

EL SALVADOR

Capital: San Salvador

GEODATA

Area

21,893 km²

Population

6.3 million (2000 est.)

Major language

Spanish (official)

Population growth rate

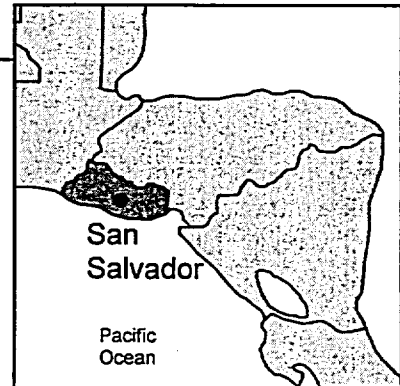
2.2% (1999)

Major religious group

Roman Catholic (86%)

Surrounding countries

Guatemala, Honduras



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

Minister of Economy

Miguel Ernesto Lacayo

National legislature

Single chamber: Legislative Assembly; multiparty

UN Human Development Index (2000)

El Salvador ranks 104th among 174 countries

Leader

President Francisco Guillermo Flores Pérez

Canadian official development assistance

\$7.3 million (1998-1999)

Minister of Foreign Relations

María Eugenia Brizuela de Avila

ECONOMIC DATA

Real GDP

\$13.2 billion US (2000 est.)

Inflation rate

2.5% (2000 est.)

GDP growth rate

2.5% (2000 est.)

Unemployment rate

10% (2000 est.)

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

\$152.6 million (2000), including aircraft or parts thereof; spices; coffee and tea; knit apparel; electrical machinery; woven apparel; miscellaneous textile articles; toys; sports equipment; vegetables; products of animal origin; paper and paperboard

Main imports from Canada

\$22.4 million (2000), including paper and paperboard; fertilizers; fats and oils; milled products, malt and starches; electrical machinery; plastics; salt, sulphur, earth and stone; machinery; clocks and watches; inorganic chemicals; rare earth metals; cereals

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