

BELIZE

Capital: Belmopan

GEODATA

Area
22,963 km²

Population
206,000 (1994)

Population growth
2.42% (1995 est.)

Major languages
English (official), Spanish, Mayan, Garifuna (Carib)

Major religions
Roman Catholic (62%), Anglican (12%), Methodist (12%),
Mennonite (4%)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government
Representative democracy

Head of government
Prime Minister Manuel Esquivel

**Minister of Foreign Affairs and
Deputy Prime Minister**
Dean Barrow

Democratic institutions
Bicameral legislature, multiparty system

UN Human Development Index
Belize ranks 29th among 174 countries

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ECONOMIC DATA

GDP
\$552.3 million US (1994)

GDP growth rate
1.6% (1994)

GDP per capita
\$2,681 US (1994 est.)

Main exports
Sugar, bananas, fish products, garments, citrus concentrate

Main imports
Machinery and transportation equipment, food, fuels,
chemicals, manufactured goods

Main exports to Canada
\$11.7 million (1995), including raw cane sugar, cane
molasses, lobster and other sea crustaceans, orange juice

Main imports from Canada
\$4.2 million (1995), including petroleum and bituminous
oils, malt, telephone equipment, lard

Canadian overseas development assistance
\$1.07 million (1994-95)

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