GUYANA

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State
President David GRANGER

Head of Government
President David GRANGER

Government Type
parliamentary republic

Capital
Georgetown

Legislature
unicameral National Assembly (65 seats)

Judiciary
Supreme Court of Judicature (consists of the Court of Appeal with a chief justice and 3 justices, and the High Court with a chief justice and 10 justices); note - in 2009, Guyana replaced the Committee of the Privy Council (in London) with the Caribbean Court of Justice as the final court of appeal

Ambassador to US
Ambassador Riyad David INSANALLY

US Ambassador
Ambassador (vacant); Charge d’Affaires Terry STEERS-GONZALEZ

GEOGRAPHY

Area
Total: 214,969 sq km
Land: 196,849 sq km
Water: 18,120 sq km

Climate
tropical; hot, humid, moderated by northeast trade winds; two rainy seasons (May to August, November to January)

Natural Resources
bauxite, gold, diamonds, hardwood timber, shrimp, fish

as of February 2019

ECONOMY

Economic Overview
Guyana is dependent upon export of sugar, gold, bauxite, shrimp, timber, and rice, which represent nearly 60% of the GDP and are susceptible to adverse weather and commodity price fluctuations

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
$6.301 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$8,100 (2017 est.)

Exports
$1.439 billion (2017 est.)
partners: Canada 24.9%, US 16.5%, Panama 9.6%, UK 7.7%, Jamaica 5.1%, Trinidad and Tobago 5% (2017)

Imports
$1.626 billion (2017 est.)
partners: Trinidad and Tobago 27.5%, US 26.5%, China 8.9%, Suriname 6.1% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population
740,700 (July 2018 est.)

Population Growth
0.48% (2018 est.)

Ethnicity
East Indian 39.8%, black (African) 29.3%, mixed 19.9%, Amerindian 10.5%, other 0.5% (2012 est.)

Language
English (official), Guyanese Creole, Amerindian languages, Indian languages, Chinese (2014 est.)

Religion
Protestant 34.8%, Hindu 24.8%, Roman Catholic 7.1%, Muslim 6.8%, Jehovah’s Witness 1.3%, Rastafarian 0.5%, other Christian 20.8%, other 0.9%, none 3.1% (2012 est.)

Urbanization
urban population: 26.6% of total population (2018)
rate of urbanization: 0.83% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy
88.5% (2015 est.)