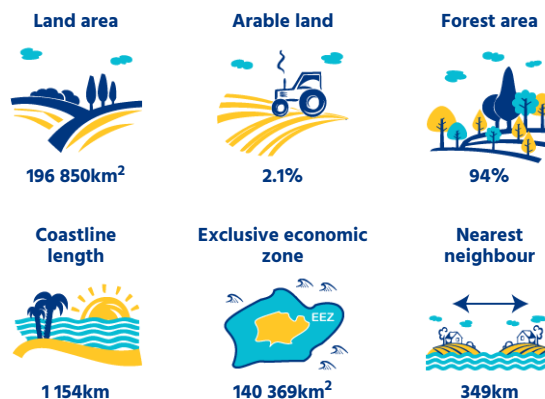




Guyana

- > **Capital:** Georgetown (30°37'N, 97°40'W)
- > **International airport(s):** Cheddi Jagan International
- > **Official language(s):** English
- > **Currency:** Guyana Dollar
- > **Time:** UTC -4
- > **Region:** Caribbean



GEOGRAPHY

Guyana is located on the northern shores of South America, sharing borders with Brazil, Suriname and Venezuela. Only 25 per cent of Guyana's 2 933 km frontier is coastline. With an area of around 197 000 km², Guyana is one of the smallest countries in South America. The low coastal plains, which account for about 5 per cent of the land area accommodates about 90 per cent of the population and lies between 1 m and 1.5 m below sea level at high tide. The shoreline is protected by a complex set of seawalls and sluices, much of it built by the Dutch in the 19th century. Further inland, a sand belt supports dense virgin, hardwood rainforest and is where Guyana's reserves of bauxite, gold and diamonds are principally found. Further inland, the mountainous grasslands support only grazing.

Known as the 'land of many waters,' Guyana claims the world's widest and longest single-drop waterfall - the Kaieteur Falls - which at 251 m are four times higher than Niagara, with an average flow rate of 663 cubic meters per second. Reputedly, Guyana was also home to the famed El Dorado - the lost city of gold.

CLIMATE

Guyana enjoys a humid, tropical climate, relieved by northeast trade winds. There are two rainy seasons (May to mid-August and November to January), during which, more than half over half of the average 2 300 mm of rain per year falls in the capital Georgetown. The average monthly temperatures in Guyana range between 25°C in February and 27°C in October. Guyana lies south of the Caribbean hurricane pathway (World Bank, 2020). According to the United Nations University (2020) World Risk Index, Guyana ranks 6th in the list of world's most at-risk country for natural hazards.

ECONOMY

Agriculture, fishing together with mining are among Guyana's most important economic activities, with sugar, rum, rice and gold production accounting for 70 to 75 per cent of export earnings. The share of agriculture, hunting, forestry, fishing in GDP has been gradually declining over the years and was just below 20 per cent in 2019, while industry accounts for almost one third and services nearly half of GDP. (UNCTAD, 2021)

In 2019, 17 per cent of the labor force was engaged in agriculture, 23 per cent in industry, and 60 per cent in the services sector (ILO, 2020a). Over 80 per cent of employed women were engaged in service jobs. Despite this high employment share in services, in 2019, inbound tourism expenditure accounted for only 0.6 per cent of GDP (UNWTO, 2021). In 2019, top destinations for exports included Germany, Canada, and Trinidad and Tobago (UNCTAD, 2021).

CULTURE

Guyana boasts six ethnic groups, several religions, with influences from both mainland South America and the Caribbean, and it is the only English-speaking country in South America. At 43.5 m, Saint George's Cathedral, built in 1892, in Georgetown, was once the tallest wooden church in the world.

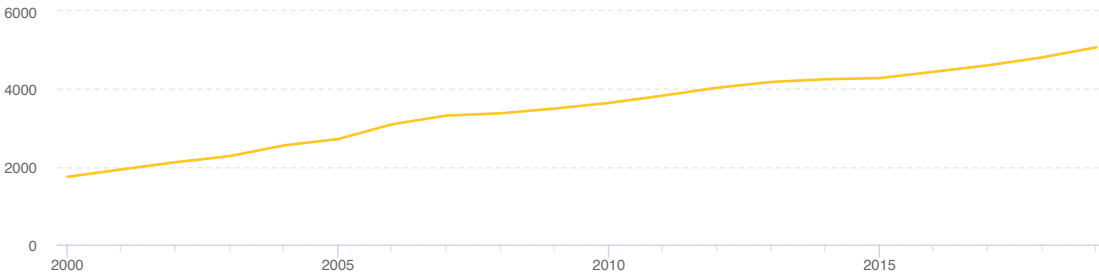
The cuisine embodies the ethnic makeup of the country and reflects its history, comprising Amerindian, European, African, East Indian, Portuguese and Chinese dishes. 'Seven curry' is a popular dish that is the most important ritual food too. It is served with rice or roti, mashed pumpkin cooked with curry powder and brown sugar, chickpeas, potatoes, curried mangoes and *dhal*.

Sports is an integral part of Guyanese culture. Cricket, softball, soccer, field hockey, rounders, netball, lawn tennis, table tennis, basketball, squash, boxing, horse racing and rugby are all popular sports. Guyana has produced its share of colourfully named, internationally recognized, athletes, such as, Andrew "Sixhead" Lewis, Wayne "Big Truck" Braithwaite and "Vicious" Vivian Harris, all of whom are world title boxers, and the female boxer Gwendolyn "Stealth Bomber" O'Neil.

ECONOMIC TRENDS

Gross domestic product

US dollars at constant prices (2015) in millions



GDP per capita
2019



US\$6 610

Productive Capacity Index
2018



30.9

Economic and environmental vulnerability index
2019



46

Consumer Price Index growth
2019



1%

Unemployment rate
2018



Total 14%
Female 16.5%, Male 12.3%

Main economic sectors, 2019

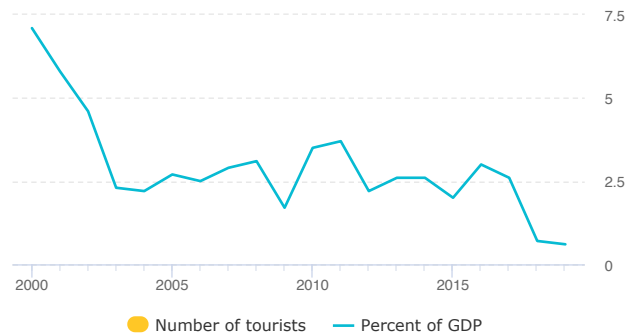
Percentage of GDP



- Services
- Industry
- Agriculture, hunting, forestry, fishing

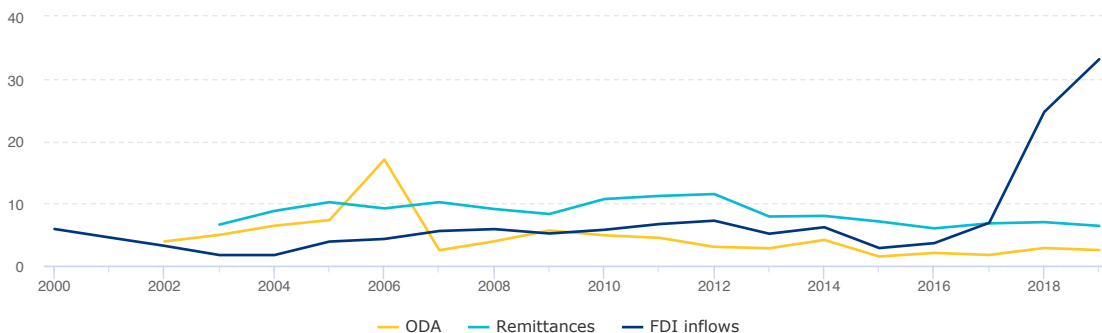
Tourist arrivals

Thousands of tourists, percentage of GDP



External financial resources

Percentage of GDP



Public debt as % of GDP

2018



33.3%

MARITIME TRANSPORT

Fleet size

Number of ships

Ship type	2011	2019
Total fleet	1 407	1 407
Oil tankers	264	266
Bulk carriers	311	333
General cargo	161	77
Container ships	52	49
Other types of ships	619	682

Port performance

Ranked by 2019 data within SIDS group

Indicators	2019	SIDS Ranking
Number of port calls	1 273	14
Median time in port (days)	1	8
Average age of vessels	16	19
Average size (GT) of vessels	7 288	28

Container port throughput

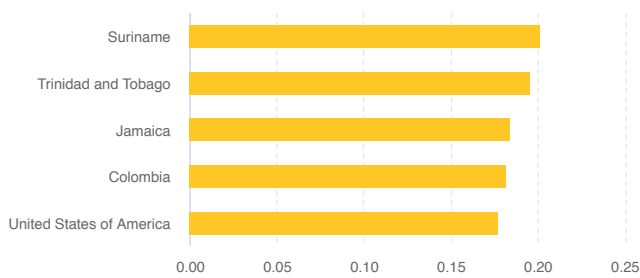
2019



51 360 TEU

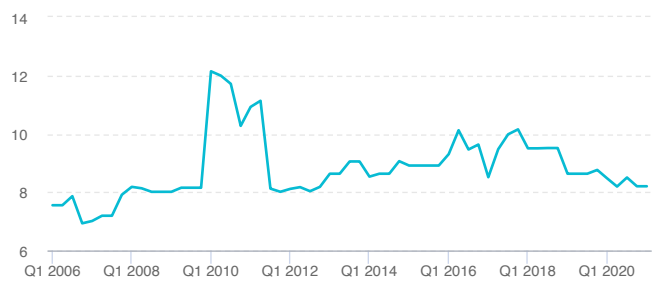
Bilateral connectivity index, 2019

Top 5 partners



Liner shipping connectivity index

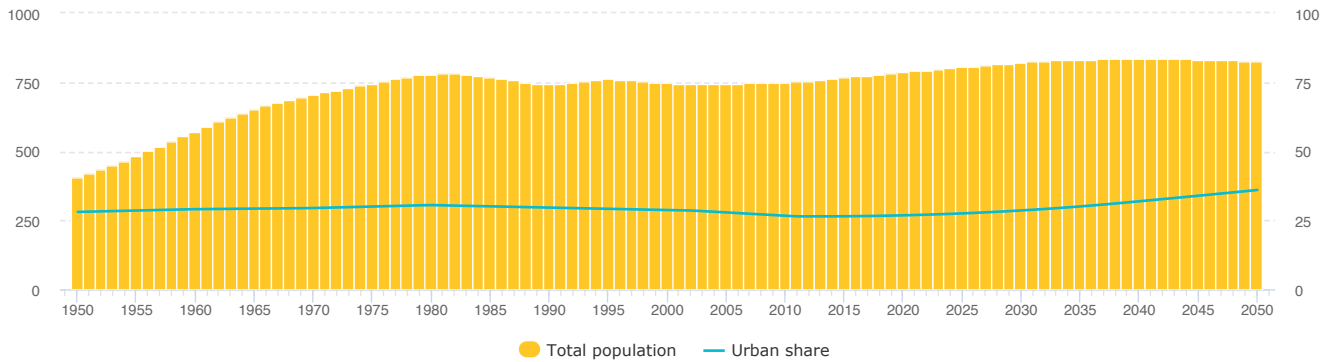
Maximum China Q1 2006=100



POPULATION

Total population

Thousands of people, share of urban population



Population development indicators

Indicators	Period	Value
Poverty headcount (% of population)
Human development index	2018	0.7
Human assets index	2020	89
Adult literacy rate (15+ years, both sexes %)
Gender inequality index	2019	0.5

Life expectancy at birth

2019



70 years

Population density

2019



4 persons per km²

Dependency ratio

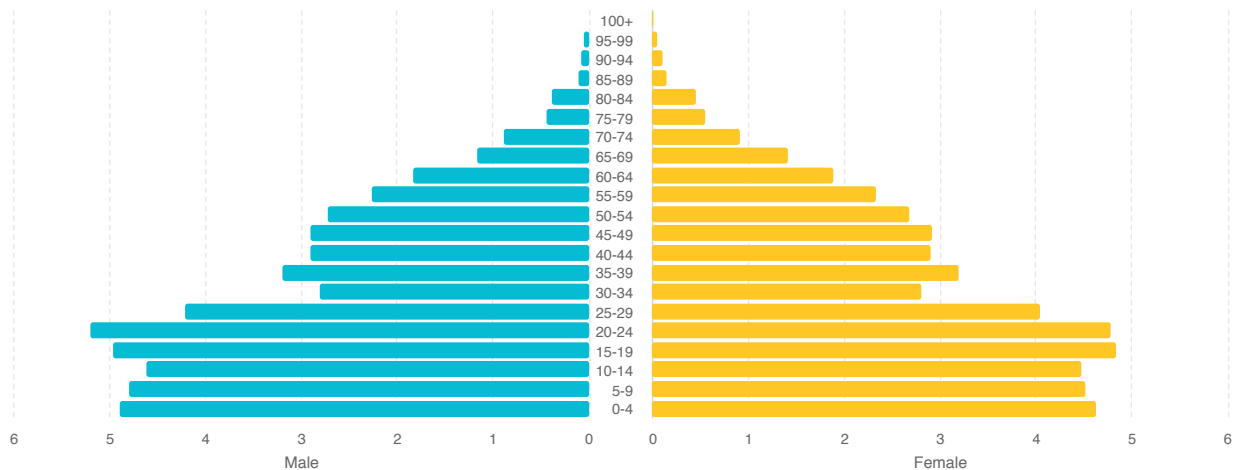
2019



Child: 42.7
Old-age: 10.3

Age structure by gender, 2019

Percentage of total population



INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Merchandise and services trade

US dollars in millions

Indicators	2005	2010	2015	2019	2019 (% of GDP)
Merchandise exports	553	880	1 151	1 567	30.3
Merchandise imports	788	1 397	1 492	3 019	58.4
Services exports	148	248	145	0	0
Services imports	201	344	423	0	0

**Trade openness
Goods and
services**

2018



61% of GDP

**Export
concentration
index**

2019



0.44

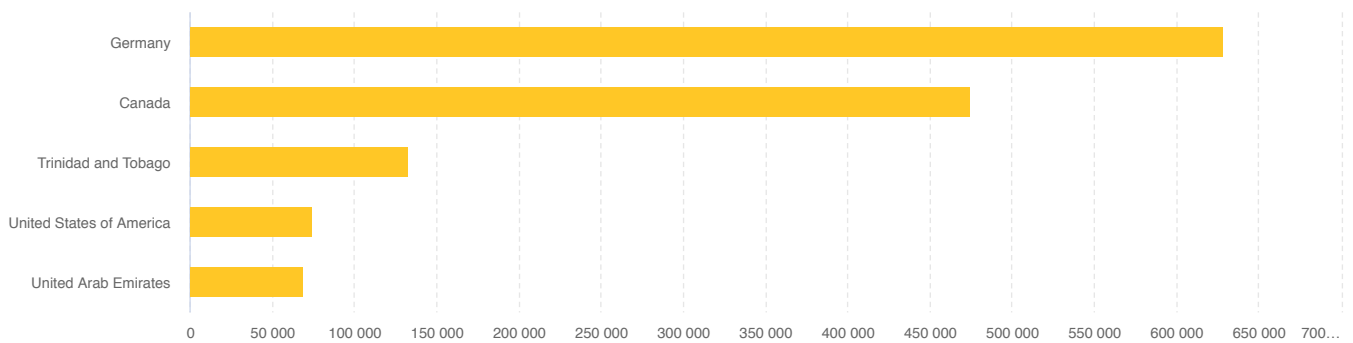
**Food import
dependency
Average
2015-2019**



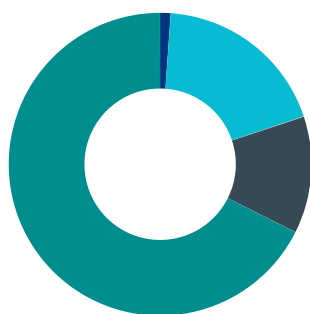
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Top 5 partners in merchandise trade, 2019

Exports in millions US dollars

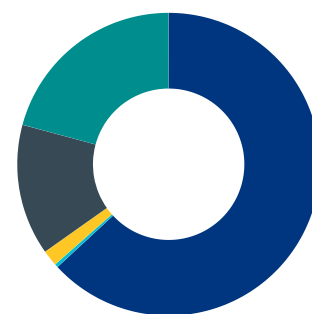


Merchandise exports by product group, 2019



- Agricultural raw materials
- All food items
- Fuels
- Manufactured goods
- Ores, metals, precious stones and non-monetary gold

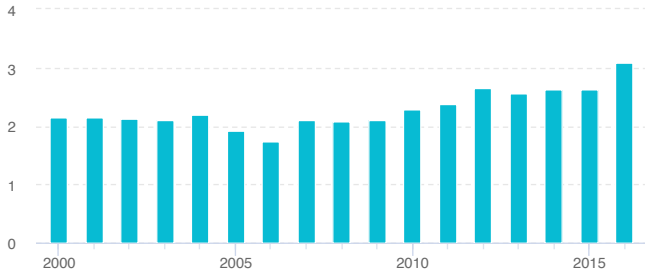
Services exports by category, 2019



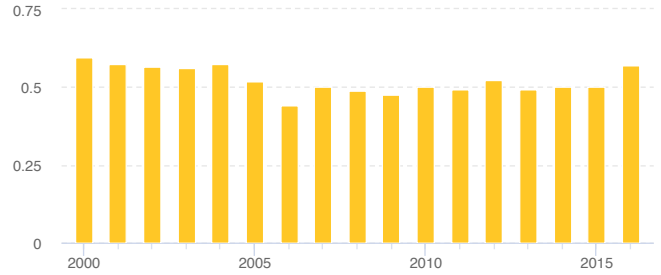
- Financial, insurance, business, intellectual property
- Telecommunications, computer, and information services
- Transport
- Travel
- Other

ENVIRONMENT

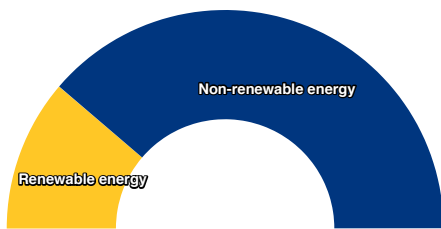
CO₂ emissions per capita
Kg per capita



CO₂ emissions per GDP
Kg per 2010 US\$ of GDP



Renewable energy share in total energy consumption, 2017
Percentage of total energy consumption



Material footprint per capita
2016



Terrestrial protected area
2018



Marine protected area
2018



Disasters indicators

Data not available

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

Trade in ICT goods
2019



Exports: 0.2%
Imports: 0.9%

Trade in ICT services
2018



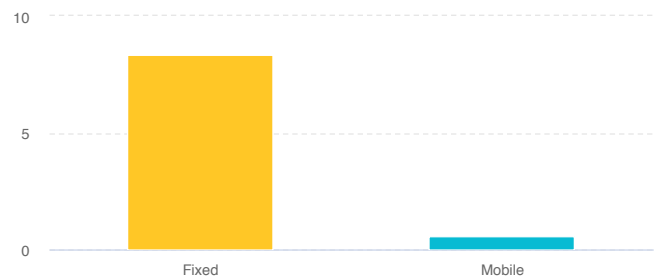
Exports: 0.4%
Imports: 0.7%

Share of internet users
2017



37%

Fixed broadband vs Mobile broadband subscriptions
Number of subscriptions per 100 people



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