

BELIZE

Capital: Belmopan

GEODATA

Area
22,963 km²

Population
206,000 (1994)

Population growth
2.4% (1992)

Major languages
English (official), Spanish, English Creole, Maya, Garifuna (Carib)

Major religions
Roman Catholic (60%), Anglican (12%), other Protestant (28%)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of Government
Parliamentary monarchy (E II)

Leader
Prime Minister Manuel Esquivel

Minister of Foreign Affairs
Dean Barrow

Democratic Institutions
Bicameral legislature, multiparty

UN Human Development Index
Belize ranks 29th among 174 countries

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ECONOMIC DATA

GDP
\$524 million US (1993)

GDP growth rate
0.5% (1994)

GDP per capita
\$2,613 US (1993)

Main Exports
Sugar, citrus, bananas

Main Imports
Machinery and transportation equipment, manufactured goods, fuels, chemicals, pharmaceuticals

Main Exports to Canada
\$17.6 million (1994), including raw cane sugar, cane molasses, lobster and other sea crustaceans, orange juice

Main Imports from Canada
\$4.8 million (1994), including petroleum and bituminous oils, malt, telephone equipment, lard

Canadian bilateral assistance
\$1.92 million (1993-1994)