

EL SALVADOR

Capital: San Salvador

GEODATA

Area
21,893 km²

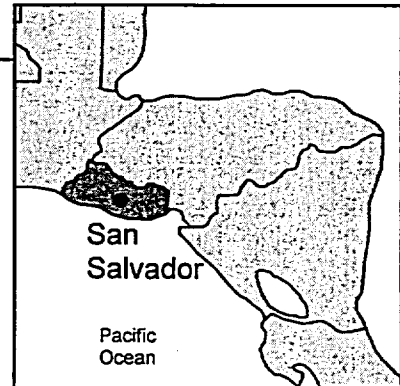
Population
6.3 million (2000 est.)

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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