



ITALY



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Sergio MATTARELLA

Head of Government

Prime Minister Giuseppe CONTE

Government Type

parliamentary republic

Capital

Rome

Legislature

bicameral Parliament or Parlamento consists of the Senate or Senato della Repubblica (321 seats) and the Chamber of Deputies or Camera dei Deputati (630 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court of Cassation or Corte Suprema di Cassazione (consists of the first president (chief justice), deputy president, 54 justices presiding over 6 civil and 7 criminal divisions, and 288 judges)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Armando VARRICCHIO

US Ambassador

Ambassador Lewis EISENBERG

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 301,340 sq km
Land: 294,140 sq km
Water: 7,200 sq km

Climate

predominantly Mediterranean; alpine in far north; hot, dry in south

Natural Resources

coal, antimony, mercury, zinc, potash, marble, barite, asbestos, pumice, flourspar, feldspar, pyrite (sulfur), natural gas and crude oil reserves, fish, arable land

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

developed industrial north manufactures high-quality consumer goods; less-developed agricultural south with high unemployment and underdevelopment; challenged by exceptionally high public debt, dissent on eurozone membership, a sluggish judicial system, and a weak banking sector

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$2.317 trillion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$38,200 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$496.3 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Germany 12.5%, France 10.3%, US 9%, Spain 5.2%, UK 5.2%, Switzerland 4.6% (2017)

Imports

\$432.9 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Germany 16.3%, France 8.8%, China 7.1%, Netherlands 5.6%, Spain 5.3%, Belgium 4.5% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

62.4 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

0.11% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

Italian (small clusters of German-, French-, and Slovene-Italians in the north and Albanian-Italians and Greek-Italians in the south)

Language

Italian (official), German, French, Slovene

Religion

Christian 83.3% (overwhelmingly Roman Catholic with very small groups of Jehovah's Witnesses and Protestants), Muslim 3.7%, unaffiliated 12.4%, other 0.6%

Urbanization

urban population: 71% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: 0.29% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

99.2% (2018)

