

Bolivia



A country of statistical extremes, landlocked Bolivia is the highest and most isolated country in South America. It has the largest proportion of indigenous people, who make up around two-thirds of the population, and is the world's largest producer of tin.

BOLIVIA FACTS

Population: 8.8 million (UN, 2003)

Capital: Sucre (official), La Paz (administrative)

Major languages: Spanish, Quechua, Aymara, Guarani

Major religion: Christianity

Life expectancy: 62 years (men), 66 years (women) (UN)

Monetary unit: 1 Boliviano = 100 centavos

Main exports: Soybeans, natural gas, zinc, gold, silver, lead, tin, antimony, wood, sugar

Average annual income: US\$950 (World Bank, 2001)

Internet domain: .bo

International dialing code: +591



Flag Description: three equal horizontal bands of red (top), yellow, and green with the coat of arms centered on the yellow band; similar to the flag of Ghana, which has a large black five-pointed star centered in the yellow band. To listen to the Bolivian national anthem, go to:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/country_profiles/1210487.stm