

GUATEMALA

Capital: Guatemala City

GEODATA

Area

108,900 km²

Major language

Spanish (official)

Major religious groups

Roman Catholic, Protestant

Surrounding countries

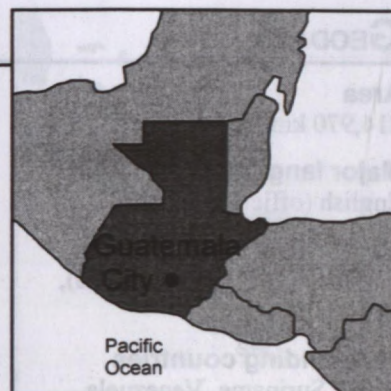
Belize, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico

Population

11.4 million (2000 est.)

Population growth rate

2.5% (2000 est.)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

Minister of Economy

Frederico Pola de la Peña

National legislature

Single chamber: Legislative Assembly; multiparty

UN Human Development Index (2000)

Guatemala ranks 120th among 174 countries

Leader

President Alfonso Portillo

Canadian official development assistance

\$8.3 million (1998-1999)

Minister of Foreign Relations

Gabriel Orellana Rojas

ECONOMIC DATA

Real GDP

\$18.6 billion US (2000 est.)

Inflation rate

6% (2000 est.)

GDP growth rate

3% (2000 est.)

Unemployment rate

7.5% (1999 est.)

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

\$167.2 million (2000), including sugar; spices; coffee and tea; fruit and nuts; vegetables; knit apparel; woven apparel; grain; soap; wax and dental preparations; live trees and plants; toys; sports equipment

Main imports from Canada

\$122.4 million (2000), including cereals; electrical machinery; paper and paperboard; fertilizers; machinery; milled products, malt and starch; plastics; furniture and bedding; preserved food; fats and oils

Canadian Representative

Alan Culham, Ambassador, The Canadian Embassy

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