INTRODUCTION
Geographically the third smallest state in Europe (after the Holy See and Monaco), San Marino also claims to be the world's oldest republic. According to tradition, it was founded by a Christian stonemason named MARINUS in A.D. 301. San Marino's social and political trends track closely with those of its larger neighbor, Italy.

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
co-chiefs of state (elected every 6 months; investiture in April and October) Captain Regent Francesco MUSSONI and Captain Regent Giacomo SIMONCINI
Head of Government
Secretary of State for Foreign and Political Affairs Luca BECCARI
Government Type
parliamentary republic
Capital
San Marino (city)
Legislature
unicameral Grand and General Council or Consiglio Grande e Generale (60 seats)

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
high-income, non-EU European economy; surrounded by Italy, which is the dominant importer and exporter; open border to EU and a euro user; strong financial sector; high foreign investments; low taxation; increasingly high and risky debt
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $2.008 billion (2018 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $59,440 (2018 est.)
Industries - tourism, banking, textiles, electronics, ceramics, cement, wine
Agricultural products - wheat, grapes, corn, olives, cattle, pigs, horses, beef, cheese, hides
Exports $3.827 billion (2011 est.)
industrial washing/bottling machinery, packaged medicines, woodworking machinery, foodstuffs, aircraft (2019)
partners: Romania 10%, France 9%, US 8%, Germany 8%, Poland 6%, Brazil 6%, Russia 6%, Austria 6% (2019)
Imports $2.551 billion (2011 est.)
electricity, cars, aluminum, footwear, natural gas, iron piping (2019)
partners: Germany 21%, Italy 13%, Poland 10%, France 7%, Spain 7%, Belgium 6%, Romania 6% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
34,470 (July 2021 est.)
Population Growth
0.63% (2021 est.)
Ethnicity
Sammarinese, Italian
Language
Italian
Religion
Roman Catholic
Urbanization
urban population: 97.6% of total population (2021)
rate of urbanization: 0.41% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)
 Literacy
99.9% (2018)