



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

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

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)

\$138.1 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$8,200 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$11.12 billion (2017 est.)

partners: US 33.8%, El Salvador 11.1%, Honduras 8.8%, Nicaragua 5.1%, Mexico 4.7% (2017)

Imports

\$17.11 billion (2017 est.)

partners: US 39.8%, China 10.7%, Mexico 10.7%, El Salvador 5.3% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

16.6 million (July 2018 est.)

Population Growth

1.72% (2018 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

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.)

