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COLOMBIA: A NEW ELODRADO?

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Main Figures

Population: 48.5 million

Area: 1,138,915 km²

Capital: Bogota D.C.

Official Language: Spanish

GDP: \$667.4 billion (2015) (32°)

GDP per Capita: \$13,800 (2015 est.)

Real GDP growth: 3.3%

AVG GDP Growth 2005-2016 : 4.6%

Internet Users ('000): 24,904.4 million





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Main Figures

GDP composition:

agriculture: 6.8%

industry: 34%

services: 59.2% (2015 est.)

Labor force: 24.17 million (2015 est.)

Public Debt: 49.6% of GDP (2015 est.)

Literacy: on total population, 94.7%

Unemployment rate: 8.9% (2015)

fiber-optic network linking 50 cities



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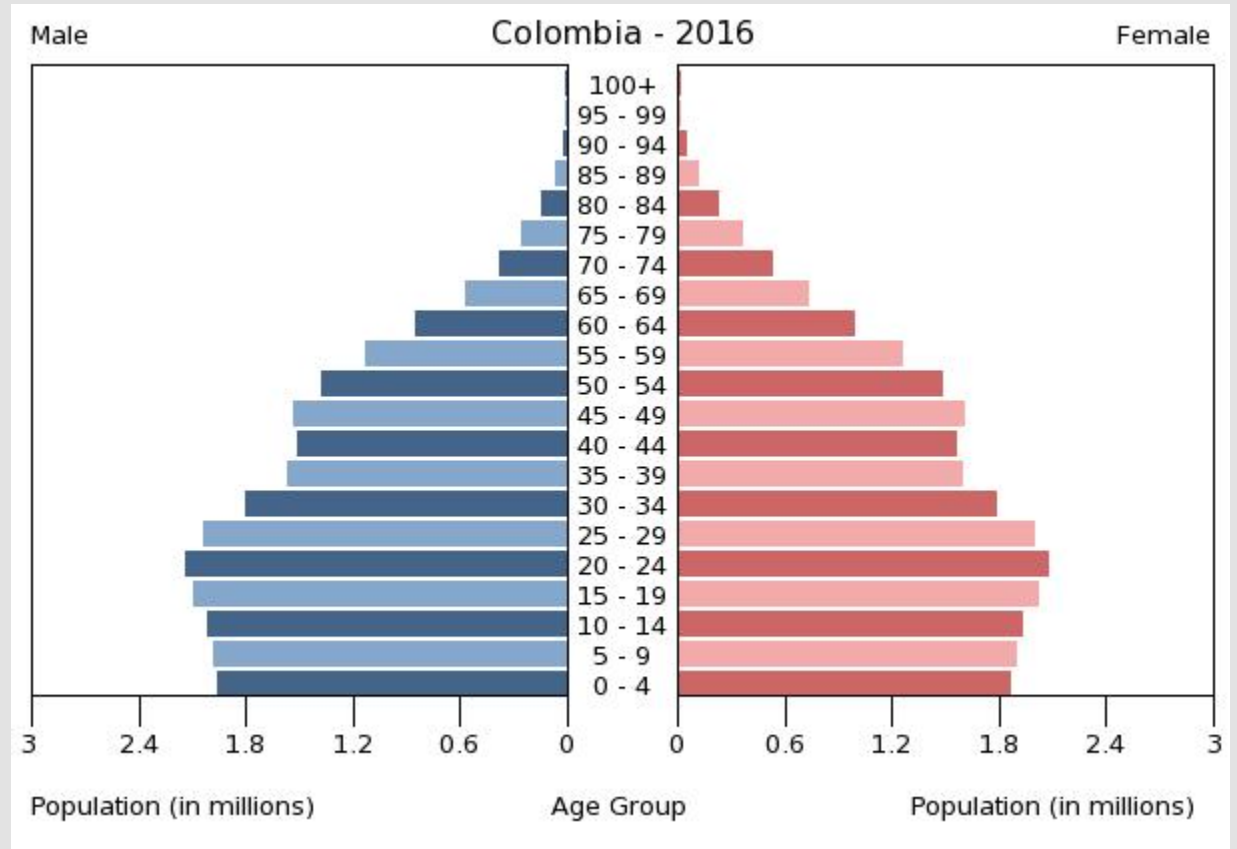
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Population Pyramid





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A growing and dynamic country

- Relatively high growth rates, at an average of 5.4 percent before the global crisis (2004–08) and 4.8 percent thereafter (2010–14)
- From 2002 through 2014, extreme poverty fell from 17.7 percent to 8.1 percent, while total poverty fell from 49.7 percent to 28.5 percent, lifting 6.7 million people out of poverty



Programs

- National Development Plan (NDP): Peace, Equity, and Education
- The government also started implementation of the bilateral Free Trade Agreement with the United States (signed in 2006)



Economic characters

Growth was led by the **construction** sector, **social** services, and the **financial** sector.

Inflation accelerated after reaching a 50-year record low in 2013 (prices increased 1.9 percent year-on-year), rising to 6.8 percent at the end of 2015. The strong depreciation of the Colombian peso beginning in late 2014 put further upward pressure on prices. In light of this and despite the recent deceleration in economic activity, the Central Bank raised the policy rate four times between September and December 2015, to 5.75 percent.



International preview

- Colombia is expected to continue as regional top performer
- Fourth generation of road infrastructure investments (4G)
- Government efforts to stimulate the economy
- Growth is expected to decline from 3.2 percent in 2015 to 2.9 percent in 2016 before recovering to 3.6 in 2017



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