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El Salvador

Census Results

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1930-05-10 1,459,594
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1961-05-02 2,510,984
1971-06-28 3,554,648
1992-09-27 5,120,411
2007-05-12 5,744,113

General Information

Official name	the Republic of El Salvador
Official name [native]	la República de El Salvador «Spanish»
Capital	San Salvador
Capital [native]	San Salvador «Spanish»
Region	Central America
ISO code	SV
Statistical agency	Dirección General de Estadística y Censos

Name in Chinese

Name in Arabic جمهورية السلفادور

Name in Spanish la República de El Salvador

Name in Russian Республика Эль-Сальвадор

Name in French la République d'El Salvador

Administrative units

code	departamento	capital	area (sq.km.)	population 1992-10-06 census	population 2007-05-12 census	population 2012 survey
01	Ahuachapán	Ahuachapán	1,239.6	261,188	319,503	331,235
02	Santa Ana	Santa Ana	2,023.2	458,587	523,655	567,261
03	Sonsonate	Sonsonate	1,225.8	360,183	438,960	461,130
04	Chalatenango	Chalatenango	2,016.6	179,132	192,788	203,587
05	La Libertad	Santa Tecla	1,652.9	513,866	660,652	738,671
06	San Salvador	San Salvador	886.2	1,512,125	1,567,156	1,737,975
07	Cuscatlán	Cojutepeque	756.2	178,502	231,480	248,557
08	La Paz	Zacatecoluca	1,227.6	245,915	308,087	325,942
09	Cabañas	Sensuntepeque	1,103.5	138,426	149,326	164,828
10	San Vicente	San Vicente	1,184.0	143,003	161,645	172,489
11	Usulután	Usulután	2,130.4	310,362	344,235	363,288
12	San Miguel	San Miguel	2,077.1	403,411	434,003	476,007
13	Morazán	San Francisco Gotera	1,447.4	160,146	174,406	198,174
14	La Unión	La Unión	2,074.3	255,565	238,217	260,118
	total		21,044.8	5,120,411	5,744,113	6,249,262

source: Dirección General de Estadística y Censos, El Salvador.

note: the 2012 data refer to results from the Encuesta de Hogares de Propósitos Múltiples (Multipurpose Household Survey) held that year.

Expanded administrative units

code	departamento municipio	capital	area (sq.km.)	population 1992-10-06 census	population 2007-05-12 census	population 2012 survey
01	Ahuachapán	Ahuachapán	1,239.6	261,188	319,503	331,235
01	Ahuachapán		244.8	85,460	110,511	
02	Apaneca		45.1	7,750	8,383	
03	Atiquizaya		66.6	28,213	33,587	
04	Concepción de Ataco		61.0	13,903	12,786	
05	El Refugio		11.0	5,105	8,171	
06	Guaymango		60.2	17,299	19,037	
07	Jujutla		264.0	26,975	28,599	

source: Dirección General de Estadística y Censos, El Salvador.

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code	departamento municipio	capital	area (sq.km.)	population 1992-10-06 census	population 2007-05-12 census	population 2012 survey
08	San Francisco Menéndez		226.1	36,423	42,607	
09	San Lorenzo		48.3	7,163	9,194	
10	San Pedro Puxtla		41.4	6,680	7,773	
11	Tacuba		150.0	20,744	29,858	
12	Turín		20.9	5,473	8,997	
02	Santa Ana	Santa Ana	2,023.2	458,587	523,655	567,261
02	Candelaria de la Frontera		91.1	21,951	22,686	
04	Chalchuapa		165.8	64,828	74,038	
03	Coatepeque		126.9	38,198	36,768	
05	El Congo		91.4	18,024	24,219	
06	El Porvenir		52.5	6,253	8,232	
07	Masahuat		71.2	4,113	3,393	
08	Metapán		668.4	49,950	59,004	
09	San Antonio Pajonal		51.9	3,842	3,279	
10	San Sebastián Salitrillo		42.3	9,541	18,566	
01	Santa Ana		400.1	210,970	245,421	
11	Santa Rosa Guachipilín		38.4	6,185	4,930	
12	Santiago de la Frontera		44.2	6,589	5,196	
13	Texistepeque		179.0	18,143	17,923	
03	Sonsonate	Sonsonate	1,225.8	360,183	438,960	461,130
02	Acajutla		166.6	47,678	52,359	
03	Armenia		65.6	23,813	34,912	
04	Caluco		51.4	6,689	9,139	
05	Cuisnahuat		73.0	10,298	12,676	
06	Izalco		175.9	54,595	70,959	
07	Juayúa		103.1	23,534	24,465	
08	Nahuizalco		34.3	34,350	49,081	
09	Nahulingo		35.4	9,476	10,417	
10	Salcoatitán		18.6	4,071	5,484	
11	San Antonio del Monte		25.1	17,750	26,902	
12	San Julián		81.6	13,721	18,648	
13	Santa Catarina Masahuat		30.9	7,631	10,076	
14			95.3	8,999	10,241	

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	Santa Isabel Ishuatán					
15	Santo Domingo		27.9	6,270	7,055	
01	Sonsonate		232.5	77,773	71,541	
16	Sonzacate		8.4	13,535	25,005	
04	Chalatenango	Chalatenango	2,016.6	179,132	192,788	203,587
02	Agua caliente		195.7	8,460	8,261	
03	Arcatao		66.9	2,242	2,946	
04	Azacualpa		10.0	1,540	1,136	
05	Cancasque		35.4	1,486	1,751	
01	Chalatenango		131.8	29,048	29,271	
06	Citalá		79.4	4,822	4,164	
07	Comalapa		28.2	4,237	2,996	
08	Concepción Quezaltepeque		52.5	6,295	6,457	
09	Dulce Nombre de María		54.0	5,503	5,051	
10	El Carrizal		25.3	2,757	2,464	
11	El Paraíso		52.1	9,979	10,483	
12	La Laguna		25.8	4,572	3,923	
13	La Palma		135.6	10,632	12,235	
14	La Reina		133.5	7,635	9,525	
15	Las Flores		26.2	1,490	1,583	
16	Las Vueltas		36.8	1,040	940	
17	Nombre de Jesús		40.4	4,341	4,484	
18	Nueva Concepción		257.5	27,321	28,625	
19	Nueva Trinidad		46.3	1,168	1,673	
20	Ojos de Agua		34.1	3,175	3,667	
21	Potonico		37.7	1,582	1,586	
22	San Antonio de la Cruz		25.0	1,779	1,854	
23	San Antonio Los Ranchos		11.2	1,031	1,619	
24	San Fernando		44.0	1,812	2,593	
25	San Francisco Lempa		11.0	919	862	
26	San Francisco Morazán		97.2	2,279	3,919	
27	San Ignacio		69.2	6,560	8,611	
28			28.2	121	2,592	

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	San Isidro Labrador					
29	San Luis del Carmen		21.3	1,363	1,173	
30	San Miguel de Mercedes		19.6	2,204	2,487	
31	San Rafael		23.7	4,318	4,264	
32	Santa Rita		53.1	4,508	5,985	
33	Tejutla		107.5	12,913	13,608	
05	La Libertad	Santa Tecla	1,652.9	513,866	660,652	738,671
02	Antiguo Cuscatlán		19.4	28,187	33,698	35,000
06	Chiltiupán		96.7	10,988	10,897	
03	Ciudad Arce		86.8	39,796	60,314	
04	Colón		84.1	49,570	96,989	
05	Comasagua		75.1	10,871	11,870	
07	Huizúcar		44.3	9,205	14,465	
08	Jayaque		47.5	11,401	11,058	
09	Jicalapa		42.9	5,523	5,116	
10	La Libertad		162.0	33,590	35,997	
11	Nuevo Cuscatlán		15.6	5,119	6,897	
12	Opico		218.9	51,701	74,280	
13	Quezaltepeque		125.4	46,693	52,643	
14	Sacacoyo		25.2	9,183	12,299	
15	San José Villanueva		32.5	7,247	13,576	
16	San Matías		52.5	7,358	7,314	
17	San Pablo Tacachico		129.5	18,707	20,366	
01	Santa Tecla		112.2	113,698	121,908	133,601
18	Talnique		29.7	6,193	8,254	
19	Tamanique		59.0	11,387	13,544	
20	Teotepeque		109.7	12,177	12,320	
21	Tepecoyo		61.1	10,838	14,322	
22	Zaragoza		22.7	14,434	22,525	
06	San Salvador	San Salvador	886.2	1,512,125	1,567,156	1,737,975
02	Aguilares		33.7	20,439	21,267	
03	Apopa		51.8	109,179	131,286	146,033
04	Ayutuxtepeque		8.4	23,810	34,710	35,937
06	Ciudad Delgado		33.4	109,863	120,200	138,998
05	Cuscatancingo		5.4	57,485	66,400	75,362

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07	El Paisnal		125.5	13,485	14,551	
08	Guazapa		63.7	18,780	22,906	
09	Ilopango		34.6	90,634	103,862	112,589
10	Mejicanos		22.1	144,855	140,751	152,973
11	Nejapa		83.4	23,891	29,458	33,478
12	Panchimalco		90.0	32,457	41,260	
13	Rosario de Mora		39.2	9,251	11,377	
14	San Marcos		14.7	59,913	63,209	65,107
15	San Martín		55.8	56,530	72,758	82,774
01	San Salvador		72.3	415,346	316,090	344,992
16	Santiago Texacuangos		30.5	16,295	19,428	
17	Santo Tomás		24.3	21,448	25,344	
18	Soyapango		29.7	261,122	241,403	274,851
19	Tonacatepeque		67.6	27,342	90,896	107,703
07	Cuscatlán	Cojutepeque	756.2	178,502	231,480	248,557
01	Cojutepeque		31.4	45,601	50,315	
02	Candelaria		36.7	9,634	10,090	
03	El Carmen		6.1	12,456	13,345	
04	El Rosario		14.2	3,679	4,220	
05	Monte San Juan		26.6	8,251	10,224	
06	Oratorio de Concepción		24.3	2,368	3,578	
07	San Bartolomé Perulapía		12.3	5,658	8,058	
08	San Cristóbal		18.2	7,130	8,316	
09	San José Guayabal		42.7	9,915	9,300	
10	San Pedro Perulapán		90.5	26,047	44,730	
11	San Rafael Cedros		29.2	11,735	17,069	
12	San Ramón		15.7	4,632	6,292	
13	Santa Cruz Analquito		11.8	2,271	2,585	
14	Santa Cruz Michapa		28.6	9,942	11,790	
15	Suchitoto		329.3	13,850	24,786	
16	Tenancingo		38.3	5,333	6,782	
08	La Paz	Zacatecoluca	1,227.6	245,915	308,087	325,942
02	Cuyultitán		8.6	4,156	5,590	

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03	El Rosario		45.6	9,797	16,784	
04	Jerusalén		6.5	2,043	2,570	
05	Mercedes La Ceiba		10.6	620	637	
06	Olocuilta		89.7	15,992	29,529	
07	Paraíso de Osorio		7.2	2,933	2,727	
08	San Antonio Masahuat		28.8	4,047	4,258	
09	San Emigdio		9.9	2,689	2,818	
10	San Francisco Chinameca		40.5	6,186	7,387	
11	San Juan Nonualco		59.7	10,927	17,256	
12	San Juan Talpa		40.7	6,825	7,707	
13	San Juan Tepezontes		17.9	3,037	3,630	
14	San Luis		66.0	15,410	21,675	
15	San Luis La Herradura		104.4	16,869	20,405	
16	San Miguel Tepezontes		46.2	4,629	5,084	
17	San Pedro Masahuat		121.4	21,593	25,446	
18	San Pedro Nonualco		27.5	9,430	9,252	
19	San Rafael Obrajuelo		11.0	9,110	9,820	
20	Santa María Ostuma		24.1	5,660	5,990	
21	Santiago Nonualco		125.5	32,546	39,887	
22	Tapalhuaca		14.3	3,612	3,809	
01	Zacatecoluca		321.3	57,804	65,826	
09	Cabañas	Sensuntepeque	1,103.5	138,426	149,326	164,828
02	Cinquera		34.5	574	1,467	
03	Dolores		149.1	5,667	6,347	
04	Guacotecti		21.0	3,914	5,550	
05	Ilobasco		249.7	53,513	61,510	
06	Jutiapa		67.1	7,178	6,584	
07	San Isidro		78.3	9,468	7,796	
01	Sensuntepeque		306.3	39,123	40,332	
08	Tejutepeque		50.5	5,087	7,114	

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09	Victoria		147.0	13,902	12,626	
10	San Vicente	San Vicente	1,184.0	143,003	161,645	172,489
02	Apastepeque		120.6	18,247	18,342	
03	Guadalupe		21.5	5,585	5,486	
04	San Cayetano Istepeque		17.0	5,095	5,103	
05	San Esteban Catarina		78.1	3,275	5,661	
06	San Ildefonso		136.4	8,704	7,799	
07	San Lorenzo		18.7	6,178	6,055	
08	San Sebastián		61.8	12,988	14,411	
01	San Vicente		267.3	45,559	53,213	
09	Santa Clara		124.5	4,216	5,349	
10	Santo Domingo		16.4	6,282	6,445	
11	Tecoluca		284.7	16,746	23,893	
12	Tepetitán		12.8	3,813	3,631	
13	Verapaz		24.3	6,315	6,257	
11	Usulután	Usulután	2,130.4	310,362	344,235	363,288
02	Alegría		40.4	12,205	11,712	
03	Berlín		147.0	17,952	17,787	
04	California		24.4	2,300	2,628	
05	Concepción Batres		119.1	11,758	12,197	
06	El Triunfo		39.7	5,891	6,924	
07	Ereguayquín		28.0	7,069	6,119	
08	Estanzuelas		71.7	9,194	9,015	
09	Jiquilisco		430.0	37,646	47,784	
10	Jucuapa		36.1	15,564	18,442	
11	Jucuarán		239.7	11,196	13,424	
12	Mercedes Umaña		61.4	13,328	13,092	
13	Nueva Granada		89.7	7,382	7,451	
14	Ozatlán		50.2	11,436	12,443	
15	Puerto El Triunfo		168.7	15,092	16,584	
16	San Agustín		103.4	3,481	6,518	
17	San Buenaventura		27.9	4,113	4,726	
18	San Dionisio		115.0	6,898	4,945	
19	San Francisco Javier		45.3	5,469	5,409	
20	Santa Elena		54.9	14,801	17,342	

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21	Santa María		11.9	8,043	10,731	
22	Santiago de María		37.7	17,291	18,201	
23	Tecapán		48.4	7,927	7,697	
01	Usulután		139.8	64,326	73,064	
12	San Miguel	San Miguel	2,077.1	403,411	434,003	476,007
02	Carolina		52.9	8,298	8,240	
05	Chapeltique		103.6	10,445	10,728	
06	Chinameca		77.3	20,775	22,311	
07	Chirilagua		206.9	21,721	19,984	
03	Ciudad Barrios		68.1	24,803	24,817	
04	Comacarán		34.6	3,523	3,199	
08	El Tránsito		43.7	16,455	18,363	
09	Lolotique		94.5	13,883	14,916	
10	Moncagua		103.0	20,931	22,659	
11	Nueva Guadalupe		22.8	6,567	8,905	
12	Nuevo Edén de San Juan		63.1	2,452	4,034	
13	Quelepa		22.2	4,859	4,049	
14	San Antonio		16.9	6,373	5,304	
15	San Gerardo		82.8	5,557	5,986	
16	San Jorge		37.7	8,903	9,115	
17	San Luis de la Reina		168.2	6,845	5,637	
01	San Miguel		594.0	191,116	218,410	
18	San Rafael		45.0	15,110	13,290	
19	Sesori		203.3	11,142	10,705	
20	Uluazapa		36.4	3,653	3,351	
13	Morazán	San Francisco Gotera	1,447.4	160,146	174,406	198,174
02	Arambala		114.2	1,840	1,821	
03	Cacaopera		135.7	9,351	10,943	
05	Chilanga		34.3	8,358	9,700	
04	Corinto		95.0	16,402	15,410	
06	Delicias de Concepción		20.2	4,749	5,076	
07	El Divisadero		61.4	7,480	7,617	
08	El Rosario		19.1	1,076	1,339	
09	Gualococti		18.6	3,020	3,650	
10	Guatajiagua		70.8	10,278	11,721	

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11	Joateca		66.3	3,411	4,210	
12	Jocoaitique		51.9	1,915	2,877	
13	Jocoro		63.6	9,706	10,060	
14	Lolotiquillo		22.6	4,609	4,915	
15	Meanguera		47.3	7,781	7,818	
16	Osicala		47.1	9,648	8,909	
17	Perquín		109.0	3,472	3,158	
18	San Carlos		36.9	3,220	4,172	
19	San Fernando		26.9	895	1,708	
01	San Francisco (Gotera)		59.8	19,887	21,049	
20	San Isidro		11.5	2,874	2,804	
21	San Simón		39.1	8,062	10,102	
22	Sensembra		22.0	3,127	2,940	
23	Sociedad		118.3	10,504	11,406	
24	Torola		58.3	1,087	3,042	
25	Yamabal		84.1	3,623	4,346	
26	Yoloaiquín		13.5	3,771	3,613	
14	La Unión	La Unión	2,074.3	255,565	238,217	260,118
85	Anamorós		108.0	15,332	14,551	
196	Bolívar		51.6	5,029	4,215	
175	Concepción de Oriente		68.8	6,458	8,179	
33	Conchagua		209.1	33,332	37,362	
80	El Carmen		105.4	15,512	12,324	
139	El Sauce		146.7	8,779	6,546	
163	Intipucá		94.5	7,201	7,567	
37	La Unión		144.4	36,903	34,045	
82	Lislique		98.8	13,790	13,385	
215	Meanguera del Golfo		16.7	3,368	2,398	
91	Nueva Esparta		86.2	13,300	9,637	
62	Pasaquina		295.3	21,509	16,375	
132	Polorós		126.6	9,459	9,701	
59	San Alejo		251.6	22,793	17,598	
209	San José		45.2	3,975	2,971	
53	Santa Rosa de Lima		128.6	24,719	27,693	
191	Yayantique		41.9	5,412	6,871	
135	Yucuaiquín		55.2	8,694	6,799	
	total		21,044.8	5,120,411	5,744,113	6,249,262

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Main cities

name	population 1992-10-06 census	population 2007-05-12 census	population 2012 survey	latitude / longitude
San Salvador	415,346	316,090	344,992	13.67/-89.24
Santa Ana	210,970	245,421	..	
Soyapango	261,122	241,403	274,851	
San Miguel	191,116	218,410	..	
Mejicanos	144,855	140,751	152,973	
Apopa	109,179	131,286	146,033	
Santa Tecla	113,698	121,908	133,601	
Ciudad Delgado	109,863	120,200	138,998	
Ahuachapán	85,460	110,511	..	
Ilopango	90,634	103,862	112,589	
Colón	49,570	96,989	..	
Tonacatepeque	27,342	90,896	107,703	

source: Dirección General de Estadística y Censos, El Salvador.

note: the 2012 data refer to results from the Encuesta de Hogares de Propósitos Múltiples (Multipurpose Household Survey) held that year.