GUATEMALA

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State
President Alejandro GIAMMATTEI

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; 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
17.2 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth
1.68% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity
mestizo (mixed Amerindian-Spanish - in local Spanish called Ladino) 56%, Maya 41.7%, Xinca (indigenous, non-Maya) 1.8%, African descent .2%, Garifuna (mixed West and Central African, Island Carib, and Arawak) .1%, foreign .2% (2018 est.)

Language
Spanish (official) 69.9%, Maya languages 29.7%, other 0.4% (includes Xinca and Garifuna) (2018 est.)

Religion
Roman Catholic, Protestant, indigenous Maya

Urbanization
urban population: 51.8% of total population (2020)
rate of urbanization: 2.68% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy
81.5% (2015)