

REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA

Capital: Guatemala City

GEODATA

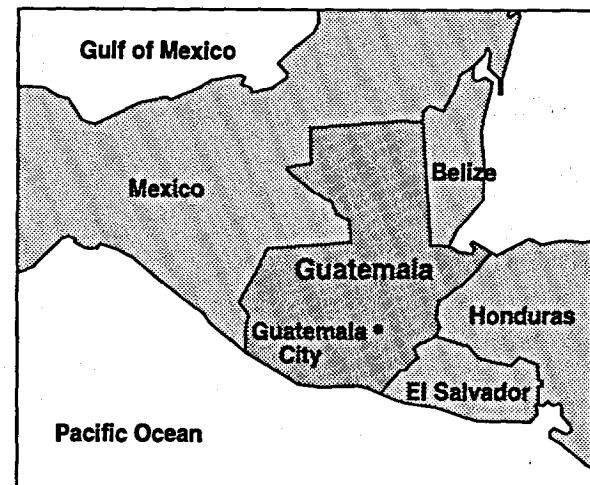
Area
108,900 km²

Population
10.32 million (1994)

Population growth
2.9% (1994)

Major languages
Spanish, Amerindian

Major religions
Roman Catholic, Protestant



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government
Republic

Head of state and of government
President Alvaro Arzú Irigoyen

Minister of Foreign Relations
Eduardo Stein Barillas

Democratic institutions
Unicameral legislative assembly

UN Human Development Index
Guatemala ranks 112nd among 174 countries

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ECONOMIC DATA

GDP
\$12.6 billion US (1995)

GDP growth rate
4.5% (1995)

GDP per capita
\$1,218 US (1994)

Inflation rate
8% (1995)

Unemployment rate
11% (1993 est.)

Main exports
Coffee, sugar, bananas, cardamom, beef

Main imports
Fuel and petroleum products, machinery, grain, fertilizer, motor vehicles

Main exports to Canada
\$93.4 million (1995), including coffee, fresh fruits and vegetables (particularly bananas and peas), clothing, sesamum seeds, toilet soap

Main imports from Canada
\$41.4 million (1995), including newspaper and other paper products, wheat and durum wheat, potassium chloride, polyethylene, telephone apparatus and equipment

Canadian overseas development assistance
\$6.86 million (1994-95)

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