

I. COUNTRY PROFILE

Political system

- The country is a Presidential Republic. The President is both Head of State and Head of Government.
- President: H.E. Mr. Sebastian PIÑERA (since 11 March 2018). The President is elected by universal suffrage for a single term of 4 years.
- Minister of Foreign affairs: H.E. Mr. Andrés ALLAMAND (since August 2020), recently elected Secretary General within the Ibero-American General Secretariat (29 November 2021).

Statistical figures (source: UNDP Human Development Report 2020)

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| • Total population (million): | 18.952 |
| • Human Development Index: | 0.851 / 43 rank |
| • Life expectancy at birth (years): | 80.2 |
| • Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2017 PPP\$): | 23,261 |
| • Internet users (% of population): | 82.3% |
| • Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tones): | 4.6 |
- (Map of Chile at the last page)*

Education (source: UNESCO Institute for Statistics)

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| • Expected years of schooling (years): | 8.9 |
| • Compulsory education (years): | 12 (from age 6 to 17) |
| • Net enrolment ratio in primary education (% ion 2018): | 95.6% |
| • Government expenditure on education (% of GDP in 2017): | 5.42% |

II. CHILE/UNESCO COOPERATION

1. Membership in UNESCO: Since 7 July 1953

2. Membership on the Executive Board: Yes, Elected at the 41st General Conference.

3. Current Membership on Intergovernmental Committees and Commissions: 4

- Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
- 2023: Intergovernmental Council of the Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP).
- 2023: Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPE)
- Governing Board of the UNESCO International Institute for Educational Planning
Elected Member: Mr José Weinstein Cayuela

4. DG's visit to Chile: none to date

5. Former Director General's visit to Chile: 1, in July 2017

6. Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:

- H.E. Mr Raúl Sanhueza, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (presented his credentials on 31 May 2021).
- Previous Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Juan Salazar Sparks, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Chile in France, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (March 2019-May 2021)

7. UNESCO Office: Santiago (Chile)

- Ms Claudia Uribe (D-2, Colombia) took office on 10 March 2018.

8. Chile National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO:

- Date of establishment : March 1958
- President: H.E. Mr Raúl Figueroa Salas, Minister of Education (since February 2020)
- Secretary General: Mr Enrique Laval Zaldívar (since May 2014)

9. Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities: none

10. UNESCO Chairs: 14 as at May 2021

- 1993: UNESCO Chair in Coastal Oceanography, Universidad de Concepción, Concepción
- 1996: UNESCO Chair in Public Policies, Universidad de Chile, Santiago de Chile
- 1993: UNESCO Chair in Environmental Engineering, Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Valparaíso
- 1999: UNESCO - EOLSS Chair in Natural Resource Management, Land Planning and Environmental Protection, Universidad de Concepción, Concepción
- 2003: UNESCO Chair in mass media and citizen participation, Diego Portales University, Santiago de Chile
- 2008: UNESCO Chair in Comparative Higher Education Policies and Systems, Universidad Diego Portales
- 2009: UNESCO Chair on inclusion in higher education, Universidad de Santiago de Chile
- 2012 : Chaire d'Ecotechnie UNESCO-Cousteau en « Formation de spécialistes en aménagement et développement durable de la zone côtière », Université Catholique du Chili
- 2017: UNESCO/Madanjeet Singh Chair on Promoting Tolerance and Non-Violence in Chile and in Latin America through Education, Universidad Metropolitana de Ciencias de la Educación, Santiago de Chile
- 2018: UNESCO Chair on Surface Hydrology: Research, Knowledge and Outreach under Uncertain Climate Sceneries, University of Talca
- (2019) UNESCO Chair on Preparing Teachers to Teach Mathematics in the 21st Century, Universidad de Chile, Santiago
- 2019: UNESCO Chair on the Public University of the 21st Century, Universidad de Chile, Santiago
- 2020: UNESCO Chair on Promoting and Strengthening Human Rights Education for Chile 2030, Universidad Academia de Humanismo Cristiano, Santiago
- 2021: UNESCO Chair on Restoration and Conservation in Heritage Structures, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso.

11. Associated Schools: 92

- 1 Pre-primary, 48 Primary, 10 Primary/Secondary, 31 Secondary, 1 Teacher Training Institution, 1 Vocational and Technical Institution

12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: 1 (in renewal process)

- 2005: Regional Water Centre for Arid and Semi-arid Zones of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAZALAC), La Serna.

13. Biosphere Reserves: 10

- 1977: Fray Jorge (1977, extended in 2012; reviewed in 1999 and 2012)
- 1977: Archipiélago Juan Fernández Biosphere Reserve (formerly Parque Nacional Archipiélago de Juan Fernandez) (reviewed in 1999, 2017 and 2019)
- 1978: Torres de Paine (reviewed in 1999 and 2017)
- 1979: Laguna San Rafael y El Guayaneco Biosphere Reserve (formerly Laguna San Rafael) (reviewed in 1999, 2017 and 2019)
- 1981: Lauca (reviewed in 1999 and 2017)
- 1983: Araucarias (extended in 2010; reviewed in 1999, 2010 and 2017)
- 1984: La Campana-Peñuelas (extended in 2009; reviewed in 1999, 2009 and 2017)
- 2005: Cabo de Hornos (reviewed in 2017)
- 2007: Bosques Templados Lluviosos de los Andes Australes
- 2011: Corredor Biológico Nevados de Chillán - Laguna del Laja

14. UNESCO Global Geoparks: 1 as at May 2021

- 2019: Kütralkura

15. World Heritage Sites: 6

- 1995: Rapa Nui National Park (Cultural)
- 2000: Churches of Chiloé (Cultural), minor modification inscribed in 2011
- 2003: Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso (Cultural)
- 2005: Humberstone and Santa Laura Saltpeter Works (Cultural)
- 2006: Sewell Mining Town (Cultural)
- 2014: Qhapaq Ñan, Andean Road System (Cultural), with Argentina, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and the Plurinational State of Bolivia

16. Tentative List: 18 as at May 2021

- 1994: Torres del Paine and Bernardo O'Higgins National Parks, Region of Magallanes
- 1994: Juan Fernández Archipelago National Park
- 1998: Archaeological sites of the Chinchorro culture
- 1998: Ayquina and Toconce
- 1998: Baquedano Street
- 1998: Cerro el Plomo high shrine
- 1998: Churches of the Altiplano
- 1998: Fell and Pali Aike Caves
- 1998: Houses of the hacienda San José del Carmen el Huique
- 1998: La Moneda Palace
- 1998: Locomotive depot of the Temuco Railroad Station
- 1998: Malleco Viaduct
- 1998: Rupestrian art of the Patagonia
- 1998: San Francisco Church and Convent
- 1998: San Pedro de Atacama
- 1998: The Defensive Complex of Valdivia
- 2004: Monte Verde Archaeological Site
- 2021: Lota Mining Complex

17. Intangible Cultural Heritage List: 2

- 2009: Safeguarding intangible cultural heritage of Aymara communities in Bolivia, Chile and Peru (with the Plurinational State of Bolivia and Peru)
- 2014: Baile Chino

18. Memory of the World Register: 3

- 2003: Jesuits of America
- 2003: Human Rights Archive of Chile
- 2013: Collections of printed Chilean popular poetry: Lira popular

19. Creative Cities Network: 2

- 2017: Frutillar (music)
- 2019: Valparaíso (music)

20. UNESCO's standard-setting instruments: 17 ratified

18 April 2014	Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property.	Ratification
08 March 2011	Convention relating to the Distribution of Programme-Carrying Signals Transmitted by Satellite.	Accession
11 February 2011	International Convention against Doping in Sport.	Ratification
10 December 2008	Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.	Ratification
11 September 2008	First Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict.	Accession
11 September 2008	Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict.	Accession
11 September 2008	Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict with Regulations for the Execution of the Convention.	Accession
13 March 2007	Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions.	Ratification
14 February 1985	Protocol to amend the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat.	Ratification
27 July 1981	Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat.	Accession

20 February 1980	Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage.	Ratification
15 December 1976	Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms.	Accession
07 January 1976	Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean.	Ratification
05 June 1974	International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations.	Ratification
26 October 1971	Convention against Discrimination in Education.	Ratification
18 January 1955	Universal Copyright Convention, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI.	Ratification
18 January 1955	Protocol 2 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the application of that Convention to the works of certain international organizations.	Ratification

21. Anniversaries with which UNESCO will be associated in 2022-2023: None

- 2002: 200th anniversary of the birth of Ignacio Domeyko.
- 2004: 100th anniversary of the birth of Pablo Neruda.
- 2011: 100th anniversary of the birth of Roberto Matta Echaurren (1911-2002)
- 2020: 500th anniversary of the arrival of Ferdinand Magellan to the Strait of Magellan and its importance as a milestone in the first circumnavigation of the Earth (1520) (Chile, with the support of Portugal and Spain).
- 2020: 100th anniversary of the death of Julio Garavito Armero, engineer, mathematician and astronomer (1865-1920) (Colombia, with the support of Chile and Peru).

22. Participation Programme:

This biennium, Chile submitted one project under the Participation Programme.

23. Fellowships:

- 6 fellowships have been awarded to Chile for a total amount of USD 64 029, since 2010.

24. NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO: none

25. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2021:

- Assessment rate: 0.525 %

26. Staff members' status: As at May 2021

- Total staff Nationals from Chile: 17
 - Professional staff in geographical posts: 4
 - Situation regarding the geographical distribution status (Max. 5; Min. 3): Normally represented
- 4 International Professional Staff at Headquarters (Geographical Posts)
- 1 International Professional Staff in the Field (Non-Geographical Posts)

Young Professional Programme (YPP)

As a normally represented Member State, Chile is not eligible to participate in the Young Professional Programme.

27. Map of Chile:

