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# Chapter 1

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### 1.1 96.guide

Texified version of data for Guadeloupe.

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### 1.2 96.guide/Guadeloupe

Guadeloupe

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### 1.3 96.guide/Header (Guadeloupe)

Header (Guadeloupe)  
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Affiliation:  
 (overseas department of France)

### 1.4 96.guide/Geography (Guadeloupe)

Geography (Guadeloupe)  
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Location:  
 in the Caribbean Sea, 500 km southeast of Puerto Rico  
 Map references:  
 Central America and the Caribbean  
 Area:  
 total area:  
 1,780 km<sup>2</sup> land area:  
 1,760 km<sup>2</sup>  
 comparative area:  
 10 times the size of Washington, DC  
 Land boundaries:  
 0 km  
 Coastline:  
 306 km  
 Maritime claims:  
 exclusive economic zone:  
 200 nm  
 territorial sea:  
 12 nm  
 International disputes:  
 none  
 Climate:  
 subtropical tempered by trade winds; relatively high humidity  
 Terrain:

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Basse-Terre is volcanic in origin with interior mountains; Grand-Terre is low limestone formation

Natural resources:  
cultivable land, beaches and climate that foster tourism

Land use:  
arable land:  
18%  
permanent crops:  
5%  
meadows and pastures:  
13%  
forest and woodland:  
40%  
other:  
24%

Irrigated land:  
30 km<sup>2</sup> (1989 est.)

Environment:  
subject to hurricanes (June to October); La Soufriere is an active volcano

## 1.5 96.guide/People (Guadeloupe)

People (Guadeloupe)

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Population:  
422,114 (July 1993 est.)

Population growth rate:  
1.67% (1993 est.)

Birth rate:  
18.18 births/1,000 population (1993 est.)

Death rate:  
5.94 deaths/1,000 population (1993 est.)

Net migration rate:  
4.42 migrant(s)/1,000 population (1993 est.)

Infant mortality rate:  
9.2 deaths/1,000 live births (1993 est.)

Life expectancy at birth:  
total population: 76.72 years  
male:  
73.67 years  
female:  
79.9 years (1993 est.)

Total fertility rate:  
2.08 children born/woman (1993 est.)

Nationality:  
noun:  
Guadeloupian(s)  
adjective:  
Guadeloupe

Ethnic divisions:  
black or mulatto 90%, white 5%, East Indian, Lebanese, Chinese less than 5%

Religions:

Roman Catholic 95%, Hindu and pagan African 5%

Languages:  
 French, creole patois

Literacy:  
 age 15 and over can read and write (1982)  
 total population:  
 90%

male:  
 90%

female:  
 91%

Labor force:  
 120,000

by occupation:  
 services, government, and commerce 53.0%, industry 25.8%, agriculture 21.2%

## 1.6 96.guide/Government (Guadeloupe)

Government (Guadeloupe)

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Names:  
 conventional long form:  
 Department of Guadeloupe  
 conventional short form:  
 Guadeloupe  
 local long form:  
 Departement de la Guadeloupe  
 local short form:  
 Guadeloupe

Digraph:  
 GP

Type:  
 overseas department of France

Capital:  
 Basse-Terre

Administrative divisions:  
 none (overseas department of France)

Independence:  
 none (overseas department of France)

Constitution:  
 28 September 1958 (French Constitution)

Legal system:  
 French legal system

National holiday:  
 National Day, Taking of the Bastille, 14 July (1789)

Political parties and leaders:  
 Rally for the Republic (RPR), Marlene CAPTANT; Communist Party of  
 Guadeloupe  
 (PCG), Christian Medard CELESTE; Socialist Party (PS), Dominique LARIFLA;  
 Popular Union for the Liberation of Guadeloupe (UPLG); Independent  
 Republicans; Union for French Democracy (UDF); Union for the Center Rally  
 (URC coalition of the PS, RPR, and UDF); Guadeloupe Objective (OG), Lucette

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## Other political or pressure groups:

Popular Union for the Liberation of Guadeloupe (UPLG); Popular Movement for Independent Guadeloupe (MPGI); General Union of Guadeloupe Workers (UGTG); General Federation of Guadeloupe Workers (CGT-G); Christian Movement for the Liberation of Guadeloupe (KLPG)

## Suffrage:

18 years of age; universal

## Elections:

## French National Assembly:

last held on 5 and 12 June 1988 (next to be held March 1993); Guadeloupe elects four representatives; results - percent of vote by party NA; seats - (4 total) PS 2 seats, RPR 1 seat, PCG 1 seat

## French Senate:

last held in September 1986 (next to be held September 1995); Guadeloupe elects two representatives; results - percent of vote by party NA; seats - (2 total) PCG 1, PS 1

## General Council:

last held 25 September and 8 October 1988 (next to be held by NA 1992); results - percent of vote by party NA; seats - (42 total) PS 26, URC 16

## Regional Council:

last held on 22 March 1992 (next to be held by 16 March 1998); results - OG 33.1%, PSG 28.7%, PCG 23.8%, UDF 10.7%, other 3.7%; seats - (41 total) OG 15, PSG 12, PCG 10, UDF 4

## Executive branch:

government commissioner

## Legislative branch:

unicameral General Council and unicameral Regional Council

## 1.7 96.guide/Government (Guadeloupe 2. usage)

### Government (Guadeloupe 2. usage)

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## Judicial branch:

Court of Appeal (Cour d'Appel) with jurisdiction over Guadeloupe, French Guiana, and Martinique

## Leaders:

## Chief of State:

President Francois MITTERRAND (since 21 May 1981)

## Head of Government:

Prefect Franck PERRIEZ (since NA 1992)

## Member of:

FZ, WCL

## Diplomatic representation in US:

as an overseas department of France, the interests of Guadeloupe are represented in the US by France

## US diplomatic representation:

none (overseas department of France)

## Flag:

the flag of France is used

## 1.8 96.guide/Economy (Guadeloupe)

### Economy (Guadeloupe)

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#### Overview:

The economy depends on agriculture, tourism, light industry, and services. It is also dependent upon France for large subsidies and imports. Tourism is a key industry, with most tourists from the US. In addition, an increasingly large number of cruise ships visit the islands. The traditionally important sugarcane crop is slowly being replaced by other crops, such as bananas (which now supply about 50% of export earnings), eggplant, and flowers. Other vegetables and root crops are cultivated for local consumption, although Guadeloupe is still dependent on imported food, which comes mainly from France. Light industry consists mostly of sugar and rum production. Most manufactured goods and fuel are imported. Unemployment is especially high among the young.

#### National product:

GDP - exchange rate conversion - \$1.5 billion (1989)

#### National product real growth rate:

NA%

#### National product per capita:

\$4,700 (1989)

#### Inflation rate (consumer prices):

3.7% (1990)

#### Unemployment rate:

31.3% (1990)

#### Budget:

revenues \$333 million; expenditures \$671 million, including capital expenditures of \$NA (1989)

#### Exports:

\$168 million (f.o.b., 1988)

#### commodities:

bananas, sugar, rum

#### partners:

France 68%, Martinique 22% (1987)

#### Imports:

\$1.2 billion (c.i.f., 1988)

#### commodities:

vehicles, foodstuffs, clothing and other consumer goods, construction materials, petroleum products

#### partners:

France 64%, Italy, FRG, US (1987)

#### External debt:

\$NA

#### Industrial production:

growth rate NA%

#### Electricity:

171,500 kW capacity; 441 million kWh produced, 1,080 kWh per capita (1992)

#### Industries:

construction, cement, rum, sugar, tourism  
 Agriculture: cash crops - bananas, sugarcane; other products include ←  
 tropical fruits and  
 vegetables; livestock - cattle, pigs, goats; not self-sufficient in food  
 Economic aid:  
 US commitments, including Ex-Im (FY70-88), \$4 million; Western (non-US)  
 countries, ODA and OOF bilateral commitments (1970-89), \$8.235 billion  
 Currency:  
 1 French franc (F) = 100 centimes  
 Exchange rates:  
 French francs (F) per US\$1 - 5.4812 (January 1993), 5.2938 (1992), 5.6421  
 (1991), 5.4453 (1990), 6.3801 (1989), 5.9569 (1988)  
 Fiscal year:  
 calendar year

## 1.9 96.guide/Communications (Guadeloupe)

Communications (Guadeloupe)

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Railroads:  
 privately owned, narrow-gauge plantation lines  
 Highways:  
 1,940 km total; 1,600 km paved, 340 km gravel and earth  
 Ports:  
 Pointe-a-Pitre, Basse-Terre  
 Airports:  
 total:  
 9  
 usable:  
 9  
 with permanent-surface runways:  
 8  
 with runways over 3,659 m:  
 0  
 with runways 2,440-3,659 m:  
 1  
 with runways 1,220-2,439 m:  
 1  
 Telecommunications:  
 domestic facilities inadequate; 57,300 telephones; interisland microwave  
 radio relay to Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, and Martinique; broadcast  
 stations - 2 AM, 8 FM (30 private stations licensed to broadcast FM), 9 TV;  
 1 Atlantic Ocean INTELSAT ground station

## 1.10 96.guide/Defense Forces (Guadeloupe)

Defense Forces (Guadeloupe)

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Branches:

French Forces, Gendarmerie

Manpower availability:

males age 15-49 98,069; fit for military service NA (1993 est.)

Note:

defense is responsibility of France

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