

GUATEMALA

Capital: Guatemala City

GEODATA

Area

108,900 km²

Official language

Spanish

Major religious groups

Roman Catholic, Protestant

Surrounding countries

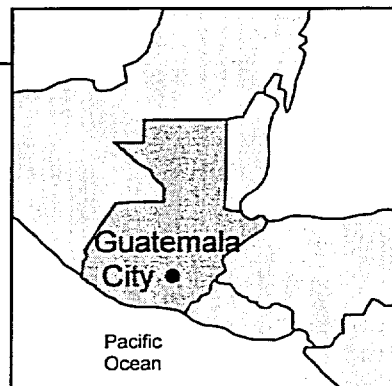
Belize, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico

Population

12.64 million (July 2000 est.)

Population growth rate

2.63% (2000 est.)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

National legislature

Single chamber. Legislative Assembly; multiparty

Leader

President Alfonso Portillo

Minister of Foreign Relations

Gabriel Orellana Rojas

Minister of Economy

Eduardo Weyman

UN Human Development Index (2000)

Guatemala ranks 120th among 174 countries

Canadian official development assistance

\$8.3 million (1998-1999)

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$18.3 billion US (1999)

GDP growth rate

3.5% (1999)

GDP per capita

\$1,024 US (1999)

Main exports

Coffee, sugar, bananas, fruit and vegetables, meat, apparel, oil

Main imports

Fuels, machinery, transportation equipment, construction materials, grains, fertilizers

Main exports to Canada

\$121.9 million (1999), including coffee, cut flowers and agricultural products such as sesame seeds, fruit and vegetables

Main imports from Canada

\$166.9 million (1999), including newsprint and other pulp and paper products, wheat and durum wheat, fertilizers and telephone equipment

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