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 Carlos Jose PAREJO Rios

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)
$424.4 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$13,300 (2017 est.)

Exports
$42.47 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
$38.8 billion (2017 est.)
partners: China 22.3%, US 20.1%, Brazil 6%, Mexico 4.4% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population
31 million (July 2017 est.)

Population Growth
0.95% (2017 est.)

Ethnicity
Amerindian 45%, mestizo (mixed Amerindian and white) 37%, white 15%, black, Japanese, Chinese, and other 3%

Language
Spanish (official) 84.1%, Quechua (official) 13%, Aymara (official) 1.7%, Ashaninka 0.3%, Amazonian and other native languages 0.7%, other 0.2% (2007 est.)

Religion
Roman Catholic 81.3%, Evangelical 12.5%, other 3.3%, none 2.9% (2007 est.)

Urbanization
urban population: 77.9% of total population (2018)
rate of urbanization: 1.44% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy
94.2% (2016 est.)

as of September 2018