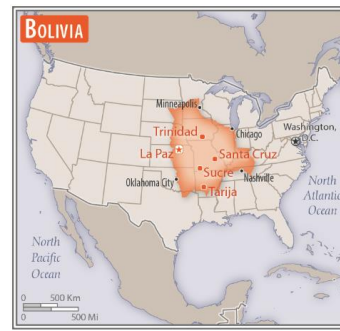




BOLIVIA



INTRODUCTION

Bolivia, named after independence fighter Simon BOLIVAR, broke away from Spanish rule in 1825. Much of its subsequent history has consisted of a series of coups and countercoups, with the last coup occurring in 1978. Democratic civilian rule was established in 1982.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Luis Alberto ARCE Catacora

Head of Government

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Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

La Paz

Legislature

bicameral Plurinational Legislative Assembly or Asamblea Legislativa Plurinacional consists of the Chamber of Senators or Camara de Senadores (36 seats) and the Chamber of Deputies or Camara de Diputados (130 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 1,098,581 sq km

Land: 1,083,301 sq km

Water: 15,280 sq km

Climate

varies with altitude; humid and tropical to cold and semiarid

Natural Resources

tin, natural gas, petroleum, zinc, tungsten, antimony, silver, iron, lead, gold, timber, hydropower

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

resource-rich economy benefits during commodity booms; has bestowed juridical rights to Mother Earth, impacting extraction industries; increasing Chinese lithium mining trade relations; hard hit by COVID-19; increased fiscal spending amid poverty increases; rampant banking and finance corruption

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$100.5 billion (2019 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$8,720 (2019 est.)

Industries - mining, smelting, electricity, petroleum, food and beverages, handicrafts, clothing, jewelry

Agricultural products - sugarcane, soybeans, potatoes, maize, sorghum, rice, milk, plantains, poultry, bananas

Exports \$9.632 billion (2019 est.)

natural gas, gold, zinc, soybean oil and soy products, tin, silver, lead (2019)

partners: Argentina 16%, Brazil 15%, UAE 12%, India 10%, US 6%, South Korea 5%, Peru 5%, Colombia 5% (2019)

Imports \$10.14 billion (2019 est.)

cars, refined petroleum, delivery trucks, iron, buses (2019)

partners: Brazil 22%, Chile 15%, China 13%, Peru 11%, Argentina 8%, US 7% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

11.8 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

1.39% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Mestizo (mixed White and Amerindian ancestry) 68%, Indigenous 20%, White 5%, Cholo/Chola 2%, African descent 1%, other 1%, unspecified 3% (2009 est.)

Language

Spanish (official) 60.7%, Quechua (official) 21.2%, Aymara (official) 14.6%, foreign languages 2.4%, Guarani (official) 0.6%, other native languages 0.4%, none 0.1% (2001 est.)

Religion

Roman Catholic 70%, Evangelical 14.5%, Adventist 2.5%, Church of Jesus Christ 1.2%, agnostic 0.3%, atheist 0.8%, other 3.5%, none 6.6%, unspecified 0.6% (2018 est.)

