GUATEMALA

GOVERNMENT
Chief of State
President Jimmy Ernesto MORALES Cabrera
Head of Government
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Government Type
presidential republic
Capital
Guatemala City
Legislature
unicameral Congress of the Republic or Congreso de la Republica (158 seats)
Judiciary
Supreme Court of Justice or Corte Suprema de Justicia (consists of 13 magistrates including the court president and organized into 3 chambers)
Ambassador to US
Ambassador Manuel Alfredo ESPINA Pinto
US Ambassador
Ambassador Luis E. ARREAGA

ECONOMY
Economic Overview
one of the poorest countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, having highly unequal incomes and chronically malnourished children, beset by political insecurity, and lacking skilled workers and infrastructure; Guatemala depends on remittances for nearly one-tenth of GDP
GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$137.8 billion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$8,100 (2017 est.)
Exports
$10.53 billion (2017 est.)
partners:  US 33.8%, El Salvador 11.1%, Honduras 8.8%, Nicaragua 5.1%, Mexico 4.7% (2017)
Imports
$17.48 billion (2017 est.)
partners:  US 39.8%, China 10.7%, Mexico 10.7%, El Salvador 5.3% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY
Population
15.5 million (July 2017 est.)
Population Growth
1.75% (2017 est.)
Ethnicity
mestizo (called Ladino in local Spanish) and European 60.1%, Maya 39.3%, non-Maya, non-mestizo 0.15% (Xinca (indigenous, non-Maya), Garifuna (mixed West and Central African, Island Carib, and Arawak)), other 0.5% (2001 est.)
Language
Spanish (official) 68.9%, Maya languages 30.9%, other 0.3% (includes Xinca and Garifuna) (2001 est.)
Religion
Roman Catholic, Protestant, indigenous Maya beliefs
Urbanization
urban population: 51.1% of total population (2018)
rate of urbanization: 2.68% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)
Literacy
81.5% (2015 est.)

as of September 2018

GEOGRAPHY
Area
Total: 108,889 sq km
Land: 107,159 sq km
Water: 1,730 sq km
Climate
tropical; hot, humid in lowlands; cooler in highlands
Natural Resources
petroleum, nickel, rare woods, fish, chicle, hydropower

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