



# GUYANA



## GOVERNMENT

### Chief of State

President David GRANGER

### Head of Government

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### Government Type

parliamentary republic

### Capital

Georgetown

### Legislature

unicameral National Assembly (65 seats)

### Judiciary

Supreme Court of Judicature (consists of the Court of Appeal with a chief justice and 3 justices, and the High Court with a chief justice and 10 justices); note - in 2009, Guyana replaced the Committee of the Privy Council (in London) with the Caribbean Court of Justice as the final court of appeal

### Ambassador to US

Ambassador Riyad David INSANALLY

### US Ambassador

Ambassador (vacant); Charge d'Affaires Terry STEERS-GONZALEZ

## GEOGRAPHY

### Area

Total: 214,969 sq km

Land: 196,849 sq km

Water: 18,120 sq km

### Climate

tropical; hot, humid, moderated by northeast trade winds; two rainy seasons (May to August, November to January)

### Natural Resources

bauxite, gold, diamonds, hardwood timber, shrimp, fish

## ECONOMY

### Economic Overview

Guyana is dependent upon export of sugar, gold, bauxite, shrimp, timber, and rice, which represent nearly 60% of the GDP and are susceptible to adverse weather and commodity price fluctuations

### GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$6.301 billion (2017 est.)

### GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$8,100 (2017 est.)

### Exports

\$1.439 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Canada 24.9%, US 16.5%, Panama 9.6%, UK 7.7%, Jamaica 5.1%, Trinidad and Tobago 5% (2017)

### Imports

\$1.626 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Trinidad and Tobago 27.5%, US 26.5%, China 8.9%, Suriname 6.1% (2017)

## PEOPLE & SOCIETY

### Population

740,700 (July 2018 est.)

### Population Growth

0.48% (2018 est.)

### Ethnicity

East Indian 39.8%, black (African) 29.3%, mixed 19.9%, Amerindian 10.5%, other 0.5% (2012 est.)

### Language

English (official), Guyanese Creole, Amerindian languages, Indian languages, Chinese (2014 est.)

### Religion

Protestant 34.8%, Hindu 24.8%, Roman Catholic 7.1%, Muslim 6.8%, Jehovah's Witness 1.3%, Rastafarian 0.5%, other Christian 20.8%, other 0.9%, none 3.1% (2012 est.)

### Urbanization

urban population: 26.6% of total population (2018)

rate of urbanization: 0.83% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

### Literacy

88.5% (2015 est.)

