



EL SALVADOR



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Salvador SANCHEZ CEREN

Head of Government

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Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

San Salvador

Legislature

unicameral Legislative Assembly or Asamblea Legislativa (84 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court or Corte Suprema de Justicia (consists of 15 judges assigned to constitutional, civil, penal, and administrative conflict divisions)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Claudia Ivette CANJURA de Centeno

US Ambassador

Ambassador Jean Elizabeth MANES

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

El Salvador benefits greatly from the Dominican Republic-Central American Free Trade Agreement and a Millennium Challenge Corporation compact but still depends on remittances for nearly one-fifth of its GDP

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$51.17 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$8,000 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$4.662 billion (2017 est.)
partners: US 45.7%, Honduras 13.9%, Guatemala 13.5%, Nicaragua 6.7%, Costa Rica 4.6% (2017)

Imports

\$9.499 billion (2017 est.)
partners: US 36.7%, Guatemala 10.5%, China 8.7%, Mexico 7.4%, Honduras 6.7% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

6.2 million (July 2018 est.)

Population Growth

0.25% (2018 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.)

Urbanization

urban population: 72% of total population (2018)
rate of urbanization: 1.57% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

88.1% (2016 est.)

