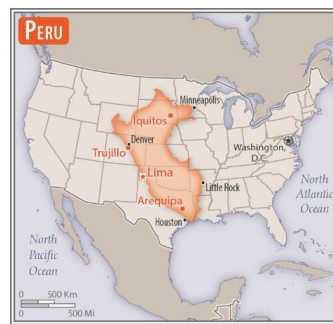




PERU



INTRODUCTION

Ancient Peru was the seat of several prominent Andean civilizations, most notably that of the Incas whose empire was captured by Spanish conquistadors in 1533. Peru declared its independence from Spain in 1821 and remaining Spanish forces were defeated in 1824. After a dozen years of military rule, Peru returned to democratic leadership in 1980.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Pedro CASTILLO

Head of Government

President Pedro CASTILLO

Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Lima

Legislature

unicameral Congress of the Republic of Peru or Congreso de la Republica del Peru (130 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 1,285,216 sq km

Land: 1,279,996 sq km

Water: 5,220 sq km

Climate

varies from tropical in east to dry desert in west; temperate to frigid in Andes

Natural Resources

copper, silver, gold, petroleum, timber, fish, iron ore, coal, phosphate, potash, hydropower, natural gas

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

upper middle-income South American economy; hit hard by political instability and COVID-19 but rebounding quickly; second-largest cocaine producer; current account balance improving; persistent income inequality; diversified exporter

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$371.3 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$11,300 (2020 est.)

Industries - mining, mineral refining, steel, metal fabrication, petroleum extraction/refining, natural gas/natural gas liquefaction, fishing/fish processing, cement, glass, textiles, clothing

Agricultural products - sugarcane, potatoes, rice, plantains, milk, poultry, maize, cassava, oil palm fruit, grapes

Exports \$55.58 billion (2019 est.)

copper, gold, refined petroleum, zinc, fishmeal, tropical fruits, lead, iron, molybdenum (2019)

partners: China 29%, US 12%, Canada 5%, South Korea 5%, Switzerland 5% (2019)

Imports \$48.21 billion (2019 est.)

refined petroleum, crude petroleum, cars, broadcasting equipment, delivery trucks (2019)

partners: China 24%, US 22%, Brazil 6% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

32.2 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

0.88% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Mestizo (mixed Amerindian and White) 60.2%, Amerindian 25.8%, White 5.9%, African descent 3.6%, other 1.2%, unspecified 3.3% (2017 est.)

Language

Spanish (official) 82.9%, Quechua (official) 13.6%, Aymara (official) 1.6%, Ashaninka 0.3%, other native languages 0.8%, other 0.2%, none 0.1%, unspecified 0.7% (2017 est.)

Religion

Roman Catholic 60%, Christian 14.6%, other 0.3%, none 4%, unspecified 21.1% (2017 est.)

