

Guatemala by the Numbers

Rankings, Ratings, and Sundry Facts

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- 1 Nobel Peace Prize winner running for president in Guatemala's September 2007 presidential elections. Indigenous rights leader Rigoberta Menchu announced on February 21 her intention to seek the Guatemalan presidency.
 - 1.5 Million Guatemalans are estimated to live in the United States.
 - 2 Second-highest percentage of its citizens living below the poverty line in Latin America with 75 percent living under those conditions.
 - 2.9 Billion dollars were remitted from the United States to Guatemala in 2005, with comparable amounts of exports from Guatemala to the United States (\$3.5 billion) and imports (\$3.1 billion) from the United States.
 - 5 Fifth lowest Gross Domestic Product per capita in Latin America of \$2,107.53 as of 2006.
 - 7 The total number of signatory countries to the Central America-Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement, which came into effect in Guatemala on July 1, 2006. The signatories are the United States, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and the Dominican Republic. Only Costa Rica has yet to ratify the treaty.
 - 7.5 Percent of the Guatemalan work age population that is unemployed.
 - 9 Ninth most populous country in Latin America, with 12 million Guatemalans as of 2006.
 - 30 Percentage of Guatemalans with a favorable opinion of President Bush, compared with 27 percent with a favorable opinion of Fidel Castro, 25 percent with a favorable opinion of Hugo Chavez, and 31 percent with a favorable view of Brazilian President Lula de Silva.
 - 36 The number of years of internal armed conflict before the Guatemalan government in 1996 signed peace accords with the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca (URNG) to bring an end to a civil war that claimed 200,000 lives.
 - 45 Percent approval rating of President Oscar Berger.
 - 50.1 Percentage of Guatemala's exports that go to the United States, its top trading partner, followed by El Salvador (12.1 percent), Honduras (7.3 percent) and Mexico (4 percent).
 - 340 The estimated number of *pandillas* or gangs in Guatemala with a total of more than 8,000 members nationwide.