

VENEZUELA

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The general information about Venezuela

- Territory covers around 916,445 square kilometres
- Population of 29,105,632
- 92% of the population is at least nominally Roman Catholic



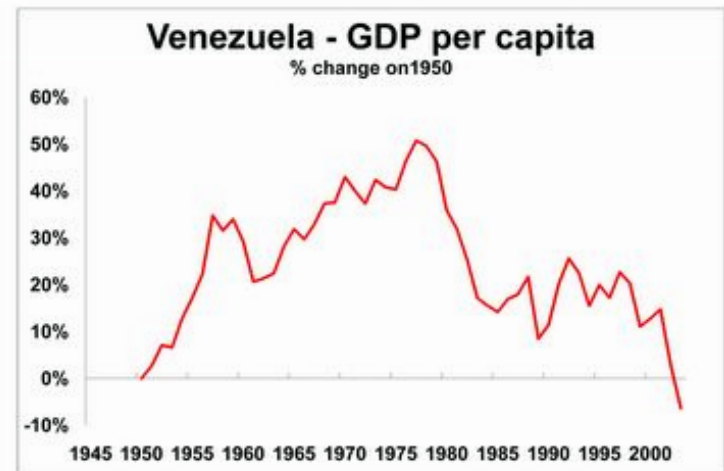
Venezuela is a founder member of the:

- The United Nations (1945)
- The Organization of American States (1948)
- The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) (1960)
- The Group of 15 (1989)
- The World Trade Organization (1995)
- The Bolivarian Alliance for the Americas (ALBA) (2004)
- The Union of South American Nations (UNASUR) (2008)



The economy of Venezuela

- GDP for 2009 was US\$13,000
- About 30% of the population of the country live on less than US \$2 per day
- Venezuela manufactures and exports heavy industry products such as steel, aluminium and cement



Transport

- Venezuela is connected to the world primarily via air and sea
- Venezuela has a limited national railway system, which has no active rail connections to other countries



The Currency



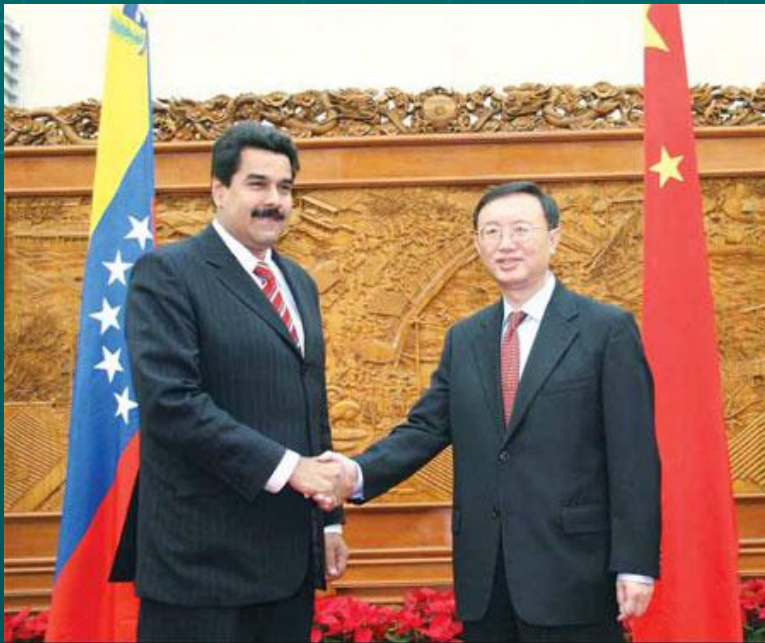
The Venezuelan Bolivar Fuerte is the currency of Venezuela.



The currency code for Bolivares Fuertes is VEF, and the currency symbol is Bs.

Foreign relation and the largest corporations of Venezuela

Throughout most of the 20th century, Venezuela maintained friendly relations with most Latin American and Western nations.



Petróleos de Venezuela

Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PDVSA) is the Venezuelan state-owned petroleum company. It has activities in exploration, production, refining and exporting oil, as well as exploration and production of natural gas.



Venezuela's top beer brand



Venezuela's biggest beer producer, food and drink giant Polar, is also the country's largest company still in private hands after President Hugo Chavez's nationalisation drive.



Banesco Seguros

Insurance is an insurance Banesco of Venezuela on the business district of El Rosal Caracas. According to the Superintendent of Insurance for the first quarter of 2009 was the sixth largest insurer in the country. It is a subsidiary of Banesco Financial Organization, the largest bank in Venezuela.

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