

# GUYANA

Capital: Georgetown

## GEODATA

**Area**

214,970 km<sup>2</sup>

**Official language**

English

**Major religious groups**

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

Muslim (9%)

**Surrounding countries**

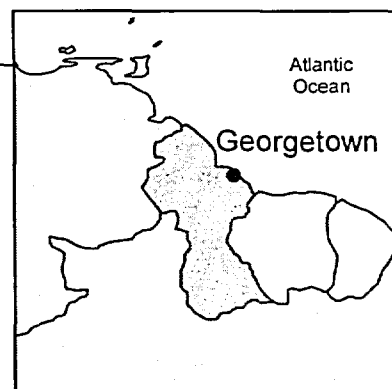
Brazil, Suriname, Venezuela

**Population**

697,286 (July 2000 est.)

**Population growth rate**

-0.1% (2000 est.)



## 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

**GDP**

\$677.5 million US (1999)

**GDP growth rate**

3% (1999)

**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**

\$192 million (1999), including gold, aluminum ore, rum, clothing

**Main imports from Canada**

\$14.6 million (1999), including fertilizers, potatoes, vegetables, pharmaceutical products, dairy products, electrical machinery

**Inflation rate**

8.7% (1999)

**Unemployment rate**

12% (1998)

**Canadian Representative**

Jacques Crête, High Commissioner, The Canadian High Commission

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