
Total: 1,285,216 sq km
Land: 1,279,996 sq km
Water: 5,220 sq km

**Climate**
varies from tropical in east to dry desert in west; temperate to frigid in Andes

**Natural Resources**
copper, silver, gold, petroleum, timber, fish, iron ore, coal, phosphate, potash, hydropower, natural gas

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as of June 2020