

People

Population: 5,870,481 (July 1995 est.)

Age structure:

0-14 years: 40% (female 1,165,152; male 1,200,759)

15-64 years: 56% (female 1,677,958; male 1,602,230)

65 years and over: 4% (female 122,368; male 102,014) (July 1995 est.)

Population growth rate: 2.02% (1995 est.)

Birth rate: 32.39 births/1,000 population (1995 est.)

Death rate: 6.19 deaths/1,000 population (1995 est.)

Net migration rate: -5.96 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1995 est.)

Infant mortality rate: 38.9 deaths/1,000 live births (1995 est.)

Life expectancy at birth:

total population: 67.5 years

male: 64.89 years

female: 70.23 years (1995 est.)

Total fertility rate: 3.69 children born/woman (1995 est.)

Nationality:

noun: Salvadoran(s)

adjective: Salvadoran

Ethnic divisions: mestizo 94%, Indian 5%, white 1%

Religions: Roman Catholic 75%

note: there is extensive activity by Protestant groups throughout the country; by the end of 1992, there were an estimated 1 million Protestant evangelicals in El Salvador

Languages: Spanish, Nahua (among some Indians)

Literacy: age 15 and over can read and write (1990 est.)

total population: 73%

male: 76%

female: 70%

Labor force: 1.7 million (1982 est.)

by occupation: agriculture 40%, commerce 16%, manufacturing 15%, government 13%, financial services 9%, transportation 6%, other 1%

note: shortage of skilled labor and a large pool of unskilled labor, but training programs improving situation (1984 est.)