

# **EL SALVADOR**









# INTRODUCTION

El Salvador achieved independence from Spain in 1821 and from the Central American Federation in 1839. A 12-year civil war was brought to a close in 1992 when the government and leftist rebels signed a treaty that provided for military and political reforms.

# **GOVERNMENT**

#### **Chief of State**

President Nayib Armando BUKELE Ortez

# **Head of Government**

President Nayib Armando BUKELE Ortez

# **Government Type**

presidential republic

#### Capital

San Salvador

# Legislature

unicameral Legislative Assembly or Asamblea Legislativa (84 seats)

# **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**

growth challenged Central American economy buttressed via remittances; dense labor force; fairly aggressive COVID-19 stimulus plan; new and lower banking reserve requirements; earthquake, tropical storm, and crime disruptions; widespread corruption

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$52.26 billion (2020 est.) GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$8,100 (2020 est.)

**Industries -** food processing, beverages, petroleum, chemicals, fertilizer, textiles, furniture, light metals

**Agricultural products -** sugarcane, maize, milk, poultry, sorghum, beans, coconuts, eggs, apples, oranges

Exports \$6.29 billion (2020 est.)

textiles and apparel, electrical capacitors, plastic lids, raw sugar, toilet paper (2019)

partners: US 40%, Guatemala 15%, Honduras 15%, Nicaragua 6% (2019)

**Imports** \$10.82 billion (2020 est.)

refined petroleum, packaged medicines, clothing, broadcasting equipment, natural gas (2019)

**partners:** US 30%, China 14%, Guatemala 13%, Mexico 8%, Honduras 6% (2019)

# **PEOPLE & SOCIETY**

#### **Population**

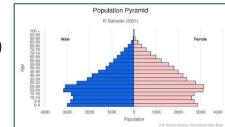
6.5 million (July 2021 est.)

# **Population Growth**

0.67% (2021 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.)