

People

Population: 10,890,950 (July 1995 est.)

Age structure:

0-14 years: 36% (female 1,928,977; male 1,990,036)

15-64 years: 60% (female 3,281,575; male 3,230,082)

65 years and over: 4% (female 244,862; male 215,418) (July 1995 est.)

Population growth rate: 1.95% (1995 est.)

Birth rate: 25.08 births/1,000 population (1995 est.)

Death rate: 5.55 deaths/1,000 population (1995 est.)

Net migration rate: 0 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1995 est.)

Infant mortality rate: 37.7 deaths/1,000 live births (1995 est.)

Life expectancy at birth:

total population: 70.35 years

male: 67.83 years

female: 72.99 years (1995 est.)

Total fertility rate: 2.97 children born/woman (1995 est.)

Nationality:

noun: Ecuadorian(s)

adjective: Ecuadorian

Ethnic divisions: mestizo (mixed Indian and Spanish) 55%, Indian 25%, Spanish 10%, black 10%

Religions: Roman Catholic 95%

Languages: Spanish (official), Indian languages (especially Quechua)

Literacy: age 15 and over can read and write (1990)

total population: 87%

male: 90%

female: 84%

Labor force: 2.8 million

by occupation: agriculture 35%, manufacturing 21%, commerce 16%, services and other activities 28% (1982)