

GUYANA

Capital: Georgetown

GEODATA

Area

214,970 km²

Major language

English (official)

Major religious groups

Christian (50%), Hindu (33%),
Muslim (9%)

Surrounding countries

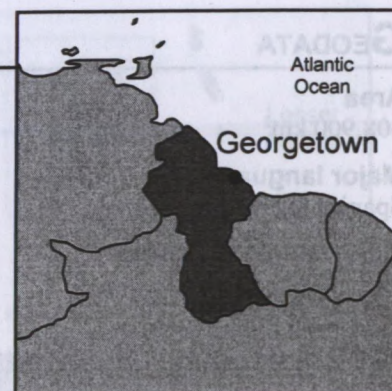
Brazil, Suriname, Venezuela

Population

790,000 (2000 est.)

Population growth rate

-0.7% (1990-1999 average)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

National legislature

Single chamber: National Assembly; multiparty

Leaders

President Bharrat Jagdeo
Prime Minister Samuel Hinds

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Clement Rohee

Minister of Trade, Industry and Tourism

Geoffrey da Silva

UN Human Development Index (2000)

Guyana ranks 96th among 174 countries

Canadian official development assistance

\$9 million (1998-1999)

ECONOMIC DATA

Real GDP

\$715 million US (2000 est.)

GDP growth rate

3.5% (2000 est.)

GDP per capita

\$742 US (1999)

Main exports

Sugar and molasses, gold, bauxite and alumina, rice, shrimp, rum, timber

Main imports

Manufactured goods, machinery, petroleum, food

Main exports to Canada

\$197.8 million (2000), including gold; aluminum ore; beverages; fish and seafood; woven apparel; prepared meat and fish; vegetables; live animals; wood; perfumery and cosmetics

Main imports from Canada

\$8.1 million (2000), including machinery; paper and paperboard; vegetables; electrical machinery; textile articles; pharmaceutical products; preserved food; manufactured thread and fabric

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