

General Information

Invest in Colombia

"... the Colombian government is committed in turning Colombia into a better , safer, more stable and thriving place..."

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT COLOMBIA

Official Name:
Republic of Colombia

Continental Area:
1,141,748 Km²

Land Frontiers:
Venezuela, Brazil, Peru, Ecuador, Panamá

Coast Lines:
Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean

Population:
42 Million inhabitants (77% urban, 33% rural)

Population Density:

36.12 people by Km2

Capital:

Bogota (7 Million inhabitants)

Other Main Cities:

Medellin, Cali, Barranquilla, Cartagena, Santa Marta, Manizales, Pereira, Armenia, Bucaramanga, Cucuta

Climate:

Tropical, modified by altitude

Biodiversity:

14-15% of world"s biodiversity

Time:

5 hours behind GMT

Official Language:

Spanish

Literacy Rate:

94.2%

Political Constitution:

State ruled by law, organized as a unitary Republic

System of Government:

Presidential

Balance of powers between executive, legislative and judicial branches. Presidential and Congressional elections every 4 years Governors and Mayors elected every 3 years

Official Currency:

Colombian Peso (COP\$)

Exchange Rate, 2006:

2.358,96 COP\$/US\$

Gross Domestic Product:

GDP, 2006: US\$ 113,3 Billion

GDP per capita, 2006:

US\$ 3.229

Annual Inflation, 2006:

4.48%

Economic Activities (% of GDP), 2006:

Services	19%
Financial	17%
Manufacturing	15%
Livestock, agriculture	11%
Commerce, restaurants and hotels	11%
Transportation, Communication	7%
Other	20%

Main Export Products, 2006:

Total: US\$ 24,3 Billion

Oil	26%
Coal	12%
Agriculture and livestock	8%
Textiles and Apparel	5%

Main Import Products, 2006:

Total: US\$ 26,1 Billion

Machinery and equipment	33%
Chemicals	17%
Agriculture and livestock	19%
Textiles and Apparel	5%

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