



# ECUADOR



## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President Lenin MORENO Garces

### Head of Government

President Lenin MORENO Garces

### Government Type

presidential republic

### Capital

Quito

### Legislature

unicameral National Assembly or Asamblea Nacional (137 seats)

### Judiciary

National Court of Justice or Corte Nacional de Justicia (consists of 21 judges including the chief justice and organized into 5 specialized chambers); Constitutional Court or Corte Constitucional (consists of 9 judges)

### Ambassador to US

Ambassador Francisco Benjamin Esteban CARRION Mena

### US Ambassador

Ambassador Todd C. CHAPMAN

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 283,561 sq km

Land: 276,841 sq km

Water: 6,720 sq km

### Climate

tropical along coast, becoming cooler inland at higher elevations; tropical in Amazonian jungle lowlands

### Natural Resources

petroleum, fish, timber, hydropower

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

substantially dependent on petroleum exports, Ecuador has been hurt by the worldwide decline in oil prices in recent years, as well as by political instability; however, the new MORENO administration is striving to reduce corruption, strengthen democracy, and revive employment and the economy

### GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$192.6 billion (2017 est.)

### GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$11,500 (2017 est.)

### Exports

\$19.12 billion (2017 est.)

partners: US 31.5%, Vietnam 7.6%, Peru 6.7%, Chile 6.5%, Panama 4.9%, Russia 4.4%, China 4% (2017)

### Imports

\$19.03 billion (2017 est.)

partners: US 22.8%, China 15.4%, Colombia 8.7%, Panama 6.4%, Brazil 4.4%, Peru 4.2% (2017)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

16.3 million (July 2017 est.)

### Population Growth

1.28% (2017 est.)

### Ethnicity

mestizo (mixed Amerindian and white) 71.9%, Montubio 7.4%, Amerindian 7%, white 6.1%, Afroecuadorian 4.3%, mulatto 1.9%, black 1%, other 0.4% (2010 est.)

### Language

Spanish (Castilian) 93% (official), Quechua 4.1%, other indigenous 0.7%, foreign 2.2%  
note: Quechua and Shuar are official languages of intercultural relations (2010 est.)

### Religion

Roman Catholic 74%, Evangelical 10.4%, Jehovah's Witness 1.2%, other 6.4%, atheist 7.9%, agnostic 0.1% (2012 est.)

### Urbanization

urban population: 63.8% of total population (2018)

rate of urbanization: 1.66% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

