INTRODUCTION
The Dutch began to colonize Indonesia in the early 17th century. Independence came in 1949. Indonesia is now the world's third most populous democracy, the world's largest archipelagic state, and the world's largest Muslim-majority nation.

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Joko WIDODO
Head of Government
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Government Type
presidential republic
Capital
Jakarta
Legislature
bicameral People's Consultative Assembly or Majelis Permusyawaratan Rakyat consists of the Regional Representative Council or Dewan Perwakilan Daerah (136 seats) and the House of Representatives or Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat (575 seats)

GEOGRAPHY
Area
total: 1,904,569 sq km
land: 1,811,569 sq km
water: 93,000 sq km
Climate
tropical; hot, humid; more moderate in highlands
Natural Resources
petroleum, tin, natural gas, nickel, timber, bauxite, copper, fertile soils, coal, gold, silver

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
one of the fastest growing economies and largest in Southeast Asia; upper middle-income country; human capital and competitiveness phase of its 20-year development plan; COVID-19 reversed poverty reduction trajectory; strengthening financial resilience
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) $3.13 trillion (2020 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) $11,400 (2020 est.)
Industries - petroleum, natural gas, textiles/apparel, automotive, electrical appliances, mining, cement, medical instruments/appliances, handicrafts, chemical fertilizers, plywood
Agricultural products - oil palm fruit, rice, maize, sugarcane, coconuts, cassava, bananas, eggs, poultry, rubber
Exports $178.3 billion (2020 est.)
coal, palm oil, natural gas, cars, gold (2019)
partners: China 15%, US 10%, Japan 9%, Singapore 8%, India 7%, Malaysia 5% (2019)
Imports $159.6 billion (2020 est.)
refined and crude petroleum, vehicle parts, telephones, natural gas (2019)
partners: China 27%, Singapore 12%, Japan 8%, Thailand 5%, US 5%, South Korea 5%, Malaysia 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
275.1 million (July 2021 est.)
Population Growth
0.81% (2021 est.)
Ethnicity
Javanese 40.1%, Sundanese 15.5%, Malay 3.7%, Batak 3.6%, Madurese 3%, Betawi 2.9%, other 31.2% (2010 est.)
Language
Bahasa Indonesia (official, modified form of Malay), English, Dutch, local dialects (of which the most widely spoken is Javanese); more than 700 languages are used in Indonesia
Religion
Muslim 87.2%, Protestant 7%, Roman Catholic 2.9%, Hindu 1.7%, other 0.9% (includes Buddhist and Confucian), unspecified 0.4% (2010 est.)

as of October 2021