



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

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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.)

