



# PARAGUAY



## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President Mario Abdo BENITEZ

### Head of Government

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### Government Type

presidential republic

### Capital

Asuncion

### Legislature

bicameral National Congress or Congreso Nacional consists of the Chamber of Senators or Camara de Senadores (45 seats) and the Chamber of Deputies or Camara de Diputados (80 seats)

### Judiciary

Supreme Court of Justice or Corte Suprema de Justicia (consists of 9 justices divided 3 each into the Constitutional Court, Civil and Commercial Chamber, and Criminal Division)

### Ambassador to US

Ambassador Manuel Maria CACERES

### US Ambassador

Ambassador Lee MCCLENNY

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 406,752 sq km

Land: 397,302 sq km

Water: 9,450 sq km

### Climate

subtropical to temperate; substantial rainfall in the eastern portions, becoming semiarid in the far west

### Natural Resources

hydropower, timber, iron ore, manganese, limestone

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

landlocked Paraguay – fifth-largest soy producer in the world - has a commodity-based market economy, distinguished by a large informal sector but hampered by corruption, deficient infrastructure, and limited progress on economic reforms

### GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$88.91 billion (2017 est.)

### GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$12,800 (2017 est.)

### Exports

\$11.73 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Brazil 31.9%, Argentina 15.9%, Chile 6.9%, Russia 5.9% (2017)

### Imports

\$11.35 billion (2017 est.)

partners: China 31.3%, Brazil 23.4%, Argentina 12.9%, US 7.4% (2017)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

7.2 million (July 2020 est.)

### Population Growth

1.16% (2020 est.)

### Ethnicity

mestizo (mixed Spanish and Amerindian) 95%, other 5%

### Language

Spanish (official) and Guarani (official) 46.3%, only Guarani 34%, only Spanish 15.2%, other (includes Portuguese, German and other indigenous languages) 4.1%, no response 4% (2012 est.)

### Religion

Roman Catholic 89.6%, Protestant 6.2%, other Christian 1.1%, other or unspecified 1.9%, none 1.1% (2002 est.)

### Urbanization

urban population: 62.2% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: 1.71% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

### Literacy

94% (2018)

