

ITALY

Physical Geography

- Total area in square miles, 116,347mi²
- Location (relative) south of Germany, east of France, west of Hungary, north of Africa.
(Absolute) 43 degrees north
12 degrees east





Capital

Capital city of Italy is Rome

Climates and Terrains

- Italy is a Mediterranean climate type cool and rainy winters, very hot and dry summers.
- Most of Italy is mountainous, a couple of plains areas and costal low lands.



Major physical features

- Alps
- Sicily
- Italian peninsula



Population and Ethnic group

- There are about 61,340,000 people in Italy
- Roughly 113,521 per square mile
- The main ethnic group are Italians

Official Language and Religion

- The official language of Italy is Italian, with small dialects throughout the country
- Main religion is Roman Catholic

Life Expectancy

- The average life expectancy in Italy is 82



Literacy rate

- Italy has a 99.2% literacy rate

Government

- Italy is a constitutional republic with a multiple party system

National Holidays

- Liberation day, epiphany, feast of the immaculate conception



Independence

- Italy gained their independence in 1871

Major historical events

- 1200-1600- prospered in the Renaissance
- 1861- Italy becomes a unified under the rule of King Victor Emmanuel II
- 1915- Italy joins WWI
- 1940-1943- sides with Germany in WWII
- 1946- votes to end monarchy to make a democratic republic

Current issues

- Acid rain- harmful levels of sulfur in the rain making water not drinkable
- Acidification- lowering of soil and water pH due to acid precipitation



GDP

- Italy - \$2.149 trillion
- USA - \$16.77 trillion

Average income and unemployment

- The average income in Italy is 25,908 USD
- The unemployment rate is roughly around 12.4%



Major industries and currency

- The major industries in Italy are machinery and footwear
- The currency of Italy is the euro, 1 euro is equivalent to \$1.08 USD