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Belize, Central America

Location

Central America and the Caribbean



Belize is located in Central America, South of Mexico and East of Guatemala.

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- **Territory:** 8,866 square miles
- **Population:** 349,728 (as at Sept. 2013)

Main Ethnic Groups



Mestizo

Main Ethnic Groups



Garifuna

Main Ethnic Groups



Creole

Main Ethnic Groups



Maya

Official Language:

English (formerly a colony of the United Kingdom)

Political Independence:

September 21st, 1981

Exchange Rate:

US\$1.00 = BZ\$2.00

**Gross Domestic Product at
market prices for 2012:**

US\$1.5bn

Per Capita GDP:

US\$4,660

Unemployment Rate:

14.2% (as at September 2013)

Main Economic Activities

- Petroleum
- Sugar
- Citrus
- Bananas
- Papaya
- Marine Products
- Tourism.

Petroleum



Sugar



Citrus Juices



Bananas



Papaya



Marine Products



Main Exports

Exports: US\$mn	2010	2011	2012
Petroleum	100.6	146	93
Sugar	29.3	45	53.9
Citrus Juices	46.8	47.5	61.6
Bananas	35.8	33.9	46.3
Papaya	12.9	12.9	7.7
Marine Products	33.7	31.2	35.4

Main Tourist Attractions



Numerous Maya Ruins

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Blue Hole

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Largest Barrier Reef in Western Hemisphere

Main Tourist Attractions



Sandy Beaches and
Abundant Marine Life

