

EL SALVADOR

Capital: San Salvador

GEODATA

Area

21,893 km²

Official language

Spanish

Major religious group

Roman Catholic (86%)

Surrounding countries

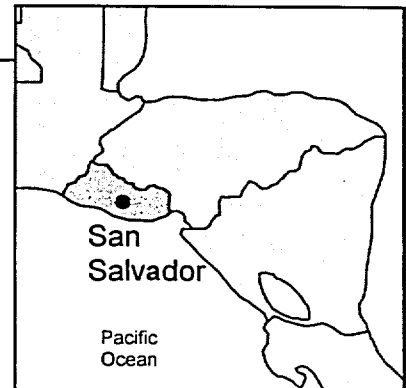
Guatemala, Honduras

Population

6.12 million (July 2000 est.)

Population growth rate

1.87% (2000 est.)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

National legislature

Single chamber: Legislative Assembly; multiparty

Leader

President Francisco Flores

Minister of Foreign Relations

Maria Eugenia Brizuela de Avila

Minister of Economy

Miguel Ernesto Lacayo

UN Human Development Index (2000)

El Salvador ranks 104th among 174 countries

Canadian official development assistance

\$7.3 million (1998-1999)

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$12.4 billion US (1999)

GDP growth rate

2.6% (1999)

GDP per capita

\$2,014 US (1999)

Main exports

Assembled products, coffee, sugar, shrimp, textiles, chemicals

Main imports

Consumer products, capital goods, oil, food products

Main exports to Canada

\$36.4 million (1999), including spices, coffee, knit apparel, electrical machinery, woven apparel

Main imports from Canada

\$13.8 million (1999), including vegetables, plastics, tallow, newsprint and wood pulp, wheat, electrical machinery

Inflation rate

-1% (1999)

Unemployment rate

7.7% (1997 est.)

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