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Chapter 1

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1.1 105.guide

Texified version of data for Holy See (Vatican City).

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Holy See (Vatican City)

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1.3 105.guide/Geography (Holy See (Vatican City))

Geography (Holy See (Vatican City))

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Location:

Southern Europe, an enclave of Rome - central Italy

Map references:

Europe

Area:

total area:

0.44 km²

land area:

0.44 km²

comparative area:

about 0.7 times the size of The Mall in Washington, DC

Land boundaries:

total 3.2 km, Italy 3.2 km

Coastline:

0 km (landlocked)

Maritime claims:

none; landlocked

International disputes:

none

Climate:

temperate; mild, rainy winters (September to mid-May) with hot, dry summers (May to September)

Terrain:

low hill

Natural resources: none

Land use:

arable land:

0%

permanent crops:

0%

meadows and pastures:

0%

forest and woodland:

0%

other:

100%

Irrigated land:

0 km²

Environment:

urban

Note:

landlocked; enclave of Rome, Italy; world's smallest state; outside the Vatican City, 13 buildings in Rome and Castel Gandolfo (the pope's summer residence) enjoy extraterritorial rights

1.4 105.guide/People (Holy See (Vatican City))

People (Holy See (Vatican City))

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Population:

811 (July 1993 est.)

Population growth rate:

1.15% (1993 est.)

Birth rate:

NA births/1,000 population

Death rate:

NA deaths/1,000 population

Net migration rate:

NA migrant(s)/1,000 population

Infant mortality rate:

NA deaths/1,000 live births

Life expectancy at birth:

total population:

NA years

male:

NA years

female:

NA years

Total fertility rate:

NA children born/woman

Nationality:

noun:

none

adjective:

none

Ethnic divisions:

Italians, Swiss

Religions:

Roman Catholic

Languages: Italian, Latin, various other languages

Literacy:

total population:

NA%

male:

NA%

female:

NA%

Labor force:

NA

by occupation:

dignitaries, priests, nuns, guards, and 3,000 lay workers who live outside the Vatican

1.5 105.guide/Government (Holy See (Vatican City))

Government (Holy See (Vatican City))

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Names:

conventional long form:

The Holy See (State of the Vatican City)

conventional short form:

Holy See (Vatican City)

local long form:

Santa Sede (Stato della Citta del Vaticano)

local short form:

Santa Sede (Citta del Vaticano)

Digraph:

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Type:

monarchical-sacerdotal state

Capital:

Vatican City

Independence:

11 February 1929 (from Italy)

Constitution:

Apostolic Constitution of 1967 (effective 1 March 1968)

Legal system:

NA

National holiday:

Installation Day of the Pope, 22 October (1978) (John Paul II)

note:

Pope John Paul II was elected on 16 October 1978

Political parties and leaders:

none

Other political or pressure groups:

none (exclusive of influence exercised by church officers)

Suffrage:

limited to cardinals less than 80 years old

Elections:

Pope:

last held 16 October 1978 (next to be held after the death of the current pope); results - Karol WOJTYLA was elected for life by the College of Cardinals

Executive branch:

pope

Legislative branch:

unicameral Pontifical Commission

Judicial branch:

none; normally handled by Italy

Leaders:

Chief of State:

Pope JOHN PAUL II (Karol WOJTYLA; since 16 October 1978)

Head of Government:
 Secretary of State Archbishop Angelo Cardinal SODANO (since NA)
 Member of:
 CSCE, IAEA, ICFTU, IMF (observer), INTELSAT, IOM (observer), ITU, OAS
 (observer), UN (observer), UNCTAD, UNHCR, UPU, WIPO, WTO (observer)
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 Flag:
 two vertical bands of yellow (hoist side) and white with the crossed keys ↔
 of
 Saint Peter and the papal tiara centered in the white band

1.7 105.guide/Economy (Holy See (Vatican City))

Economy (Holy See (Vatican City))

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Overview:
 This unique, noncommercial economy is supported financially by ↔
 contributions
 (known as Peter's Pence) from Roman Catholics throughout the world, the ↔
 sale
 of postage stamps and tourist mementos, fees for admission to museums, and
 the sale of publications. The incomes and living standards of lay workers
 are comparable to, or somewhat better than, those of counterparts who work
 in the city of Rome.

Budget:

revenues \$86 million; expenditures \$178 million, including capital expenditures of \$NA (1993 est.)

Electricity:

5,000 kW standby capacity (1992); power supplied by Italy

Industries: printing and production of a small amount of mosaics and staff uniforms; ↵

worldwide banking and financial activities

Currency:

1 Vatican lira (VLit) = 100 centesimi

Exchange rates:

Vatican lire (VLit) per US\$1 - 1,482.5 (January 1993), 1,232.4 (1992), 1,240.6 (1991), 1,198.1 (1990), 1,372.1 (1989), 1,301.6 (1988); note - the Vatican lira is at par with the Italian lira which circulates freely

Fiscal year:

calendar year

1.8 105.guide/Communications (Holy See (Vatican City))

Communications (Holy See (Vatican City))

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Railroads:

850 m, 750 mm gauge (links with Italian network near the Rome station of Saint Peter's)

Highways:

none; all city streets

Telecommunications:

broadcast stations - 3 AM, 4 FM, no TV; 2,000-line automatic telephone exchange; no communications satellite systems

1.9 105.guide/Defense Forces (Holy See (Vatican City))

Defense Forces (Holy See (Vatican City))

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Note:

defense is the responsibility of Italy; Swiss Papal Guards are posted at entrances to the Vatican City