



# Guyana



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| <b>Background</b>                          | Originally a Dutch colony in the 17th century, by 1815 Guyana had become a British possession. Guyana achieved independence from the UK in 1966, and since then primarily socialist-oriented governments have ruled the country. Guyana is the only English-speaking country in South America and shares cultural and historical bonds with the Anglophone Caribbean. |
| <b>Capital</b>                             | name: Georgetown  |
| <b>Government type</b>                     | parliamentary republic  |
| <b>Area</b>                                | total : 214,969 sq km<br>land: 196,849 sq km<br>water: 18,120 sq km   |
| <b>Climate</b>                             | tropical; hot, humid, moderated by northeast trade winds; two rainy seasons (May to August, November to January)  |
| <b>Natural resources</b>                   | bauxite, gold, diamonds, hardwood timber, shrimp, fish  |
| <b>Population</b>                          | total: 794,099 (2024 est.)  |
| <b>Population growth rate</b>              | 0.32% (2024 est.)   |
| <b>Ethnic groups</b>                       | East Indian 39.8%, African descent 29.3%, mixed 19.9%, Indigenous 10.5%, other 0.5% (includes Portuguese, Chinese, White) (2012 est.)   |
| <b>Religions</b>                           | Protestant 34.8% (Pentecostal 22.8%, Seventh Day Adventist 5.4%, Anglican 5.2%, Methodist 1.4%), Hindu 24.8%, other Christian 20.8%, Roman Catholic 7.1%, Muslim 6.8%, Jehovah's Witness 1.3%, Rastafarian 0.5%, other 0.9%, none 3.1% (2012 est.)  |
| <b>Languages</b>                           | English (official), Guyanese Creole, Amerindian languages (including Caribbean and Arawak languages), Indian languages (including Caribbean Hindustani, a dialect of Hindi), Chinese (2014 est.)  |
| <b>Executive branch</b>                    | chief of state: President Mohammed Irfaan ALI (since 2 August 2020)<br>head of government: President Mohammed Irfaan ALI (since 2 August 2020)  |
| <b>Diplomatic representation in the US</b> | chief of mission: Ambassador Samuel Archibald HINDS (since 7 July 2021)   |

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| Diplomatic representation from the US | chief of mission: Ambassador Nicole THERIOT (since 14 October 2023)   |
| Economic overview                     | small, hydrocarbon-driven South American export economy; major forest coverage being leveraged in carbon credit offsets to encourage preservation; strengthening financial sector; large bauxite and gold resources |
| Real GDP (purchasing power parity)    | \$40.752 billion (2023 est.)<br>\$30.457 billion (2022 est.)<br>\$18.647 billion (2021 est.)  |
| Real GDP per capita                   | \$49,300 (2023 est.)<br>\$37,100 (2022 est.)<br>\$22,900 (2021 est.)  |
| Exports                               | \$11.536 billion (2022 est.)<br>\$4.64 billion (2021 est.)<br>\$2.799 billion (2020 est.)   |
| Exports - partners                    | USA 20%, Trinidad & Tobago 11%, Netherlands 10%, Singapore 10%, Germany 7% (2023)   |
| Exports - commodities                 | crude petroleum, railway cargo containers, gold, ships, rice (2023)   |
| Imports                               | \$7.067 billion (2022 est.)<br>\$6.611 billion (2021 est.)<br>\$3.756 billion (2020 est.)   |
| Imports - partners                    | USA 28%, China 13%, Trinidad & Tobago 11%, Brazil 5%, Bahamas, The 4% (2023)  |
| Imports - commodities                 | refined petroleum, ships, construction vehicles, excavation machinery, cars (2023)  |

Population Pyramid

