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

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)
$51.17 billion (2017 est.)
GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
$8,000 (2017 est.)
Exports
$4.662 billion (2017 est.)
partners: US 45.7%, Honduras 13.9%, Guatemala 13.5%, Nicaragua 6.7%, Costa Rica 4.6% (2017)
Imports
$9.499 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 2018 est.)
Population Growth
0.25% (2018 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
88.1% (2016 est.)

as of February 2019

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

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