



# EL SALVADOR



## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President Salvador SANCHEZ CEREN

### Head of Government

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### Government Type

presidential republic

### Capital

San Salvador

### Legislature

unicameral Legislative Assembly or Asamblea Legislativa (84 seats)

### Judiciary

Supreme Court or Corte Suprema de Justicia (consists of 15 judges assigned to constitutional, civil, penal, and administrative conflict divisions)

### Ambassador to US

Ambassador Claudia Ivette CANJURA de Centeno

### US Ambassador

Ambassador Jean Elizabeth MANES

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 21,041 sq km

Land: 20,721 sq km

Water: 320 sq km

### Climate

tropical; rainy season (May to October); dry season (November to April); tropical on coast; temperate in uplands

### Natural Resources

hydropower, geothermal power, petroleum, arable land

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

El Salvador benefits greatly from the Dominican Republic-Central American Free Trade Agreement and a Millennium Challenge Corporation compact but still depends on remittances for nearly one-fifth of its GDP

### GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$56.99 billion (2017 est.)

### GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$8,900 (2017 est.)

### Exports

\$5.76 billion (2017 est.)

partners: US 45.7%, Honduras 13.9%, Guatemala 13.5%, Nicaragua 6.7%, Costa Rica 4.6% (2017)

### Imports

\$10.59 billion (2017 est.)

partners: US 36.7%, Guatemala 10.5%, China 8.7%, Mexico 7.4%, Honduras 6.7% (2017)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

6.2 million (July 2017 est.)

### Population Growth

0.25% (2017 est.)

### Ethnicity

mestizo 86.3%, white

12.7%, Amerindian 0.2%

(includes Lenca, Kakawira, Nahua-Pipil), black 0.1%, other 0.6% (2007 est.)

### Language

Spanish (official), Nawat (among some Amerindians)

### Religion

Roman Catholic 50%, Protestant 36%, other 2%, none 12% (2014 est.)

### Urbanization

urban population: 72% of total population (2018)

rate of urbanization: 1.57% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

### Literacy

88% (2015 est.)

