CHILE

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Sebastian PINERA Echenique
Head of Government
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Government Type
presidential republic
Capital
Santiago
Legislature
bicameral National Congress or Congreso Nacional consists of the Senate or Senado (43 seats) and the Chamber of Deputies or Camara de Diputados (155 seats)
Judiciary
Supreme Court or Corte Suprema (consists of a court president and 20 members or ministros)
Ambassador to US
Ambassador Oscar Alfonso Sebastian SILVA Navarro
US Ambassador
Ambassador Carol PEREZ

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
Chile has an export-driven, market-oriented economy characterized by strong financial institutions and sound fiscal policies; it has the strongest sovereign bond rating in South America
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$451.1 billion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$24,500 (2017 est.)
Exports
$64.51 billion (2017 est.)
partners: China 27.5%, US 14.5%, Japan 9.3%, South Korea 6.2%, Brazil 5% (2017)
Imports
$59.92 billion (2017 est.)
partners: China 23.9%, US 18.1%, Brazil 8.6%, Argentina 4.5%, Germany 4% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
17.8 million (July 2017 est.)
Population Growth
0.77% (2017 est.)
Ethnicity
white and non-indigenous 88.9%, Mapuche 9.1%, Aymara 0.7%, other indigenous groups 1%, unspecified 0.3% (2012 est.)
Language
Spanish 99.5% (official), English 10.2%, indigenous 1%, other 2.3%, unspecified 0.2%¹
Religion
Roman Catholic 66.7%, Evangelical or Protestant 16.4%, Jehovah's Witness 1%, other 3.4%, none 11.5%, unspecified 1.1% (2012 est.)
Urbanization
urban population: 87.6% of total population (2018)
rate of urbanization: 0.87% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

¹note: percentages add up to more than 100% because respondents were able to provide more than one answer

as of September 2018