



GUYANA



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Mohammed Irfaan ALI

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 Sarah-Ann LYNCH

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

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

750,204 (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

0.72% (2020 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: 26.8% of total population (2020)

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

Literacy

88.5% (2015)

