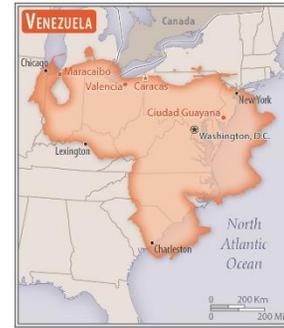




# VENEZUELA



## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

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### Head of Government

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### Government Type

federal presidential republic

### Capital

Caracas

### Legislature

unicameral National Assembly or Asamblea Nacional (167 seats)

### Judiciary

Supreme Tribunal of Justice (consists of 32 judges organized into constitutional, political-administrative, electoral, civil appeals, criminal appeals, and social divisions)

### Ambassador to US

Charge d'Affaires Carlos Lissett M. HERNANDEZ Marquez

### US Ambassador

Charge d'Affaires James "Jimmy" STORY

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 912,050 sq km  
Land: 882,050 sq km  
Water: 30,000 sq km

### Climate

tropical; hot, humid; more moderate in highlands

### Natural Resources

petroleum, natural gas, iron ore, gold, bauxite, other minerals, hydropower, diamonds

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

remains highly dependent on oil revenues, which account for almost all export earnings and nearly half of the government's revenue; domestic production and industry continues to severely underperform; continues to rely on imports to meet its basic food and consumer goods needs

### GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$381.6 billion (2017 est.)

### GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$12,500 (2017 est.)

### Exports

\$32.06 billion (2017 est.)  
partners: US 34.8%, India 17.2%, China 16%, Netherlands Antilles 8.2%, Singapore 6.3%, Cuba 4.2% (2017)

### Imports

\$11 billion (2017 est.)  
partners: US 24.8%, China 14.2%, Mexico 9.5% (2017)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

28.6 million (July 2020 est.)

### Population Growth

-0.18% (2020 est.)

### Ethnicity

unspecified Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Arab, German, African, indigenous people

### Language

Spanish (official), numerous indigenous dialects

### Religion

nominally Roman Catholic 96%, Protestant 2%, other 2%

### Urbanization

urban population: 88.3% of total population (2020)  
rate of urbanization: 4.23% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

### Literacy

97.1% (2016)

