GOVERNMENT

Chief of State
President Mario Abdo BENITEZ

Head of Government
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Government Type
presidential republic

Capital
Asuncion

Legislature
bicameral National Congress or Congreso Nacional consists of the Chamber of Senators or Camara de Senadores (45 seats) and the Chamber of Deputies or Camara de Diputados (80 seats)

Judiciary
Supreme Court of Justice or Corte Suprema de Justicia (consists of 9 justices divided 3 each into the Constitutional Court, Civil and Commercial Chamber, and Criminal Division)

Ambassador to US
Ambassador German Hugo ROJAS Irigoyen

US Ambassador
Ambassador Lee MCCLENNY

ECONOMY

Economic Overview
landlocked Paraguay – fifth-largest soy producer in the world - has a commodity-based market economy, distinguished by a large informal sector, but hampered by corruption, deficient infrastructure, and limited progress on economic reforms

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$68.33 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$9,800 (2017 est.)

Exports
$11.53 billion (2017 est.)
partners: Brazil 31.9%, Argentina 15.9%, Chile 6.9%, Russia 5.9% (2017)

Imports
$10.37 billion (2017 est.)
partners: China 31.3%, Brazil 23.4%, Argentina 12.9%, US 7.4% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population
6.9 million (July 2017 est.)

Population Growth
1.18% (2017 est.)

Ethnicity
mestizo (mixed Spanish and Amerindian) 95%, other 5%

Language
Spanish (official), Guarani (official)

Religion
Roman Catholic 89.6%, Protestant 6.2%, other Christian 1.1%, other or unspecified 1.9%, none 1.1% (2002 est.)

Urbanization
urban population: 61.6% of total population (2018)
rate of urbanization: 1.71% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy
95.1% (2016 est.)

as of September 2018