

Republic of Guatemala is a country in <u>Central America</u> bordered by <u>Mexico</u> to the north and west, <u>Belize</u> and the <u>Caribbean</u> to the northeast, <u>Honduras</u> to the east, <u>El Salvador</u> to the southeast and the <u>Pacific Ocean</u> to the south. With an estimated population of around 17.2 million it is the most populous country in Central America and has the 11th largest national population in the Americas. Guatemala is a <u>representative democracy</u>; its capital and largest city is Nueva Guatemala de la Asunción, also known as <u>Guatemala City</u>.

The core of the <u>Maya civilization</u>, which extended across <u>Mesoamerica</u>, was historically based in the territory of modern Guatemala. In the 16th century, most of this area was <u>conquered by the Spanish</u> and claimed as part of the <u>viceroyalty</u> of <u>New Spain</u>. Guatemala attained independence in 1821 as part of the <u>Federal Republic</u> of Central America, which dissolved by 1841.

From the mid- to late 19th century, Guatemala suffered chronic instability and civil strife. Beginning in the early 20th century, it was ruled by a series of dictators backed by the <u>United Fruit Company</u> and the <u>United States government</u>. In 1944, the authoritarian leader <u>Jorge Ubico</u> was overthrown by a pro-democratic military coup, initiating a <u>decade-long revolution</u> that led to sweeping social and economic reforms. A <u>U.S.-backed military coup</u> in 1954 ended the revolution and installed a dictatorship. [9]

From 1960 to 1996, Guatemala <u>endured a bloody civil war</u> fought between the US-backed government and <u>leftist</u> rebels, including <u>genocidal massacres</u> of the Maya population perpetrated by the military. Since a <u>United Nations</u>—negotiated peace accord, Guatemala has achieved both economic growth and successful democratic elections, although it continues to struggle with high rates of poverty and crime, drug cartels, and instability. As of 2014, Guatemala ranks 31st of 33 Latin American and Caribbean countries in terms of the Human Development Index.

Guatemala's abundance of biologically significant and unique ecosystems includes many endemic species and contributes to Mesoamerica's designation as a biodiversity hotspot.

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The First Lions Club was Guatemala-Central, Chartered in 1941

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1966-1967







1976-1977-2 Medallion



1977-1978-1



1977-1978-2



1977-1978-3



1977-1978-4



1978-1979-1



1978-1979-2















1979-1980-1

1979-1980-2

1979-1980-3

1979-1980-4

1979-1980-5

1979-1980-6



1979-1980-6



Variation



1980-1981-1



1980-1981-2



1980-1981-3

1980-1981-4

1980-1981-5





1982-1983-1



1982-1983-2



1983-1984-1



1983-1984-2



1984-1985-1



1984-1985-2



1984-1985-3



1984-1985-4







1985-1986 1986-1987-1 1986-1987-2





1986-1987-3







1987-1988-1

1987-1988-2





1988-1989 1989-1990-1 1989-1990-2







1989-1990-4

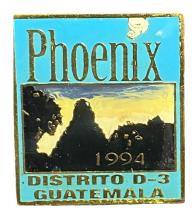


1991-1992

1992-1993







1993-1994-1 1993-1994-2 1994-1995





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2009-2010 2010-2011 2011-2012 2012-2013 2013-2014

2015-2016

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2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022

2016-2017

2017-2018

Believed to be handouts



Unknown pins





















