



BELIZE



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

Queen ELIZABETH II
represented by Governor General Sir Colville
Norbert YOUNG, Sr.

Head of Government

Prime Minister Dean Oliver BARROW

Government Type

parliamentary democracy (National Assembly)
under a constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth
realm

Capital

Belmopan

Legislature

bicameral National Assembly consists of the
Senate (13 seats) and the House of
Representatives (31 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court of Judicature (consists of the Court
of Appeal with the court president and 3 justices,
and the Supreme Court with the chief justice and 2
judges); final appeals in civil and criminal cases are
sent to the Caribbean Court of Justice

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Francisco Daniel GUTIEREZ

US Ambassador

Ambassador (vacant); Charge d'Affaires Keith R.
GILGES

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 22,966 sq km
Land: 22,806 sq km
Water: 160 sq km

Climate

tropical; very hot and humid; rainy season (May
to November); dry season (February to May)

Natural Resources

arable land potential, timber, fish, hydropower

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

tourism and exports of primary commodities have given Belize a
high per capita income relative to other Central American
countries; average income masks a huge income disparity
between rich and poor

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$3.218 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$8,300 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$457.5 million (2017 est.)
partners: UK 33.9%, US 22%, Jamaica 6.7%, Italy 6.4%,
Barbados 5.9%, Ireland 5.5%, Netherlands 4.3% (2017)

Imports

\$845.9 million (2017 est.)
partners: US 35.6%, China 11.2%, Mexico 11.2%, Guatemala
6.9% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

385,850 (July 2018 est.)

Population Growth

1.8% (2018 est.)

Ethnicity

mestizo 52.9%, Creole
25.9%, Maya 11.3%,
Garifuna 6.1%, East Indian 3.9%, Mennonite 3.6%, white 1.2%,
Asian 1%, other 1.2%, unknown 0.3% (2010 est.)¹

Language

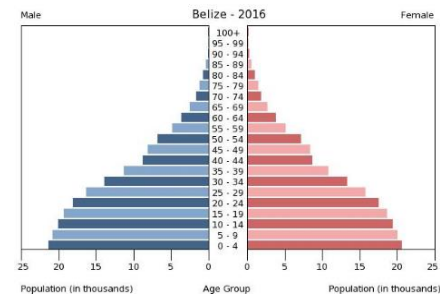
English 62.9% (official), Spanish 56.6%, Creole 44.6%, Maya
10.5%, German 3.2%, Garifuna 2.9%, other 1.8%, unknown 0.3%,
none 0.2% (cannot speak) (2010 est.)¹

Religion

Roman Catholic 40.1%, Protestant 31.5%, Jehovah's Witness
1.7%, other 10.5%, unspecified 0.6%, none 15.5% (2010 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 45.7% of total population (2018)
rate of urbanization: 2.32% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)



¹ note: percentages total more than 100% because respondents were able to provide more than one answer